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ACACIA VILLA'S CLOSING EXERCISES.

Friends of the Boys Present From Various Parts of the Province.—Premier Borden a former Student

Hortonville, May 23.—Blue skies, fleecy clouds, green grass, leafy trees, cherry blossoms and song of birds formed an ideal setting for an anniversary that brings joy and gladness to the youthful student hearts at Acacia Villa Boarding School or Boys, Hortonville, Kings Co. On Tuesday, May 21st, friends of the boys came from Amherst, Truro, Halifax and other points to be present at the closing exercises which took place in the assembly hall that evening. Miss Burleigh, the talented English lecturer, was speaking in Wolfville at the same time hour and some of the friends who had not missed an Acacia Villa closing for years, and many others went to hear her, but notwithstanding, as the boys marched to their places, they were delighted to find a large audience assembled to listen to the programme prepared for them. This consisted of piano duets and solos, recitations and essays, which were much executed in a manner that reflected credit on themselves and their teachers. Little boys who had been taking lessons only since last autumn, and on one instance, since Xmas, played bright little solo with accuracy and expression. Their teacher, Miss Laurie Barron, gave a brilliant piano number. Two essays were read—one, on Napoleon Bonaparte by Mervale Vail, of New Glasgow and the other on "Ship-building Today," by Ernest Ryan, of Truro. Both were interesting and were listened to very attentively.

The boys were assisted by Miss Minnie Miller of Canning, whose violin-playing was a rare treat to the audience. Both her numbers, "Liebesfreund," by Kreisler and De Beriot's Concerto (1st movement) were enthusiastically encored. Her sister, Mrs. Sinnett, of Canning, sang very effectively "Stars Shining Brightly," by Emil Bronte, and also received an encore. The Misses Doris Eaton and Gladys Kennedy, of Grande Pre, and Miss Evelyn Coldwell, of Gasperaux, each sang solos which gave great pleasure to those present. These young ladies have very sweet voices and are also willing to respond to invitations (and they are frequent) to them for patriotic and Church purposes.

The boys who gave recitations ranged in age from nine to sixteen years. They spoke distinctly and with expression. At the close of the program the Principal, A. H. Patterson B. A., reported that the year just closing had been a thoroughly successful one from every point of view. The health of the school, barring an epidemic of chicken pox, had been good. The progress as evidenced by class marks and examinations throughout the year had also been good. The attendance had been slightly in advance of last year—there had been 32 resident pupils and nine day students. The conduct has been quite satisfactory.

Mr. W. E. Harris, B. A., has just completed his second year as assistant master at the school. His work has been of a very high order. He has proved himself an efficient, faithful teacher, and should circumstances prevent his return in the autumn, he will be very much missed by the both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, with whom he has been closely associated in the work of the school.

The Rev. A. Hockin, of Berwick, former pastor of the Grand Pre

Methodist Church, where the boys worship every Sunday, was present. The Principal called on him for an address. He responded briefly, referring to his pleasure in meeting again with old friends and to his enjoyment of the evening's programme. Mr. Hockin owing to failing health, is obliged to retire this year, and his many friends are hoping he will settle in our midst. He was accompanied by his daughter, who was for a few years music teacher at the school.

Rev. W. M. Ryan, B. A., the present pastor, was the next speaker. He is a great favorite with the students. He referred to their respectful attention at the Sunday services and to the vacant pews that he would be obliged to face for the next few Sundays, before summer visitors arrive to augment the congregation. He gave some amusing reminiscences of his own college days, and complimented the boys on their general behavior.

F. G. Curry, an elderly resident of the place, was called upon and told the boys that sixty-five years ago he was a student at this school. The school had just been organized by Dr. Hea, an Irish gentleman. Seven years later it was purchased by the late A. McN. Patterson, M. A., father of the present proprietor and Principal. Mr. Curry, as far as he knew, is the only surviving member of that first year's class of boys. He has lived within a few hundred yards of the school during most of the years since then, and he bore testimony to the high moral standard of the school during all those years. It is to be hoped that Mr. Curry may be spared to attend many more Acacia Villa closings. It is but few days since the writer noticed that an old gentleman had visited a newspaper office in Windsor and stated that he attended Acacia Villa, three years before Confederation. An old student of the school is now Premier of our Dominion. Others of the present day pupils may sometime achieve the same distinction but we hope that the burdens of office may not be as strenuous as at the present time, but if they are may they acquit themselves as nobly.

The evenings exercises closed with singing of "God Save the King." The students left for their homes on the following morning. Their ages range from eight to sixteen years, but they are all enthusiastic over earning some money during the summer months for the Overseas Y. M. C. A. They have already contributed ten dollars towards this fund.

