

WORK OF TRIJANT OFFICER TELLS

Good Results from Getting After Children Who Shirk School

SOME INSTANCES WHICH ILLUSTRATE

Mr. McMann Speaks of Cases Encountered—Attendance at Schools Increased and Streets Show a Difference—Reformatory Sentence a Salutary Lesson.

The compulsory education act has now been in force in this city nineteen months and in that time changes have occurred in the community. Prominent citizens say that there never was a time within their memory when the streets were so clear of children during school hours and the principals of the schools say that the attendance was never so high as it is now.

A great deal of the credit for the better conditions is ascribed to the untiring efforts of J. Boyd McMann, the truant officer. As an example of the work done by him it may be mentioned that in the five school months from April 1 to November 1, 1907, he has visited no less than 460 homes to ascertain the causes which were keeping the children out of school. Many of these homes were visited over and over again when the little ones did not turn up in their classes.

Twenty-five arrests were made and out of that number one was sent to the reformatory. In connection with this case Mr. McMann tells an interesting story. He says that ever since the opening of the present school term he had been after a boy who was absenting himself from school. The morning after the sentence in the police court the lad turned up voluntarily and the building and has been attending ever since.

The figures for truants were: April, 39; May, 21; June, 13; September, 27; and October, 23. The year, however, it has been returned to school, however, and the principals report that as ranking among their best scholars.

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LOST TROUSSEAU BUT IS MARRIED

Empress of Ireland Passenger Came Here to Meet Intended Husband—Several on Similar Mission.

A wedding in St. Jude's church on Saturday morning had more than the usual element of romance. On the arrival of the steamer Empress of Ireland, on Friday one passenger could be seen eagerly scanning the crowd on the wharf for a familiar face. The passenger was Miss Sarah Ellen Jenkins, of London, and the face for which she was looking was that of Ernest Harry Bridger, of St. George, but formerly of London.

The two were friends in the old country and last spring Mr. Bridger came to New Brunswick to make a home for himself and the girl he loved. He is employed by Mr. Lawrence in St. George, and as was planned, Miss Jenkins came on the first steamer which reached St. John. On the passage she was unfortunate enough to lose a small cabin trunk containing a part of the trousseau, but this mishap did not prevent the wedding.

Miss Perkins spent the night with Mrs. H. O. Peters, 20 City road, and on Saturday at 11 o'clock the wedding took place. Rev. G. P. Scovill performed the ceremony. The couple left on the N. B. Southern train for their new home in St. George.

It is reported that a number of the passengers of the Empress came to Canada on the same interesting mission as did Miss Jenkins. As many as seven young ladies were going to meet their intended husbands and one was feeling badly over the loss of a diamond ring and a banjo which she believes were stolen.

Steve Adams Out on Bail Rabbidrum, Idaho, Nov. 25—Steve Adams, the juror in whose trial for the murder of Fred Tyler, reported a disengagement, was admitted to bail today in the amount of \$20,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK MISSIONARY DIES OF YELLOW FEVER

Rev. A. T. Firth, But a Few Weeks in Charge of Church in Trinidad

NATIVE OF CAMPBELLTON

Had Said Good-bye to Mother and Family Only Two Months Ago to Take Up Work Among Island Natives—Judge Forbes Receives Word of His Death.

Hon. J. G. Forbes Monday received word of the death of Rev. A. T. Firth, formerly of Campbellton (N. B.). He passed away in Trinidad after a brief illness. Mr. Firth was inducted into charge of the church in Trinidad only a few weeks ago, succeeding Rev. Dr. Grant, who had resigned.

Soon after taking up the work Mr. Firth was stricken down by yellow fever. He is survived by his mother, brother and several sisters, from whom he parted only two months ago. Donald C. Firth, of Campbellton, is an uncle. In an account of his funeral, a Trinidad paper says:

"The funeral of the late Rev. A. T. Firth took place on Wednesday afternoon at the church of the Holy Trinity, San Fernando, to the cemetery. The cortege was very large and representative. At the church the Rev. W. P. Simpson conducted the funeral service, which was choral. The choir was led by Miss Beatrice Francis, who presided at the organ. The ceremony commenced with the singing of hymn No. 236, 'Asleep in Jesus,' followed by the reading of scripture by the Rev. J. S. Wilson. The Rev. Dr. Morton offered a pathetic prayer, in the course of which he prayed that strength might be given to the deceased's mother, brothers and sisters, to receive the sad news. The choir sang 'O God Our Help in Ages Past,' and the Rev. S. A. Fraser pronounced the benediction.

