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**"BLACK KNIGHT"**

The Rev. J. N. Hector, popularly known as the "Black Knight" and well known in Canada and the United States as a leader in the cause of temperance reform died recently in the United States. Mr. Hector was a negro, the son of slaves and had practically no education in his youth. He in turn was a volunteer in the Civil War, a railroad engineer driver and a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He had spoken many times in Montreal and was well known in Canada. He was nearly seventy years old.

**BUILDING ON FIELD OF WATER-LOO.**

(Glasgow Herald)

When the centenary of the battle of Waterloo is celebrated next year visitors to the famous field will find that it has largely lost its rural appearance, as it has become a favorite site for building of country villas. There are no fewer than fifty now on the field where Napoleon met his doom, and many of them are built on the very spots that were occupied by the combatants. The field is an ideal situation for country retreats. The completion of good motor roads from Nivelles and Charleroi has done much to stimulate villa building.

**Middleton**

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bent returned from Sydney last week.

Mrs W. S. H. Morris returned from Halifax on Friday.

Miss Byard of St. John, is the guest of Miss Mae Harding.

Mr and Mrs J. Morris and Master Roland of New Glasgow are in town spending a few days with friends.

Mrs W. J. Hatfield arrived recently from Plumas, Man., and is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs. R. I. Phinney.

Mrs Harding and Mrs Levi Phinney who occupied J. F. Bent's house for the winter, left the first of last week for Margareville.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Potter arrived on Wednesday last from Medicine Hat and greatly enjoyed their trip to the Canadian West.

Mr and Mrs N. F. Marshall arrived home on Saturday after spending a couple of months in Chicago, the guest of their son, Mr. Frank Marshall.

The death occurred on Sunday morning at one o'clock of our respected townsman, Mr. F. R. Butcher. The remains were taken to St. John on Monday for burial. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs Batcher and family.

**FALKLAND RIDGE**

We had a heavy fall of snow on the 2nd.

Ralph Marshall is attending school in Lawrencetown.

Mrs Milford Stoddard has a serious attack of la grippe.

Mrs E. H. Marshall and Retz Marshall are on the sick list.

Lester Starratt of Halifax spent a few days at his home here.

Mr S. P. DeLong of New Germany, called on Milford Stoddard this week.

Ralph Donaldson of Williamston, inspected the experimental orchard here this week.

Mrs J. C. Grimm, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sproule, returned home on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Stoddard returned from the Victoria General Hospital, April 25, where he has been for the past four months.

Miss Luetta Feener spent Thursday and Friday in Springfield the guest of her friends the Misses Dorothy and Jennie Durling.

Prof. L. D. Robinson lectured in the hall on Thursday evening. His subject was "Orcharding," and Friday evening on "Strawberry Culture." He had an attentive audience.

**LeMert Steves Whinyard, L.L.B.**

The schoolmates and friends of Mr Whinyard notice with pleasure that he graduates in law at Dalhousie this week. Mr. Whinyard is a son of Mr William Whinyard, and is therefore a native of Lawrencetown.

Lawrencetown has produced a number of missionaries, ministers, doctors and professors, but Mr. Whinyard is one of the first lawyers.

Mr. Whinyard deserves the utmost credit in attaining his recent well-earned honors.

Integrity, honesty, and an industry that brooked no failure, are the rungs by which Mr. Whinyard has attained his present position. "Labore et Honorati" is the motto that should constantly be placed before every young man who wishes to achieve real success.

The many friends of Mr. Whinyard wish him much success in his chosen profession.

**PORT GEORGE**

May 4.

The Union Thimble Club will meet at Mrs Adelbert Weaver's, Wednesday afternoon, May 6.

Mr and Mrs Novie McGranahan of Margareville, were guests of Capt. and Mrs Henry Fritz, Sunday, April 26.

Owing to the death of Mr Harding Weaver, the family have sold their place and are moving back to Victoriavale.

A number of fish were caught the latter part of April, but owing to May coming in so rough and cold the boats have been hauled up again.

Recent visitors at the Bay Side House: Mr G. G. Bleakney of Acadia Wolfville; Miss Hazel Woodbury, Miss Winnie Banks, Mt. Hanley; Mr. J. Whitehouse, Middleton.

The concert which was held in the Baptist church, April 26, was a success—the best we have had for some time. The recitations were excellent and the singing was good.

**TORBROOK**

May 4.

Mr Leander Freeman has gone to Lyttleton, Mass., for employment.

A little daughter came to the home of Mr and Mrs Elmore Spinney on the 29th.

We regret to say that the little son of Councillor and Mrs Eri Neily is very ill.

Miss Bertha Bartheaux left on the 24th ult for Cambridge, Mass., for the summer.

