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CITY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

Graduating Class in High School Numbers 64--- Girls Capture all the Places on the Honor List--- Interesting Programmes.

The closing exercises in the various city schools will take place tomorrow morning and the scholars will then be free for their summer vacation. At the High School a very interesting programme will be given in the exhibition hall commencing about 10.30 o'clock. The graduating class this year numbers sixty-four and a rather peculiar feature is that out of that number not one of the boys secured a place on the honor roll. The sixteen honor graduates are all girls and the following is the list in order of merit: Dora Jones, Harriett Jordan, Hazel Holder, Greta Robinson, Hazel Cookson, Joyce Wishart, Katherine Murdoch, Edith Willis, Helen Waters, Helen Hannah, Grace Magee, Constance Reed, Royce Carter, Rita Bell, Nellie Van Wart.

METHODIST CONFERENCE FINISHING UP BUSINESS

Many Interesting Reports Presented This Morning---District Officials Chosen---Plea for More Publicity for Methodist Church.

Moncton, June 23.—(Special).—District officers were elected and numerous committee reports received at this morning's session of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference, and with the end of the sessions in view a large volume of business was transacted. Greetings to the conference from Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Quebec, and Rev. J. J. Weddell, were read. The report of work submitted by Rev. Nell McKuplin was of an encouraging nature. After making allowances for deaths, etc., there is an increase of 65 members as the result of the transference of a number of members from another conference. The report recommended more general practice of private prayer services, the employment of laymen more generally and co-operation between pastors in evangelistic work. The parsonage aid fund report submitted by Rev. S. Howard, showed an income of \$233.53 and a payment to the board of trustees of Courtenay Bay parsonage of \$232.20, leaving a balance of \$1.33. Permission was asked and given to station James F. Rowley instead of sending him to college. A resolution of appreciation of the services of Rev. W. H. Spurge, who after more than twenty years in this conference is being transferred to the Bay of Quinte conference was unanimously passed. The Children's Fund report was submitted by Rev. Geo. A. Steele, recommended that a rebate of \$25 be allowed to the Home.

HON. JAMES S. SHERMAN TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Republican Candidate for Vice-President is Seriously Ill in a Cleveland Hospital---Mrs. Sherman Summoned to His Side.

Utica, N. Y., June 23.—Word was sent to the family of Hon. James S. Sherman in this city this morning that the Republican candidate for the vice-presidency had been compelled to go to a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and that Dr. Phinney, of Baltimore, who attended Mr. Sherman during an attack of the same trouble in Washington last year, had been summoned by special train. Mrs. Sherman and one of her sons left for Cleveland by the first train. The news received here is very disappointing and it is said that Mr. Sherman is in a serious condition. Extensive arrangements had been made to give him a great reception on his return this evening. Cleveland, O., June 23.—James S. Sherman, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, who has been ill here for the past two or three days, was taken with severe chill at 4.30 o'clock this morning. Physicians were immediately called and found that Mr. Sherman was suffering from gall stones. It was decided to remove Mr. Sherman from his home at ex-Governor Herrick to a hospital at once and it is possible that an operation will be performed during the day. At 9 o'clock, it was stated that Mr. Sherman was resting very comfortably and that his temperature had fallen to normal. Early this morning the temperature of the patient was 102 but later fell back to normal.

AND THE HEIRESS AUTOMOBILE MEN CONTINUED TO SEW ARE FINED \$500 AND COSTS

New York Woman Who Learns That She Has Been Left \$400,000 by her Aunt in Austria Shows no Surprise.

