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## SONS OF TEMPERANCE ORGANIZER VISITS BRIDGETOWN SCHOOL

Mr. W. S. Sanders visited the school of this town on Wednesday the 8th inst. and spoke to the children of each department adapting his words to the capacities of the grades. In the principal's department after expressing his appreciation of the privilege of being in the school pupils he advised that he felt it an especial privilege to speak to the higher departments as the young people there were the greatest asset of the nation. It is a matter of almost importance to give a right direction to the thought and impulse of those just reaching the parting of the ways, the point of decision whether they should as dead fish, float with the current or, as live fish, guided by intelligent purpose, fight against the tide of evil.

False ideas in the German mind had brought on this horrible war. False ideas in the minds of the people about alcohol had given to this King of poisons a power greater and more destructive and infinitely more cruel than the Kaiser's.

He often had quoted to the pupils of the schools throughout the province the words spoken at a Teachers' Convention by Hon. W. S. Fielding. "Let us teach our young people to have faith in their country, pride in its citizenship and contentment in working for its upbuilding." I have said the speaker quoted those words all over this Province as worthy of being engraved on the tablets of enduring memory, of being emblazoned in letters of gold on the walls of every school room. The purpose of the school system is to create patriotic, intelligent purpose expressed in the government of the country. If the school intelligence is not of that character then the school system is a failure. What value has a knowledge of all the sciences, of all the dead languages for the 12,000 college graduates down and out in New York; for the graduates of England's proudest universities fest through alcohol amongst the high school and college graduates among the 1,022 inmates of an inebriate's home in England?

Which was the wisest, the poor Irishman who in discussion with the Bar Room Proprietor, answered that individual's prediction that the closing of the bars meant the closing of the schools and the loss of education for his boy. "Troth, then, I would sooner my boy would learn a b c in heaven than talk late in the abode of the devil and his angels."

Mr. Sanders said the evils of drink have increased fearfully on this con-

tempt. President David Star Jordan asserts that one-third of the young men of America are destroying themselves through intemperance and kindred vices. In Canada since the opening of the Century, while population has increased with enormous strides to the extent of 34 per cent., the number of convictions for drunkenness increased 399 per cent.

Mr. Sanders said: "I have here some words taken from 'The Pioneer,' of Toronto, the organ of the Dominion Alliance devoted to the promotion of Temperance legislation and only favorable to such organizations as promote that object. That paper explains the fearful result in this way:—

"The old temperance societies have diminished in numbers and influence. They do not exercise the power they once did to direct habit-formation and create useful example. They were a power in their day, being at one time the social centre and opportunity of the young people of all classes and denominations.

"The churches saw in the activity and usefulness of these young people a possibility of strength for itself. The church gathered the young people into Christian Leagues and societies and the temperance societies lost to a corresponding degree."

But the Pioneer said: "There would have been no loss in this change if the Church organizations had kept up the temperance requirement and instruction which were essential to membership in temperance societies. But in this respect the Church has failed."

In a later issue of the same paper reference was again made to the increasing drunkenness throughout the Dominion and the following reasons assigned:

"Immigration. Concentration of population in license centres. Too much attention to the political side of the question."

"The 'Alliance News' of the United Kingdom, another paper devoted to the advocacy of temperance legislation and like the Pioneer, only an advocate of temperance organizations as a help to legislation, in an article on Sweden, from the pen of the Secretary of the Alliance, tells of the terrible conditions in that country and of the advances made through good legislation in 1855, followed by a reaction and a return to former conditions until again the temperance organizations were brought into action in 1880 and the following results were shown.

The temperance organizations in 1880 numbered.....	950
1885 ".....	69,378
1895 ".....	187,978
1905 ".....	350,275
1912 ".....	470,778

of whom 363,735 were adults so that to-day every tenth adult in Sweden is a registered total abstainer. In addition a large number of men and an overwhelming majority of women are practically abstainers and strongly in favor of temperance legislation. Out of 230 members of the elective chamber 121 are total abstainers."

Because from 90 to 95 per cent. of the people on this continent according to estimates of Church and Sunday School papers are outside of membership in those organizations it is impossible for the Churches to reach them while they are subjected to the hypnotic influence of alcohol which "eripples where it does not destroy, and enfeebles where it does not extinguish the moral and spiritual power in human beings."

## A BELGIAN PRISONER OF WAR IN HOLLAND WANTS USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Zeist, 27 Jan., 1916.

Mr. Editor:—

As a Belgian soldier, prisoner of war, I am taking the liberty to send you a little request.

