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School Festivities.

WESTMINSTER, S. S. 23.

Westminster, Dec. 24.—The parents and scholars of school section No. 23, Westminster, spent a very pleasant afternoon at the school house on Friday, Dec. 23, being their annual Christmas tree and concert.

Rev. Dr. McCallum presided as usual, and ably filled his office. In his opening remarks the doctor said he would not make a chairman's address, but he would sprinkle it in between the numbers, which he did in his own inimitable manner. The programme was followed by the unloading of the Christmas tree, which brought forth a number of the little ones by its wealth of toys and books. At the close came the feature of the afternoon, in the eyes of the children, namely the presentation of a handsome lady's companion to their retiring teacher, Miss Anita Strongman, when the following address was read by Olive Chatterton:

"Our Dear Teacher,—It was with very great sorrow and deep regret that we, your scholars of school section No. 23, Westminster, learned that the ties which for two years have bound us together are to be broken, and you are no longer to be our teacher. During the time you have been with us we have endeavored to be to us as a school and to each of us as individuals. By your faithfulness and earnestness in teaching, by your patience, and the encouragement you have always given us to do better, and by the pleasant and kind words we have always had for each of us, you have won for yourself a place in our hearts which will always be filled with kind and pleasant memories of you. We can never repay you for what you have done for us; but we cannot let you go away without giving you some little expression of the love and respect we have for you, and of our appreciation of your untiring efforts to do us good. We all wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed on behalf of the scholars, Nellie Olive Chatterton, Annie Hamilton Taylor."

S. S. NO. 10.

On the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 23, the teacher and pupils of school section No. 10, Westminster, gave one of their very pleasant "at homes." The crowded school room testified to the character of these events in the past, and this entertainment enhanced, if possible, the feeling with which they are regarded in the section. The beautiful, sunny school room, and the merry faces of the children, who seemed to have caught the spirit of the Christmas season, and rendered their parts in recitation, song, and dialogue with such happy good-will, gave the visitors a pleasing picture of a school life at the close of this nineteenth century.

Mr. C. Carrothers, as chairman, emphasized each number on the programme

in his usual happy style. Special mention must be made of the Hulseby Gazette, the pupils' periodical, which, lighter than the numbers of other schools, good, sound advice, and witty personal. We feel sure its "probabilities" will be proved facts, and we shall follow the careers of its rising young editor and staff of contributors with pleasure.

A number of short, witty addresses were given by the trustees and others, in which the section was congratulated on having secured for so long the services of a teacher whose influence has been so widely felt. Miss M. L. Nichol, instrumental selection, and Mr. L. McCallum's rendering of "Every Body Has a Flag but the Coon" added to the present. A very pleasing feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the presentation of a beautiful fruit set by the pupils. Miss McCallum, who presided, showing clearly the happy relations existing between teacher and pupils. After a suitable reply had been made, the trustees proceeded to delight the hearts of the little ones by giving to each a well-filled bag of bon-bons and fruit, while the pupils, in a gracious manner, served dainty refreshments of cake and fruit to the guests.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the efforts he had made on behalf of the entertainment, the happy afternoon was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

RUSSIAN.

Hutton, Dec. 24.—The entertainment given on Friday evening by the Hutton Sunday school was in every way a decided and pleasing success. Some of the participants do not wish to have their names published, but that does not detract from the fact that the lengthy programme which was carried out to the letter was rendered with marked and respectful great satisfaction. The features of the evening were vocal and instrumental music, recitations, dialogues, comic solos, etc. A bus load of friends went from the city to take part, and their efforts were much appreciated by the large audience. Prizes were distributed to the children, and the programme was brought to a close by the singing of a chorus by the Bible class. The superintendent wishes to tender his hearty thanks to the kind friends who contributed so ably to make the affair a success. The proceeds go to replenish the school funds.

LUCAN.