New York, June 23.—Mrs. Yetta Beizer continued to sew yesterday despite the news that she had fallen heir to \$400,000 in Austria. She was working on a linen suit which her son, Isadore, is to wear at a concert in which he will appear as a violin soloist. The suit was well under way when she received a letter telling of the fortune. She read the letter, called her husband and told him about it, then she kept on sewing. Mrs. Beizer is the wife of Max Beizer, proprietor of a haberdashery at No. 128 Broome street, and they live over the store. When the letter came last week telling his wife that her aunt had left her a fortune, Moses Beizer, a distant relative of Mrs. Beizer, wrote to inform her that she was the heir of her aunt, Sarah Langenberger, of Wols, Galicia, Austria. Mrs. Beizer's mother came to this country many years ago, leaving the child with her husband and some years after joining her mother here the girl married and had all but forgotten her aunt when the letter telling of her good fortune came last week. "We are not getting excited about this," said Mrs. Beizer yesterday, "but we are going over to Austria as soon as school No. 34, where our boy attends, closes, and I can sell out the business. We have both worked hard, and we have made a little money, and I suppose we will keep on working. My wife lived with this aunt for years, but has not seen her for nearly twenty years. "We will stay abroad only long enough to get the money. After living in America for twenty years no man could go back there and make it his home; and besides we have a boy who is born an American."

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, June 23 (Special).—Stocks were dull to-day but steady. Nova Scotia Steel was better at 44 and Dominion Steel, ptd., at 44 and bonds at 73 were practically unchanged. Toronto Ry. was a shade easier Tuesday, but at 104 and Canadian N. B. and N. Y. was lower than at close yesterday, selling fractionally better at 128 1/2.

MR. BRYCE AT DULUTH

Duluth, Minn., June 23.—James Bryce, aviator of Great Britain in the United States, in a speech to the Commercial Club banquet given in his honor last night, said that he and the United States are destined by the Almighty to be friends. You have many settlers in the United States from Canada, and in Canada we have many from the United States. It is my privilege to prevent any misunderstanding or friction between the two countries.

FEW MARITIME PROVINCE BOATS FLYING YANKEE FLAG

Hardly More Than a Dozen of Them are Plying Along the Coast Under U. S. Colors

Boston, June 22.—Considering how deep and easy of construction and access are the coasting vessels of the Maritime Provinces, Yankee ship-owners have acquired a remarkably smaller number of them. Indeed, hardly more than a dozen are to be found plying up and down the coast under United States colors. The typical St. John wood boat is not a thing of beauty, but she is a good carrier. Many an impetuous skipper has "saved his bacon" with one of those ungainly craft. The old Bat of Calais, formerly the Mary Todd, built in 1874 at Wickham, N. B., is as heavily as the next one, but has carried in her time enough lumber to Boston to fill every wharf on Atlantic Avenue. Three of "bluenose" build are of the Bath fleet, and in the lumber trade under United States colors. The typical formerly the Seraphin, built at Bear River, N. S., in 1888; the S. H. Sawyer, originally the Emma U., built at Digby, N. B., in 1881; and the Thomas B. Reed, built at the Battle at Newcastle, N. B., in 1882. The Ellen M. Baxter,

POLICE MAGISTRATE DISMISSES CASE AGAINST THOMAS H. DOBSON

Police Force Severely Censured for "Misconception of Their Duty" in Requesting Citizens to Move

Thomas H. Dobson, arrested last evening by Patrolman Steves for refusing to "move on" when told to do so on Charlotte street, was discharged by Judge Ritchie this morning in the police court. The case has attracted no little interest in view of the fact that there have been many complaints against the "move on" order. In discharging Mr. Dobson Judge Ritchie severely censured the police for what he termed misconception of the law, and spoke of complaints he had heard of people who were in no way obstructing the sidewalk being unceremoniously "moved along" by the police. He had always been willing to instruct the police but there seemed to be some mistaken ideas as to his position. Daniel Mullin, K.C., who with Edmond S. Ritchie appeared for the defence, said that the chief for "lack of judgment," and said that by law he was responsible for Mr. Dobson's arrest. "Patrolman Steves sworn, told of the arrest and what led up to it. He was on between 7 and 8 o'clock he saw the defendant and two others standing near him near the fountain. All were standing on the curb stone. He spoke to all and asked them to "please move along." Turning about he saw them still there and again requested them to "please move along." Defendant said in reply, "I am a citizen of St. John not a perfect right to stand on the street," and witness replied, "according to law I think not." The defendant then said that he would not move on and witness said that he would take him to King street east if he did not and the reply was "go ahead and take me," and he was arrested at once. Steves did not notice Mr. Dobson talking to the others near him. Cross-examined by Mr. Ritchie the patrolman said that he placed his hand on Mr. Dobson who told him that it was not necessary. Mr. Ritchie, "Did you not notice the chief going through the square?" Witness: "Yes, sir." Mr. Ritchie: "Did the defendant say to you if you had better not speak to the chief before arresting him?" Witness: "Yes, and I asked the chief if it was lawful to arrest a man for standing on the sidewalk and he said, 'if he refused to move on, lock him up.'" He told of placing the defendant in a cell. Nothing had been said to him about bail, but he heard Patrolman McNamee and defendant discussing it and former said that he would have to wait till the chief returned. To Mr. Mullin witness said the Salvation Army were on the opposite corner. Thomas H. Dobson, the defendant, swore he was passing along the north side of Charlotte street from Princess when near the fountain, he met A. G. Baker, a friend, and "we had hardly started the conversation," said Mr. Dobson, "when the officers came along, and said please move on. He remarked to the patrolman that as a citizen of St. John he thought he had a right to stand on the sidewalk." He then told of the arrest which was effected as told by Steves. He told the patrolman that he "needed" collar" him and he would walk along, and told of meeting the chief and walking ahead

