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Old Home Week

As intimated in an issue of "Greetings" of recent date, an "Old Home Week" would be a good thing for St. George and community, so, acting upon this hint our Town, ever alive to anything that would "boom" it and advertise its advantages, has been bestirring itself, so a general meeting was held in the Town Hall last Monday evening to receive the report of the "Old Home Week" committee previously appointed. The meeting was largely attended and the report of the committee enthusiastically received. The programme was practically arranged but will not be issued definitely for a few days, it however gives promise of being one of the biggest weeks that St. George has ever witnessed. The formal opening will take place on Saturday evening July 9th, when a grand concert will be held in the largest hall that the town can afford. The proceeds will go towards defraying the expense of furnishing another town pump. It is expected that the pulpits of the different churches will be filled on Sunday 10th, by visiting clergymen formerly associated with the Town. Rev. W. J. Stewart who first proposed "Old Home Week" will probably occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church. "What we can produce? granite—pulp—lumber in various forms—the products of the Eastern Canning Co., Connors Bros. and of the Beaver Harbor Trading Co. will be an interesting feature of the programme and will draw thousands to our town. Our manufacturers are being much interested in this part of the programme and are already making plans for it. There will be some special feature for each day of the week. Such as a polymorphian parade, a parade of "Old Homers," a merchants' and manufacturers' parade, a motor boat parade where visitors may have a trip up the river and out on the waters of Old Lake Utopia a visit to L'Etang where visitors can see the possibilities there, and a motor run down the river where lunch will be served on the beach at the mouth of the river and visitors can view the beauties of the Passamaquoddy. There will be daily excursions from St. John and St. Stephen by the New Brunswick Southern, and from Eastport, the Islands and St. Andrews by boat. In addition to these the afternoons will be devoted to baseball, field sports, and band concerts. There will be three bands in attendance. There will also be three dramatic entertainments given by the Red Granite Dramatic Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. At these entertainments there will be specialties by visiting "Old Homers." We have only written a brief sketch of what is proposed for this celebration but it is of sufficient length to show that the committees have a big program of entertainment cut out for the citizens, and visitors for this "Old Home Week" from which St. George may justly expect so much—but there the Editor opens his eyes to sadly inquire, "Is this only a dream?"

Why buy at Home

Let us suggest a few good reasons why we should "buy at home." First, we can examine our purchases are all assured of satisfaction before investing our money, we do not have to buy by catalogue. Again, our home merchant is always ready and in all cases willing to make right any error or any defective article purchased by him. Many mail order houses do not do this. Again, when we are sick or for any reason it is necessary for us to ask for credit, we can go to a local merchant and he will always help us out. Could we do this with the mail-order house? Again, it is only fair to

give our local merchants the benefit of our trade when he is willing to extend our credit. It is unfair not to. Once more, our home merchants pay local taxes and exert every effort to build up and better our market, thus increasing the value of both town and country property. Giving him our trade is like "Casting bread upon the waters." The mail-order house does not lighten our taxes or in any way help the value of our property. The mail order house does nothing for the benefit of market or real estate values. Again, the best citizens in our community do patronize home industry, if we patronize our industries we will all be good citizens. Lastly, if we will give our home merchant an opportunity to compete by bringing our orders to him in the quantities we buy out of town, he will demonstrate that, quality considered, he will save us money.

Mark Twain.

Writing some twenty years ago of those authors, who might best be described as inhabiting the border lands of literature, Richardson places Mark Twain among the number. Twenty years ago Mark Twain had written some of his best stories. It is always a difficult matter to define what is meant by a humorous writer, or to mark the confines of his literary territory. Without the essential quality of pathos and an element of truth the most exaggerated humor loses the quality of permanence. Mark Twain whose death it may be said will be heard with international regret, occupied a unique place in the literature of the time. While he has in many of his stories reflected some phase of life among the American people, he has gone far afield and has not hesitated to make a jest of humanity wherever he found the opportunity. Apart, too, from the literary excellence of many of his stories, notably "Joan of Arc," perhaps not as widely known as the immortal "Tom Sawyer," the kindly genial man has won for himself a place in the hearts of those—and they are many—who have a personal knowledge of him. A bit spoiled it may have been by much notoriety, he was yet a wholesome, warm-hearted citizen of the world; his little eccentricities may be regarded most leniently, as they never transgressed upon the privileges of others. He has met sorrow and misfortune, and, indeed, death, with a cheerful optimism that in a man of his disposition was courageous.