The proceeds of the evening are for local patriotic purposes.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The Annual Meeting of the Local Council of Women, was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 29th, inst., at 3.30 o'clock in the first Presbyterian Hall, the President, Mrs. John Stanfield being in the chair.

The meeting was opened with a few minutes silent prayer, after which the President called on the Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Campbell, to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Martin Dickie, then gave her report. Four public meetings besides the annual and our Intercessory meeting had been held during the year and eleven Societies were in Affiliation with the women's Council. The Treasurer Mrs. Langille then favored the meeting with the following carefully prepared report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the different committees of the Council for the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts	
Balance on hand	\$ 246.59
Annual Patrons Fees	15.00
Affiliation Fees	12.00
Proceeds of (4) Rummage Sales	882.80
Proceeds Patriotic Teas	179.07
Proceeds Concert	37.33
Donation from Daughters of Empire	50.00
Educational Committee	238.78
Agricultural Committee (1917)	25.00
Ag. Committee (1918)	23.75
Ag. Committee (1918)	41.82
Donations Playground Com.	55.00
Total	1806.64

Expenditures.	
Affiliation Fee to National Council and Council Aid	29.00
From Patriotic Committee for Y.M.C.A. Overseas	200.00
From Pat. Com. for Prisoners of War Fund	100.00
From Pat. Com. for Capt. Plummer (Xmas Boxes)	50.00
From Pat. Com. for Mrs. H. Borden (for Const. Co.)	5.00
From Pat. Com. for Comfort Bags for Sailors	114.00
Pat. Com. Bills for year etc	354.78
Supervisor of Play Grounds Equipment	60.00
Educational Committee	32.65
Agrie. Com., News Co. (1917)	11.25
Agrie. Com. Postage	32.00
Agrie. Com. News Co. (1918)	2.91
Agrie. Com. Postage	32.00
Agrie. Com. Ploughing	3.60
Agrie. Com. Tickets (Sep. 4)	2.50
Agrie. Com. Tea Creams for Show	3.00
Agrie. Com. Ice Cream	5.40
Domestic Science Prizes	17.25
Maritime Home for Girls	7.00
Postage and War Stamps	60.00
First Pres. Church for Rental of Hall	1.94
	4.00
	1128.18
Balance in Bank and Cash in hand	678.46

THE PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE.

The Patriotic Committee owes its success to the indefatigable efforts of its Convenor, Mrs. C. M. Dawson. Four rummage sales were held during the past year. Several Lawn Parties were held last summer and all winter with the exception of the month of December, when the Court House was taken for a hospital. Patriotic Teas took place almost every Saturday. So popular were these Teas the Committee have been asked to resume them at least once a month during the summer, and the first one of the season will take place on Saturday, June 1, from four to six in the afternoon at the Court House.

One hundred and two Comfort Bags were filled and sent to the sailors on the Metagama last November. Barrels of socks have been sent to Mrs. Armitage, Halifax for the sailors of the Merchant Marine, besides numberless parcels and pairs which have been sent overseas to our own Truro boys in the Trenches. In fact the past year as our esteemed Convenor of this Committee remarked in her report "has been a busy one with something doing all the time," and you have only to glance over the Treasurers report to see what really has been accomplished.

The Play Ground Committee.

To Mrs. H. V. Kent, the Convenor of the Supervised Play Ground Com., belongs the honor and the praise for keeping the Play Grounds in operation during the past five years. They have been productive of much good and many of our children have spent happy hours during the six weeks of supervised play each summer.

Mrs. Kent has been obliged to send in her resignation as Convenor of this Committee and as it has been found impossible to appoint her successor, it has been deemed expedient to keep the play grounds closed for this summer with the idea of taking up the work again as soon as possible,

for we recognise the fact that the children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and too much care and time cannot be given to their play hours as well as to their working hours.

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

In co-operation with the Canadian Club who donated fifty dollars for prizes, the Agricultural Committee, of which Mrs. Melville Cumming is the untiring Convenor, did a grand work last year in connection with the War Gardens.

Gardens were ploughed and land given to adults and children who had none and prizes were aware for the best gardens and best exhibits at the Flower and Vegetable show, which was held in the 4th. of September. Fifteen hundred prize lists were sent out to the children of the county and the exhibits which came in to the fourth Annual Show, from Truro and surrounding country were sights not soon to be forgotten. The show opened with short speeches and was most successful in spite of unfavorable weather.

