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Crescent Lodge Celebrates

Ninety-third Anniversary of Oddfellowship in Bridgetown Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. Mr. McNitch.

The above service was held in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon. The day being a most ideal one, the church was thronged to its fullest capacity. The members of the Order, both Oddfellows and Rebekahs, numbered about one hundred, and all wore the official badge of the Oddfellows. The front of the rostrum was rich with lilies, geraniums and other plants, the whole blending in quite a pretty display. Needless to relate, the music was of the highest order, and reflected the greatest credit upon the organist and choir.

The service opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNeill, followed by a trio by male members of the choir.

The Rev. Mr. McNeill, in felicitous terms, introduced the Rev. Mr. McNitch to the congregation, and this gentleman took as his text part of the 23rd verse of the 4th chapter of Ephesians, viz:—

"For we are members one of another."

This reverend gentleman said that he was very grateful for the courtesy extended to him, and considered it quite a privilege to speak that afternoon on the occasion of the 93rd anniversary of the institution of Oddfellowship. Such occasions always filled his heart with joy and imparted stimulus to his feelings. What has God wrought? This great feeling of brotherly love and fellowship as between the members. We see in the matter of Oddfellows ninety-three summers have passed away since the founder of the Order stood behind his forge and plied his work. That great man was imbued with the principles of Oddfellowship, though he knew it not. He preached the true humanitarian principles to his fellow men and lived and acted up to the principles he there laid down. The bonds of brotherly love and fellowship became so strong in him that it touched his heart to the very centre. He communed with his God, and so transformed this note of love dedicated to humanity. He felt that he, a humble individual, was unfitted to fill the high destiny ordained for him, but after serious thought and prayer he gathered strength sufficient to launch the noble work, and in 1819 the child of Oddfellowship was born. The thought that Christ had been born in a humble capacity in a manger gave him the necessary strength and will power to carry on the great work, which thus commenced in a wayside inn. The child soon began to gain strength and visited the sick and the poor, and now the humble smith is no more and is amongst the immortals. This feeling of brotherly love lived in him as it does in you, as it inspires the world over. His religion may crumble to dust, but his name and memory will never be erased from the hearts and minds of men throughout the history of the world. The principles as laid down by him will never die, but go on from age to age, always increasing in strength. Friendship, love and truth are three cardinal principles of the order and these also will never perish. Christ was the greatest teacher of these divine virtues, and so friendship, love and truth must live forever. The reverend gentleman then dealt with the lesson taught by the Prodigal Son, showing that the elder brother should by every bond of brotherly love have endeavored to keep the erring one at home, and when he returned and was received with great joy by his father, how he even then tried by every means in his power to prevent this brother from being received into the home. But Christ had entered the souls of the elders and the love as shown by them was a true exemplification of Christ's own loving spirit. Upon the great principles of love and truth depended our justification or condemnation of sitting at the right hand of our Father in Heaven, Friendship, love and truth cannot be conquered. No man should by a hypocrite. Religion is a love that looks up to God and service to his fellow-man. There is no love but the greatest in the word of God, and such being the case, we must live up to it in every way, and so fulfill the teachings as therein laid down. The reverend gentleman spoke of the great lesson in brotherly love to be learnt from the Good Samaritan, who did not as the others who had passed by but went at once and administered true brotherly assistance. He warned his hearers of being truly conscientious in all they undertook in their several spheres of life, and always remembering that the order called for the greatest help to those who were sorely in need of the same. He thanked God for the institution of this and other organizations of a similar character, and said the work they were doing was in accord with the teachings of Christ, and hoped that the good work would ever go on and increase in strength. It was an essential duty of a brother to help another, sometimes by love, sometimes by friendship, and in many other ways. The reverend gentleman concluded his discourse with a very fine peroration.

At the close of the service the members of the order formed up in double line outside the church and marched back until the foremost file reached the hall, when they faced inwards, to enable the Rev. Mr. McNitch and the Rev. Mr. McNeill to pass between the lines, the brethren saluting the reverend gentlemen as they passed by raising their hats, when they resumed their places and proceeded into the hall.

Fatal Accident at Truro

The inquest into the death of young Willie Ferguson, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Tuesday, was held in the Truro Hospital at 10.30 this morning, says the Truro News of May 1st.

