

The Port Williams Acadian

PORT WILLIAMS HAPPENINGS

Seven consecutive days of sunshine after the storms of January and February made folks congratulate themselves that at last spring was really near. But such dreams were dissipated by the blustering March storm of Wednesday. One certainly would have to possess the spirit of a poet to appreciate this winter, the words of Ruskin, "Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us, snow is exhilarating. There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chase, of Church Street, have both been on the sick list. Miss Margaret Chase, of Halifax spent the week end with her parents in Church Street.

Miss Mildred Faulkner, who has been attending the Business College at Halifax, is visiting her father here. Miss Althea Faulkner is spending the week with friends in Kentville.

Mr. Roy Beanson arrived home on Monday after spending two years in the west.

Mr. Chas. Chase, of Chester, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lila Chase.

An interesting debate formed part of the program at Division on Monday evening, subject, Resolved that "Life in the city is more beneficial than life in the country." Leaders: affirmative, H. R. Holding; negative, R. F. Newcombe, the negative side winning by small majority.

The Social of last Friday evening in the Baptist Vestry was a splendid success and reflected much credit on the members of "Loyal Workers" class who put on so excellent a program. All the numbers were good but the pageant representing the months of the year evoked much applause from the audience. In costumes and acting it was exceedingly well done. Light refreshments were served. The silver collection at door netted \$20.00 which goes towards the pledge of \$50.00 the class gave to the piano fund. Another gift of \$5.00 has been made to this fund by Rev. R. H. Bishop, of Greenwich.

The storm of Wednesday prevented the W. M. A. S. meeting, postponement being made till Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday evening the "Kings Daughters" held their class meeting at Mrs. C. A. Campbell's. New officers were appointed and a social hour enjoyed. An evening with program "our Canadian poets", is being prepared to be given shortly.

Mr. Lew Lockwood attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Anderson Lockwood, a former resident of Port Williams, at Middleton on Friday last. Mervil Steele, who has been very ill with pneumonia at Cherry Brook Farm, is now rapidly improving.

Mrs. Levert Meister spent the week end with relatives in Kentville.

The Women's Institute will give their concert in Temperance Hall on Friday evening. A program of instrumental music, readings by Miss Carning, of Acadia, a Health Playlet by the school children and the "Seasons" pageant repeated by request, insures an enjoyable evening.

DEATH OF SCOTTS BAY CITIZEN

In the passing of David Jess on March first Scotts Bay loses not only a most valued citizen, but the last of the male members of the third generation of Jess. The original settler there was George, whose wife was a Payzant, and from his son George, whose wife was Charlotte Huntley, sprang the family of nine, all of whom (excepting Daniel) had families, members of which are found through this county. The family was as follows:

William H., Daniel, George L., Joseph, David, Leander, Elizabeth (Mrs. Edward Lovelace), Sarah (Mrs. D. L. Corkum), Annie (Mrs. Duncan McCuish), the last named being the sole survivor of the family.

David Jess has figured in the industrial and commercial life of Scotts Bay as a mill proprietor and a merchant and with his wife, who was Miss Mary Brown, of Hants County, and who predeceased him some two years, contributed much to the wholesome religious sentiment of the community. He died in the harness at the ripe age of eighty-three. The family of Mr. Jess consists of Benj. C. Jess, of Aurora, Ill. U. S. A.; Mammie (Mrs. Morton Ellis) and Leila, wife of Oxley H. Steele, Scotts Bay.

On account of sickness in the village preventing any gathering a memorial service will be held later.

LESSONS FROM THE SEA

The ocean is in a constant state of evaporation. It gives back what it receives, and sends up its waters in mists to gather into clouds; and so there is rain on the fields, storm on the mountains, and greenness and beauty everywhere. But there are many who do not believe in evaporation. They get all they can, and keep all they get, and so are not fertilizers, but only stagnant, miasmatic, pools.

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GREENWICH NOTES

Work in Mr. Dexter Forsythe's Apple Evaporator was resumed again two weeks ago, after being closed a few weeks. A number of men and boys have been busily employed there.

Miss Christine Harvey, who is taking a Business Course in Wolfville as a day pupil, fell on a slippery sidewalk in Wolfville while on her way to take the train to return home one day almost two weeks ago and badly sprained her ankle. We are glad to learn she is now much improved.

Mrs. George Bishop recently entertained at "afternoon tea" a number of the ladies of the place.

Mr. A. Lockwood received the sad news one day last week of the death of his mother at her home in Middleton. Sympathy is expressed for Mr. Lockwood, who has only been a resident of our community a few months.

Mrs. A. K. Forsythe entertained a few ladies last Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Miss Lillian Bishop entertained a good number of young ladies at tea last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John Fenwick and Miss Betty Fenwick, of Habitant, came over Friday afternoon to Betty's home here. They attended Community League that evening and we understand returned to Habitant next day.

Miss Mattie Regan, of Port Williams, visited Miss Evangeline Cox on Friday and Saturday.

