

### St. Thomas's Children's Tea

The children's tea of St. Thomas's Sunday School children at Canon Wood Hall last night was a great success. More than three hundred boys and girls sat down to a comfortable tea, with an abundance of good things, and it goes without saying that this part of the evening's amusement was generally enjoyed. At 8 o'clock, in the upper hall, the programme of song and speech was commenced, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Y. Mott, Superintendent of the city schools. Those who took part in songs were Charlie and Willie Hammond, Geta Hall, Mabel Martin and Rev. C. A. Moulton. Recitations were given by Geo. Bartlett, Cyril Press, Gordon Heale, Margaret Lyall, and Allan Snow. A very pleasing dialogue was given by the Misses Coaker (2) and Christian, and a skilfully performed highland dance by Elsie Edney. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. H. R. Cook, Supt. of Virginia school, and Mr. W. H. Jones. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, addressed the assembly in terms of congratulation and thanks. Altogether the entertainment was delightful and much enjoyed by all.

After leaving their termini to-day the ships of the Reid Nfld. Co. will make only one other round trip, concluding the season's service. These boats have made a record year of it in passenger and freight traffic and not an accident of any serious nature has been experienced.

### Weekly Meeting Civic Board

At last night's meeting of the Civic Board Mr. Gosling, the Mayor, presided. P. Templeman in reply to a letter from the Council, said he was willing to build a stable of concrete. The Engineer will report. H. Coffin, 16 New Gower Street asked permission to instal cold storage plant. Granted subject to the approval of the Engineer. Inspector Bambrick reported on work done during the week in the west end. Inspector Donnelly reported on water services laid and repaired during the week. The Health Inspector reported four cases of infectious disease for the week.

W. J. Halley can build a garage at Topsail Road, and R. Bowering's plans for house at Southside were approved. Quidi Vidi Road, to which Councilor Vinicombe drew attention, will be put in order.

Give Books, and for once you can enjoy your Christmas shopping, this year especially, for fine books are much less expensive than other five gifts. There is nothing more complimentary you can give than a book. All the latest books at GARLAND'S Bookstore.—dec22,3i

### OUR THEATRES

**AT THE CRESCENT**  
The daring Helen Holmes features at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day in "The Spiked Switch," an episode of the "Hazards of Helen." Lillian Drew and Harry Dunkinson are presented in "Back to Youth and Trouble," a two reel Essanay. L. C. Shumway in "The Diamond Thieves," a great Lubin drama, and Davy Don in "Frilly Frilled," a comedy burlesque of "Frilly." Professor McCarthy plays a new musical programme for this great show. The Saturday matinee will be great, send the children to the popular crescent.

### THE CHRISTMAS BLACKBIRDS.

At the Rossley British Theatre on Christmas Day, The Rossleys will present "The Blackbirds," a novel and original production, nothing like it ever having been seen before, and when one thinks it is carried out by such young children its simply marvellous and speaks volumes for the real hard work, time, patience and care bestowed by Mrs. Rossley on her little troupe, who selected only the best performers among many to give the entertainment. "The Blackbirds" will be something all together different to anything ever seen before, and certainly never by children. In the different pantomimes given before there has been witches, fairies, giants, elves, dwarfs, nymphs, kings, queens, princes and princesses, time and again so that a complete change should be welcome for the festive season. A clean moral show for laughing purposes only. "The Blackbirds" is under the distinguished patronage Governor, Lady Davidson and their little daughters.

### A TARDY TRIP.

The "Cactus" is making a remarkable long run from the Straits of Belle Isle to port. She left there last August and owing to stormy weather, mostly. She has been compelled to shelter at almost every place from Quirpon up to Seldom. She had some narrow escapes from disaster and has a load of codfish, oil &c. on board.

The schr. Arthur D. Story left Ramca yesterday for Gloucester with 293, 921 lbs salt bulk fish for the Gortona Pew Co.

