

THE LATE GOVERNOR MEUSE

Some Incidents in the Life of the Well Known Indian.

[Written for the Monitor]

"Governor" Jim Meuse was a unique figure in the history of the Micmac tribe of Indians, who live on the Indian Reserve about 1 1/2 miles south of the town of Bear River.

The writer cannot state authoritatively how long "Jim" held the governorship of the tribe, but suffice it to say that he was yet a young man when appointed by the crown, and that his father was "governor" (or chief) before him.

Jim was twice married and had 21 children. He was an Indian of superior intelligence, had some education, and could, when he saw fit, speak excellent English. At other times he would elapse into the broken English so common among Indians.

Lake all Indians he was very fond of hunting and served in the capacity of guide for many a party of moose hunters. Not very long before Jim died, Digby's veteran sportsman, Mr. H. A. P. Smith, Sheriff of Digby county, engaged him to go out to a certain lake in the south woods and construct a camp so that it would be in readiness for a hunting party which Mr. Smith was getting up. Jim took his orders and a twenty dollar bill from the sheriff and straightway went to the spot indicated, stood up two crocheted sticks near a large rock, stretched other sticks across and covered it over with a few birch boughs. He then returned to his home chucking over the twenty dollars so easily earned. A few days later Mr. Smith sent for "Governor Jim" to act as guide on the proposed hunting trip. Jim readily consented and led the way towards the camp. When a mile or two from the camp, Jim gradually began to turn the conversation to the subject of bears and the damage they are apt to do to whatever they come across. When at last the party came in sight of the camp, its shilly-shally construction was plainly apparent. Jim threw up his hands as if in dismay, and said, "Well! well! those bears do seem to take delight in destroying the works of man."

Another amusing episode was in connection with a hunting party organized some years ago by Rev. J. L. M. Young, at that time pastor of Bear River Baptist church. During this trip the party were dividing up the luggage for a "carry" between two lakes, and by a mistake in "counting noses," the reverend gentleman was left without any load. Says "Jim" to Mr. Young, "What you goin' to carry?" "Oh, said he, "I'll carry my religion." Jim quickly replied, "Damn light load, parson."

For several years before his death, Jim and his family used to camp during the summer tourist season on the shore of the beautiful Annapolis Basin at Deen Brook, and used to interest and delight many an audience of American visitors, with his quaint sayings, and wonderful tales of adventure.

During the first years of his governorship and when he was still in the prime of life, Jim went to London to see the Queen, and was shown into the presence of Queen Victoria, who presented him with the large gold medal which may be seen hanging from his neck in the portrait displayed in the window of Purdy's Novelty and Art Store on Queen St.

Wedding Bells in Melrose.

MacGREGOR-MacNAIR

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Melrose, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday evening, January 12th, when their cousin, Lelia Izetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert MacNair, Springfield, N. S., became the wife of George Copp MacGregor, of Lynnfield, Mass.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, at the strain of the wedding march, rendered by Mrs. Lindsay Lantz, friend of the bride. The groom, attended by his brother Emery, took his place under an arch of greenery. The bride was given away by her father, and looked most charmingly gowned in blue georgette crepe, with beaded trimmings, carrying a large bouquet of bridal roses. She was attended by her sister, Ora, becomingly attired in crepe de chine and carrying a bouquet of sweet peas.

The little Misses Dorothy Brown and Dorothy Barrett performed the duties of flower girls. Rev. D. M. Lockrow, of Tremont Temple, performed the ceremony, the double ring service being used. After congratulations, a light luncheon was served. At the close of an enjoyable evening, Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor left for Boston, amidst showers of confetti and good wishes of all present.

The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, including china, cut-glass, silver, linen and money. Guests were present from Lynnfield, Dorchester, Springfield, Mass., Ashmont, Melrose, Somerville, Boston and Lynn.

GRANVILLE CENTRE BIBLE CLASS

Officers and Members Pleasantly Entertained by the Karsdale Class.

The Karsdale Union Bible Class entertained the Granville Centre Bible Class at the home of Howard Croscup on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., and the occasion was certainly a most enjoyable one. About 35 from the Centre drove into the yard about 6 p. m. and were most cordially received by the reception committee. Rapidly the friends in this locality came in and soon a company of about 50 were enjoying themselves in a social way. The tables were soon in readiness and surely presented a most inviting appearance. Clams, in all forms of cooking, baked beans, brown bread, cake, pies, etc. Supper over, Rev. Mr. Brindley called off in order the literary and musical programme, which consisted of—

Piano Duet by Mrs. and Miss Eaton. Song, by Miss Powell. Recitation by Mrs. Harry Read. Song, by Mrs. Arnold Eaton. Duet, by Laura Covert and Mildred McNeil.

Song by Mrs. Hare. Selection Harp, by Mr. Stan. Mills. Address by Rev. Mr. Leggo. Song by Mrs. E. Bent.

Recitation by Mrs. Eva Palmer. Song by Mrs. Charles Dunn. Duet, piano, Mrs. and Miss Eaton. Song by Miss Smith.

Recitation by Miss Mabel Bohaker. Song, by Mrs. Hare. Recitation by Miss Tanch.

Duet, Mrs. Hare and Miss Manning. E. H. Porter then moved a vote of thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the affair and to Mr. and Mrs. Croscup for so kindly opening their house for the occasion and to Miss Manning for kindly loaning her piano. This was seconded by Miss Betts and passed unanimously. Mrs. Goodwin responded in behalf of the Granville Centre guests. After some further singing, by Mr. Brindley and some appropriate remarks by Mr. Leggo the company dispersed.

ALBANY

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PORT LORNE

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