Afternoon tea and Ice Cream which helped to pay for the prizes were served throughout the afternoon. Willow St. School won the silver cup donated by the Women's Council. The children were well pleased with the Prizes received for their Exhibits and went home determined to put forth all their efforts to secure greater production for 1918 Vegetable Show which takes place in September.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The educational committee under the able Convenorship of Mrs. Chesley Allen has been unusually alive during the past year and so thorough has been their work as regards Food Conservator that in a great many homes we have the satisfaction of knowing that the Kaiser is being killed in the kitchen and Truro is doing its bit.

A most successful Pantry sale was held demonstrating the fact that War Food can be made and substitutes used with splendid results.

The Trinket and Treasure Fund was the means of raising over two hundred dollars for Patriotic purposes. The thanks of the Committee are due Mrs. Bishop who sold many of the Trinkets and Treasures; to the young ladies of the service Club who went from house to house collecting and to Mr. A. A. Smith who packed and sent away to the refiners many articles which could not be sold.

The thanks of the Committee are also due to Mr. Fielding for exhibiting Food Conservation Slides and to Principal Davis and the gentlemen who acted as judges in the Prize essay contest which took place in the public schools for the best essay on Food Conservation and were published in our local papers.

The thanks of the different Committees of the Women's Council must also be extended to the Citizen and Daily News Offices for their untiring efforts in giving due notice through their papers to every article that was handed in for publication.

After the reports of the various Committees had been received and adopted the Officers for the ensuing year were elected and were as follows: President—Mrs. John Stanfield.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. Trueman, Mrs. Jennison, Mrs. Ryland Archib. Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. R. Campbell. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Martin Dickie. Treasurer—Mrs. M. K. Langille. Miss Lydia Edwards. Press Reporter Convenors of Committees.

Patriotic Committee—Mrs. C. M. Dawson. Agricultural Committee—Mrs. Mrs. Melville Cumming. Educational Committee—Mrs. Chesley Allen.

As matters of importance are to come before the National Council of Women, which meets at Brantford Ont, on the 11th. of June our worthy President, Mrs. John Stanfield purpose being present and we shall look forward with much pleasure when to her return and to the interesting information she will be able to give us of the doings of the great women of our Dominion.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL.

His Majesty King George has awarded the Imperial Service Medal to Robt. Lightbody, Truro, Charles Saunders, Truro, Judson Wall, Truro. These are all efficient and successful veteran Locomotiv Engineers on the C. G. R.

William Douglas, of Marshville River John, a valued subscriber of the News, is in Truro spending a few days with his son, Vernon C. Douglas and his nephew, C. G. R. Police Archie Tattrie.

REV. MR. McINTOSH OFF TO THE WEST ON MISSION WORK.

Rev. Mr. McIntosh, Presbyterian Clergyman, Middle Musquodoboit, has left for the West, where for three months he will engage in home mission work. His field will be on the northern border line of Alberta.

The three ministers adjoining Mr. McIntosh's congregation in the Musquodoboit Valley will each do without his summer vacation of one month putting in the time in Middle Musquodoboit and thus enabling him to spend the three months in the west as proposed. There is a great scarcity of workers in the western home mission field.

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A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sunday morning said: "In each blade of grass there is a sermon." The following day one of his flock discovered the good man pushing a lawn-mower about, and paused to say: "Well, parson, I'm glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM.

The importance of maintaining economic freedom at home should not be lost sight of in our endeavor to bring political liberty to the oppressed abroad. One is just as important as the other. In fact, both are necessary to the advancement of civilization.

No man or family has the right to dictate the civil or political conditions under which people shall live, to eliminate this long-existing evil men are giving their lives, and will continue to give, until the last flame in the fire of autocracy has been extinguished.

It is our duty as liberty-loving people to aid the people of the world to improve their conditions, likewise it is our duty to continue to improve our own conditions and prevent the destruction of the work already accomplished.

Keep in mind the fact that there are selfish interests in our midst who have tried and will continue to try to destroy living standards, bring about the repeal of labor laws or any other safeguards the toiler has been able to throw around their conditions. It is an obligation we owe those who will follow us to see that these endeavors are not successful.

Be ever watchful of the attempts of corporate interests to influence legislation that throws the toiler at the mercy of the employer.

Don't form the opinion that you will be considered unpatriotic if you assist in defeating such moves, for by your opposition you will be contributing toward making our country a better one and a more desirable place to live which should be the first thought of every true Canadian.

Let us show the world a true exhibit of democracy, be ever ready to fight oppression, whether the battle be waged in the trenches of Europe or upon the industrial field at home.

Dublin May 31.—The Irish Nationalist party leaders at their meeting here yesterday and last night debated the question of whether the Nationalist members of parliament should return to Westminster. No definite date was fixed and it is not likely they will return for a fortnight.

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