Coroner Dr. Dunbar presided and after an hour the jury returned the following verdict:

"That the said William Ferguson did come to his death by being struck by an automobile which was driven by W. H. Stevens. According to evidence we believe the car was not travelling faster than ten miles an hour and that the driver had no opportunity to avoid the accident."

Referring to the above accident the News says:—

We will have something to say later in regard to auto speeding through the streets of our town. The fatal accident yesterday may not have resulted from too rapid speeding of an automobile, but we have lately seen, and so have hundreds more in town, autos carping through our highways—(on which pedestrians have the right of way of all vehicles) at a mad pace, probably more than double the limit of twelve miles an hour. Over this, our first sad fatality in Truro from an automobile, is a good time to "take stock" and to make good resolutions for the future, both on the part of auto owners and of our "city fathers," who have been appointed to see laws enforced to the letter in regard to traffic and travelling on our streets.

The following issue of the News remarks:—

We cannot but admire the graceful manner in which automobiles have been "sailing" through our streets the last two or three days, instead of being rushing terrors, hated by every one, they have been the admiration of pedestrians all over the town who are glad to see these modern vehicles of transportation in our midst and who feel they can walk along our street without having swift running autos endangering life and limb at every corner.

If this decidedly low rate of speed is adhered to by our auto owners and their chauffeurs no one will ever complain of the automobiles, as they go up and down our streets.

It may have for the salvation of the rest of us, required the sacrifice of the life of little Willie Ferguson. It was a terrible penalty to pay, but good may result therefrom.

It may be the means of stopping the only too reckless auto driving that we have seen on our streets every day. We do hope that the owners of these cars and ripouts have firmly decided to keep much with the law's speed limit, twelve miles an hour, while going through the congested streets of the town.

Let care be taken, especially when nervous horses are around, and let common sense be at the helm, not just now when we are horrified at the death of a fine bright boy in our midst, but ever hereafter, and we will hear no condemnation of automobiles from any one in town. This matter rests entirely in the hands of the owners and drivers of these exceedingly dangerous vehicles, when run at such a break-neck pace through our streets.

The speed limit in Truro for automobiles is twelve miles an hour and the penalties for violating are \$50 first offence, \$100 second offence and 200 or sixty days in jail for any further violation.

Obituary.

MRS. GEORGE E. HALL

The death occurred at her home, Prince street, on Tuesday afternoon, after a painful illness, of Mrs. Phoebe Elizabeth Hall, the beloved wife of Mr. George B. Hall, in the 48th year of her age. She was a native of St. Croix, near Bridgetown, (a daughter of James Hall), and is survived by her husband; one son, James, and two daughters, Mrs. Ralph L. Boyd, of New York, and Miss Florence, at home. Three sisters and one brother also survive her.

Mrs. Hall was a most devoted wife and mother, and being gifted with a bright and happy disposition, won many friends. She was an active member of Zion church, and took a deep interest in its welfare. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. S. Lewis officiating. The bearers were: A. Gordon Allen, Murray Wyman, B. F. Trask and J. W. Grant.—Yanmouth Herald.

Packed Fruit and Canned Products for Prizes.

Editor Monitor-Sentinel:—

I am enclosing part of a letter from R. W. Starr, Esq., of Wolfville, one of the best pomological authorities on the continent, containing valuable suggestions as to the making up of the prize list for our Horticultural Exhibition.

I am asking you to publish this letter, so the Executive Committee may all read it and come to some conclusion before our next meeting. We are making very little progress in our exhibition and it seems that Mr. Starr's suggestions are along the right lines.

R. J. MESSENGER

Following is his letter:—

R. J. Messenger, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—

For many years we have stuck mainly to the method of showing all fruits on plates. That is right as far as it goes for education, but is it not time to show more interest in fruit packed for market, not only by individuals but more especially by the Co-operative Companies of which there are now some twenty-five in the Valley. Should we not offer special prizes for the best display of packed fruit, shown by companies or by individuals—say not less than five barrels and five boxes, one of each variety or not more than ten each. Then offer prizes for Evaporated and Canned, Preserved or Jellied Fruits made from drops and refuse, also Cider and Vinegar, so that all the waste may be utilized in these "by products."

If it is possible to combine all in one display for a handsome diploma headed by a large note of good fruit and some cash, will it not help to bring out exhibits, and cause enough competition to make it pay, as an education and an advertisement, of what should be done to keep the markets clear of third-class fruit?

