

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 Different 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 trustee 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.

A study of his figures may be found interesting. Thus in April he visited 130 homes, in May 74, in June 94, in September 97, and October 88. During that period he has dealt with 133 truants, 53 of whom are classed as habituals. By far the greater number of these were boys, and Mr. McMann says the most difficult to deal with were those between the ages of eight and fourteen.

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 a central school, but could never locate him. The morning after the sentence in the police court the lad turned up voluntarily at 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 ending October 23 has returned to school, however, and the principals report that as ranking among their best scholars.

Irregular Attendance. Mr. McMann also found a great many pupils irregular in their attendance. Great care, he says, has to be taken in dealing with these cases as in some instances the temporary absence arises from unavoidable causes. In some, however, it has been found that the mother has framed unnecessary and frivolous excuses and these have been followed up by the trustee officer with good results. On the whole, however, Mr. McMann says a head with on the part of parents a readiness to help him enforce the act, which has surprised him. He has not met one, even in the families where children have had to be arrested, who did not heartily approve of the law and express regret that it did not come in force long ago.

The trustee officer, talking about the excuses given for non-attendance, said that some of them are very laughable, but some, on the other hand, are pathetic enough. Want of proper clothing for the children is urged in some cases, but Mr. McMann adds that he has not found a case where charity would be accepted, but if given time the father will invariably buy whatever is necessary for the child.

In addition to following up truants reported by the school principals, Mr. McMann has been doing excellent work picking up children of school age off the streets and also taking them in cases where illegally employed and restoring them to school attendance.

As a consequence of his activities, Mr. McMann reports that some of the principals say that the attendance in their buildings is larger than ever before. In some cases it is as high as 90 and 85 per cent. Many citizens are now beginning to pin on the fact that the streets are so clear of children.

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 marry in the party, and one was feeling badly over the loss of a diamond ring and a banjo which she believes were stolen.

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 Susumachar, the native Presbyterian church, San Fernando, 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 Susumachar church, 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. 326, '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. Drs. Norton, Jamieson 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 Susumachar 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."

CITY MUST CUT DOWN OVERDRAFT IN BANK

Probable Short Term Bonds Will Be Issued Before Long for Running Expenses.

The present stringency in the money market will likely have considerable effect on the financial transactions of the city. The rate of interest on the overdraft of the Bank of New Brunswick has notified the civic authorities that certain limitations will have to be made in the amount of the overdraft, and as a consequence it may be necessary to issue a series of short term bonds bearing a higher rate of interest than usual to meet current expenses.

On Oct. 1 the city's overdraft amounted to \$133,000, which was wiped out by the tax receipts amounting to about \$100,000. Since then the heavy expenditures usual at this time of year has again resulted in an overdraft of about \$70,000.

Under an agreement with the bank made in 1905 the city secured a fixed rate of four and a half per cent for overdrafts and the difference of one-half per cent during the current year has resulted in a saving of more than \$6,000 on the amount borrowed from the bank. Without this agreement the rate at the present time would be probably five and a half or six per cent.

Ald. Bullock, chairman of the treasury board, whose committee the agreement was made, when seen yesterday, said the arrangement with the bank had some months to run but should it become necessary to restrict the amount of the overdraft, as appeared likely, the city would probably issue short term bonds bearing interest at five per cent to meet current expenses which, in view of the wharf building on the west side and other large expenditures, were unusually heavy.

In this connection Ald. Bullock made reference to the advantage which would be gained financially by changing the beginning of the assessment year from April to January. He estimated, he said, that by collecting the taxes four months earlier \$10,000 annually would be saved in interest. This new feature, he added, was embodied in the new assessment act and he hoped to see it in operation in 1909.

The Honkers. When all the woods are red and gold, And corn is shocked and dry, And the wild geese overhead Go speeding down the sky, These mighty pinons cleave the air, To southern marshes bound, And thringing trumpet sound, Their ringing trumpet sound, Hark, hark!

Between the meadows bare and brown, And waiting for the snow, The autist is speeding fast, And like an echo loud and far Across the frosty morn, I hear upon the whistling wind His wild and warbling horn— Hark, hark! —Mina Irving in Lippincott's.

The river steamers Aberdeen and Elaine will stop running on the river only when compelled to by the ice. Nearly all the tugboats are now in winter quarters.

A proposal to confer the freedom of the city on John Redmond failed to pass at a meeting of Kilkenny Corporation.

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 school. 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.

George T. Watters. The death of George T. Watters at the age of fifty-three took place on Sunday morning, Nov. 24, at his home, 141 St. George street. He was the son of George and Henrietta Watters. Besides his wife and daughter, Bertha, he leaves four brothers and six sisters.