The Community League last Friday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by a hall full of people. After the usual business, reading of current events, etc., the Dramatic Committee, Miss Bessie Fraser, Convenor, took charge, or provided the programme and it was a great one from beginning to end. The song, "Just one note", by one of the young ladies in costume and motion, was "a scream" as termed by some of our girls. The question and answer song also in motion, by a young man and young lady, also the tableau of the song, "The Gypsy's Warning" and "The Answer", were both beyond comparison, or "could not be beat", parts of the song in tableau being effective and touching. Then came "the show" of the evening, "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works or Figures." It was given in three scenes, or so called chambers. Altogether Mrs. Jarley and her assistant John exhibited eighteen different figures, each one being well described by Mrs. Jarley and at the proper time being wound up and set in motion by John. Each figure was in perfect costume for its representation and too much credit cannot be given to those who did so much toward getting ready for this entertaining evening. The writer cannot do justice to it. Figures representing Christopher Columbus, Nero, Queen Cleopatra, The Politician, The Editor, Babes in the Wood, Two-headed Girl, John Alden and Priscilla, Little Bo-Peep, etc., etc., all these and each

one of the others were well done. "The Flapper", the only modern or "up-to-date" figure was originally planned and proved a big success. No special mention could be made. The young people in this community have energy and talent that deserve high praise. The Victrola selections "in between" were enjoyed. Whole evening, free of charge. Many have made the remark, it was worth fifty cents. The President lectures this week on his instructive and interesting series. A crowded hall please.

Miss Elsie Piper spent the week-end in Kentville. Mr. Frederick Baker spent the week-end with Mrs. Baker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bishop. The large sleighing party and drive, planned by Community League to take place Monday evening, was postponed owing to weather conditions.

"OVER THE HILL" TO BE PRESENTED HERE

The William Fox special photo-production, "Over the Hill", which is heralded as one of the most fascinating film dramas ever released, will be shown at the Opera House, Monday and Tuesday. The success of "Over the Hill" during a year's run in New York prior to its release to the country at large, reveals a significant psychological angle of the showmanship of its producer, William Fox. For Mr. Fox, with the unerring instinct of a good showman, in the case of this picture reached back into the dim and misty past and brought forth a story that is exceedingly timely in its message, and appeals to every known type and grade of theatregoer.

There is so much laughter, wholesome sentiment and genuine amusement value in "Over the Hill" that it stands out as embodying all that is finest and most attractive in theatrical entertainment.

The film story was made from Will Carleton's "Farm Ballads" by Paul H. Sloane, and was directed with superb skill by Harry Miard. The part of Ma Benton, the principal character, is played by Mary Carr, who has made of it a masterpiece of dramatic art.

PRESERVING JERUSALEM

The preservation of Jerusalem as a city of a great soul is the purpose of General Ronald Storrs, Governor of the Province of Judea, who spoke recently in New York. He told how, as a Military Governor under General Allenby, and later in his civil capacity under the British Government, he had fought to keep the billboards and chimneys and tramways of modernity from marring the historic and religious beauty of Jerusalem.

"There is an atmosphere in that city that it takes years to appreciate," said General Storrs, "and our struggle is for the intangible and the imperishable. That is what should be revered. Jerusalem is a city of a great soul; it has

GAS STORAGE FOR APPLES

In storing apples there is a very interesting alternative to cold storage, known as "gas storage". The apples are placed in an air-tight chamber filled with gas produced by the respiration of the apples themselves. An electric instrument is used to determine whether at any time the proportion of carbon dioxide in this gas becomes excessive, and when that condition occurs air is admitted to dilute the gas. The air is kept in slow circulation by its own temperature variations and means are taken to remove excess moisture.

It is stated that this system doubles the time during which apples can be kept in good condition and that the cost of working is very much below that of any kind of cold storage. The merits of the system have been closely studied by the British Investigating Board.

BUSINESS AND ROMANCE BLEND ON KARAKUL SHEEP RANCH



A business enterprise being successfully carried on at a ranch fifteen miles from Calgary by Dr. O. H. Patrick has a history full of romance and adventure. In spite of Russian export and Canadian import prohibitions, Dr. Patrick succeeded in bringing to Canada in 1913 a flock of 26 Karakul sheep from Bokhara, Russia, the sheep which produce the famous "Persian Lamb." The animals cost \$65,000. In ten years this flock has increased to 800 and the Doctor is marketing the finest quality Persian lamb skins, and lamb and mutton of the highest quality. The Karakul sheep were cross-bred with other varieties and the quality of the fur thereby improved. In the picture above is shown, in the lower left hand corner, Dr. Partrick with one of his famous rams. Next to it a lamb, under two weeks old, at which age they are killed for their fur. Above, a Welsh shepherd is demonstrating the use of the shepherd's crook. In the centre a "Persian Lamb" pelt, and to the right a group of the rare and valuable little animals.

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