## Convent of Mercy Closing Exercises

Yesterday afternoon in the Archbishop's Library the closing exercises of the Convent of Mercy, Military Road, occurred. The spacious apartment was filled to capacity with the parents and friends of the children who attend these excellent schools, in the audience being also His Grace Archbishop Roche, Rt. Rev. Mons. McDermott, V.G., Rt. Rev. Mons. St. John, Rev. Drs. Greene, Kitchin, and Carter, Frs. Renouf, Pippy, Conway, McCarthy, Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. and Lady Morris and Justice and Mrs. Kent. The first part of the programme consisted of the Pope's March, a chorus and drill by the class, song by Miss Gleeson, recitations by Miss M. McGrath, Miss B. O'Neill and O. Devereaux, and an instrumental-duet by Misses Harris and Lawlor. The address of welcome to His Grace was read by Miss Margaret Emerson. The operetta entitled "The Hours" followed, and was splendidly presented, Miss Mabel McGrath, Madeline Kavanagh, Mary Wiley, Mary Ryan and Annie Lawlor who took the leading parts, doing exceptionally well. This was beautifully presented and the very beautiful stage setting it received is a testimony to the skill and taste of Mr. John Pippy. At the conclusion of the playlet Rev. Dr. Greene announced the name of each winner of premiums and His Grace who heartily eulogized the work of the Convent and the pupils, distributed them. Messrs Hutton, Bulley and Bradshaw composed the orchestra, which discoursed exquisite music during the afternoon. We hear that the operetta will be repeated next month for the funds of the W. P. A.

### PRIZE LIST C.H.E. EXAMINATIONS INTERMEDIATE GRADE

Bettie McGrath—First place in Grade; Scholarship, \$25; Prize, Geometry, \$4.00; Honours in English Grammar, Arithmetic, Latin, French, Geometry Shorthand; Gold Medal (presented by His Grace the Archbishop).  
Josephine Foley (Hon. Div.)—Honours in Geometry Shorthand, Needlework; Gold Medal (presented by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Reardon).  
Olive Devereaux (Pass Div.)—Honours in English; Prize (presented by Rev. J. Donnelly).  
Loretta Browne (Pass Div.)—Prize (presented by Rev. W. O'Flaherty).  
Reta O'Brien (Pass Div.)—Prize, (presented by Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris).  
Annie Lawlor (Pass Div.)—Prize, Singing, Gold Piece; (presented by Miss Cashin).  
Maisie Cullen (Pass Div.)—Prize in Typewriting, \$4.00; Honours in Typewriting, Office Routine, Shorthand; Prize (presented by Mrs. F. C. Smythe).  
Madeline Kavanagh—Prize, Singing; Gold Piece (presented by Right Rev. McDermott).  
Stella Byrne—Prize, French, Mercedes Hoskins—Prize, Good Conduct.  
Mabel McGrath—Prize, Composition; Gold Medal (presented by Rev. Dr. Carter).  
Gertie Phelan—Prize, Application.

**PRELIMINARY GRADE**  
Mollie Ellis (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Literature, Arithmetic, French, Algebra; Gold Medal (presented by Rev. J. Rawlins).  
Lillian Sullivan (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Literature, Arithmetic, Needlework; Silver Medal (presented by Rev. Dr. Greene).  
Agnes Kavanagh (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Literature, Arithmetic, Algebra; Silver Medal (presented by His Grace the Archbishop).  
Marie Taaffe (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Literature, Arithmetic, Needlework; Silver Medal (presented by Rev. W. O'Flaherty).  
Nan Farrell (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Literature, Arithmetic, French, Algebra; Silver Medal (presented by Rev. J. Pippy).  
Nellie Kennedy (Hon. Div.)—Honours in English Grammar, Algebra, French, Needlework; Silver Medal (presented by Rev. J. Conway).  
Eleanor Hoskins (Pass)—Honours in English Grammar and Algebra; Prize (presented by Rev. D. O'Callaghan).  
Mary Kavanagh (Pass)—Honours in English Grammar, Arithmetic, Needlework, Algebra; Prize.  
Kose Hibbs (Pass) Honours in Grammar, Arithmetic, Needlework, Algebra; Prize.  
Dorothy Barter (Pass)—Honours in English Grammar, Needlework; Prize.  
Margaret Emerson (Pass)—Honours in Literature; Prize.  
Margaret Hart (Pass)—Honours in Arithmetic, Needlework; Prize.  
Rose Hart (Pass)—Honours in English, Needlework; Prize.

**Standard V, Division I.** (In Order of Merit.)  
Prizes—Alice Slattery Sheila Conroy, Kathleen Gladney, Bessie Cullen, Florence Bartlett, Gertrude Farrell, Alice Coughlan, Helan Noonan, Mina Browne; Nellie Brownrigg and Muriel Delgado—prize won by Nellie Brownrigg.  
**Standard V, Division II.** (In Order of Merit.)  
Prizes—Nellie Byrne, Margaret Jackman, Hazel Donnelly, Mary Emerson, Helena McGrath, Flora Devine, Terese Smythe, Kathleen Redmond, Marjorie Harris, Katie McGettigan, Mollie Spratt; Margaret Ryall, Anna Donnelly, prize won by Anna Donnelly; Henrietta Murray, prize.

