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CHILDREN OF MANAWAGONISH SCHOOL IN GOOD PROGRAMME Last evening the pupils of the Manawagonish school, under the capable direction of Miss Mary McLeod, their teacher, repeated a Christmas concert in the school house, proceeds to go toward the Patriotic Fund. There was a large attendance, taking the capacity of the building. The various numbers on the programme were excellently rendered and well worthy of the applause of parents and friends. Much credit is due the children for the time spent in practice and in presenting the entertainments and also to Miss McLeod to whose efforts the success of the evening was largely due. The following programme was carried out: Chorus—Canadian All school. Recitation—Christmas Eve at North Pole, Charles Elworthy. Recitation—The Equinox, Ernest Thorne. Exercise—A Christmas Alphabet, nine pupils. Chorus—Jolly Old Kris, school. Recitation—Night After Christmas, Willis Carvell. Recitation—Second Table, Gordon Beattie. Exercise—Christmas Star, Ten pupils. Recitation—Ten Christmas Presents, Edith Carvell. Recitation—Little Santa, Kenneth Thorne. March and chorus—Holly Wreathes, twelve girls. Recitation—St. Santa, Robert Beattie. Dialogue—Christmas with the Rugsies, ten pupils—Ella Dow as Mrs. Rugsies. Chorus—Santa Claus, school. Recitation—Overheard at Christmas, Marion Carvell. Recitation—Santa's Dilemma, Priscilla Harris. Dialogue and chorus—The Crying Family, school. Recitation—A Mother Goose Party, Florence Beattie. Recitation—The Marriage of Santa,

Margaret Long. Recitation—A War Alphabet, school. Chorus—We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall, school. God Save the King. The pupils not already mentioned, who took part in the exercises, dialogues, march and choruses were Ruth and Alice Linton, Minnie and John Reed, Lottie, David and Edward Long, Ralph and Lewis Ellis, Gordon Carvell, Marie and Wilfred Dow, Hazel, Lavinia, Beatrice and Edith Bilsard, George and William Dunham.

SOCKS FOR BRITISH TROOPS IN EGYPT ARE NEEDED Letter From Major Geoghegan—Contributions Will be Received Here As the result of a letter from Major Geoghegan to his wife, who was then in Malta, and who was formerly Miss Scammell of this city, an appeal is being made in St. John this week for a consignment of socks for the British troops in Egypt. Major Geoghegan is with these troops, and, writing to his wife, said that there was great need of heavy woolen socks for the men. The government supplies them with muffs and Balclava caps, which do not protect them, but there is great need of socks.

It is desired to get as many pairs of large woolen socks as possible, and arrangements have been made to have them shipped direct to Major Geoghegan. All who are willing to contribute should send their contributions either in socks or cash to Miss Scammell, 118 Orange street, before the 20th of this month. Mrs. Geoghegan, who was in Malta when she wrote, is probably now in England on her way home. POLICE COURT. In the police court this morning one man charged with drunkenness was remanded.

"We Are Starving," Says Hidden Message In Letter From Berlin Comes To St. John From British Woman Who Married German Officer—Concealed Under The Postage Stamp and Cleverly Hinted At

Snugly concealed beneath an ordinary little postage stamp, in its usual place on the corner of a letter received yesterday by a resident of a suburb just a short run from St. John was a message of deep significance to all who have an interest in the war—and who has not? The letter was just a plain, matter-of-fact letter. It told of how greatly starved all people in Germany were because of the war—the writer was a British woman who had married one of the Kaiser's officers, and whose husband was serving at the front. "We are starving," under the stamp was the message in ink. "For various reasons in view of possible changes in the European maps" said the writer who evidently feared its being opened by the severe hand of censorship, "you had better place this stamp over steam and save it—it might be worth something some day." The hint was taken and the receiver of the letter held the envelope over steam, softening the mucilage in a few moments the stamp came off and there just slightly dimmed but still quite readable was the message from Berlin, giving just a hint as to what conditions of food-supply must be in the Fatherland.

COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE NOT LIKELY TO SHOW MUCH OF INCREASE Prediction Rather Cheerful and Will be Welcomed by City Ratepayers

It was learned this morning that the county estimates will show a very small increase over last year, contrary to the figures submitted by Mayor Frink at Monday's committee meeting. The first grant for the tuberculosis hospital will be only one-third the annual charge as it is not expected the institution will be in full running order until September. This will mean a vote of \$10,000 instead of \$30,000. It is declared probable, too, that the council will be able to make use of the unused school fund which, through a slight error in calculation, has been growing each year and has now reached the comfortable sum of \$20,000. It is pointed out that this would provide for the Belgian relief efforts, the amounting to \$12,000 and practically for the new hospital, thus wiping out the additional charges and making county assessment practically the same. This is a consumption devoutly to be wished by city ratepayers as they are growing weary of something like eighty-eight per cent.