This idea wants careful thought and elaboration before being acted upon. If not too late, I ask your committee to think it over, and do what is possible along that line, for I think that if it is well developed and published it will be popular, and do good. The sooner all packing is done in large warehouses by experts, the better it will be for all concerned.

Yours truly,

R. W. STARR.

"Human Hearts."

To be transported from the strife of town to the atmosphere of the hill country, with its simple honest people pursuing their lives of affection and trust, is in itself a refreshment. To hear the singing of the birds and these other sounds with the farm, to hear and see all things that flood the memory with pleasant experience and excite the imagination to a realizing sense of the poetry of common things, is not only a relief from the cares of the day, but a renewal of the letter side of nature. In the realistic melodrama "Human Hearts" the scenes which are chiefly among the hills of Arkansas, is found a power to charm that is marvelous. Everything has its purpose and furthers the main intention of an all absorbing story of love, hate, injustice and retribution. The play engages the sympathies for the sufferings visited on a family of plain, honest people, through the unfortunate marriage of the hero with an adventuress whom he thought to reform, but failed; the temptation of the old life proving too strong for her. The dark side of the story is well balanced with humor, adroitly introduced and made a necessary element in the action. To detail the plot would rob the reader of the pleasure of the surprises, for like *Shore Acres*, and the *Old Homestead*, "Human Hearts" while on a different theme, throbs with interest true to nature and is an ever-welcome visitor to the discriminating and thoughtful spectator. That its production will be welcomed by an over-flowing house is almost a foregone conclusion. "Human Hearts" comes to Bridgetown Monday, May 13th.

Following the arrival of the Mackay-Bennett at Halifax with 306 dead bodies from the wreck of the Titanic, the *Minia* came in to port Monday morning with fifteen more, including the body of G. M. Hays. The *Montmagny* will be the third steamer sent out by the Dominion government to aid in the search.

Public Benefit Entertainment.

On Thursday evening last a number of the ladies of Bridgetown and vicinity gathered at the home of Mrs. W. H. Warren for the purpose of considering ways and means of increasing the funds for the current expenses of the Riverside Cemetery. After a pleasant hour spent in discussing various schemes and plans it was unanimously decided to give a public supper on the evening of the 18th inst. in the lower hall of the Masonic building, the Masons having kindly placed this Hall at the disposal of the ladies for the purpose. Since then, in the same generous spirit, the use of St. James school room has been given to the committee for that evening. As the buildings are close together this makes a very convenient place for the sale of ice cream candy, etc., which can be carried on at the same time with the supper.

Committees of ladies were chosen from the different churches, who are soliciting donations and receiving contributions of such things as go to make the undertaking a success. The following names comprise the different committees at work:—Mrs. Hector McLean, Mrs. J. Harry Hicks, Mrs. O. T. Daniels, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. I. B. Freeman, Mrs. O. Price, Miss Chute, Mrs. E. Rice, Mrs. Henry Hicks, Mrs. Fred Colston, Mrs. H. Raggles, Mrs. E. Langley, Mrs. Stanley Marshall, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. J. W. Peters, Mrs. W. A. Warren.

The services of these ladies are enlisted in a cause which is at the present time of permanent interest to our citizens and no doubt their efforts will meet with a ready responsiveness from the public in general.

The names upon the committee are a sufficient guarantee that the affair will be capably and successfully managed and the event will be looked forward to, not only as an opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause, but also as an important public entertainment.

Though possibly this manner of soliciting funds for a public benefit of the nature sought may not appeal to every one, yet it is an indisputable fact that whatever tends to draw the public together to work in unison in a common cause cannot but be beneficial to any community.

Success to these ladies, say we all.

A Boy's Tragic Death

Charlottetown, April 26:—Harry Arbing, the eleven-year-old son of James Arbing, blacksmith, of North Tryon, came to his death this morning at seven o'clock in a most extraordinary manner. Some time ago he was given the task of making the school fire ready for lighting and happened to be passing the school at seven o'clock this morning, on his way for milk, he took the notion that he would prepare the fire, and not having a key for the door he stood a piece of board against the side of the building and climbed up to the window. It is supposed that just as he had done so the board slipped, the window at the same time coming down on his neck, leaving the boy suspended there. It was about half an hour after he had left home when a neighbor, James Leard, happened to be passing, noticed the boy hanging from the window and hastening to his rescue found that life was extinct. The coroner was notified and deemed that an inquest was unnecessary. The sad affair has caused much regret in the community. The little chap, who was a bright child, was the only son of his parents.

