

# SCHOOLS CLOSE ON AFTERNOONS OF ICE RACES

One Session for Days of  
World Skating Meet  
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BOARD OVERDRAFT  
REDUCED \$20,000

Mrs. J. M. Lawrence Retires  
After Forty Years on  
Teaching Staff

Authority was given for one session school days on the three days of the world speed skating championships in the city, Jan. 20, 27 and 28, at the meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the city held last night, and a progress report was received from the committee considering organized athletics in the schools.

The matter of the school overdraft was discussed and it was said that during 1925 the overdraft had been reduced by \$20,000. The average overdraft was said to be \$30,000.

Dr. L. M. Curran, chairman, pointed out that the City Council had recommended the School Board to work this matter out itself. Dr. Curran thought that it might seem advisable to assess for the limit that the law allowed and by practicing strict economy endeavor to wipe out the overdraft in one or two years.

The secretary, A. Gordon Leavitt, pointed out that the board expenditures were more or less fixed and that the only item on which economies could be made was the item for repairs. It was decided to give the matter further consideration when estimates are dealt with at a special meeting on next Monday night.

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. L. M. Curran, chairman, presided. Others present were W. C. Cross, the newly appointed trustee, who succeeds H. A. Porter and was cordially welcomed; Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. E. R. Taylor, Dr. J. K. Higgins, S. W. Palmer, T. H. Carter, Thomas Nagle, E. R. W. Ingraham, S. A. Worrell, acting superintendent, and A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary.

At a previous teachers' committee meeting, leave of absence had been granted Miss Alice K. Lingley, Miss U. N. Nell and Miss Roberta Holder. Announcement was made of the retirement of Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, who had been a member of the teaching staff for more than 40 years. The board expressed warm appreciation of Mrs. Lawrence's long and faithful service.

## MATTER OF LEAVE

One teacher, who had been granted half pay during absence, wrote to thank the board but commented on the fact that service rendered had not been thought worthy of better reward.

With reference to this letter Dr. Curran said it appeared that full pay had been expected. He thought that a clear understanding should be had regarding the matter of leave.

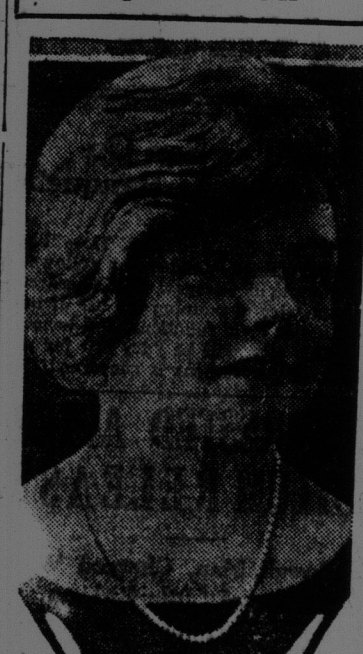
Moulson Temple Pythian Sisters had been granted by the committee the use of the board room for packing Christmas boxes for the poor. On the motion of Mr. Cross the action of the chairman was endorsed and commended.

D. J. Corr wrote asking the board to grant one session days on the three days of the world speed skating championships. On these days it was decided to have one session day, it being suggested that the hours of the session be 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

The statistical report of the secretary gave the following information: Pupils enrolled, 9,195; those in actual attendance, 8,702; of whom 4,242 were boys and 4,460 girls; the percentage of those attending present daily was 83.82; teachers' visits totalled 207. The pupils enrolled but not attending

## Operated On



MISS LLOYD GEORGE  
Here is a recent photograph of Miss Lloyd George, daughter of England's war time prime minister, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in London after being taken suddenly ill, and her father cancelled a tour of Italy to return to her side. Her condition is not considered serious.

## Kings Will Debate St. Francis Xavier

HALIFAX, Jan. 11.—The Lent Term has commenced at King's University and the student activities are well under way. The first co-ed reception was held Thursday evening from 8-11, and dancing was enjoyed. Misses Dauphine and Prowse were the hostesses.

The student body and the K. G. A. A. held the first meetings of the term recently. The hockey practices will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Dalhousie rink from one until two.

