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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY TO LEND COLLECTIONS TO SCHOOLS

Curator Busy in Classifying the Large Number of Specimens in the New Building--The Old Gesner Collection--Public Showing a New Interest--Mr. McIntosh Talks of His Plans.

William McIntosh, permanent curator of the natural history museum, is a very busy man these days. The task of reducing the vast amount of material contained in the society's rooms to some degree of order is no light one and to the ordinary man might well seem hopeless.

The Old Mechanics Institute Collection.

The oldest of the many collections of which the museum is composed is the Gesner collection. This is the material which formed the old Gesner museum which was opened in the Mechanics' Institute on April 5, 1842.

The rearranging of this is quite a task of itself. For that date it was a well equipped museum. More than 2,000 objects were at first placed on exhibition but many specimens were added subsequently. There were excellent collections of minerals, rocks and fossils besides a large number of seashells. Besides these there were more than 200 mounted birds and some forty animals.

These were very inadequately preserved. They were "stuffed," as the modern methods of taxidermy were not thought of, the effect being more striking than natural. The ravages of time and the moths are painfully evident on some of the specimens and a number of the smaller quadrapeds have been entirely denuded of fur.

Everyone who visited the old rooms in the Market building must have been struck by the appearance of the moose on the staircase landing. It was a decrepit looking object enough but as it occupied a place in the Gesner collection the society felt bound to preserve it. So it was moved into the new building. Before this was done, however, it was found that the head had to be taken off before it could be carried upstairs. Two boys were standing looking at the animal the other day when one turned to the other and said, "That moose must have had the mumps. I know 'cause I've had them." No doubt the mistake was caused by the animal's well upholstered cheeks.

But in addition to natural objects the Gesner museum contained many interesting and curious objects. Among these were beautifully carved weapons, paddles and other objects from Australasia brought to St. John by the whaling vessels which at that time left this port regularly for the whale fishery in the southern Pacific. It would be impossible to replace many of these articles as they are now unobtainable and extremely valuable. There was also a fine collection of Indian relics and ancient Chinese curios together with many articles of historical interest such as a portion of the timber of the Royal George, which capsized near the English coast and in which nearly 500 men with Admiral Kempenfeldt were drowned. The cartridge box which belonged to William Cobbett is also in the collection.

Many citizens will remember this museum quite well. A neatly printed guide book of forty-eight pages enabled the visitor to view the collections intelligently. The whole of this came into the possession of the Natural History Society and together with the great mass of material which the members of that body have collected since its organization will be arranged and displayed to good advantage as soon as possible.

More Interest Now in the Society's Work.

The wisdom of the executive body of the society in purchasing their new quarters is amply justified by the increasing number of visitors to the rooms as well as by the great interest shown by the general public in the institution. Surprise is constantly expressed by those who go through the rooms at the large and varied amount of material on hand. Besides, donations and loan exhibits are constantly coming in.

There is a large and unique collection of Indian relics of the stone age, axes, arrow heads and fragments of crude pottery. These show how primitive was the condition of the aborigines in New Brunswick a few hundred years ago. It is to be regretted that the collection of modern Indian handicrafts leaves so much to be desired. Such articles as snowshoes, moccasins, beadwork and basketry are almost, if not wholly, unrepresented.

Nor are the relics of the French occupation and the Loyalists in much better condition. Mr. McIntosh says he feels there must be many persons in St. John in possession of such. If they do not wish to donate them, which is really not necessary, he would like to urge that they loan them, especially in view of the near approach of the tourist season.

One afternoon last week a Telegraph reporter went up to the rooms and found Mr. McIntosh standing before a great pile of boxes, each of which was filled with specimens. These boxes, he explained, had all been filled and stored away for lack of space. The curator was perspiring over his task and the venerable dust of long gone years had collected on his hands and clothes to quite an appreciable extent. He remarked that the work of packing had been done very carefully, which was evident; and that after the boxes had been put away they were forgotten, which was also very evident.

Some of the Contents.

From one box there was unpacked a fine collection of silver ores and from another rich specimens of gold ore, while others contained fossils and marine and other natural curiosities. All of these were wrapped in pieces of newspapers none of which were of later date than 1856. In some cases the labels were wrapped with the specimens but in others this had been neglected and of course involved the task of identification.