Dalhousie

Dalhousie, May 6th:—Chas. Faulkenham and Miss Hattie Schofield spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faulkenham.

Mr. Fred Hannam had the misfortune to cut his knee quite badly one day last week.

David Shipp has sold his fine yoke of oxen to Mr. Lew Walker.

Hallet and Reginald Hannam spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hannam.

Mr. Willis Gillis and little son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Durling spent Sunday with Mrs. John E. Shipp.

Canadian Highway Movement.

Actual Construction from Coast to Coast. Some Provinces Spending Large Sums on the Highways.

New Westminster, B.C., May 3:—

With the planting of the first post of the Canadian highway on the west coast of Vancouver Island tomorrow, the actual construction of this trans-continental road may be said to commence. Of course many hundreds of miles of this road are already constructed, but these had been built independently and now need linking up in this long chain that will eventually make this highway the most famous in the world. An enterprise of this magnitude, the building of a road nearly 4,000 miles in length, demands the attention and support of every man interested in good roads in Canada. And these men are coming to the assistance of President W. J. Kerr and his willing helpers. From Halifax right through the continent to Alberta the membership roll of the Canadian Highway Association is well represented, and in nearly every case the men who join this organization are the leaders in public movements in their community.

The most prominent member of the Canadian Highway Association is His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who, some time ago, consented to act as patron, according to an invitation sent him in accordance with a resolution passed at an executive meeting. His Royal Highness' interest in the matter of good roads is of no recent date; he has been actively associated with this work in a semi-official capacity for some years, not only in this country, but also in England and other parts of the empire. His first public utterance before the parliament of Canada last November contained a reference to the need of the betterment of highways in this country, and it was largely on account of the statements he made in his speech from the throne that the officers of the Canadian Highway Association were induced to tender him

the position of patron. This was in line with the rule laid down at the first meeting of this organization, when it was decided that only men who take an active interest in this work should hold official positions, prominence or title not carrying any weight with these road builders and road improvers.

Largely due to the representation of the Canadian Highway Association, the roads appropriations for the province of British Columbia were increased this year to \$5,000,000 this being \$1,900,000 in excess of any previous appropriation. This tendency to make larger grants has also been noticeable in Saskatchewan, where \$2,000,000 will be spent on roads and bridges this year; about one and one quarter million of this amount coming from the capital funds for carrying out of Premier Scott's \$5,000,000 good roads policy. In Alberta, a substantial increase has been made in the appropriation this year, while in Ontario the sum of \$6,000,000 has been set aside for road work; a large portion of this amount is to be expended in opening up northern Ontario, the Porcupine, and Gowanda districts. The province of Quebec is making the largest appropriation in its history, raising no less a sum than \$10,000,000 for the improvement of roads.

Perhaps because the headquarters of the Canadian Highway Association is located in New Westminster, President Kerr's home town, greater progress has been made there than has been the case in any other parts of the country, but these are now waking up to a better realization of the great importance that the Canadian Highway will be to Canada and strong support is being given the movement in Ontario and the other provinces.

Civic Improvement for Lawrencetown.

A public meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Lawrencetown, on Monday evening, May 6th for the purpose of discussing needed improvements in order to place the town in line with other progressive towns in the Province. Addresses were made by the following gentlemen: Messrs. Winyard, Parker, Revs. Mellick and Hart, Mr. Stoddard and Dr. Hall.

The subjects discussed were a proposal to the occasion and included the following:—

Improved sidewalks; a park for the town; enlarged school grounds; and the beautifying of the cemetery by laying out driveways, walks and planting shrubs and trees.

The natural beauty here of the Annapolis River, which is lined with a beautiful row of oaks on each bank, lend a natural attractiveness to the town that is unsurpassed. In addition to this should the improvements suggested be carried out Lawrencetown would, in the near future, become one of the best residential towns in the Valley.

Already the town has an excellent water system, a good school, churches, etc. The stores are well stocked and doing a larger and yearly increasing business.

The surrounding country contains some of the best farms and most progressive farmers in the province. It is therefore only natural, with these favoring conditions that the people should bestir themselves with the view of a larger, more progressive and a more beautiful Lawrencetown.—CCM.

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