THE DEBATE ST. F. X.  
Prof. Maxwell was elected coach at a recent meeting of the Quincentennial Debating Society with Dr. S. H. Prince and Dr. W. D. MacFarlane as advisors. King's debater St. Francis Xavier in March. The subject for the debate is "Resolved, that change in the debate is a supply level of prices is due to change in the supply of money and of deposit currency." King's will uphold the affirmative.

ing were accounted for as follows: Died, 8; sick, 186; at work, 87; left the city, 118; transferred, 70; truancy, 6; kept at home, 91; total, 483.

## WANTS INCREASE

The request of the office assistant, Miss Kane, for an increase of salary was referred to the meeting which will deal with estimates.

The Saint John Debating League's request for the use of the High School assembly hall for the debate with the Imperial team was again before the board.

Dr. Curran pointed out the exceptional nature of the occasion. He felt it was an honor for the School Board to be able to assist in this matter. A committee has the matter in hand.

Mr. Nagle, for the committee considering the matter of organized athletics in the schools, reported that the committee had met and arranged for A. W. Covey to address a meeting of the principals of the schools this month.

## TRUANCY REPORT

The December report of C. Herbert Green, truant officer of the city, reported excellent work accomplished. Although it was a short month, the truant officer visited 80 homes and schools and had three cases in court. He found that the cases dealt with were grouped as follows: Six were home because of sickness; six were in hospital; 16 were absent for lack of clothing; 16 were irregular in attendance; nine were away temporarily; six were truants; three were habitual truants, and two were not registered at any school.

## KINDERGARTEN OFFICERS NAMED

Mrs. W. C. Rising is Elected  
President of Association  
Here

Treasurer Shows \$143.78 Balance—Donations Acknowledged at Meeting

The Free Kindergarten Association yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms completed its slate of officers and elected as president Mrs. W. C. Rising. Very gratifying reports of the work of the five kindergartens were submitted and many very welcome gifts were announced.

Mrs. E. R. Taylor presided. The report of Miss B. Dawson, treasurer, showed a balance of \$143.78. Receipts had totalled \$1,148.23, including \$1,000 from the School Board. Disbursements included teachers' salaries, \$760; janitors, \$68; rent for two months, \$100. Outstanding bills were ordered paid.

Miss Ruth Manks sent thanks for sympathy extended in her bereavement.

## DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Donations acknowledged included \$5 from Miss Seeds and \$17.75 from Miss Manks for a book.

The hall committee was asked to give consideration to the possibility of securing new quarters for one kindergarten.

Mrs. H. H. Pickett gave the educational committee report for November and December, telling of gifts of milk, biscuits and clothes for the children and the Christmas closings, when there were many other gifts.

## MADE OWN GIFTS

The children gave their mothers' gifts which they had made themselves. These included little calendars with the children's photographs paid for with their pennies and some workbaskets made from berry boxes.

Among the gifts to the kindergartens and children were many from organizations and individuals. Miss Mary Guna gave a picture for St. Mary's kindergarten and the father of one of the children made and donated one comes for a Christmas tree.

Votes of thanks were extended to Miss Guna and to Miss George Polly and Mrs. Corbett, who donated gifts.

## CHRISTMAS TREAT

Mrs. H. L. Spangler reported on gifts for the Christmas treat. Every whole-sale fruit company, local candy firms and the wholesale grocers had been generous contributors.

Changes in the placing of the assistants were reported and one month's leave of absence was granted Miss Kierstead.

The St. Andrew's Benevolent Society was heartily thanked for a gift of dresses and other clothing for the children.

The nominating committee having been asked to bring in names of officers to fill vacancies reported as follows: President, Mrs. W. C. Rising; treasurer, Miss Leslie Pickett; and third vice-president, Mrs. D. V. Wilt. These officers were elected by acclamation.

## DELEGATES TO COUNCIL

Nominations for officers of the Women's Council were filled out and delegates were instructed to go to vote. A resolution of condolence to the bereavement was extended to Mrs. W. A. Estey, vice-president, and a letter expressing regret at her illness was being voted to make Mrs. McAvity honorary vice-president in recognition of her work for the association while president.

## LIST OF OFFICERS

The officers of the association are now as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. H. H. Pickett; honorary vice-president, Mrs. Allan G. McAvity; president, Mrs. W. C. Rising; first vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Estey; second, Mrs. H. L. Spangler; third, Mrs. Douglas V. White; fourth, Miss Mary Harrison; secretary, Miss Marjorie Knight; treasurer, Miss Leslie Pickett.

