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**MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.**

The examinations for license to practice medicine in New Brunswick were commenced this morning in O'Connell's Hall before Dr. Stewart Skinner, the registrar. The examiners are: Dr. T. D. Walker in chemistry, medical jurisprudence and toxicology; Dr. James Christie, in surgery, eye and ear; Dr. Skinner, in anatomy, physiology and histology; Dr. P. R. Inches in medicine, materia medica and therapeutics; Dr. G. A. B. Addy in pathology and bacteriology; Dr. J. W. Bridges in obstetrics and diseases of women and children.

The candidates taking the examinations are: Dr. L. M. Curran of Westfield; Dr. J. P. McKennie, Campbellton; Dr. C. E. Coleman, Chatham; Dr. N. P. Grant, Woodstock; Dr. J. M. Barry, St. John; Dr. Doucette, Dalhousie; Dr. L. J. Pineault, Campbellton; Dr. Roy McGrath, Memramcook; Dr. F. W. Hart; Dr. F. C. Webber, Calais; Dr. Hopkins, Andover; Dr. Palmer, Dorchester; Dr. C. M. Pratt, St. John; Dr. O. R. Peters, Gagetown; Dr. L. C. Harris, Moncton; Dr. Mabel Hanington, St. John.

Those taking the primary examinations are: D. R. Ireland, G. A. Wright and J. Price.

**DANGEROUS DERELICT.**

Capt Nickelsen of the bark Norman, from Liverpool, who arrived here today, reports that he passed a dangerous derelict, the schooner Canara, one hundred miles south east of Capt Sable. The schooner is at anchor and is in the regular track of navigation. Capt. Nickelsen tried to destroy her by fire, but was unable to do so.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**

A short service of intercession will be held on Thursday morning, commencing at nine o'clock.

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

Hale & Murchie's mill at Fredericton is now running for J. R. McConnell.

Concert and entertainment for the benefit of Rev. E. L. Coffin will be held at Union hall, North End, July 17.

There will be a special service of intercession for the King in St. Mary's church at eight o'clock this evening.

The combined children's service which was to have been held at Trinity church this evening at half-past seven has been postponed on account of the king's illness.

The prayer meeting in St. John's Presbyterian church this evening will take the form of an intercession for the king. The public are cordially invited.

In county court last evening the jury found Joseph O'Brien not guilty of stealing an overcoat. Hon. H. A. McKeown for the crown; J. L. Carleton, K. C., for the defence.

The service which was to have been held in St. Stephen's church tomorrow morning has been postponed. The usual meeting this evening will take the form of a service of intercession.

Mortimer Snow and wife (Adelene Warren) are latest theatrical arrivals. Mr. and Mrs. Snow have been engaged by Miss Nannery for her coming presentations and will fill out their vacation here.

Bodfish, O'Hearn and Perry, the Alerts' new players, arrived on the noon train and will be in the game today. The Roses received word from McGovern that he was laid up just at present, but hoped to be out by the first of the week.

The local union of Christian Endeavor will hold its annual outing on the 17th of July. The steamer Victoria has been chartered and she will leave the city at four o'clock, touch at Brown's Flats, where lunch will be served, and then continue for a short distance up the river.

**POLICE COURT.**

Five More Prisoners Go into the

Crowded Jail.

Five persons, all of them comparative strangers in the police court, were this morning given a chance to explain why they had been drunk last evening. None of them could do so to the satisfaction of the court, and the whole bunch were fined four dollars or ten days each. John Moyce was found drunk on St. John street between eight and nine o'clock; James Stephens, from England, whose Market Square as his exhibition ground, and Charles Nealey, the youngest prisoner in the bunch, went down to Carmarthen street. David Bennett and Albert Vergolice are employed in Cushing's mill, and as the mill was blowing itself yesterday afternoon they adopted the same course. They became separated, Bennett taking King street, while Vergolice faded away on Brussels street.

The whole crowd went into jail where they can assist in seeing that Briggs does not escape.