His brothers are Samuel, William and Horace of Moncton, and Frederick, of Halifax. The sisters are Mrs. Darling (McIntosh), Mrs. James Hamilton and Mrs. Annie Jones of Boston; Mrs. John Parkhill, of Chipman; Mrs. Benjamin Fish and Mrs. Alfred Leonard, of this city.

Mr. Watters was well known in Carleton, where he carried on a tinmith and plumbing business for twenty-eight years.

Mrs. Wm. Nelson. Mrs. Maud Alice Nelson, wife of William Nelson of Winter street, died suddenly Monday morning. She had been up and about as usual Sunday evening. Her death was due to a slight headache. Yesterday morning she was quite ill, and died a little after noon.

Mrs. Nelson was a daughter of William Black and was twenty-seven years of age. She leaves her husband, father, mother, three brothers and one sister. The funeral will probably take place on Tuesday. One brother, John Ricketts, lives in Sydney and has been telegraphed for.

Mrs. H. LeRoy Shaw. Montreal, Nov. 25.—(Special)—The death occurred today at the Montreal 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. Mrs. Shaw 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 Montreal since her marriage with her late husband, who leaves a little daughter, eight months old.

The funeral will take place in Fredericton on Monday, Nov. 26, at 10 o'clock. She is survived by her mother and one brother, Arthur, of Fredericton, and 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 are Rev. J. W. A. R. Young, W. F. R. H. Wilson; W. T. L. P. Gallop; W. U. Thos. Black; W. A. U. F. Duval; W. S. A. Ramsay; P. W. T. Chas. Gallop; W. C. A. J. Dearness; and W. G. Alexander Andrews.

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. His wife and two daughters living in Doaktown and Boston. The funeral will be tomorrow, at interment in Presbyterian cemetery at Millerton.

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 Rattlers 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 of the community go 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, at her home Nov. 18. Mrs. Sherwood was a Miss Laird, of Upham, Kings county, she was 59 years old. A sorrowing lady of husband, one daughter, Eliza, of Sackville (now) four sons—Wendell, of Moncton; Aes 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.

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LANTALUM PLACED ON PATRONAGE COMMITTEE

How the Vote Stood in Liberal Executive Meeting Held Yesterday.

The Liberal executive Monday morning chose the St. John patronage committee of seven. An interesting feature of that, though there was a movement on the part of some to prevent Edward Lantulum, M. P., securing a place and to put in his stead one more to their liking, Mr. Lantulum was one of those chosen.

The committee as elected comprises Thomas Gorman, Thomas McAvity, J. S. Gregory, A. W. Adams, E. Lantulum, A. O. Skinner and Percy W. Thomson.

The meeting was held in Berryman's hall, with Thomas McAvity in the chair. The attendance was large and canvassing of intense nature was carried on.

The executive was to choose the seven from the following: Thomas McAvity, John Keele, A. W. Adams, Henry Hilliard, J. S. Gregory, A. O. Skinner, W. J. Mahoney, D. J. Brown, C. E. Allan, Thomas Gorman, I. E. Smith, James V. Russell, H. E. Codner, Percy W. Thomson, W. E. Foster, T. A. Linton, Edward Lantulum, W. G. Scovill, James H. Doody and John E. Moore. Four substitutes who were to take the place of any who dropped out to some inconvenience in consequence, as their supply of water is cut off until repairs can be made.

The extent of this leak, which is reported by residents in the neighborhood to have been going on for a long time, has been gauged by the readings at the Venturi meters. Since the section of the leak occurs at the ground level, the daily flow recorded has been reduced by about 1,000,000 gallons or about one-seventh of the total flow of water from the Grand Lomond every twenty-four hours.

The trouble in the North End from sand in the pipes has been remedied to a great extent by the work which had been done on Saturday. Mr. Hunter, in speaking of the matter yesterday, said that there was no doubt some sand was still in the pipes in the Little River supply and the general disturbance of the system had much to do with it.

It was decided that the county members in the local legislature, Hon. H. A. McKewen and James Lowell, should select two persons to represent the county on the executive. There was some objection to this course on the ground that Mr. Puley intimated he would look after the county himself, but the meeting thought it well to give the county representation.

SAY 60 MEN ARE COMING FROM MONTREAL. Montreal, Nov. 25.—It was stated at the Shipping Federation office today that sixty men would leave Montreal Tuesday evening for St. John and it was expected to increase the number to 200 before the end of the week. Those men will be used on the Donaldson and Allan line vessels.

The C. P. R. works independently of the federation and nothing can be learned whether or not they are sending men from Montreal to fill the places of the strikers.

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