Mrs. W. V. Spurr and little Margaret spent a week with her parents at Granville.

Messrs. E. S. Gordon and T. H. Spinney returned Saturday from the United States, where they have been employed during the winter.

Mr Frank Jolly was summoned home from Cobalt last week on account of the serious illness of his wife. We are pleased to report Mrs Jolly as past the critical stage and hope for recovery.

**Lawrencetown**

Mr. H. Feltus, Amherst, is visiting his parents.

Mrs. J. E. Shaffner is spending the week at Springfield.

Miss Annie Phinney is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Shaffner.

Miss Ethel Phinney is taking a well earned vacation from hospital duties.

Miss Louise Feltus, who has been in Halifax the past week or so, has returned.

A split-log drag has been used to good advantage on the road on the south side of the river. "Thank you, Sam."

On Sunday morning twenty-four new members were given the right hand of fellowship at the Baptist church.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Liselle Banks was laid away in Pine Grove Cemetery last Saturday. The little fellow was ill only a few hours. Much sympathy is expressed by the whole community.

N. H. Phinney & Co's block in Halifax was gutted by fire last week. We understand that the contents of the lower floor were gotten out safely, but that the goods stored in the upper rooms were destroyed. The loss was covered by insurance.

North Williamston is "going up," so to speak. At least there is an "uprising" or a "raising." R. J. Messenger's house started upward, then Mr. Stevenson raised his, and now Mr. Moore has gone up a storey. This is no story—and Mr Hiltz is adding to his. It would be interesting to drive up that road in a few weeks. Some one has suggested a summer residence on a farm on that road on which there is no buildings.

**MARGARETVILLE**

May 4.

Rev. Mr Gage and family are occupying the new parsonage.

Mr J. A. Balcom made a business trip to Halifax last week.

Miss Georgie Balcom of Acadia Seminary, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs J. A. Balcom.

Mrs Harding and Mrs Phinney, who have been spending a few days in this place, returned to Middleton on Saturday.

Mr C. E. Balcom and Mr C. D. Baker went to Kentville on Friday and returned with their autos which had been there for repairs.

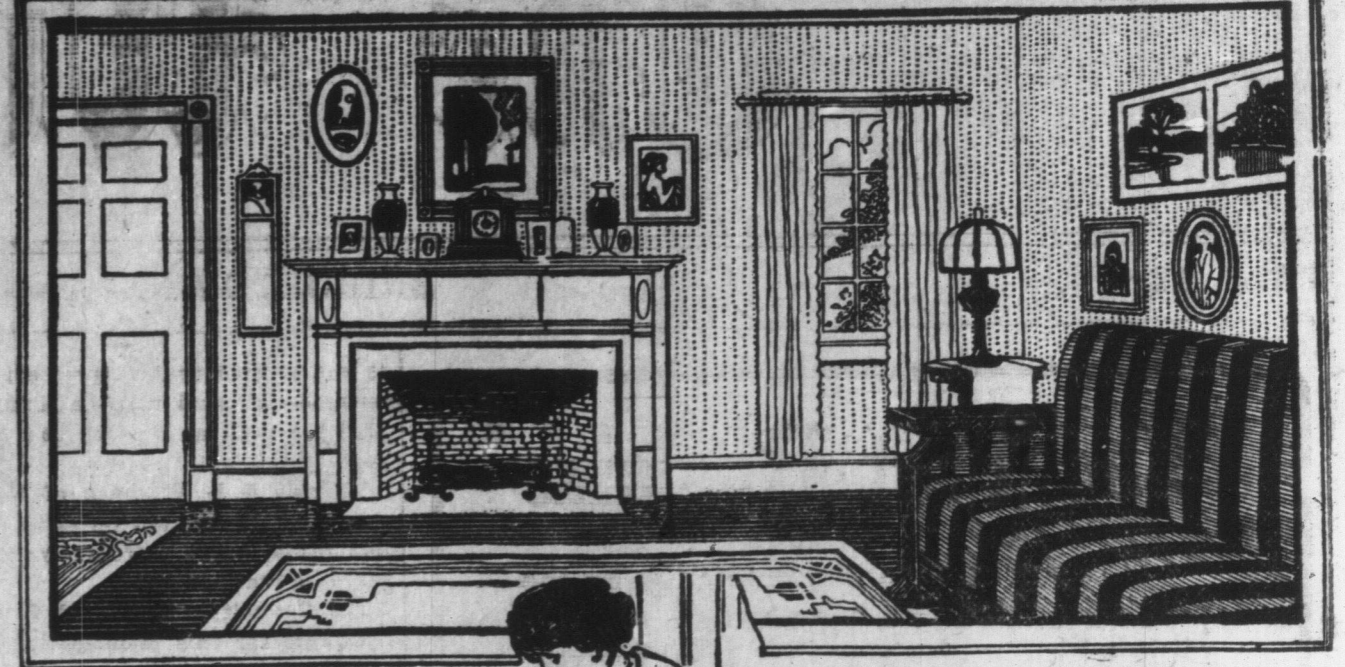
The members of the L. O. A. gave a very interesting entertainment in their hall on Saturday evening. At the close ice cream and cake was served.

**ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE FOR THE BLIND.**

Those of the 80,000 blind people of the United States who are able to read by the touch system are supplied free of charge with the "Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind." The magazine is printed in raised letters in the New York point type, and each issue includes a short fiction story, a scientific treatise and a self-help department. About one-fourth of the pages are given to current events and the articles are frequently illustrated, curious as the suggestion of pictures for the blind may seem. At the beginning of the Balkan war, for instance, a full-page map of the Balkan States was reproduced in relief. A raised calendar is always included in the January number.—Popular Mechanics.

**ROD AND GUN FOR MAY.**

"Rod and Gun" for May is out with, as usual, an attractive bill of fare for sportsmen. "The Dogs of the North," "A Hunting Trip to Pocologan, N. B.," "The History of the Canoe," "Building a Sectional Boat," "The Swamp Maiden," "The Roughneck Fishing Club," "Obnoxious Fishing in Lakes and Ponds," "Ideal Trout Fishing in Ontario Waters," are some of the articles worth special mention, while the regular departments are well maintained, and the whole of interest to both Canadian and American sportsmen. W. J. Taylor, Limited, Publisher, Wood-door magazine.



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John Wesley Found it Difficult to Condense His Thoughts in a Sermon of Twenty Minutes' Duration.

The question raised by the late Dean Hole as to the ideal length of a sermon is one on which different people, according perhaps to their religious proclivities, have diverse opinions; but if the preference of Royalty may be taken as a standard the favourite time appears to be in the region of twenty minutes.

Queen Victoria's objection to long sermons may be understood by the fact that in 1867 she presented a pulpit glass to the Chapel Royal, Savoy and it was timed for exactly eighteen minutes. The preacher who wished to find favour with Her Majesty, therefore, always took the hint and watched the glass carefully.

King Edward declared for even greater brevity. In the arrangements for his Coronation the sermon by the Bishop of London was allotted five minutes.

Charles II apparently enjoyed long sermons and on one occasion slept so soundly under the ministrations of Ken that, on awakening greatly refreshed, he exclaimed, "Splendid, splendid! This man must have a Bishopric," and gave him Bath and Wells when it fell vacant.

John Wesley was a preacher who evidently found it difficult to condense his thoughts in a sermon of twenty minutes' duration.

On one occasion he noticed that some of his hearers were asleep. He at once stopped his sermon and in a loud voice called out, "Fire, fire!" There was instant commotion, and someone shouted "Where, sir, where?" "In hell!" replied Wesley, with deep solemnity, "for those who sleep under the preaching of the Word."

A certain rather "long-winded" clergyman was officiating at Crawley Church, Sussex, when he found a card printed in large letters, placed in the most important part of the pulpit, "Be brief." He understood. If the village knew it was going to get out with a ten minutes' talk as an appetiser for Sunday dinner it would listen.

A certain judge, when asked by a Sheriff's chaplain what was the proper length for a sermon, replied, "Well, twenty minutes, with a leaning to the side of mercy." This judicial opinion, having the advantage of Royal approval, seems, therefore, to suggest the recognized standard for the duration of sermons.—Tit-Bits.

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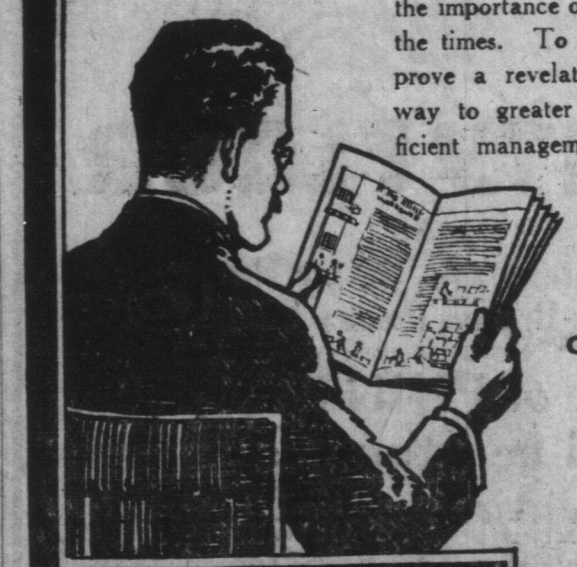
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