Mr. McIntosh was asked about his plans in arranging and classifying the different objects. His answers show that he is ambitious of making the St. John institution as good as any on the continent as far as the means at his command will allow. He made it clear that the Gesner museum and the one in the old quarters in the market building were such in name only. They were, he said, simply store houses of material for making a museum. The modern ideal was no longer a chance assemblage of curiosities nor a collection of specimens all mounted and placed in systematic order. It was rather a series of objects selected with reference to their value for public enlightenment. The present day museum is adapted to the needs of the mechanic, the farmer or the laborer as well as the savant or the professional man. In short, said Mr. McIntosh, the museum of today is a popular institution having something of interest for everybody, maintained by the people for the people.

The Curator's Plans.

As an instance of his plans Mr. McIntosh pointed out that the society now possesses a collection of more than 300 New Brunswick birds. These are now arranged systematically and as soon as suitable material can be obtained groups will be arranged showing something of the life history of each species. The bird will be shown with its nest and eggs and young. These collections are sure to form a very striking and attractive feature of the rooms. The curator pointed out the great value to tourists and sportsmen as well as to our own people which a collection of groups of our magnificent game and fur bearing animals would be. These could be made very attractive and with information as to the relative plentifulness of each species and the regions in which they are oftenest met with would form an invaluable object lesson.

Turning to the minerals and rocks, Mr. McIntosh said it is his intention to arrange them more with regard to the needs of the student and the ordinary man than the scientist. The minerals will be arranged in groups with labels attached giving full information as to their uses and where found. In the near future, he went on, he hoped by the aid of charts and diagrams to so arrange the fossils as to give the casual visitor a better conception of the ages of geology than would be possible by any other means. "Of course," he said, "it will be necessary to use the scientific names but in most cases these will be given their English equivalent as well, and I might say that the same will be true of the labels throughout. An effort will also be made to popularize the study of our wild flowers.

"A table will be placed in the museum and on it bunches of our common wild flowers will be placed labelled with their scientific and common names. This will be carried out thoroughly this season and will not only beautify the museum but be of great interest to visitors."

Mr. McIntosh said he would greatly appreciate the co-operation of school children and the public generally in making this flower exhibit a success.

Will Loan Collections to Schools

The society does not intend, however, to confine to its own building its efforts to be useful to the public. During the present season a number of collections will be arranged for the use of the public schools. These will be loaned to the schools desiring them and may be kept for such time as may be agreed upon. Small collections of fossils and insects for this purpose will be ready in the fall. At present the building is open to the public from 2 o'clock to 6 p. m.

DIGBY'S OLDEST RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Charlotte Everett Passed Away in Her 98th Year.

Digby, N. S., May 13—(Special)—Mrs. Charlotte Everett died at the home of Mrs. Lauria Medler, Birch streeet, at 8 o'clock this morning, in the ninety-eighth year of her age. The deceased was the oldest person in Digby county. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Cornwall and was born in Waterford, Digby Neck, March 3, 1810. She married Charles Everett three quarters of a century ago. She was the oldest of her family and also the last survivor. Her only son Samuel J. Everett, a retired New York merchant, will arrive here Wednesday. The funeral will be held Thursday with interment in the Barton Digby county cemetery, beside her late husband. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Higgins, pastor of the Digby Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

Deceased had remarkable faculties for a woman of her age, until last Christmas, after which she has constantly failed. She was as well as usual until 5 o'clock this morning. The end was therefore quite sudden. Mrs. Everett was highly respected by all who knew her, and her death even at such an advanced age, will be mourned by many.

An American girl has found a new use for her love letters. During her four years' courtship she received 700 of these missives, and these she made into a cushion. She used the cushion to kneel on on her wedding day.

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NO TRACE OF MISSING ROBERT McGILL YET

Parents Very Anxious for News, and Hope Description Published Will Help in Finding Him.

If anyone has seen anything of Robert McGill, who wandered away from his home, 47 Elliot row, Thursday night, and will communicate the intelligence to his aged father and mother he will be doing much to lighten two anxious hearts. The missing man is about five feet seven or seven and a half inches tall. He is smooth faced and usually very pale. When he left home he was wearing a soft brown hat, a brown mixture tweed cloth sack coat, with blue pants.

