

HOLIDAY HOUSE.

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At the last Annual Meeting held on Monday, April 29th, 1895, the collectors, who were Misses Ridley, A. MacInnes, B. Bruce, D. Bruce, Stilwell, J. MacInnes, Bull, H. Howard, and E. Hamilton, reported having collected \$173.75. \$100 of this amount was paid off on the mortgage, \$30 to the carpenter for necessary work done at Holiday House, and \$17.50 for interest due May 31st, 1895, leaving a balance of \$26.25, which it was decided to spend on painting the House. The Committee were also enabled by several later donations to put in a drive pump near the kitchen door which proved a great convenience.

The St. Luke's Boys' Brigade were allowed to use Holiday House on the Queen's Birthday, and enjoyed their pleasant tea party there, as well as their afternoon on the Beach. The G.F.S. were very pleased to lend Holiday House to Mr. Geoghegan for his boys during the month of June. Holiday House was opened in July and August, and an account of the summer's work is given in Miss Swanzy's report. As will be seen, no money sent to the Treasurer of Holiday House was spent on the running expenses, these were met by the fees charged, and showed at the end of the season a deficit of \$15.48, which Miss Swanzy very kindly donated.

Through donations and the sale of work the Treasurer was able to pay the interest, \$15, due November 31st, 1895, and also to pay off \$50 on the mortgage. Holiday House was taxed to the amount of \$5.08, but through Mr. Geoghegan's kindness in attending Saltfleet Council on behalf of Holiday House, the Council made up the amount among themselves, and Holiday House was thus relieved of its taxes. Miss Browne and the Agenoria Society very kindly gave the proceeds of their lunch and sale of work to Holiday House, and thus \$125 more were paid off on the mortgage, leaving the amount now at \$325. As the Associates have kept on working there is now a balance of \$21.16 to the credit of Holiday House, which it is proposed to put by for the debt, although a new cooking stove is very much needed, the one we have now being an old one given to us two years ago, and hardly equal to the demands made upon it in the summer when the House is full.

N.B.—The mortgage debt has since been reduced to \$200.