## ADDRESSES GIVEN INSTITUTE WOMEN

Several Speakers Are Heard on  
Topics of Interest and  
Importance

The Saint John Women's Institute had a very interesting meeting in the lecture hall of the Health Centre last night. Mrs. T. N. Vincent, president, was in the chair.

Mrs. D. V. White gave an address on the League of Nations.

J. L. Sugrue was the next speaker and his subject was the minimum wage from the woman's viewpoint. He gave a very clear presentation of the aims and operation of such legislation and spoke of the convention in the West which he had attended as a member of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

An interesting discussion followed the two addresses.

Mrs. J. W. V. Lawlor gave a talk on constitution, dealing specially with committees and resolutions.

Mrs. Richard Hooper gave the fourth in the series of biographical sketches of prominent men of the present time gave a very interesting account of the life of Luther Burbank.

The winner of the Women's Institute counterpane for which a drawing had been conducted was announced to be Mrs. W. B. Tennant.

Miss Harriet Vincent, convener of the arts and crafts committee, brought to the meeting to be a gem in a flower pot that was a piece of craft work exactly copied nature.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Royal Arms Chapter of the I. O. O. F. E. held its January meeting last night at the residence of Mrs. G. G. Corbett in Coburg street, welcomed one new member. The regent, Mrs. Norman Gregory, presided. Nominations were received for the election of officers at the next meeting and excellent reports were presented from the recent ten and six. After the business had been disposed of a social hour was enjoyed and Mrs. Corbett served refreshments.



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## W. H. PRICE HEADS KING EDWARD LODGE

Installation Carried Out Last  
Evening—Death of Mayor  
Potts Regretted

The installation of the officers of King Edward Lodge, P. A. B. B., took place last night at the lodge meeting in Prentice Boys' hall in West Saint John.

W. H. Price, worshipful master of the lodge and grand master of the order, made feeling reference to the loss sustained in the death of the late Mayor, Mayor F. L. Potts. A resolution of condolence was extended to the bereaved. The installation of officers was conducted by the grand master, assisted by Past Grand Master R. J. Anderson.

The officers installed were as follows: W. M. W. H. Price; D. M. Shubal Carvill, treasurer; John H. B. Bay, recording secretary; Leonard C. Ougier, director of ceremonies; Richard Craft, chaplain; Gordon Smith, outside flyer; Stuart Watterson, inner guard; Frank Irvine, lecturer; Clifford G. Price, W. H. Price and J. W. Fillmore.

Speecies were delivered by all of the members adjourned to the banquet hall where a bountiful supper was served.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting of the Propagation of the Faith Society of the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Cella McDonald, president; Miss Ellen O'Regan, vice-president; Miss Ethel Flaherty, inner guard; Miss Gertrude Ryan, assistant financial secretary; Miss Gertrude O'Regan, recording secretary; executive, Miss Nan McDade. Rev. Francis Gillen is chaplain.

## INVITED TO ATTEND

Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, of St. George's, Minister of Health, has been asked to attend the annual meeting of the Saint John Health Centre which takes place on Friday evening of this week. Miss Smellie, Dominion supervisor of the Victorian Order, will arrive in the city on Friday and will be in Saint John for a few days. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have Miss Smellie give an address at the Health Centre annual meeting also.

## OFFICERS CHOSEN

The Saint John Iron and Hardware Association at its annual meeting held last night in the Dearborn building elected the following officers: President, A. M. Rowan; vice-president, James Harrison; and secretary, W. C. Clark. Arrangements were made for holding the annual banquet at the Union Club on Jan. 19. C. Hoyt, the retiring president, was in the chair.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LIST NOW IS 550

German Street Baptist Re-  
ports Increase of 41 at  
Annual Meeting

Finances Reported on; Officers  
Elected—Willing Workers  
Have Yearly Session

An increase of 41 in the enrollment of the Sunday school of the German street Baptist church was reported at last night's annual meeting of the school held at 8:30 p. m. at the church. The enrollment is 550. The amount raised for Sunday school and missionary purposes was \$1,921.75, and at the White Gift service the sum of \$200 was contributed. Excellent reports were presented by all of the departments.