"That portion of the service ended, the cortege formed up in procession order after the coffin had been borne to the hearse by the church committee. Eight ministers walked before the hearse and other ministers came immediately behind. They were the Revs. Dr. Morton, James and Coffin, the Revs. Harvey Morton, W. McC. Thomson, W. H. Maxwell, J. S. Wilson, W. F. Dickson, A. W. Thompson, S. A. Fraser, W. B. Mattinson, R. A. Cook, W. P. Simpson, the Rev. Canon Doory, the Revs. G. H. McEbrans, Wm. Springer, J. C. Pemberton and Lal Beatty. The boys of the Naparima College, the boys and girls of the primary school and many men and women were in the funeral procession.

"At the grave the Revs. W. McC. Thomson and W. P. Simpson recited the remaining portion of the burial service and the Rev. W. P. Dickson offered the closing prayer. The beautiful casket which contained the body was lowered into another box which had been placed in the grave, and covered. Very many wreaths were sent, so that the grave was literally covered with them."

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary J. Wallace. At Brown's Flat, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Mrs. Mary J. Wallace passed away. The deceased was in her eighty-fourth year, and had been an invalid for several years. She is survived by eight children, three daughters and five sons. The body was taken to her old home, Jerusalem, for interment.

Roy Lamb. Roy Lamb, eldest son of George and Annie Lamb, died quite suddenly at his home, Perry's Point, Kings county (N. B.), Nov. 19, aged nineteen years. Beside his father and mother he leaves two sisters and one brother, now in health. Although he had been in poor health for some time, his death came as a sudden shock to his friends in the community. Much sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement. He was a faithful attendant of the Perry Point Sunday school, and Temperance Lodge, always cheerful and ready to aid the cause of good. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral took place at the Presbyterian church, Jubilee, and was largely attended.

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T. M. Seely, editor of the Yarmouth Light, has purchased the Annapolis Spectator.

Madame Yulise Harrison has been engaged as the leading soprano in the Main street Baptist church choir.

Miss Grace Coeter, of Carleton, is the winner of the gold medal offered by Senator Ellis for English competition in the high school.

Commencing Monday the James Pender Company will reduce the working day from ten to eight hours. The Maritime Nail Works will cut off the night shift after the same day.

Handolph & Baker's mill at Randolph closed down for the season Friday after a good run. The mill opened on April 13 and has been running only three days and a half during that time, including two public holidays.

Eleven death took place in the city last week from the following causes: Pneumonia and heart disease, two each; convulsions, consumption, endocarditis, senile dementia, one each; ever, congestion of the lungs and fracture of the skull, one each.

The river steamers Victoria, Mary Queen and Hampstead are now in winter quarters and it is likely the Hampton will tie up for the season today. The rest of the boats will haul on as long as possible. The season is said to have been an average one.

It appears that there was no truth in the North End story that a young husband had eloped with a hotel servant, as the young man has returned home as predicted by his wife. It is now stated that the young woman referred to is still in the city.

Many outside applications are among those being made for tickets for the banquet to be given here on December 4 in honor of J. D. Hazen, M. P., leader of the local opposition. The banquet will be in the Keith assembly rooms and the chair will be taken at 7 o'clock. About 200, it is expected, will be present.

Rev. George Titus, of the North End, lately stationed at Niagara Falls, has accepted a call to the Christ Church, W. R. of Welford, has been invited to the pulpit of the Wesley Memorial church, Moncton, by Rev. G. A. Young, of St. Stephen, has been called to Halifax.

Alexandria Temple of Honor has passed a resolution of sympathy with the temperance people of Westmorland county. They have elected and installed the following officers: Worthy chief temple, James Pickens; W. V. T. John Irving; W. R. R. H. Wilson; W. A. R. L. P. Gallou; W. U. Thos. Black; W. A. U. F. Duval; W. S. A. Ramsay; P. W. T. Chas. Gallou; W. C. A. J. Dearness; and W. G. Alexander Andrews.

Montréal, Nov. 25.—(Special)—The death occurred today at the Montréal General Hospital of Mrs. H. LeRoy Shaw, formerly Miss Sadie Thompson, daughter of Senator Thompson, of Fredericton (N. B.), and niece of the late Lieut. Governor Snowdon. She was seventy years of age. She had been suffering from typhoid for the last eight days and on Tuesday was removed to the hospital. On Friday pneumonia set in and her death took place at 6 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Shaw had been a resident of Montréal since her marriage eight months ago. She leaves a little daughter. The funeral will take place in Fredericton tomorrow at 7 o'clock, age 74 years. She was the daughter of the late James W. Olive, a native of this city. Besides her two daughters, the Misses Ann and Margaret Thompson, and a Mr. Shaw, father of LeRoy Shaw.

Mrs. J. Murray McLeod. Sussex, Nov. 25.—(Special)—Mrs. J. Murray McLeod, an old and respected lady of Penobscot, died at her home this morning at 7 o'clock, aged 74 years. She was stricken with paralysis about a week ago. Deceased was a devoted member of the Baptist church. She children and two daughters are Mrs. George Jackson, Wollaston Park (Mass.); Mrs. John Wallace, Highlandville, and Louise at home. The sons are: Jacob H. McLeod, Wollaston Park (Mass.); and John H., of Wollaston Park (Mass.). The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home; Rev. C. J. Steeves will officiate.