FAIRVILLE NEWS The Early Closing—Soldiers' Visit—Skating Schemes Feasible Temporarily

As previously intimated, several at least of the merchants will close shops tonight at seven o'clock and no doubt the success of the plan will rest on just how many will do so. Meanwhile some are asking who started the movement, but there is no apparent answer. The suggestion was over the counter so long a time and by so many that to give the credit to any individual would be something like project could appropriately be given as a sign of the times. The 29th Battalion marched through Fairville yesterday as on several previous occasions and took up positions in the Quinton field, where they were camped. Most of the manoeuvring was in the vicinity of the marsh. The soldiers attracted quite a number of citizens. Apparently still was much more popular than usual and the men carried the full equipment of war time and were handling on the same principle. The sight from the roadway above was very absorbing. The opening game in the boys' basketball league in the Baptist gymnasium yesterday afternoon proved very interesting and the victors regarded their triumph as of more important consequence, judging by their excited explanations when giving the report to the newspaper. In the first game the Beavers took and held during the half quite a lead over the Lions but in the second half Captain Alie Reid skillfully rearranged his team and won by a score of 20 to 15. Captain Leonard Reid maneuvered the vanquished Beavers. The second game was won by the Beavers over the Eagles 10 to 0. Try as he might Captain John Linton would not successfully meet the play of the Beavers under Captain Eddie Cameron. There were no casualties, but it was some game from all reports. Several persons had speech yesterday afternoon with Mark Carey before he made his final escape from the parish on the Boston train. Two energetic Fairville citizens who remember the natural feelings of a boy for a chance to skate, and with an interest in the safety of children in the community when indulging in the sport obtained sanction from owners of the reservoir at the foot of Ready street in regard to the liquid required, and also the fire departments and thus equipped, proceeded to flood the reservoir for the youngsters' benefit as a skating pond. Unfortunately the water leaked out through a place that requires a few loads of clay and the efforts of the rink makers went for naught. However, the matter will not rest at that for arrangements are being made to have the opening closed and within a few days it is hoped the old reservoir may again be the scene of sport and good boyish fun. Meanwhile the promoters of the scheme deserve the gratitude of parents for their thoughtfulness and concern about the boys who sorely need a proper place to skate without being subject to danger. Fraternally Lodge I. O. F. No. 110 met last night in Orange Hall and the conspicuous enthusiasm which headed the advent of this organization into the village was again demonstrated as the gathering was large. It was decided to boost for new members and make next year the banner year. Attention was directed last evening to the fact that one member was already serving king and country with the first contingent and two others in good standing while they are away with the troop. The financial statements showed the lodge to be prosperous.

"TEETH OF NORTH SHORE GALE PREFERABLE TO SO MUCH M'YD AND SLUSH"

New Brunswick With First Contenting Signs For Biting Cold and Looks Forward to Front St. John Boys Sat Down to as Fine a Christmas Dinner "As One Could Wish"—Masonic Members Entertained by Empire Lodge in London—St. John Member of Fighting Worcestershire Now Resting and Thoughts Turn To Baccy. Sergt. J. G. Emslie, of B Company, 12th Battalion, Salisbury Plain, formerly of the travelling staff of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Ltd., writes to friends in the city that, so far as weather conditions are concerned, he "would rather be driving in the teeth of the gale along the North Shore" any old day than to plow through the mud and slush of the plain, but that nevertheless the spirit of the Canadians is undaunted. They are only waiting to get to the front to show the stuff they are made of. He says that the St. John boys sat down to as fine a Christmas dinner as anyone could wish for, and that the men who were not on leave felt very well pleased that they had not gone away. With many of his friends in the old country he fared very well for Christmas gifts, and was able to share with some others not so fortunate. His only complaint was that as could not buy his favorite cigarettes in London. During the Christmas he enjoyed himself thoroughly and with others of the Masonic fraternity was entertained by Empire Lodge in the metropolis. On this occasion Col. H. F. McLeod was present and a stirring speech which was much appreciated by the English brethren. Sergt. Emslie is looking forward to a few days leave on his native heath to Scotland before going to the front. Wm. Hudson, of this city, who was in the thick of the fighting with the valorous Worcestershire who were specially mentioned by General French, is now enjoying a well-earned rest and writes to friends here that he would appreciate the "makings" of sundry cigarettes. Mrs. T. Nash of 800 Union street, has received a letter from her husband, Driver T. Nash at Salisbury Plain, dated Christmas Day. He wrote that they were enjoying Christmas and that their officers and sergeants were driving their teams to enable them to have a good time. The men were then under the impression that they would start for the front about the middle of January. Driver Nash had three days in London and enjoyed it very much. Driver Nash wrote that a parcel which had been sent from St. John for him early in the fall had never arrived and Mrs. Nash is now trying to find some trace of it.

PROBATE COURT

In the Probate Court today in the matter of the estate of Robert H. Clancy, brick layer and mason, there was return of citation to pass the accounts of The Eastern Trust Company, the administrator. The accounts are found correct and passed and an order of distribution of the balance of the estate made. It will be among the widow, two sons, a daughter and the child of a deceased sister. Messrs. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are proctors for the administrator, John A. Barry proctor for the next of kin. The matter of Jeffrey St. John Peters and Harry Hewlett Peters, infants, children of the late Horace Jeffrey Peters, came up. They are entitled to a small interest in the estate of their father, and also an interest in the estate of their maternal grandmother, the deceased widow of Dr. Martin Hunter Peters. On the petition of the infants, joined in by their mother, Mary Genevieve Peters, she was appointed guardian of their persons and estates. Authority was given to expend the income and a portion of the principal, if necessary, for the infants' education. Bowyer is proctor. The matter of Kathleen L. Smith and Walter B. Smith, infants, also was taken up. The infants are entitled to a legacy under the will of their grandfather, the late Amos T. Godsoe. On the petition of the infants, joined in by their father, Samuel S. Smith, he was appointed guardian. Kenneth A. Wilson is proctor. In the matter of the estate of Rev. John A. Clark, there was an adjourned hearing on the accounts of J. S. Clark, the surviving executor. The accounts, which are necessarily of a complicated nature, were further gone into and adjournment made until the 14th instant. The accounts in the meanwhile are to be gone into by an auditor, James A. Beyer, K. C., is proctor for the executor, M. G. Teed, K. C., for Percy S. Clark, a son of the deceased, and Henry A. Powell, K. C., for Jean Spang Clark, a daughter of the deceased.

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