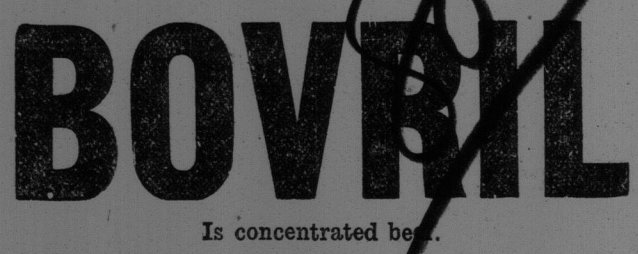


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SHIPPING W. M. McLEAN HEAD OF TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

After a profitable and interesting session yesterday afternoon, the business of the St. John City and County Teachers' Institute was concluded and many of the teachers left for their homes. The papers read during the session were instructive and of a high order of merit. The presence of Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, and Chancellor Jones, of the University of New Brunswick, added interest to the sessions.

Dr. Carter expressed himself as being very much in favor of the instruction in domestic science and all subjects of a practical nature. He hoped that there would soon be a trade school established in St. John. In reference to the instruction of teachers of the province in practical subjects, he said that he hoped to see a summer school of science started in New Brunswick.

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La MARQUISE de FONTENAY

Death of Nobleman of Royal Blood Who Was Noted as an Explorer—Mr. Bal-four Lord Rendel's Guest

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Many of the grandest families of the old world aristocracy, as well as a number of members of the royal houses of Bourbon, have been placed in mourning by the death of Prince Witold Czartoryski, brother of Prince Adam Czartoryski and, like him, a son of Princess Marguerite of Bourbon-Orleans, and a great-grandson of King Louis Philippe of France.

Prince Witold, who died in Paris, had made a name for himself as an explorer of northern Africa and of the Orient, especially of the Barbary States. He was a member of many scientific societies, and had often been consulted as an expert by the government of France, which he looked upon as his second patria.

He was a bachelor and the whole of his property goes to his nephew and niece, the children of his only brother, Prince Adam.

The latter is the acknowledged head of the Polish aristocracy abroad. Indeed his father, the late Prince Ladislas, was treated by them as their sovereign in partibus and at receptions and dinners which he attended at the so-called Hotel Lambert, the palace occupying the extreme end of the Ile de St. Louis, in Paris, and where he established his home, after being compelled to fly for his life from Warsaw, he had often watched the proudest of the Polish nobles, the Zamoyas, the Potockis, the Radzivils and the Potockis, come up and kiss the hand of the grand old fellow, precisely as if he were their monarch.

Duke of Kiewan and Zoloff, formerly of the kingdom of Poland, and now in the golden book of the nobility of Russia, Prince of the Holy Roman Empire by virtue of that dignity bestowed away back in the sixteenth century by the Emperor of Germany, hereditary member of the Hungarian House of Lords, descended from Godym, sovereign Grandduke of Lithuania, the late Prince Ladislas, father of the present head of the house of Czartoryski, was considered as in a position to marry Princess Marguerite of Bourbon, a daughter of the old Duc de Nemours, on a footing of perfect equality.

She had previously been engaged to the Prince de Condé, eldest son and heir of the Duc d'Anjou, but he died in Australia while traveling with the Marquis Ludovic de Beauvoir, so well known in New York society. Always treated as an aristocrat, her dead fiance's father as his daughter-in-law, it was from his Chateau de Chantilly that she was married to Prince Ladislas Czartoryski.

Prince Ladislas had been previously married to Marie Munoy Bourbon, daughter of Queen Christina of Spain, and of her second husband, the Duke of Liancourt. This marriage Prince Ladislas had a son, the late Prince Adam, who himself was a monk and a missionary and died in 1893.

A Haven for Poles in Need Prince Adam, who spent several months traveling about the United States some ten years ago, has maintained the most hospitable traditions of his father and grandfather, and the Hotel Lambert in Paris is familiarly known as the Polish headquarters not only of Polish nationalists and patriots, but likewise of refugees from the Russian empire, who find themselves in need of help. The Czartoryskis consider it to be their duty, by reason of their immense wealth, to see that no worthy Pole ever remains destitute.

The outward aspect of the palace is joyless and gloomy, but the interior is as if they were never meant to open, and the thick walls give the appearance of surrounding a convent rather than the residence of a great noble of the present epoch. It was built in 1640, by Louis XV, the first architect of Louis XIV, for President Lambert de Torigny, and no money was spared to make it a sumptuous residence. The famous painters Le Sueur and Lebrun participated in the decoration. Voltaire lived there with Mme. du Chateau at the time when he conceived the plan of "La Henriade," and the great Napoleon held his memorable interview with the Comte de Montalivet immediately on his return to France, after he had been driven out of the island of Elba.