I was collecting postage stamps in Belgium and my son too. Having much time to spend here in the camp I would like to make again a collection and I should be really happy if you would be so kind as to publish the fact that I will send a keepsake in exchange for some nice postage stamps for collection sent registered to F. Baudson, 12th Belgian Regiment, Camp II, Zeist, Holland.

The New York Times and the New York Herald have published this letter. I got some nice stamps from U. S. A.

I hope you also will like to help me to pass some hours pleasantly.

I beg your pardon for the trouble and with many thanks, I am, dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

F. BAUDSON.

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## THE EUROPEAN WAR

### Another Unsuccessful Attack on Verdun

PARIS, March 19.—The German forces in the Verdun region have resumed their activities to the northeast of the fortress, delivering an attack late yesterday against the French front opposite Vaux and Damloup, the War Office announced this afternoon. The attack was without success, being stopped by the French curtain of fire.

### Russians Resume March Against the Turks

PETROGRAD, via London, March 19.—After three weeks of suspended activity the main Russian forces beyond Ezerum, which have been waiting for the developments of operations on the Black Sea and in the Lake Van region to make their position secure against possible flank attacks by the Turks, have again resumed their westward march toward Sivas.

### German Seaplanes Make Another Attack on England

LONDON, March 19.—Nine persons were killed and thirtyone injured in an air raid of four German seaplanes over the east coast of Kent today, it was announced officially tonight. A British airman brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

### Allied Air Raid on German Naval Bases

LONDON, March 20.—England was thrilled today by the successful outcome of the greatest air raid in the history of aerial warfare, which took place this morning, when sixty-five Allied machines raided the German naval air bases at the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. From what observers reported, it is evident that a tremendous amount of damage was done without any loss of life by the raiders.

It is believed that this raid, coming within a few hours after four German seaplanes had attacked the east coast of England, marks the beginning of a new policy on the part of the British aeronautical authorities. The air wise new look for all subsequent attacks by the Germans to be followed promptly by retaliatory action on a large scale by the Allies.

An unusual feature of the Zeebrugge affair was the presence in the raiding air fleet of fifteen fighting machines heavily armed and ironclad. These monsters were used to protect the bomb-dropping craft, in case resistance was encountered.

### Germans Have Again Shifted Point of Attack

LONDON, March 20.—The German attack has again shifted to the west bank of the Meuse. Their ranks replenished after the failure of five other night assaults on Vaux, like alternate blows on the Verdun anvil, the Germans have once more turned their attention to Le Mort Homme.

This time, however, instead of attacking from the Corbeaux wood, the Generals of the Crown Prince are attempting to flank the hill. Today violent attacks, accompanied by the use of liquid fire, were delivered in the Malancourt Avoncourt sector to the south and east instead of to the north of the hill. In the Malancourt wood Paris admits a partial success, but does not detail the extent of the German gain.

"West of the Meuse," says the French War Office statement tonight, "the Germans in the course of the day after an intense bombardment with shells of large calibre, made an attempt to engage them from the front. An attack by a fresh division, recently brought up from a point remote from the front, was directed with great violence and attended by the use of jets of liquid flames against our positions between Avoncourt and Malancourt."

### Powerful German Attack Repulsed by the French

PARIS, March 20.—Another powerful German attack, this time between Avoncourt and Malancourt, west of the Meuse, resulted today in heavy losses to the Germans, according to the official communication issued by the French War Office tonight. A fresh division, brought up from a distant point, was used in this operation, which was characterized by the employment of jets of liquid flames. At one point, east of the Malancourt wood, the Germans made some slight progress.

## WAR BRIEFS

Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador in Berlin, met with a severe accident while skating.

Premier Hughes of Australia, lately in Canada, reports 250,000 Australians as having enlisted.

Sir Samuel Hughes, Minister of Militia, expects to go to the front when Parliament closes its present session.

A French Commander-in-Chief has now command of the combined squadrons of the Allies in the Mediterranean.

Robert T. Mack, and Collin S. McArthur, D.S., both sons of the parsonage, have enlisted and have received appointments.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, lately connected with the Mt. Allison Institutions has enlisted as Chaplain, and is now engaged in recruiting.

The "Appam" had 1000 tons of cocoa on board when brought into Newport News. It is worth \$450,000, and will spoil if not removed.

"Mount Cavell" is the name the Canadian Government gives, in honor of Miss Edith Cavell, to one of the most rugged and picturesque peaks of the Rockies.

Roumania has called on all her naturalized citizens between 21 and 46 years of age to report for military service. She will probably fall in with the Allies.

