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Table with 3 columns: November, December, January. Lists various church events and feast days such as All Saints, All Souls, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell resigns.

A painful surprise swept over the whole province when it became known that the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, on Thursday had resigned the Ministry of Agriculture, which he had held for 13 years, ever since Saskatchewan is a province. During all this time he had devoted all his energies, and with splendid success, to the task of developing the wonderful agricultural resources of our great province, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that our young province now stands at the very head of all Canadian provinces in Agriculture.

In the afternoon session on Thursday, Premier Martin read the correspondence which had passed between him and Mr. Motherwell and which finally culminated in the resignation of the latter, which was accepted by the premier. After reading the correspondence, Premier Martin stated that Hon. Geo. B. Langley would temporarily take over the Ministry of Agriculture in addition to his other duties until a re-arrangement would be made after the session.

The reasons of Mr. Motherwell's resignation, as given in the correspondence read, are that Mr. Martin refused to come out in opposition to the Union Government at Ottawa, which, in Mr. Motherwell's opinion, had lamentably failed in forming and executing a policy which was in the best interests of Canada and especially of the West. He summed up the failure of the Union Government in the following points:

- 1) The two man power registrations by the Conservative and the Union governments effect nothing but useless expenditure of money.
2) The greater production campaign by these twin governments was conducted in a childish manner.
3) The abominable War Times Election Act, which was also an infringement of provincial rights, and which had been passed by the Conservative government at Ottawa, had not been abolished by the Union government.

4) The labor problem had been bungled in a manner which won nothing but whole hearted contempt.
5) The railway problem had not been handled in a practical way by the Union Government, though it had the example of Great Britain and the United States before it.
6) The scheme for soldiers' settlement proposed by the Union government was not satisfactory to the soldiers themselves, and at the same time it constituted a great danger to the independence of the provinces by entangling their finances with those of the Dominion.
7) The Union government's plan for handing over the Natural Resources to the western provinces was a huge deception, as it proposed to make so many reservations that there was practically nothing worth having left to hand over.

8) The Unionists had not carried out their pre-election promise of uprooting the patronage evil. On the contrary, Premier Borden had even procured for himself the exclusive privilege to recommend Canadians for Titles, so that he might wield a greater patronage. Most of these failures of the Union government strongly affected the provinces as such and that therefore he considered that a sufficient reason existed for the premier of the province to take a determined stand in the matter, as had done the former premier, Hon. Walter Scott.

Finally, Mr. Motherwell declared that another reason existed for his withdrawal from the cabinet. This reason was the school legislation which Premier Martin was going to bring down in the legislature this week. He could not agree with the Premier on this, and he wished to have full liberty to oppose it before the legislature, which liberty he should not have, if he still were a member of the cabinet.

Whilst Mr. Motherwell could not state what this proposed school legislation was, it is generally understood that it consists in a measure for abolishing the present rights of school boards to have an hour's instruction per day given in foreign languages, if they consider such instruction desirable.

A "More Rabid Foreign Community."

The journalistic Hydra whose owner is a German-speaking foreign-born individual and which tries to drag a red herring across its trail by inveighing against "foreigners" on every possible and impossible occasion, recently accused us of carrying on a subversive propaganda "among the more rabid foreign communities in our midst."

If St. Peter's Bote is carrying on a propaganda in any particular community, it certainly is doing so in the district tributary to Humboldt, where about one half its total number of subscribers live, and where it regularly visits at least every second household and is read in most of the households that are not regular subscribers. It is very true that the majority of the adults in this district are foreign born, having first seen the light of day either in the United States or on the European continent, and they will not deny that the great majority of them have tautonic blood in their veins. What, then, has been the record of this "more rabid foreign community" during the fifty-three months since the outbreak of the war?

Not a single resident of the district has been convicted of disloyalty. Not a single resident has been interned in concentration camps. Hundreds of young men have donned Khaki to fight for the country of their adoption. Not a single worthy war charity, such as the Patriotic Fund, the Y. M. C. A. Drive, the Catholic Army Huts Fund etc. etc. were turned down, but received the most hearty financial support. The greater production drive was entered into a whole-hearted and effective manner. Law and order were observed to such an extent, that the government police force in the district was without any misgivings on the part of the authorities, reduced below its numbers in peace time. The government was financially supported by the prompt payment of taxes on the part of the residents. All this despite the passing of that infamous piece of Conservative legislation, the War-Times Election Act of 1917, which directly deprived many hundreds of loyal citizens of the district of their most cherished civic right, the franchise, and, by its provisions opened the way for conscience-less registrars to deprive hundreds of others of the franchise by downright fraud.