**PERSONALS.**

Rev. N. Power, of Nelson, N. B., is visiting Mr. Ed. Mooney, Queen street.

Mrs. Cowan has returned from Eastport, where she has been spending the last few weeks. She was accompanied by Miss Eric Shile, of that place. C. C. Eaton and Miss Eaton, of Montreal, arrived in the city today on their way to Granville, N. S.

John Willet arrived today from Toronto.

J. K. L. Ross and wife, of Sydney, are at the Dufferin.

Misses Gertrude Seely and Gertrude Hartley, of the west side, are at home from Bates' College, Maine.

Miss Edna M. Hatfield of Calais, Me., and formerly of west St. John, is visiting friends in the west end.

**BURIED TODAY.**

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Blakeslee took place at three o'clock this afternoon from 54 Orange street.

Service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. D. Freeman and interment made in Fernhill.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Edward F. Law, which was held this afternoon from his late residence, 412 Union street. At eleven o'clock a private service was held at the house by the Rev. John de Soyres and half past two o'clock the body was taken to St. John's church where the service was continued. Interment was in Fernhill.

**BRIGGS BEFORE THE COURT.**

The case of the King v. James Briggs, charged with breaking and entering was commenced this morning at the circuit court. The evidence of A. M. Rowan, Capt. Nelson Kelso, Detective Killen, Chief Clark and Officer Greer was heard this morning. The court adjourned until half-past two, when the case will be resumed. Hon. H. A. McKeown, K. C., appears for the crown and J. B. M. Baxter for the defendant.

**FIRE TODAY.**

Between eleven and twelve o'clock this forenoon an alarm was rung in from box 24 for a fire in the front of the house at 27 Horsfield street, owned by David Lynch, of Paradise Row, and occupied by Frederick Langan and Mrs. Archibald Rowan. Painters had been at work on the house burning off the old paint, and it is supposed that the fire originated from the lamps used by them. The front of the building was considerably damaged. Insurance is carried in the Lancashire company.

**LABOR DAY.**

The directors of the exhibition met last evening and considered the proposal of the Trades and Labor Union in regard to the parade on Labor Day. A letter was sent to the secretary of that organization expressing the appreciation of the Exhibition Association at the interest taken in the show by the union and promising to do all possible to make Labor Day a success.

**THE SCHOOLS.****Interesting Closing Exercises Were Held This Morning.**

References to the King's illness, and Fervent Singing of the National Anthem.

The closing of the schools took place today. In all those buildings that have assembly halls these were handsomely decorated with flags, pictures and flowers, and in the others the separate class rooms were decorated. In all the schools fitting reference was made to the illness of the king, and the singing of the national anthem was never sung with so much fervor as in this day of sorrowful uncertainty concerning the king's life.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

The large assembly hall of the High School was crowded this forenoon with friends of the pupils to witness the closing exercises. Dr. Bridges presided and the following programme was rendered:

Programme.  
High School Orchestra, march.....  
Recitation, "Crack of the Whip"  
Essay, "Canadian Heroism."  
Recitation, "Hugh A. Morrison"  
"Nature."  
High School Orchestra, selection.....  
Essay, "Cleanthe Waltz"  
Recitation, "Benefit of Failure."  
Essay, "William T. Denham"  
"Commercial Resources of Canada."  
High School Orchestra, march.....  
Recitation, "General Miles."  
Shakespeare, "The Winter's Tale."  
Introductory and Interlude.....  
Scene at the Shepherd's Cottage.  
Recitation, "John D. Matthews"  
Recitation, "Beatrice C. Skinner"  
Recitation, "Ethel Hannah"  
Recitation, "William W. Malcolm"  
Recitation, "Ernest E. Clavson"  
II. Scene in Paulina's House.  
Recitation, "S. Hart Green"  
Recitation, "Laura M. Taylor"  
Recitation, "Mary A. Truman"  
High School Orchestra, selection.....  
Essay, "Jennie B. Wadom"  
"Concentration."  
Valedictory, "William H. Morrow"  
Presentation of diplomas.  
God Save the King.