His parents are nearly heart-broken over his disappearance, and his father has been searching almost continually since Thursday night. He is fearful some accident may have happened to his son, although he thinks it just possible that he may have wandered into the country.

When a Telegraph reporter called at the residence last night, Mr. McGill, in answer to the question whether he had heard any news of his son, replied: "No, not a word; we were just speaking of him now. God knows it is hard. His brother, you know, was drowned two years ago." The old man leaned his cheek against the doorway and continued: "There was some talk about a stranger being seen Thursday night down around the shunting engines, but the drivers said that man wore a cap. There would not be many who would know Robert only ourselves and our near neighbors, for he went out of the house very little. And then he was so good around the house, too, there was not a mortal thing that he would not help his mother in."

Just then some one came along the sidewalk from the direction of Carmarthen street. The old man straightened up and waited. It was a lady, and with a sigh he sank back into his former attitude. "I never see a head or hear a step approaching but I think it may be him."

He seemed to brighten considerably as he gave a description of the young man, and said: "It may be the means of some one finding him, for he may have got into the country, although he generally stayed near home."

LOUIS SMITH MISSING

Brussels Street Woman Seeks Police Aid to Find Her Husband.

Family and friends are worrying over the unexplained absence of Louis Smith, who conducted a clothing store at 271 Brussels street. The police say that on Thursday night Smith, leaving his shop open walked away and has not been seen since. The police were told by Smith's wife and inquiries were made but without success. Mrs. Smith said she is left without means of support for her four or five children.

The Smiths are yiddish and in broken English and with tears streaming down her face Mrs. Smith declared to the police that she was afraid that something had happened to her husband and hoped that something should be done to find him.

After his departure Smith's shop was found open by a passerby who notified the police.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Preliminary Hearing in Case at Cody's Concluded.

In the preliminary examination of Frank Griffiths before Parish Court Commissioner Roberts at Cody's on the charge of attempted assault on Ella Sorrensen, Griffiths was sent up for trial. The hearing was concluded Thursday night and the magistrate said he felt there was sufficient evidence to send the prisoner up for trial. He believed there should be a thorough investigation.

Thursday night the complainant finished her testimony and the defence did not offer any. The prisoner was taken back to Gagetown jail, and his trial will be before Judge Hanington, July 21. J. King Kelley, who appeared for the complainant, returned to the city Friday morning.

Dominion Dredging Contracts.

Ottawa, May 13—The contracts for dredging in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario have not yet been awarded, but it is probable that the chief engineer of public works will have the items extended tomorrow, when the work will be given to the lowest tenderers.

In Nova Scotia, W. H. Poupore and Mr. Beazley, of Halifax, will get the most of the contracts, if not all, there.

In New Brunswick, the work has already been given out.

In Quebec, the Poupore and St. Lawrence Dredging Company, of Montreal, and the Dominion Dredging Company, of Ottawa, will be the lowest tenderers.

Old I. C. R. Conductor Dead.

Halifax, N. S., May 12—(Special)—Charles Rhodes, the second oldest conductor on the eastern end of the Intercolonial, and the oldest man in that department of the service, died today in Halifax. He was sixty-nine years old. Conductor Rhodes has been in failing health for two years, but has only been off duty for the last two weeks, due to an attack of pneumonia. He was a native of Pictou. One of his sons is a conductor running out of Winnipeg.

The Bore Retorts

Midnight came and still the bore remained.

"Do you like music?" asked the beautiful girl just to break the monotony.

"Passionately fond of it," replied the bore. "In fact, music will always carry me away."

She rushed over to the piano and played several popular airs.

"You are still here," she said, turning on the stool.

"Yes," yawned the bore.

"But I thought you said music always carried you away?"

"So I did—music!"—Chicago Daily News.

Snow is sold for a cent a pound in the north of Sicily. It is a government monopoly, and after being gathered on the mountains is retailed for refrigerating purposes in the city.

Greece is the poorest of the European countries. Her total wealth is only £200,000,000, or half that of Switzerland. Switzerland, Portugal, and Denmark are all about equal in point of national wealth.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Harry Colwell.

Mrs. Harry Colwell, wife of Capt. Colwell, now in command of the tug Winnie, died at her home in Jemseg Wednesday last. The cause of death was consumption. Mrs. Colwell was quite a young woman and was highly esteemed in the community in which she lived.