When the government called upon its citizens for the greatest loan in the history of Canada, two months ago, did this "more rabid foreign community" shrink the manifest duty of loyalty? By no means! Despite the fact that hundreds of its loyal citizens had just been deprived of the satisfaction of reading newspapers in their mother tongue, and despite the fact that the influenza was raging in the district to such an extent that in some parts of the district all the canvassers were down with it during the whole drive, the district of Humboldt exceeded its allotment by over 43 per cent, and the 137 subscriptions averaged \$251.67 each. Compare this result with that attained in the district of Lloydminster, the center of an all-British colony, settled in the same year as the Humboldt district, where the 404 subscriptions averaged \$168.14 each. Compare this result with that in the district of Quill Lake, immediately adjoining the Humboldt district on the east, and settled principally by British born people, where the 132 subscriptions averaged \$170.15 each.

We do not quote these figures, derived from the official results of the Liberty Loan campaign, in order to make invidious comparisons with our friends in these other districts, for we are convinced that they did their full duty. We merely publish them in order to repel mean-spirited aspersions by an unprincipled and dangerous newspaper combine, which is owned and controlled by a German-speaking foreign-born individual, and which is endeavoring to monopolize, by fair means and foul, the public opinion of the great Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

If the Humboldt district is, as the Hydra asserts, one of "the more rabid foreign communities in our midst," then it is involuntarily paying a great tribute to the loyalty of other foreign-speaking communities in this province, and indirectly it is convicting itself of calumny when it accuses St. Peter's Bote of carrying on a "subversive propaganda," for it is certain that St. Peter's Bote has had a great share in moulding the public opinion of the people in the Humboldt district, and "By their fruits ye shall know them."

St. Peter's Colony

ANNAHEIM.—After a lingering illness of about three weeks Mrs. Josephine Maier, the devoted wife of Mr. John Maier, passed away to receive her eternal reward last Saturday morning, Dec. 14th. She was well prepared for the end, having been fortified repeatedly by the devout reception of the holy sacraments of the Church. The funeral took place Tuesday, Dec. 17th. The deceased is survived by her husband, her father Mr. John Binsfeld of St. Gregor and a number of brothers and sisters. Among the parishes of St. Peter's Colony St. Ann's is to be counted with those stricken the hardest by the influenza, the deaths resulting therefrom aggregating to nearly the same number suffered by St. Augustine's parish of Humboldt.

The Rev. Father Bernard has now completely recovered from his illness and is able to perform his sacerdotal duties again. On Saturday he motored via St. Gregor to Münster and thence to Lenora Lake where he conducted the usual Sunday services for the parish.

LENORA LAKE.—Mr. Philip Linda, of St. Brieux, mourns the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Margaret, nee Joessel, which took place Dec. 8th. The Linda family

were visiting at Mr. Linda's parents at Lenora Lake, and while there were attacked by influenza. Her remains were laid to rest in St. Anthony's cemetery at Lenora Lake, Dec. 9th, the Rev. Father Casimir of Dead Moose Lake performing the last rites, of the Church over the corpse.

HUMBOLDT.—The Ven. Sisters of St. Elizabeth, heretofore wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following moneys and donations received and collected which will be used towards the erection of the new addition to the hospital, and for which they wish to express their most cordial thanks: Humboldt and vicinity \$261.00 St. Benedict 188.55 Münster 187.72 Dead Moose Lake 151.75 Lenora Lake 120.00 Leofeld 100.00 Annaheim 93.00 Carmel 56.65 Pilger 56.15 Immaculate Conception 24.00 St. Scholastica 18.00 Cadworth 13.50 An unnamed benefactor 50.00 Unnamed at Bruno 10.00 " " Fulda 5.00 " " St. Gregor 5.00

May God reward the generous givers to St. Elizabeth Hospital most abundantly! Furthermore the good Sisters of Humboldt wish

to avail themselves of this opportunity to extend to their kind benefactors the greetings of the season by wishing them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The number of influenza patients having received treatment at St. Elizabeth Hospital up to Dec. 15th has increased to 108. Of these 80 were discharged as being cured and 11 succumbed to the malady. Only 8 are still nursed at the hospital. The new cases coming in now are mostly from the country districts.

A nice and fresh box of Chocolates will be much appreciated as a Christmas present. Get it at the Humboldt Candy Kitchen.

The west bound C. N. R. passenger train on Dec. 10th struck a deer about ten miles east of Humboldt. The train was stopped and the crew picked up the carcass and put it onto the train.

Pte. Peter Gasser, who has been in the army during the summer, has received his discharge and returned to his home here.

WANTED experienced Sales-lady. One with grocery experience preferred. Apply, stating wages wanted and give reference to C. BRUSER, Humboldt.

Messrs. S. Schaefer & Ecker last week shipped six carloads of cattle and two carloads of hogs to the Winnipeg market.