The following are the members of the graduating class:

Jessie Armstrong, Sadie Atkins, Louise Baird, Garfield Barton, Norma Baskin, Addie Belyea, Daisy Belyea, Robina Berton, Helen Biederman, Ernest Clawson, Jennie Colter, Jennie Cosman, Bessie Cowan, William Denham, Helen Evans, Florence Evans, Fred Fowler, Emma Giggay, Clara Grant, S. Hart Green, Hazel Hall, Ethel Hannah, Grace Hatheway, Miriam Hatheway, Charles Hickson, Mabel Hodges, Alfred Mackinnon, Katherine Mackinnon, William Malcolm, Grover Martin, John Matthews, Frances Mayall, Hugh Morrison, William Morrow, Roy Mosher, Mildred Munro, Laura Myles, Isabel McAvity, Farnell McCafferty, Annie McCarthy, Tillie McClelland, Janet McKelvie, Annie McKenzie, Daisy McLean, Elsie McLean, Perle McMirray, Agnes Peer, Alice Powers, Ethel Robinson, Laura Sandall, Beatrice Skinner, Annie Smith, Edward Smith, Eliza Smith, Harold Stubbs, Starr Tait, Sherry Thomas, Catharine Thorne, Mary Truman, Doris Tufts, Sadie Ukauf, John Walker, Mary Winter, Bessie Wisdom, Jennie Wisdom.

Those of the graduating class who were entitled to honor certificates are: William Morrow, Florence Evans, Ethel Hannah, S. Hart Green, Bessie Wisdom, William Denham, Mabel Hodges, Emma Giggay, Fred Fowler, Jessie Armstrong, and Jennie Colter.

The music of the orchestra was much appreciated and in the selector from Shakespeare the different students displayed highly creditable ability. Rev. W. O. Raymond addressed the graduating class, Dr. Harrison of the U. N. B., addressed those who had taken honors, and Senator Ellis on behalf of Mr. Truman, presented the eighth grade medal to Miss May Hanson.

A fine portrait of Dr. James Patterson, who had held the position of principal in the old grammar school from 1818 until 1853, which was presented to the school by Senator Ellis, was unveiled by Dr. Dole, the oldest living graduate.

**ALEXANDRA SCHOOL.**

In the Alexandra school the pupils have lately been practising for the laying of the memorial monument cornerstone, and on account of this no time was devoted to preparation for closing day. On this account, instead of holding any exercises the regular daily work of the school was carried on.

**NEWMAN STREET SCHOOL.**

At the closing exercises of Newman street school, Principal Brown's and Miss Livingstone's pupils massed in the principal's room and carried out the following programme: Chorus, by schools; reading, by Walter Campbell; recitation, by Clarence Dunlop; recitation, by Pearl Long; recitation, by Helen Estabrooks; recitation, by Geo. Moore; chorus, by schools; reading, by Charlie Cameron; recitation, by Annie Crawford; recitation, by Cora Ferris; solo, by Roberta Wisely; reading, by Estella Akerley; recitation, by Minnie Hill; recitation, by Annie McRae; chorus, by schools; dialogue, by four girls; recitation, by Hattie Watson; recitation, by Willie Williams; dialogue, by five boys and seven girls; chorus, by schools; dialogue, by nine girls; recitation, by John Barnes; recitation, by Flossie Morley.

An address was delivered by Rev. D. Long at the close of the exercises. The pupils of Miss Mowry's and Miss Power's class assembled in Miss Power's room and carried out a separate programme. From 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. a review of the work was held.

**DOUGLAS AVENUE SCHOOL.**

There being no large assembly hall in the Douglas avenue school the pupils of Miss Dale's and Miss Brown's classes combined in Miss Brown's room and held pleasing exercises suitable to the occasion. In Mr. Dill's room patriotic songs were sung and a review of the year's work held. This was also done in Miss Gale's and Miss Connell's departments.