Daniel D. Munford.

Daniel D. Munford, third son of Walter P. Munford, died at his father's residence, 42 Spring street, Thursday morning, aged thirty-one years. Deceased was well known and popular. He had been in poor health for some time, but nothing serious was looked for. About 9 o'clock Thursday morning he took a turn for the worse and died in a few minutes. He was, until a few weeks ago, in the employ of Wm. Kiley, the plumber.

Mrs. Dora Ella Hughes, Young's Cove.

Young's Cove, May 10—After an illness of five weeks, Mrs. Dora Ella Hughes, the young wife of Hazen Hughes, passed peacefully away at 7 o'clock this morning at the residence of her father, Lorenzo D. Ferris, of Young's Cove, Queens county, Being an active participant in church and Sunday school work, her life was very useful. Beside her husband and parents she leaves two sisters, Mrs. John Tower and Mrs. Arnold Wiggins, of Young's Cove, and one brother, Perley B. Ferris, of St. John.

Wm. H. Beyea.

Wm. H. Beyea, one of the best known and most respected residents of Centre Hampton, died April 30th, 1907. The next day, May 1, he would have been 81. He was a grandson of the late James Beyea, one of the Empire Loyalists, who was granted a large tract of land at the settling of the country on May 18, 1783. One of the old government seals still remains in the family, supposed to be the only one in existence.

He leaves his wife, who was the daughter of the late John G. Sherwood, who at the time of his death in 1881, was president of the St. Martins & Upham Railroad Company. One son, Andrew S., of French Village, and four daughters also survive. The daughters are Mrs. P. Heber Smith, of Lakeside; Mrs. O. H. Belding, of Somerville (Mass.); Miss Charlotte, graduate nurse of Cambridge (Mass.), and Miss Minnie, nurse, at home, who cared for him through his long illness of four years. There are also six grand children.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held Saturday from his late residence. The service was conducted by Rev. W. Camp, of St. John. Three of deceased favorite hymns were sung by loving friends—Why Do we Mourn Departed Friends, The Sweet Bye and Bye and Abide with me. In politics Mr. Beyea was a staunch Liberal.

Capt. John Branscombe

The life of John Branscombe, a respected citizen and worthy sea captain, went out very suddenly Friday afternoon. While on duty as watchman of the C. P. R. sheds at Sand Point, he dropped to the floor of No. 4 shed, was carried into the office, but expired before medical aid arrived. Death was due to heart trouble.

Captain Branscombe was nearly seventy years of age and was a faithful and zealous wachmen. Friday afternoon some C. P. R. truckers who were handling a load of sugar, saw him fall to the floor. They went at once to his assistance, and found him unconscious. They helped him into the Donaldson line office and Dr. F. L. Kenney and Dr. W. L. Ellis were summoned. They arrived almost together, but too late. Capt. Branscombe was dead.

A telephone message was sent to N. C. Scott, brother-in-law of the dead man, and Mr. Scott made arrangements for undertaker N. W. Brenan to remove the body to the late captain's home at 28 Harrison street. Rev. D. Hutchinson, pastor of Main street Baptist church broke the news to the unsuspecting wife and other members of the family were informed of the tragic occurrence.

Captain John Branscombe was born in Waterborough, Queens county. He married a friend of his childhood, Miss McLean, and is survived by her and three daughters, Misses Elsie, Etta and Jennie. Two brothers, Capt. Arthur D., of this city, and Captain Emery S., of Centreville, Carleton county; and three sisters—Mrs. N. C. Scott, and Mrs. Wm. Lipsett, wife of Capt. Lipsett of this city, and Mrs. Andrew Lipsett of Bangor, also survive.

Capt. Branscombe was a good type of the bluff and hearty deep-water captain, and a popular master and a trusted employe. His sober, industrous habits and kindly nature not only won him friends, but proved a source of advancement to him. It is a coincident that his predecessor as watchman at Sand Point died under nearly similar circumstances.

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodley.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodley, 147 Queen street, will sympathise with them in the death of their son, Gerald F., a bright little child aged four months. The cause of death was heart failure.

William Callaghan.