It is there that each Easter day all Poles in Paris assemble for a peculiar Polish religious and social function, entitled "Le Benit." It consists of a banquet which is eaten standing, and after every dish has been sprinkled with holy water and solemnly blessed by the priest. Among the features of the banquet is a paschal lamb made of sugar, commemorative of the Last Supper, while opposite to it is a soubre-lued pig of chocolate, in memory of Judas Iscariot, surrounded by ropes of chocolate sausages, which are supposed to represent the rope with which the arch-traitor hanged himself.

This banquet, I may add, is the first full-fledged meal that the people present are supposed to have enjoyed since the beginning of Lent, for the Poles are strict Catholics and take their fasting very seriously.

Balfour is His Guest Lord Rendel, who, at the present moment is acting as the host of ex-Premier Arthur Balfour at his Chateau de Thierstein, situated about the town of Cannes on the French Riviera, is a close connection of the Gladstone family, one of his daughters having married Lord Gladstone's brother Henry. In fact, when the grand old man finally retired from the premiership and from public life owing to the infirmities of old age, he withdrew to the Chateau de Thierstein, just in the same way as Arthur Balfour has done.

Lord Rendel is an engineer of the harbors of Fort-de-France and of Holyhead, and was associated with the late Lord Armstrong in the foundation of the great works at Elswick, acting as his many assistants. He is the English counterpart of the Krupp works at Essen.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By BUTH CAMERON

YOU would laugh to know how much remorse I feel that I never gave children more toys in the course of my life. I regret almost all the money I ever spent on myself and in little presents for grown-up people.

I wonder how many toys there are among your Christmas packages. Surely I didn't hear you say "None at all!"

You really said it, and you don't see what you should be giving away toys for when there hasn't been a little child in your family for years and years?

Why, my poor friend, that's a sad state of affairs, but certainly rarely, any reason why you should miss half the fun of Christmas. I didn't say the toys had to be for your own children, or your sister's children, or your cousin's children.

I am inclined to think you are preparing much more pleasure for yourself, if some of those toys are for the washerwoman's children, or the little brothers and sisters of the tumbler girl, or the bootblack.

Don't feel you must miss this source of pleasure, just because you are unlucky enough not to have any little ones in the narrow confines of your own family. There are quite enough children in the world to go around and I'm sure that if you hunt hard enough, you will find some charitable fathers and mothers who will be willing to share with you the delights of playing Santa.

A Christmas, in which you give no child a toy—surely you wouldn't let such a day pass over your head.

I hope it will fit when you try it. I will wait your word.

Have you written your Christmas letters yet? It seems to me that one of the sweetest of Christmas customs, and one which I am happy to see is growing rapidly, is the writing of Christmas letters.

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Daily Hints For the Cook

FIG PUDDING. Two-thirds of a cup soft bread-crumbs (heaped), two eggs well beaten, half cup milk, half pound figs cut fine, level teaspoon baking powder, one and a half teaspoons salt. Chop the figs and cream, using the hand. Add the figs and then the egg and milk to the bread-crumbs, mixed with the salt and baking powder. Combine the mixture and steam three hours.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE. One cup butter cream, one and a half cups sugar, three eggs, beaten light, one cup milk, four cups flour, one cup raisins, one cup currants, one cup sliced candied orange peel, one half-spoon salt, one teaspoon soda, two teaspoons cream tartar, one teaspoon vanilla, one half teaspoon almond, one half teaspoon lemon. Bake one hour in a slow oven. Makes two large loaves. Wrap in waxed paper it will keep a long while.

PERLAMY CHOCOLATE. One-half cup granulated sugar, half cup sifted flour, half cup lard, one cup cocoa, one cup milk, one cup butter, one cup currants, one cup sliced candied orange peel, one half-spoon salt, one teaspoon soda, two teaspoons cream tartar, one teaspoon vanilla, one half teaspoon almond, one half teaspoon lemon. Bake one hour in a slow oven. Makes two large loaves. Wrap in waxed paper it will keep a long while.

BOSTON HAS ANOTHER SENSATIONAL CASE OF GIRL MURDER. Boston, Dec. 22—Five persons were taken into custody after the discovery by the police today of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Bolduc, aged 22 years, of Manchester (N. H.), in the apartment house at 100 West Street, Boston.

DELVE INTO CEMENT MERGER. Ottawa, Dec. 22—An action involving \$85,000 has been taken by the Bank of Montreal against Sir Sandford Fleming, Joseph Irvin, Sandford Hall Fleming, Hugh Fleming, Wm. Exshaw and the Anglo-Canadian Finance Company, \$20,000,000; Hugh Fleming, \$10,000,000; Wm. Exshaw, \$10,000,000. The case is another outcome of the big cement merger.

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