**WINTER STREET SCHOOL.**

As there is no assembly room in the Winter street school, owing to the fact that the former assembly room had to be utilized to make additional class rooms, there could be no general programme in that building yesterday. In each of the twelve rooms, however, there were special exercises. The rooms were prettily decorated, and showed clever drawings on the blackboards. The exercises were of a patriotic character and the happy children acquitted themselves well, reflecting great credit on the teaching of Principal Stothart and the staff of teachers.

**ABERDEEN SCHOOL.**

In the Aberdeen school the pupils of grades I. and II. assembled and a programme was rendered, in which were the following: Songs by the pupils of the two classes, separately and together; recitations by Harry Rosser, Amalie Ekebrecht, Stanley Crawford, May McRae, William Latimer, Grace Magee, and dialogues by pupils of the two grades.

The scholars in grades III. to VIII. also assembled and the following programme was rendered: Song, His Majesty the King, school; recitations, Olga Magee, Medley Beaman, Robert McQuarrie, Sadie Marshall, Jennie Pinney; song, Canada, school; essay, Annie Strong; recitations, Edith Magee, Gladys Crawford, Willie Marshall, Stanley Clark, Adolphus Boyce, Ethel Armstrong, Louise Sheldon, Elsie Earle, Lily Wood, Jack Steele; songs, Ask the Children, grade IV.; Empire Flag, school; God Bless Thee Canada, school.

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL.**

The programme in Centennial school was as follows: Song, When O'er Earth is Breaking; simultaneous recitation, Our Flag; song and chorus, Rallying Round the Flag; recitation, Fruits, grade 2 boys; song, Buttercups and Daisies, grade 2 girls; recitation, The Barefoot Boy, grade 3 boys; song, Robin, Robin Redbreast; recitation, Daffodil Dance, grade 3 girls; song, Pickles, Masters McKendrick, Archibald and Richardson; recitation, Our Country's Flag, grade 1 girls; songs, March, Children, Steadily; solo, Trot, Trot, Trot, Hilda Galley; recitation, Who's That Calling, grade 4 boys; song, Up With the Union Jack; recitation, Flight of the Year, grade 4 girls; song, To the Great Brown House, song, Japanese Fan Drill, grade 5 girls; song, A Little Bird Came to My Window; speeches; song, There Was Once a Little Birdie; recitation, What the Poets Say About England; God Save the King.

**LEINSTER STREET SCHOOL.**

In Leinster street school the pupils assembled in the hall, where at eleven o'clock the following exercises were held: Scripture exercise, hymn, patriotic exercise, school; essays, by Kenneth Woodrow, Master Smith, Jack Walker, Sydney Scott, Ralph Fales; songs by Miss Turner's class, Miss Gilmour's class, and a number by the whole school; recitations by Fred Barker, Master Machum, Lawrence Belding, Henry Jackson, Malcolm Somerville, Roy Russell, Cecil Scott, Rutherford Simms, Collin Climo, Stanley Lewis; solo, Gordon Stevens; oration, Mrs. Denaide; drill by Miss Kavanagh's school; and address, by Rev. J. D. Freeman and Rev. H. H. Roach. The leaders in the principals', Mr. McKinnon's department, are Clarence Jordan and Percy Leonard, who tied for first place. Alfred Stevens was a close second. In this school Edward Bates and Malcolm Somerville have the credit of not losing a day during the whole year.

**VICTORIA SCHOOL.**

At half-past nine o'clock the children of the primary departments assembled in the prettily decorated hall, where the following programme was carried out: Chorus, March of the Blossoms, school; recitation, The Message of Nature, eight boys of Miss Salter's class; recitation, Lady Golden Rod, Miss Shaw's class; solo, Kathleen Goding; recitation, Ten Little Temperance Boys, ten boys from Miss Brown's class; chorus, Boat Song, school; recitation, Whatsoever You Have to Do, ten boys from Miss Howard's school; song, Violets' Lullaby, twelve girls from Miss Payson's class; recitation, Good-bye, Little Desk, eight girls from Miss Thompson's class; physical drill, boys of Miss Gunn's class; chorus, Song of the Daisies, school; recitation, Principle Put to the Test, Leslie Creighton; song, Little Green Boughs, girls of Miss Thompson's class; dialogue, Flag of the Empire, girls of Miss Shaw's class; recitation, The Doll's Funeral, Helen Bailey; recitation, Madeline de Soyres; chorus, Land of the Maple, school.