The death of William Callaghan, for many years a well known stevedore in this city, occurred on Saturday. Mr. Callaghan, who was in his seventy-fourth year, had been a much respected resident in St. John for upwards of fifty years, having come from Londonderry (Ire.) in his youth. His wife died about seven years ago. He leaves one son and three daughters—Richard Callagham and Mrs. Katherine Doody and Mrs. Annie Furlong, of St. John, and Mrs. Ellen Smalley, wife of Frank Smalley, of Toronto.

Andrew Damery.

Andrew Damery, a well known and respected resident of this city, died quite suddenly of heart trouble last night, aged fifty-six years. He had been ailing about a week. He was a stove-fitter and was in the employ of J. E. Wilson. He is survived by his wife, three sons—George, Jeremiah and William; and one daughter—Mrs. Chisholm, of this city.

Waldo C. Adair.

Apohaqui, N. B., May 11—Waldo C. Adair died last night after only a week's illness from appendicitis. About a week ago he was taken ill and it was thought by the doctor he was progressing favorably and was to have had an operation in the near future. He, however, became suddenly worse yesterday afternoon and the doctors were immediately summoned to perform an operation, but after consultation it was decided to be of no use and he succumbed a little after midnight. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Adair and was 21 years of age. He leaves a wife, father and mother, three brothers and one sister, Mrs. Jos. L. Wallace, of Elgin, Albert county, to mourn their great loss. His many friends were shocked at the news of his sudden and untimely death and extended their deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and family. Interment will take place at the Church of the Ascension, Apohaqui, from his late residence on Monday afternoon.

James R. Wood.

James R. Wood, an aged and much respected resident of Carter's Point, died there Saturday. Mr. Wood was born in this city, the son of Robert Wood, and his wife, Elizabeth Hay. He lived here till he was eight years old, when he moved to Carter's Point, where he had resided ever since.

He was eighty-four years old and had been ailing for about three weeks. His wife predeceased him four years. Mr. Wood is survived by one son, Fred, and a daughter, Miss Sarah, who live at Carter's Point. Miss Theodore Holder, who lives further up the Reach, is also a daughter.

Mrs. Ephraim Barnes

Awakened by his wife gasping and choking for breath and to see her expire before medical aid arrived was the terrible experience of Ephraim M. Barnes, 169 Mill street, early Sunday morning. Between 12 and 1 o'clock Mr. Barnes was startled from his sleep by cries from his wife. She complained that she could not breathe, and asked him to bring some warm water.

For five minutes she struggled for breath then fell exhausted upon the pillow, and her husband and others who were called thought the worst was over. Dr. T. H. Lunney was summoned, and was quickly on hand, but before he arrived the woman had been taken with two more attacks of suffocation at short intervals, and passed away.

Dr. Lunney decided that death was due to heart trouble, and Dr. W. F. Roberts, who was summoned as coroner to view the body, was of the same opinion.

Mrs. Barnes was forty-two years of age. She had been suffering from asthma and heart trouble for years, but during the past few weeks has been well. Her body will be taken to Johnston, Queens county, on Tuesday for burial.

Besides her husband she leaves one son, John, clerk with T. McAvity & Sons; a sister, Miss Melinda, who resided with her; also two brothers in Maine. Mrs. Barnes was a woman of kindly disposition and was very well liked by all those who knew her, and her sudden death is much regretted.

Mrs. Margaret Collins.

Mrs. Margaret Collins, widow of Thomas Collins, died Monday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. McCormick, Kennebeccasis Island. Until last fall Mrs. Collins was a resident of North End. Besides Mrs. McCormick, another daughter, Miss Collins, of Chicago, and two sons, Robert, of Boston, and Oscar, of the North End, survive. Mrs. Collins was seventy-three years of age.

Mrs. John I. Willis.

The death of Mrs. John I Willis, aged 52, took place quite suddenly at Milford Monday. Mrs. Willis had been suffering from a chronic illness for years and on Sunday, May 5, suffered a stroke of paralysis. She never rallied and passed away peacefully. She was born in Lunenburg (N. S.), but had lived in Milford for 23 years.

She was a woman of generous nature and kindly disposition and she will be much missed by all who knew her. Besides her husband she leaves three daughters—Mrs. Thomas Russell, of Milford; Mrs. Robert Ross, of Sussex, and Miss Harriett at home, and two sons—Arthur, of this city, and John at home.