Wealthy Settlers Crossing The Border.

Ottawa, April 21—Hon. Frank Oliver received today from W. J. White, Inspector of Canadian Immigration Agencies in the United States, a telegram giving some illuminative information as to the character and extent of the present rush of immigrants from across the line into the Canadian West.

Mr. White notes that yesterday there passed through the St. Paul Office from a single locality in Missouri twenty families, comprising sixty people, taking with them \$70,000 in cash and effects valued at \$18,000. During the past two days 150 people were ticketed at St. Paul for Canada where they intend to take up land.

"They had no less than \$200,000 in cash and effects."

"This kind of a movement," says Mr. White, "has been going on all spring. Most of the trains for Canada go out in two or three sections, and special trains are going every day."

The province of Manitoba, recognizing the assistance which the Salvation Army with its well developed system of immigration, is in a position to render in the way of bringing people into the province, gives that organization ten thousand dollars per annum. British Columbia gives the Army twenty thousand dollars annually. But the present government in New Brunswick would have nothing to do with the Army, would not allow it even \$500 a year; and according to the statement of a prominent Army officer, treated that institution in a discourteous manner. While this conduct on the part of the New Brunswick government has deprived New Brunswick of many settlers, large numbers of immigrants, who might have been induced to take up some of the vacant lands in the province, have been, under the Army's direction, going past the doors of this province and on to the West. There ought to be some explanation from our rulers at Fredericton about this matter.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Chas. Epps, still continues to be very ill at her home.

Mrs. Thomas Youngcous is on the sick list.

James McLaughlin was a passenger on Mondays train to St. John.

Mrs. Wallace Stewart, returned from St. Stephen on Monday.

Miss Jessie Dewar is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Ager, at Milltown, N. B.

Lawyer McMonaghan of St. Stephen, was in town this week.

E. J. O'Neill returned from St. John on Saturday.

We are glad to hear that Miss Eessie O'Brien is convalescent.

Mrs. Frank Fisher of Digdeguash was a visitor in town on Monday.

Capt. P. L. Cameron of Maccarone, paid Greetings office a call on Monday.

Miss Bessie Cawley is engaged in J. Sutton Clark's store during the absence of Miss Marsh.

Mrs. Clark Strayhorn of Boston, Mass., arrived yesterday and will visit at the home of Mrs. Wm. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Cook, of Red Beach, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee.

Colin Spear returned from St. Andrews on Friday. He will spend two or three weeks at home.

Walter McKenzie, Thomas McIntyre and R. Young enjoyed a trip to St. Andrews on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Meating, who have been spending a month in Boston, Mass., returned home yesterday.

Miss Jennie Meating returned home from Boston yesterday, where she has been spending the winter studying music.

John McCormick formerly of this town, has successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis at a hospital at Burlington Vt.

Miss Helen Clark who has been undergoing treatment in the hospital at St. John, returned home last week much improved in health.

A party of young people surprised Mr. and Mrs. Judson Storey on Friday evening with a kitchen shower. A very enjoyable time was spent. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

How Roberts won the Victoria Cross

Roberts noted that a sowar of the squadron with which he rode was in great danger from a sepoy with a fixed bayonet. The contest of sword against bayonet would have ended disastrously had not Roberts intervened and disposed of the bayonet. That was barely done when he noticed in the distance two sepoy fleeing with a standard. He galloped after the rebels and overtook them, and then he had a close fight for the possession of the standard. He cut down its chief bearer. While wrenching the staff from the man's grasp with both his hands the other sepoy turned his musket on him and fired. The muzzle was within a few inches of Robert's person, and there would certainly been an end of him had not the musket refused to go off. As it was, he rode away unhurt with the standard, and for those two courageous acts in close succession Roberts got the Victoria cross.—Cobban's "Life of Roberts."

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