## OFFICERS CHOSEN

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Superintendent, L. W. Simms; associate superintendents, S. E. Fisher and C. R. Watson; secretary, George R. Smith; assistant secretary, Foster Duval; treasurer, Frank T. Lewis; assistant treasurer, Miss Estelle Vaughan; chorister, Paul B. Cross; primary superintendent, Miss Estelle Vaughan; secretary, Miss L. W. Simms; assistant secretary, Miss Marjorie Staples; organist, Mrs. C. C. Cross; superintendent of home department, Mrs. Hope Thomson; and Mrs. J. K. Morley; superintendent of craft, Mrs. W. C. Cross and Mrs. L. W. Simms.

## WILLING WORKERS

The willing workers of the German street Baptist church at their annual meeting last night heard very gratifying reports. During the year the society raised \$1,922.82 and expended \$1,201.33. Mrs. Donaldson Hunt, president, was in the chair and the meeting was well attended.

Among the gifts to the church for the year were a Bible, a Bible woman, three children and a native girl in India and gave \$10 each to the Inter-Provincial Home for Women at Coverdale and to the Acadia University building fund. The members made many garments which were given to orphanages and to the Children's Aid and the society gave out many Christmas gifts and distributed much relief. It also paid off all indebtedness of the church for the installation of the new organ and gave gifts of dolls and bags of candy to the kindergartens at the Christmas closings.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. Donaldson Hunt; vice-presidents, first, Mrs. A. B. Farmer; second, Mrs. W. C. Cross; treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Bonnell; secretary, Miss Alberta McLeod; committee conveners, Mary and means, Mrs. J. C. Brown; and Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mrs. F. A. Dykeman; organist, Mrs. J. Z. Curran; publisher, Miss Alice Rising; look-out, Miss Ethel Estey; supervisors of church work, Mrs. William Lewis and Mrs. H. M. Douglas.

## 57 FEET OF PEARLS LEFT KING VICTOR

Collar Begun by Humbert  
and Valued at 220,000-  
000 Lire

ROME, Jan. 12.—A 57-foot rope of pearls was will to King Victor Emmanuel by the late Queen Mother Margherita, according to reliable reports of the royal bequests.

Margherita's pearl collar was second only to that of the Maharajah of Kutch in value. It was valued at 220,000 lire and began the collar for his queen and gave her a string of pearls on each string hereafter.

The collar, which now is to go to the king, consists of 32 strings of pearls of a total length of nineteen yards. Its value is 220,000 lire.

Several priceless emeralds and other jewels are distributed among the family by Margherita's will, but the bulk of her estate goes to Crown Prince Humbert, whom she particularly loved.

The body of the Queen was buried in the Pantheon Monday.

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GOOD WORK, A REWARDED.

The members of the Railway and  
Steamship Checkers' Union assembled  
in the Carlton Curling Club rooms on  
Friday night last and spent an enjoy-  
able time at a banquet. During the  
evening, in recognition of the good  
work performed in the interest of the  
union, Chairman H. Scribner and Sec-  
retary P. McElroy were presented with  
fountain pens.

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## Social Notes of Interest

Mrs. H. Claire Mott, 13 German street, entertained at a delightful children's party yesterday afternoon. In honor of her little daughter, Jean and Anna Claire, the occasion being the fourth birthday of the latter. Thirty-six little guests spent the afternoon in games and music and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the hostess. At the tea hour tables were spread in the dining room and decorated with red and white. A prettily decorated birthday cake, containing trinkets for the guests adorned each table and red candles in crystal candlesticks shed a subdued light over the dainty confections. Red baskets containing sweets were at each guest's place. The following were present: Eleanor Rising, Phyllis Warwick, Elizabeth Rising, Ruth Kitchen, Helen Rising, Miriam Smith, Jean Kitchen, Evelyn Bonnell, Doris Wilson, Barbara Bonnell, Ruth Hayward, Eleanor Wilson, Jane Leonard, Shirley Vandervoort, Elizabeth Leonard, Mae Tapley, Betty Gilbert, Frances Colwell, Phyllis Macaulay, Ruth Fraser, Nancy Dunlop, Beverly Finley, members of the Pythian Sisters, Evelyn Fritz, Charlotte Pomar, Phyllis Plummer, Doris Burton, Anita Plummer, Fraser Hunt, Frank McLeod, Claire Hodgson, Ruth Heine, Mary deWolfe and Meredith Titus.