At half-past ten o'clock, when this programme had been concluded, the scholars of the higher grades assembled and in their exercises was the following programme: Chorus, Ring, Ring, Blossom Bells; recitation, The Queen's Gift, Alice Till; dialogue, Choosing An Occupation, by six girls; chorus, Hark! Over the Hills, by eight girls; recitation, Charge of the Gordon Highlanders, Albert Smith; dialogue, Flowers; recitation, The Organ Builder, Alice Scott; chorus, Canada! Canada; recitation, Grandma's Maxim, Janet Armstrong; chorus, His Majesty the King; flag drill, by sixteen girls; recitation, The Spinning Wheel, Jean Campbell; Chorus, Dost Thou Thank Him, by seven girls; chorus, Beautiful Bells, school. God Save the King.

**QUEEN STREET.**

The pupils of Queen street (colored) school, under the direction of I. T. Richardson, held very pleasing exercises today. A programme of patriotic songs, recitations and dialogues was carried out.

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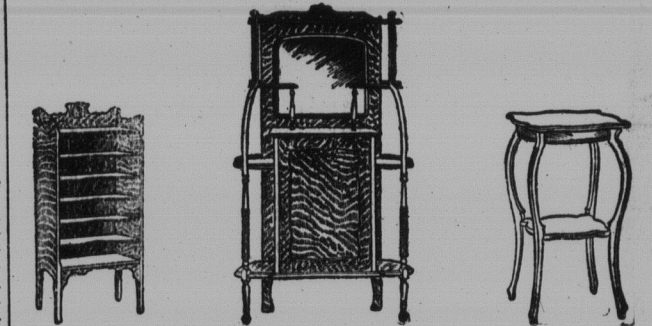
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to the over-crowded condition of the school the exhibition hall has been utilized as a class room, and hence no closing exercises could be held there today. In the various rooms of the building a review of the year's work was taken up, interspersed with recitations and singing.

**ST. PATRICK'S HALL.**

In St. Patrick's hall, Carleton, the closing exercises were held in the various rooms, consisting of a short review and an interesting programme of songs and recitations.

**LA TOUR SCHOOL.**

Exercises of an interesting nature were held in each teacher's room from 9 to 10.30; from 10.30 to 11.30 the lower classes joined, and at 11.30 the closing exercises, in which all the classes participated, began in the room of the principal, Geo. Armstrong. An enjoyable programme, consisting of recitations, dialogues, short essays and singing, was carried out.

The staff of this school at present consists of but three teachers, Mr. Armstrong, Miss Emerson and Miss Nannery, but when the schools open again in the autumn it is expected that classrooms now unfinished will be ready for occupancy, and a larger number of teachers will be on the staff. The building is beautifully situated, and thoroughly up-to-date in its equipment and furnishing.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOLS.**

In the Sandy Point, Spar Cove and Millidgeville schools closing exercises of a pleasing character were held. Patriotic songs were sung by the pupils and recitations and drills given. Reviews of the past season's work were also held.

**THIS EVENING.**

No. 1 Salvage Corps tonight. Ryan Company at the Opera House tonight in O'Brien the Contractor.

Williams' Shakespearean Recital at York Theatre tonight: Much Ado About Nothing. Festival Chorus rehearsal tonight. Annual "At Home" of the High School Alumni Society.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**

Dufferin Hotel, June 25.—J. E. Hetherington, Chicago; J. H. Wallace, Toronto; Robert Seely, Rochester; A. A. LeMay, Summerside; Norton Bryan, Sydney; J. L. Ross and wife, Sydney; A. Thompson, Antigonish.

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