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kane.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kane, 49 Clarence street, will be sorry to hear of the death of their infant daughter which occurred Monday. The little one had been sick with pneumonia. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon.

LOCAL NEWS.

David Grant, of Vanceboro, who formerly practised law in Moncton, has been appointed to a judgeship.

It is again rumored that the C. P. R. will acquire control of the N. B. Southern line at an early date.

There is a good deal of interest as to who will be the next warden of the municipality, and the outlook is that it will be Councillor Dean.

Pilot Joseph Doherty received a cable from Cape Town Saturday stating that his son was still alive. Mr. Doherty still hopes for the recovery of his son.

Herbert Steele, transfer mail clerk at the Union depot, has been transferred to the R. M. S. office. M. J. Dwyer has been placed on the permanent staff in the depot.

There were twelve deaths in the city last week from the following causes: Heart disease, three; dropsy, injury, measles, inanition, bronchitis, pneumonia, blood poisoning, arterio sclerosis and broncho pneumonia, one each.

On Saturday morning the steamer Elaine struck a drifting log in the river and broke a blade of her propeller. The passenger and freight rates on the Belleisle route have been made higher than last year.

Rev. Silas Anthony, pastor of the Congregational church at Milton (N. S.), has been invited to become the pastor of the Congregational church here, and has the call under consideration. Rev. W. S. Pritchard, who has been pastor of the Congregational church here, left last evening for Spokane.

Repairs to the reinforced concrete pipe on Section 2 of the water extension will be begun this week by McArthur & McVey, the contractors, and while the work is in progress the water supply for the city will be obtained from Little River reservoir. It is expected that the pump at Silver Falls for the high level service will be put in operation today.

Arrangements are being made by the Marathon club through their honorary president, Mayor Sears, to secure Rev. Charles W. Gordon, of Grace church, Winnipeg, better known as Ralph Connor, for the 31st inst. Rev. Mr. Gordon will be in Montreal at the Presbyterian General Assembly, which will open in that city early in June, and advantage is being taken of that circumstance to bring him here. He will probably give, in the Opera House, readings from his works.

John Elliott, employed in the Phoenix Foundry, had his foot crushed Saturday. It was necessary to amputate one of the toes.

The banns of marriage between James Robert Macfarlane, of Glenfarlan, and Miss Elizabeth Redmore, daughter of Henry Redmore, of Whitehead (N. B.), were read in St. Paul's church, Whitehead, by Rev. Hastings Wainwright, rector of Kingston, on Sunday last.

At a meeting of the board of school trustees Monday it was finally decided to go ahead with the new school building on the Weldon lot. Architect H. H. Mott will at once draw up plans and specifications. It will contain ten rooms, with an assembly hall and, if possible, six of these rooms will be placed on the ground floor. It was understood that the building will be heated by steam and will not cost more than $35,000 complete, which will leave $5,000 for furnishings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKeown and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, of St. John; J. B. Kenny, Gilbert Stairs and Miss Ethel Stairs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archibald and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Harris, of Halifax; Ivan McKinnon, R. E. Palmer, Mrs. M. A. Palmer and Miss E. M. Palmer, of Charlottetown; Mr. Lodge, of Moncton; Mrs. G. H. Duggan, H. S. Duggan and K. L. Duggan, of Sydney, and Rev. Francis Singleton, of Montreal, were registered at the high commissioner's office, London, during the week ended April 30.

A large amount of live stock, principally young calves, sheep and lambs, is being brought down by the river boats. On one trip the Victoria carried forty-one head of cattle, and the May Queen brought more than thirty young calves on her last trip. S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the S. P. C. A., has been spending his afternoons at Indiantown watching the unloading. He says that if it were not for his presence the teamsters would crowd too many animals in their slovens. He has also suggested to steamer captains to provide a gangway, instead of hoisting from scows as is sometimes done.