**Standard IV.** (In Order of Merit.)  
Prizes—Marie Thorburn, Dorothy Ellie, Mary Organ, Margaret Godden, Dorothy McNamara, Gertrude Maher, Mary Coleman, Mary O'Reilly, Marie Hutton; Mary Summers, Helen Byrne, prize won by Mary Summers.

### NEWFOUNDLANDERS WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Papers to hand from Canada containing the latest casualty lists give the names of some Newfoundlanders. Selby Harris of Trinity Bay, who was reported as being wounded some time ago is now reported wounded and missing. He is the son of Eleazer and Dorothy Harris of New Melbourne, T.B. Enlisting on Aug. 13th at Sydney he joined the Mounted Rifles and had seen much sanguinary campaigning.

### INVENTED A SHIELD.

An improved and most useful shield for the protection of infantry in action has been invented by Mr. Jno. T. Oxley, now of County Durham, England, who for many years resided in St. John's. It has been accepted at the Patent Office, London, and may soon be used extensively in the army.

S.S. Florizel, Capt. Martin, is scheduled to sail at noon, taking a full freight and as passengers—For New York—Miss F. Bowden, Miss Sinnott, Lieut. S. Lumsden and 5 in second cabin. For Halifax—Cat. S. Westhaver, C. J. and Mrs. Bennett, Miss Wall and 3 in second cabin.

### LOCAL ITEMS

The tern schooner Seth Junior, Capt. Keeping, left Pernambuco, yesterday, for St. John's.

Mrs. Geo. R. Cook who has been on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Murray, of Atlantic, Mass., arrived by last night's express.

Mr. James Conran, a well known and prominent citizen of Harbor Main, arrived in town yesterday, on business.

The Thetis, Capt. Faulke, bound to New York with a cargo of pulp from Campbellton arrived in port last evening for bunker coal, after obtaining which she will continue the run.

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The volunteers had drill in the armory yesterday and in the afternoon a squad had rifle practice at the South Side, the men doing excellent work with the rifle.

The dredge Priestman has been at work at Bay Bulls for some time past and has removed a lot of silt and sand from the harbor. She will soon finish in that section.

Lieut. Stan Lumsden will leave here to-day by the Florizel enroute to Bermuda, where he hopes to be restored to his former health, which is impaired by arduous campaigning.

Mr. John L. Slattery, the able and obliging Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal Council, who had been ill for some time past is now able to be about again and has resumed his official duties.

Mrs. W. G. Gosling gratefully acknowledges the following contributions towards the Christmas Tree for the Church of England Orphanage:—Mr. Tasker Cook, \$5.00; Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, \$5.00; Mr. J. H. Monroe, \$10.00.

If there is a city law to prohibit useless dogs from wandering around the streets it should be rigidly enforced. Not only do they cause great annoyance by upsetting garbage receptacles on the streets, but often they are a source of danger otherwise. Yesterday, a girl, passing along Bully Street, was attacked by two of these curs and had to seek safety in the nearest house. She was so badly frightened that she became very ill afterwards.

### Unrecognized Hero Off Again

Patk. Hearn, whose heroism undoubtedly contributed to the safety of the crew of the ill-fated schr. Violet Courtney, has shipped in the schr. Maple Leaf for Brazil and she sails on the 28th with possibly the youngest crew of seamen which ever left this port. It will be remembered as told in *The Mail and Advocate* how Hearn swam nearly a mile with the old cook of the Violet Courtney and saved his life. He however is only the son of a poor fisherman and no recognition is to be his. However he has the knowledge of the fact that he performed a part which will not soon be forgotten by the seamen associated with him and especially by the old man Chadwick.

### THE SUSU SAILS

The S.S. Susu left here at 10 a.m. to-day for the North with a full freight of Xmas goods and as passengers:—Capt. S. R. and Master Winsor, Mrs. Badden, R. Hall, Pte. L. Penton, M. Barbour, W. Ridout and several steerage.

An enjoyable dance will be given by the members of the C.C.C. at their new hall, Mechanics' Building on next Tuesday night and all who attend will have a good time. The proceeds will go to the building fund.

**FREIGHT WANTED—Schooner "Ellen L. Maxner,"** 99 tons, wants freight for points in Conception Bay. She is now discharging at Horwood Lumber Co.'s west wharf. See the Captain, WILLIAM POMEROY.—2i

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