Russia has begun a new offensive in Galicia, as well as pressing her campaign in the Tigris region. She is now near the Bagdad Railway, which she purposes to cut and then take possession of.

Portugal has seized more than sixty German and Austrian ships interned in her harbors. Germans tried to injure some of these ships by putting explosives in their boilers which would burst them when heated.

Lord Derby is now head of the aeroplane service of Great Britain.

Sir C. Hibbert Tupper, Vancouver, son of the late Sir Charles Tupper, has four sons with the colors.

The "Scho Belge" says an outbreak occurred in Berlin on Feb. 22nd, and Cavalry charged the crowd, killing more than 100 persons.

It is reported that Canada, at the request of the British War Office, will raise a battalion of woodsmen for service in Great Britain.

Russia is trying to buy three warships from Japan, which were taken by the later country from the former during the Russo-Japanese war.

Mourning is absolutely prohibited in Germany. No wounded or crippled soldier is permitted to walk in the streets of Berlin or other important towns.

Vladivostok is crowded with munitions of various kinds, 450 locomotives, 20,000 steel cars, great quantities of barbed wire, all going to the front.

For the first time a market for horse flesh has been established in London. It is chiefly patronized by Belgian refugees. It sells horse steak for seven pence a pound.

German agents have been discovered in a plot to overthrow the French Government in Madagascar. They planned to poison the French officers and soldiers on New Year's eve. Two hundred and fifty German arrests have been made.

"Are not the rats very awful in the trenches?"

"No, not a bit."

"I suppose then you have ferrets and terriers to get rid of them?"

"No we don't. We have tamed the little fellows so that they come and sit around us when we are getting a meal, and hold up their little pink hands for food."

## OBITUARY

### FREDERICK C. HARRIS

At seven o'clock on Friday morning, March 17th, after several months' illness, Frederick Church Harris entered into rest, having just passed the sixty-third year of his age. Mr. Harris had been in failing health for some years, but not until recently had he been confined to his bed. In early life he was head clerk for Vaux Bros. of Halifax. After his marriage to Mary, third daughter of the late Hon. John Aldous of Charlottetown, P. E. I., he removed to Bridgetown, and for a number of years conducted a general mercantile business here. He was a man of a retired yet genial disposition. His family of five children all pre-deceased him. He is survived by a widow, two sisters, Mrs. Halles of Wolfville and Mrs. Scamen of Kentville, and one brother, Joseph Harris of Wolfville.

The funeral service was held in St. James Church Sunday afternoon, the Rector, Rev. E. Underwood, officiating. The pall bearers were: W. R. Longmire, Fred McCormick, A. F. Hiltz, and Thos. Kelly. Interment was in the Church of England Cemetery.

### CHARLES BENT

On Saturday, 11th March, at Stoneham, Mass., Charles F. Bent, formerly of Hampton, N. S., eldest son of Mr. Chas. Bent of Beaconsfield, passed to the great beyond, after a brief illness. His remains were brought to Bridgetown, and interred at Hampton, on Sunday, 19th. The beautiful floral tributes sent by his brethren of the "Knights of Pythias," and the "I. O. O. F.," and by his employers, the American Glue Co., of Stoneham, bore mute testimony to his worth.

"To deal justly and love mercy," was his chief aim, and his quiet, genial disposition made Charlie the friend of all who knew him.

"Only the actions of the just grow sweet and blossom in the dust."

### DEATH OF REV. E. C. SPINNEY, IN CHICAGO

(From the Watchman-Examiner)

Rev. Edmund C. Spinney, who died recently in Chicago, Illinois, was buried at Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Spinney until his retirement two years ago, was president of the Union Life Insurance Company. He was born in Meadow Vale, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, on March 17th, 1845. He was a graduate of Horton and Acadia Colleges and Newton Theological Institution, and was ordained in 1868. He attended Harvard in 1873. He received the degree of divinity from Central University in 1881. He was married to Josephine Chase, of Boston, in 1872. He served as pastor in Pella, Iowa, in Concord, New Hampshire, and in Burlington, Iowa, after which he was compelled to spend several years in the South on account of ill health. He engaged in the insurance business in Des Moines in 1888, and moved to Chicago in 1906. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Francis William Robinson, of Chicago; and Mr. William Whitney Rasmussen, of New York. He was a member of the Masonic order, the Chicago Association of Commerce, and the Press, Harvard, and Hawkeye, Fellowship Clubs.

(The deceased is a son of Mr. Eri Spinney, an esteemed Deacon of the Tremont, (Kings County), Baptist Church.)