An audience that completely filled the room gathered in the Lucan town hall on the evening of the 23rd inst., on the occasion of the annual high school concert. Mr. Giffman performed, in a very acceptable manner, the duties of chairman. A programme of nine numbers was successfully carried out, and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all. Miss Jessie Alexander, who has before delighted Lucan audiences, fully sustained her reputation, and her brilliant execution rules for her the highest praise. The Misses Risdon, of St. Thomas, made their initial appearance and were given a very enthusiastic reception. Miss Blanche Risdon's violin solos were given in a very fine style, and by the "Bohm" and "Gypsy" melodies (Saxophone), were exceptionally fine, and spoke volumes for the ability of this clever young artist. Miss Stella Risdon gave two cello solos that aroused the music lovers present to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. She very kindly responded to the encores. The concluding number was a trio (piano, cello and violin) Marche du Tannhauser (Wagner), by Misses Risdon and Mrs. Frederick Stewart. The concert was a grand success, and reflects great credit on the teachers and pupils of the Lucan High School. At the conclusion the chairman presented each of the successful students with the diploma won by them at the recent midsummer examinations.

High tides, strong winds and heavy rains have broken through the British Columbia dykes and the Fraser Valley farming lands have been badly flooded.

HE IS OPPOSED TO STRIKING

Views of an English Labor Delegate to Federation of Labor.

Mahon's Ideas—He Suggests an Amendment to the Michigan Act Creating a State Board of Arbitration.

DOWN ON STRIKES.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"You can never solve the social problem by strikes; that is my opinion after twenty years' experience in the movement," said Peter Curran, chairman of the general Federation of Trades Unions of Great Britain, in speaking to the workmen of Chicago, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Building Trades Council.

Mr. Curran came to this country as the fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor Convention, and represents about 2,000,000 organized workers in the United Kingdom. He is president and organizer of the Gas Workers and General Laborers' Union, with general offices in London. Mr. Curran said:

"After spending more money in England during the last 25 years on the industrial battle than would keep 700 men legislating for our interests in the houses of parliament, we have come to the conclusion that we must have something to say about the making of the laws under which we have to work, and we must get away from the old orthodox political parties if we hope to secure what we seek. The only possibility of our securing labor legislation by carrying out our duty to parliament, not as our masters, but as our servants. You never can solve the social problem by strikes, never remedy the social evils of which you complain by legislation. I am not in favor of any laws which would take away the right of the worker to strike, but I am not an advocate of strikes. There is only one solution, and that is the common ownership of the means of production, and the machinery of the country to be held as private monopolies by the few, so long will we have industrial disputes and upheavals."

MAHON'S IDEAS.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—W. D. Mahon's commission as a member of the state court of arbitration runs out next May, and he and Judge Jerome W. Robbins, the chief justice, are now in the city for a consultation about making an official report and getting the state auditors to allow them to print it.

"I would like to see the present law providing for arbitration amended in one respect, at least," said Mahon this morning. "It seems to me the board should be called upon to add the disagreeing parties to coming to an agreement. If the decision of a competent arbitrator is not accepted, that would save much bad blood, to say nothing of the cost to all parties that a strike involves."

"The American Federation of Labor has given arbitration a black eye in the report on the subject it adopted. The right to strike, as affirmed by the Federation, is a precious one, but if parties are willing to voluntarily agree to abide by the decision of a competent arbitrator, it is not a strike. It will add and not hinder laborers in obtaining their rights, if they are compelled to abide by its decision."

SCRANTON RAILWAY MEN STRIKE.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—Every one of the 300 carmen employed by the Scranton Railway Company obeyed the strike order which went into effect at 5 o'clock, and as a consequence only two cars were run in all of the Lackawanna Valley today. These two cars were the ones carrying the passengers and the mail.

The men demand 20 cents an hour for old employees, and from 15 to 17½ cents for new men. At present the new men receive an average of 15-18 cents an hour, and after four years' service this is raised to 17½ cents. They also demand a ten-hour day instead of twelve as at present. The company in its answer to the grievance committee says it is in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time.

THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chairman McVeigh, of the capital and labor conference, in announcing the conciliation committee, gave it as his deliberate judgment that it is in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time.

A. C. Bartlett, vice-president Hibbard Spencer, Bartlett & Co.

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Herman Just, commissioner Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

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Chauncey H. Castle, president Stone Founders' National Defense Association.

Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor.

John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers of America.

Martin Fox, president Iron Molders Union of America.

Frank Sargent, grand master Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

Henry White, general secretary United Garment Workers of America.

James M. Lynch, president International Typographical Union.