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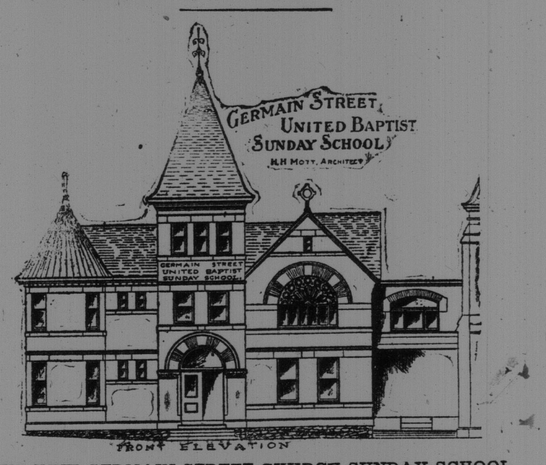

THE NEW GERMAIN STREET CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Telegraph here gives a cut of the new Sunday school building which the congregation of Germain street United Baptist church propose to erect on the vacant lot north of the church. As will be seen, the new Sunday school will be of elegant design, and a great improvement to the street. It will have fifty-six feet frontage with a depth of 120 feet. There will be a rear entrance from the church, but the two buildings will be distinct.

The interior of the new Sunday school will be finished in the most modern style. The plans provide for two floors, with seventeen class rooms, to be used in connection with the main school, and three class rooms for the primary department.

On the ground floor will be the main auditorium, at one side of which will be raised platforms for the superintendent, the secretary and the orchestra. Seven of the main school class rooms will radiate from the auditorium, from which they can be shut off by a portiere when the school is in session.

The three class rooms for the primary department will be on the ground floor, with a separate entrance. This floor will also have a first class kitchen and lavatories.

The second floor will have a gallery all round, affording a view of the auditorium, with ten class rooms and the library for the school. The total height of the spire and tower shown in the cut will be fifty-eight feet. H. H. Mott is the architect. The total cost of the building will be $17,680, of which $11,127 was subscribed in a week's time by sixty-one people. This leaves $6,553 to be raised and a determined effort is being made to secure pledges for the money, and it is hoped that the contracts will be signed and work started in two weeks' time.

MILLION DOLLAR STEAMER BURNED

Detroit, Mich., May 13—The magnificent new steamer City of Cleveland under construction at the plant of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company for the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company and designed to run between Detroit and Cleveland, was swept by fire early today and is a total loss except her hull and machinery. How much they have been damaged cannot be determined until the hull is pumped out and a careful examination made. The loss, which falls upon the Detroit Shipbuilding Company, a branch of the American Ship Building Company, is about $700,000, and is fairly well covered by insurance.

The fire broke out mysteriously just before daylight. Incendiarism is suspected. There were two watchmen on the steamer and another at the gate of the shipyard. The City of Cleveland was launched at Wyandotte January 5th, and was to have been turned over to the Navigation Company about June 30th. She was 444 feet long and designed to carry 4500 passengers, with a sleeping accommodation for 1500.

The ship building company will rebuild the boat, it is announced, but it will be impossible to get her ready for service before next season.

METHODIST MINISTER DROWNED IN SLOUGH

North Portal, Sask., May 13—(Special)—Rev. E. Riely Hine, a Methodist missionary, while driving to his appointment Sunday afternoon was drowned crossing a slough near Roche Percee. The horse was also lost. Hine came from England last summer and was much respected in the district. He was twenty years of age.

MINER'S CIGARETTE COST NINETY LIVES

Mexico City, May 13—A fire supposed to have been started by a cigarette thrown by a miner into an abandoned drift caused the loss of 90 lives, according to a special received from Torreon, Coahuila, by the Associated Press. The fire started in the Cornethas shaft of the Tenere mines in Veriladana, state of Durango, on Friday night. There were 107 men working in another part of the mine and only 17 of them are believed to have escaped. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered, according to the latest reports, but as the fire is still raging it is feared that few others imprisoned will be found alive. The part of the mine in which the fire originated, it is said, was extraordinarily dry, and it is believed that the men in throwing away his half burned cigarette allowed it to drop into a bunch of waste. A blaze was the immediate result and this quickly conveyed itself to the adjoining timbering. The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered.

The miners found that all avenues of escape had been cut off. Seventeen, however, who were in good position, made a dash and reached the outer air. Rescue parties have been working heroically but only charred and unrecognizable bodies have rewarded their efforts.

The shaft in which the fire is still raging is one of a mine which is a group of the largest copper producers in northern Mexico. Owing to the remoteness of the region details