### THURSDAY MORNING FIRE

Last Thursday morning at about 10.30 o'clock, the old post office building on Granville street owned by the estate of the late Enoch Dodge, was discovered to be on fire. A fierce snow storm was raging at the time, and the firemen realized they had a tough job ahead of them. Fortunately the grocery team of Mr. C. L. Piggott was standing near the engine house, and this was brought into commission to haul the hose reel to the scene of the fire. Two streams of water were soon playing upon the burning building, and the flames were soon extinguished, the fire being confined to the inside of the structure, which was badly gutted. The building was occupied by Kenneth Dodge as a restaurant and grocery store, and Forest Connel, Jr., as a barber shop. Mr. Dodge's stock was almost completely damaged by fire and water. Mr. Connel was fortunate in getting the greater part of his furnishings out before the firemen arrived. There was no insurance on the building. Mr. Dodge had \$500 insurance on his stock.

## BRIDGETOWN SCHOOL EXHIBITION, 1916.

During the fall of 1915 there were more than one hundred School Exhibitions in the Province.

The idea of School Exhibitions is to introduce a more practical education in the school and consequently make it more useful and interesting to those who most need it,—the boys and girls of 14 to 16 years of age. This is an age of progress. In the industrial world men are finding new ways of doing things. In all branches of our complex commercial life this is true. Farmers are only in rare cases farming as their father's did. Is it not strange that our schools which should be the pioneers of all progress, are still following the methods of half a century ago? Our aim is to make Bridgetown school one of the progressive schools. We want our education to be useful rather than ornamental, and linked up with the affairs of real life. In doing this we need the assistance of the people of Bridgetown.

Anticipating the hearty co-operation of the citizens, a committee of the School Board met recently and took the liberty to appoint the following committees:

I have not been able to call on the members of each committee individually, but have seen the chairman of each, and without a single exception they have promised to do all in their power to make our first School Exhibition a success.

I am publishing the names on the different committees, and would suggest that each submit a prize list to the Board of Management so that we can get our full program mapped out before very long.

I am collecting all of the information available and will be pleased to render any assistance I can.

Yours, on behalf of the Board of Management,

R. E. THURBER

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

School Board and Principal

### Committees

Arrangement of Exhibits.—Mr. E. A. Hicks, Mr. E. C. Hall, the teaching staff, Mrs. (Dr.) Freeman and Mrs. W. D. Lockett.

Committee on Gardens.—Dr. Armstrong, Rev. G. C. Warren, Mr. H. B. Hicks, Chas. R. Chipman.

Manual Training.—Mr. J. E. Lloyd, Mr. J. W. Salter and Mr. A. F. Little.

Domestic Science, Cooking and Needlework.—Mrs. O. T. Daniels, Mrs. E. C. Hall, Miss Graves, Miss Grace Hoyt, Mrs. H. B. Hicks and Mrs. E. A. Hicks.

Flowers and Plants.—Mrs. J. W. Peters, Mrs. E. L. Fisher and Mrs. C. Jost, Mrs. J. W. Beckwith.

Woods, Birds & Insects.—Mr. Percy Burns, Mr. A. L. Beeler, Rev. E. Underwood.

Essays & Writing.—Mr. F. R. Fay, Rev. A. R. Reynolds, A. D. Brown, John Irvin.

Drawing & Painting.—Mrs. W. H. Warren, Mrs. R. R. Duncan and A. R. Bishop.

Vegetables & Fruits.—Mr. H. Ruggles, Mr. H. W. King and Mr. A. Palfrey.

Poultry.—Messrs F. R. Beckwith, Chas. H. Strong, F. E. Bath.

### READ THIS!

The Chief Recruiting Officer for Nova Scotia, Major W. B. A. Ritchie, desires to call the attention of any men skilled in the felling and handling of timber, between the ages of 18 and 45, to the 224th Forestry Battalion. This Battalion is being raised at the special request of the Imperial authorities and there is a note of urgency in the call. Present prospects is the unit will work chiefly in England. The rates of pay and terms of enlistment are the same as for other branches of the Canadian Expeditionary force. Application may be made to the undersigned or any recruiting officer for this or any branch of the C. E. F. and Home Defence.

Names are also required of men qualified as chauffeurs or motor drivers and capable of doing small repairs, who would enlist for overseas in a Mechanical Transport Section.

W. C. PARKER,

Lawrencetown.

REV. E. UNDERWOOD,

Bridgetown.

According to late advices, H. Price Webber, the veteran comedian, has completely recovered from his illness and will soon begin his spring drive on the Maritime Provinces.

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