Humboldt's mayoralty election on Dec. 9th resulted in the re-election of Mayor Telfer by a majority of 14 over his opponent, F.H. Bence. The vote polled was: Telfer 149, Bence 135; there were 10 spoiled ballots, making the total vote polled 294. The vacancies on the school boards were filled by acclamation on nomination day as follows: High School Board: Messrs. Archie Power, H. J. Folk, J. H. Brown, Public School Board: Messrs. W. H. St. Ives, G. R. Watson, J. M. Crenar, Separate School Board: Messrs. F. I. Hauser, Anton Mettel.

Mr. J. W. Burton was re-elected reeve for the R. M. of Humboldt by acclamation, Dec. 2nd. In divisions 1 and 5 Mr. Nic. Schreiner and Mr. Peter Rauw respectively were elected councillors by acclamation.

Get your Christmas Candies in our store. They are always fresh, clean and kept in the most sanitary way. Humboldt Candy Kitchen.

DANA.—Two children of Mr. Normand, our former postmaster, who now resides at Howell, André and Marie, have recently died of the influenza.

BRUNO.—The daily papers of the Province of Saskatchewan reported on Dec. 14th that an act, introduced by Mr. James Hogan, M. P. P., to incorporate the Ursuline Nuns of Bruno, was given its second reading by the provincial legislature on Friday, Dec. 13th.

MÜNSTER.—Beginning with the Pontifical High Mass or Christmas night the usual solemn Church services at our Abbey Church, will be inaugurated again, after they had been discontinued and converted into more or less private services since the outbreak of the influenza.

Mr. A. H. Pilla, who seemed to enjoy immunity from the contagion of influenza, has finally, last week, contracted the disease also, and is now confined to his bed.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, on Christmas eve, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, there will be held a real "Christkindchen Bescherung" at Woell-Mainzer's Store. Bring all your children along and have each one get a present. Woell-Mainzer Co., Ltd., Münster.

was called to the bedside of Mr. Joseph Suchan, of St. Scholastica's Mission, whom he found suffering from severe hemorrhages of the lungs, a consequence of tuberculosis with which the patient has been afflicted since a number of years.

During the course of the past week St. Peter's Bote has received the following moneys: From a reader at Münster \$5.00 for the Orphanage at Prince Albert, from a reader at Carmel \$1.00 for the same good purpose and from a reader at Bruno \$5.00 for Father Egenolf. God bless you!

We refer our readers to page 2 and 3 of this issue of St. Peter's Bote where they will find additional news contained in very interesting correspondences.

The weather of the past week was mostly cloudy and dreary, but not very cold. A year ago at this time we were experiencing the fiercest cold of last winter.

Do not forget to visit my Candy Store. My Choice Christmas Candies, Nuts and Toys will gladden the hearts of your little ones. My store will be open from now on again every day until Christmas from 2-4 o'clock.

Caroline Mamer, Münster. The Ven. Fr. Philip Wartman, O.S.B., went to St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., last Friday, Dec. 13th, in order to pursue and complete his ecclesiastical studies there. The last three weeks he was assisting Father Bernard at Anaheim during his illness.

ST. GREGOR.—Mr. John Van Bergen will sell by public auction on his farm, 2 1/2 miles north of St. Gregor, on Friday, Dec. 27th, his livestock consisting of 6 horses, 21 head of cattle, a lot of chickens and turkeys, all his machinery, etc. Everybody invited to this big sale. The annual meeting of the St. Gregor Volksverein which should have taken place ere this, had to be postponed on account of the epidemic. The sickness now being practically over the date fixed for this meeting is Sunday Dec. 22nd.

The Committee per Emil Hohmann, Secy. WATSON.—The flag flying over the King George Hotel is the official recognition of the fact that Watson subscribed considerable more than its allotted portion of the Victory Loan.

Messrs. W. F. Bates, E. M. Bates, A. Ketchen and the Grain Growers' Association all shipped ears of cattle last week.

CORRESPONDENCES.

WATSON, Sask., Dec. 14th, 1918 Dear St. Peter's Bote:

The first and oldest school benches were the mother's lap and the father's knee. Thereby we see that the parents are the first teachers of the child, and they remain such as long as the child lives. But since the parents' time is greatly occupied with the necessities of life on the one hand, and since they are ordinarily not qualified to impart a thorough education on the other hand, they erect school houses and engage teachers to carry on and complete the work of education, which the parents had begun. Hence the teacher is taking the place of the parents, and assuming the responsibility for the child while the latter is at school, and representing the parents the teacher has also the perfect right and, even, duty to correct a child, and if necessary, punish same severely. But it is also the duty of the teacher to watch over the children while they are at play, so that when anything either in words, actions or otherwise crops up which is contrary to good morals, the evil may be eradicated and the culprit corrected. The parents, however, should assist the teacher, and cooperate with him as far as it is necessary to bring up

good men should give understand the teacher. There would the school pupils work their work the near not look to them?

At a meeting of the Sask. Co. Ltd., London were elected the board ensuring year chairman; Jno. Hufschil Bergeman. was elected the Watson's Elevator Co. Regina Dec.

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