Miss Audrey McLeod, Wellington Row, gave a very enjoyable weekend tea in honor of her cousin, Miss Katherine McLeod, of Toronto.

Mrs. Kent Scovill arrived home yesterday, after spending two weeks in West Newton, Mass., the guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. L. Sheraton.

Mrs. Dorothy McConnell entertained at bridge on Friday afternoon at a number of her friends, at her home, 38 Douglas Avenue.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sue Margaret Jean, second daughter of Alice E. S. and the late Gideon N. Heveor, of Saint John and Robt. Heveor, of Vermilion, Baldwin, of Long Island, N. Y., the marriage to take place in the future in Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford.

Mrs. James MacMurray and daughters, the Misses John and Barbara, who have been visiting Mrs. MacMurray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Peebles, at East Orange, N. J., are expected home the latter part of this month. Little Miss Barbara is recovering rapidly after an operation performed the latter part of October.

Many friends are glad to know, Miss Ethel Hansen Jarvis, secretary of the N. B. division of the Red Cross, has recovered from her recent illness and is able to be at the Red Cross office again.

M. Hugh Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison, left on Tuesday for Toronto to resume his studies after spending his vacation with his parents.

Mr. Douglas McKeane, returned yesterday from a two week's trip to Montreal.

Mr. G. C. Jordan, who has been a guest in the city at the Royal Hotel, returned to Montreal last evening.

Mrs. J. A. MacKeghan and little daughter, of Moosejaw, are the guests of Mrs. MacKeghan's father, Mr. John A. McAvity, 50 Orange street.

Mrs. Montgomery Campbell, of Fredericton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Morrissey, 88 Hasen street.

Mr. Allan G. McAvity with his two sons, James and George, left on Sunday for Montreal. Messrs. McAvity will proceed to St. Catherine's to continue their studies at Ridley College.

Miss Robena Miller, of Campbellton, spent a few days recently in Saint John, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blais McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson, who have been visiting Saint John, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brennan, have returned to their home in Campbellton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scovill and Miss Helen Scovill were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Humphrey at Hampton.

Miss Jean Flewelling, Reg. N., has returned to St. Stephen after a visit with her sister, Mrs. George McNally, in Fredericton and with friends in Saint John.

## GOOD WORK, A REWARDED.

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## ANNUAL MEETING V. O. N. VISITS IN MOULSON TEMPLE DECEMBER 1, 1920

Pythian Sisters Install Officers—  
Present Gift to Retiring Chief,  
Mrs. Black

Special Appeal is Made to  
Churches in Connection With  
Nursing Work

The presentation of a beautiful  
bouquet of flowers and a past chief's  
pin to Mrs. O. R. Black, retiring most  
excellent chief of Moulson Temple,  
Pythian Sisters, at the regular meeting  
of the temple in the Pythian Castle  
last night, when the installation of officers  
took place, was a specially pleasing  
incident. The presentation was made  
by Mrs. G. Stevens on behalf of the  
members and Mrs. Black expressed her  
appreciation in a pleasing manner.

Among the visitors were Grand Chief  
Mrs. Frank Greason, Grand Senior  
Mrs. Ellsworth, members of Loyalist  
Temple, and Past Chief Mabel Foster  
of Alexandria Temple, No. 1, Grand  
Manan.

## INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The installation ceremonies were  
conducted by Past Chief Mrs. B. Por-  
ter, assisted by Past Chiefs Mrs. W.  
Brown and Mrs. C. Coman. The offi-  
cers installed were as follows: M. E.  
C. Mrs. Donald Cameron; excellent  
financial, Mrs. E. Nason; excellent junior,  
Mrs. A. C. Rockwell; mistress of  
finance, Mrs. T. Reed; mistress of rec-  
ords and correspondence, Mrs. W.  
Grant; protector, Miss Hazel McLeod;  
guard, Mrs. Ruth Williams; past chief,  
Mrs. O. R. Black.

A very pleasant social was enjoyed  
at the close of the meeting and refresh-  
ments were served.