A BIG BRIDGEWAS DECISION IN A WRECKED AT CORNWALL

Canal Bank, Burke and 200 Foot Swing Broke Was Wrecked—Traffic Tied up.

Cornwall, Ont., June 23 (Special).—The canal bank burst here this morning and as a result the two hundred foot swing bridge of the Ontario and New York railway which crossed the canal, it wrecked and there is a gap of 75 feet in the canal bank. Traffic will be tied up for some time and as there are many boats on the canal bank which use water power these will be closed down. An immense crowd gathered to witness the wrecking of the pier of the bridge and it fell a twisted mass. The loss will be heavy.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE I. C. R.

The I. C. R. has started paving the entrance to the freight shed near the elevator street. The plan is to pave from the sidewalk back 25 feet, but the board of works is trying to induce the railway authorities to carry the work right to the shed. The Wall street bridge which has been under construction for the past 18 months is now complete and will be opened, however, to make a foot bridge for pedestrians. The Stanley street bridge is closed for traffic only a small walk being available for foot passengers.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Joint Session of Canada and U. S. Will Be Held in Toronto Today.

Toronto, Ont., June 23.—(Special).—The joint session of the deep waterways commission of Canada and the United States will be held at the King Edward Hotel today. The object of the meeting is to limit the boundaries between the two countries through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence river. No witnesses will be examined, and it is probable that the work will be completed in a day or two.

WANTS A FLAG RAISING

Mr. Peter Binks says that if the upper shore and lower from the flag of the staff on Haymarket Square are not ready for business soon he will attach a flag to a kite and send it up to the peak. Mr. Binks wants to know how much longer this flagstaff job is to last. His British blood is beginning to boil.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE AT THREE RIVERS

Damage Estimated at \$2,000,000—Merchants Will do Business Under Canvas.

Three Rivers, Que., June 23 (Special).—The loss by yesterday's fire is now estimated at \$2,000,000. The merchants and house-croppers and householders will probably suffer to the extent of about a million and a quarter. At a meeting of citizens today it was suggested to do business under canvas. One man named Harold McEwener was killed in Market Place to-day by a falling wall of Brantford's Hotel. He leaves a widow and seven children. There is a scarcity of food and supplies have been asked for from Montreal.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

RELIABLE NEWS. Ottawa, June 23 (Special).—The Times newspaper's special correspondent made a careful and thorough canvass of the whole situation at the capital today, and had interviews with leaders and representatives of both political parties. While there was some slight difference of opinion, it may be said, without fear of excess, that the political situation are still talking.

IN QUEBENS COUNTY. Gagetown, June 23 (Special).—Guessing

FORESTRY IN CHINA

China's first school of forestry will shortly be opened at Mukden. The Chinese empire is usually pointed out as the worst example among modern nations of forest destruction. The goods which are periodically poured down from the denuded mountains are destructive beyond comparison with any other region in the world, although the country is well adapted to the growing of trees.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

There is a well defined rumor that Rear-Admiral Kingsmill, while in St. John, called upon Supt. Glasgow and with him inspected Wm Long and Wm Gouly, with a view to having them purchased by the government as auxiliary cruisers or training ships. A navy that