Richard Olsson. Newcastle, N. B., Nov. 24.—(Special)—Richard Olsson, of Lower Derby, died yesterday after two years' illness, aged sixty, leaving a wife and four children—two sons and two daughters. He was a native of this city. Besides her two daughters, the Misses Ann and Margaret Thompson, and a Mr. Shaw, father of LeRoy Shaw.

Sarah A. Reid. Salt Springs, Nov. 23.—The death of Sarah A. Reid, of West End, occurred at this place at the home of Alexander Reid, Jr., of Cambridge, N. B., on Friday. She was seventy years old, had been ill since Oct. 15, and was a patient sufferer. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ratterson Corner, and one brother, Alexander Reid, of this place.

Mrs. W. J. Shannon. Annapolis, N. S., Nov. 23.—(Special)—The death of Mrs. Shannon, wife of W. J. Shannon, druggist, of this town, occurred here this afternoon after a prolonged illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude. Deceased, who was about seventy years of age, was one of the Henderson family of St. John, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends to whom she endeared herself by her many acts of kindness and cheerful disposition. She was elected some years ago president of the Women's Temperance Union and was continued in office for a long term of years and will be greatly missed and missed. A large number of friends from the community goes out to the bereaved family in their affliction. The body will be taken to St. John for interment.

James L. McConnell. A particularly sad death took place last evening at the residence of William J. McConnell, 33 Union street, west side, when Miss Annie McConnell, daughter of the late James McConnell, died at the age of a few weeks ago. She had been confined to the house but no serious termination of his illness was thought of. Last evening, however, he grew suddenly worse and, though he was attended by his parents, he being the fifth child they have lost in eight years. Two children survive. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew P. Sherwood. Norton, Nov. 25.—Andrew P. Sherwood, of Norton, Kings county, will have the sympathy of a host of friends in the death of his wife, Mrs. Sherwood, who died at her home, 15, Mrs. Sherwood was a Miss Laird, of Upham, Kings county, she was 59 years old. A sorrowing family of husband, one daughter, Miss A. Sherwood (now Mrs. W. W. Emerson, of Moncton); two sons—Wendell, of Moncton; and Fred, at home; also three brothers and one sister with a large circle of other relatives mourn her death. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, the services being conducted by Rev. A. Perry, and was largely attended, a number of friends being present from a distance among them being A. Sherwood, from Hillsboro, and F. W. Emerson, of Moncton.

Mrs. George H. Cortright. Louis H. Cortright, advertising manager of the Times and Telegraph has received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. George H. Cortright, in Auburn (N. Y.). She was 51 years of age. Mrs. Cortright leaves, besides her husband, four sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place on Wednesday at Auburn. Mr. Cortright left Monday night to attend.

Countess Eugonia Della Torre. At Paris, France, on the 18th October, Countess Eugonia beloved wife of Jean Della Torre, a most estimable lady, kind, good and charitable, one who lived a very quiet and unpretentious life. Mr. Della Torre, of this city, and his brother, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, are very closely related, being first cousins—Sydney, C. B. Daily Post.

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T. M. Seely, editor of the Yarmouth Light, has purchased the Annapolis Spectator.

Madame Yulise Harrison has been engaged as the leading soprano in the Main street Baptist church choir.

Miss Grace Coeter, of Carleton, is the winner of the gold medal offered by Senator Ellis for English competition in the high school.

Commencing Monday the James Pender Company will reduce the working day from ten to eight hours. The Maritime Nail Works will cut off the night shift after the same day.

Handolph & Baker's mill at Randolph closed down for the season Friday after a good run. The mill opened on April 13 and has been running only three days and a half during that time, including two public holidays.

Eleven death took place in the city last week from the following causes: Pneumonia and heart disease, two each; convulsions, consumption, endocarditis, senile dementia, one each; ever, congestion of the lungs and fracture of the skull, one each.

The river steamers Victoria, Mary Queen and Hampstead are now in winter quarters and it is likely the Hampton will tie up for the season today. The rest of the boats will haul on as long as possible. The season is said to have been an average one.

It appears that there was no truth in the North End story that a young husband had eloped with a hotel servant, as the young man has returned home as predicted by his wife. It is now stated that the young woman referred to is still in the city.

Many outside applications are among those being made for tickets for the banquet to be given here on December 4 in honor of J. D. Hazen, M. P., leader of the local opposition. The banquet will be in the Keith assembly rooms and the chair will be taken at 7 o'clock. About 200, it is expected, will be present.

Rev. George Titus, of the North End, lately stationed at Niagara Falls, has accepted a call to the Christ Church, W. R. of Welford, has been invited to the pulpit of the Wesley Memorial church, Moncton, by Rev. G