EMPLOYEES SHARE BENEFITS.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The employees of the Bourne Mills who are entitled to a part in the profit-sharing plan in use by the corporation, today received a bonus of 3½ per cent on the wages earned from June 9 to Dec. 8 of this year. This is the 23rd semi-annual dividend that has been paid by the corporation under this plan. It will net more to the participating operatives than usual from the fact that a high scale of wages has been in use since December of last year, and steady employment has been given.

The amount each participant will receive for Christmas from the profit-sharing plan varies from \$2 to \$15.

VIRTUALLY A TIE-UP.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The strike of the motormen and the conductors of the Scranton Railway Company, which began yesterday, continued today. Only two strikers had deserted, and these were running one of two cars which the company was operating on one of the lines inside the city. Otherwise the service was tied up clear through from Pittston to Forest City, taking in all the towns of the populous Lackawanna Valley. President Charles M. Clark of the company arrived from Philadelphia last night and was in conference today with General Manager Shillman. They expect to get more cars running tomorrow with men from Philadelphia, who were to be quartered in the company's office building.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Mrs. (Dr.) Grigg, of Standish, Mich., and Dr. Harry Ferguson, of Saginaw General Hospital, are visiting at the parental residence in Birm.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19th, at the manse, North Westminster, one of Westminster's most eligible young men, Mr. George Lind, was married to Miss Maggie Fitchett, daughter of Mr. James Fitchett, of South Dorchester. Rev. Dr. McCusker performed the ceremony. The bride wore a very handsome gown of heliotrope cloth with toque of mirror velvet. Mr. and Mrs. Lind went east to spend the honeymoon and on their return will take up their residence at Pond Mills.

A new stove factory that will employ about 40 men, will be built at Bedford next summer. All the available lumber in the surrounding country has been bought up at very good prices.

STRATHROY.

Strathroy, Dec. 25.—The death occurred in Mankato, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, of John Perry, aged 74 years. The interment took place on Friday at Brown's Cemetery, service being conducted by Rev. Dr. Fothergill, pastor of the Baptist Church, Strathroy.

John Shortwell left for Garnet, Kansas, to visit his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Shortwell.

Mr. Wilhelm has secured Mr. Beech, of Oxford, to take charge of the bakery.

The following officers were elected for Court Sydneyham, No. 43, I. O. F.: C. D. W. F. Hill; C. P. Dr. O. L. Berdan; P. C. R. S. Walle; C. R. Chapman; G. G. Richardson; S. W. W. S. Cockrill; J. W. C. H. Harrison; S. B. C. Fitzpatrick; J. B. John Wray; R. S. W. J. Neil; F. S. F. W. Kearney; trustees, P. Fitzpatrick and S. S. Walle; finance committee, G. H. and J. James.

John Healy, of the fourth line, eldest son of James Healy, met with an unfortunate accident on Tuesday of last week. While using his cutting box, his hand was caught within the knife's reach and taken off.

Mr. R. H. Zavitz, of Strathroy, has accepted a position with the Canadian Electric Company (Limited), head office Toronto, as vice president.

The death of George Bishop took place at the residence of his son Edward, lot 14, con. 2 S. E. R., on Wednesday morning last, at the age of 87 years. The funeral took place on Friday.

At the last regular meeting of the Frank Street Church Epworth League following officers were elected: President, J. H. Argue; first vice, G. M. Haldane; second vice, Dora Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, Ida Smith; corresponding secretary, Margaret Gott; treasurer, interest fund, Ida Smith; organist, Grace Wilkinson; chorister, P. M. Haldane; and a chorister, P. M. Haldane.

Mr. G. F. Smith, of St. Catharines, is visiting at his home here.

GLEN OAK.

Glenora, Dec. 24.—The recent weather, though fine, is not considered healthy, as there is much sickness and many deaths.

Miss Phillips, the mother of Walter Phillips, a boy two years old, was buried on Tuesday.

Walter Chisholm's youngest daughter, Bella, who was married a few months ago to John Giff, in Eldrid, is dead.

Mrs. Wm. Fisher is very low with lung trouble.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 24.—Word has been received here of the death of Frank Luce, second son of Mr. J. D. Luce, of this place, which sad event occurred at Swan Lake, Man., on Nov. 10, at the age of 23 years. He was a companion named Turnbull, were on a hunting expedition some 175 miles north of Dauphin, Man., and while crossing Swan Lake walked into an hole. Owing to the distance they were from any means of communication, news of the sad event was not received here until some thirty days after.

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