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### SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Extract From the Principal's Report to the Directors of the Institution for the Year 1912.

"As this report will be read by educational authorities and teachers throughout the Maritime Provinces I should like to call attention to a class of children for whose particular condition little or nothing is being done. I refer to those children who are more or less hard of hearing, and this degree of deafness varies from a slight dullness of the hearing up to a point where it is so defective that it affects the speech. Certain vowel or consonant sounds are not heard or heard so indistinctly that they are dropped entirely, or articulated very imperfectly. A child who cannot repeat the names of the numbers up to one hundred, whispered to him backwards or by threes or fours at a distance of fifteen yards has sub-normal hearing. These hard-of-hearing children are often misunderstood by their teachers, and their schooldays instead of being the happiest are the most miserable part of their lives. The effort to hear the teacher is a strain on the nervous system and is finally relaxed and they become tired and discouraged. The teacher looks upon them as stupid or lazy and treats them accordingly. In the absence of an ear expert any teacher can apply the test I mention above, and any child found dull of hearing should be placed in the front line of the class and in such a position that he can see the face of the teacher, as such children soon unconsciously learn to read the lips. At least the percentage of the school children in Halifax are more or less defective in hearing. A test made recently in Chicago puts the percentage there at 15. For those children whose hearing is so dull that their speech is affected, there should be a special class, taught by a specially trained teacher such as we have in this school. The ordinary teacher, not understanding the physiology of speech or the development of voice and articulation, often in her praiseworthy but misdirected efforts to help the child only make matters worse. I formed recently a special class composed mostly of children who had been attending the public schools but whose hearing was so defective as to render their speech unintelligible. They are now making rapid progress, and their speech will become, if not normal, at least perfectly clear and intelligible. Both on this and the other side of the Atlantic the word "dumb" has become offensive to the deaf and

those interested in them. It is looked upon as a term to be applied to the lower animals and not to human beings endowed with all the possibilities of voice and speech. The word has been dropped from the names of schools and other institutions for the deaf. I take this opportunity to recommend that the word should be left out from the title of this school and that it should be called the "School for the Deaf" or the "Institution for the Deaf," the former being, I think, the more suitable.

In conclusion I beg to thank you for the help, advice and kindly conversation you have always given me. I am, yours respectfully,

JAMES FEARON,  
Principal.

### FENIAN RAID BOUNTY

In Nova Scotia the following are entitled to this Bounty of \$100:

First: Those who drilled in 1870; Secondly: Those who attended the annual drill in the autumn of 1866 and who did not respond to the Proclamation for active service in the spring of 1866;

The following are those entitled to this Bounty:

Those who in the spring of 1866 being members of a regular militia corps came out in response to the Proclamation calling the militia out for active service in Nova Scotia. This class and this class alone are entitled to receive the money and forms of affidavit have been prepared by which a person makes a declaration as to the facts of his having come out, and gets a comrade to testify to the same.

### DROPS ATLANTIC

#### STANDARD TIME.

An important change will be made by the C. P. R. with the adoption of Atlantic standard time for the operation of the Atlantic division, and the adoption of the Eastern Standard time for this section. The reason for the change is the confusion caused in operation and dispatch of trains and the possibility of serious accidents through error in times under the present arrangement. The change from one time to the other is made at Vancouver, and the company has decided that it is not worth while to make the change for the sake of the comparatively small stretch of road east of Vancouver.—Yarmouth Daily Post, April 12.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Lawrencetown's Telephone Exchange

Last week we mentioned that the Telephone Company was about to establish an Exchange at Lawrencetown. This was done on Tuesday, the 8th inst. with only eight subscribers of the ordinary circuit. Mr. McKay, representing the Telephone Company, had called upon the holders in the town, but had completely ignored the majority. The promises in the event of a Central here were, private lines, and a five mile circuit, which would take in most of Clarence and Paradise, the four telephones in Ingilville and one in Brickton.

The situation, on looking into it, would be something like this,—there are one hundred and eighty telephones in the Bridgetown Exchange. In the proposed change fifty of these would be separated and formed into a unit, and toll paid outside the limits—cutting Lawrencetown off the use of one hundred and thirty telephones and giving us no better service, surely, than we had received, as the Bridgetown Central is uniformly prompt and courteous. These private lines meant additional pay, too.

At first it sounded plausible, and eleven of the town subscribers signed a contract, but on finding that a five-mile circuit could not be obtained, as the south side, Clarence and Paradise holders, to a man, stood solid to have the old circuit, three of the subscribers in town, threw up such a manifestly absurd proposition. The doctors also repudiated it, but were nevertheless switched off the Bridgetown Exchange. This meant quite a leverage to force others in.

The Hon. O. T. Daniels' aid was asked to have the matter satisfactorily adjusted, but his ready response and willingness to aid were rendered unavailing, as he was told at headquarters that everything was working smoothly, that eleven members were in and the others would follow.

Monday evening, the 14th inst. an indignation meeting was held in Lawrencetown, attended by all but two of the subscribers.

After discussion of the situation, which all felt to be unfair and unjust, and the result of serious misunderstanding, to say the least, on the part of the Telephone Company, the following resolution was passed and subscribed to by every holder present:

Resolved, that we the undersigned Telephone subscribers of Lawrencetown and vicinity desire the same service as we enjoyed five years ago, that is to say a Central at Lawrencetown with Bridgetown circuit free.

A similar meeting was held in Clarence and the same resolution passed.

SUBSCRIBER.

#### Our Telephone Service

To the Editor:—

For the past few months or more telephone subscribers in the Bridgetown circuit have been looking forward in expectancy to an all night service. We have tried to be patient, and our Board of Trade secretary has encouraged us to believe that "something is being done" towards this end.

Conditions have lately arisen affecting the Bridgetown exchange, which lead me to believe that we are farther away from any improvement in Telephone service. I refer to the condition of affairs between us and Lawrencetown subscribers.

I was not a little surprised a few days ago when calling a merchant in Lawrencetown, to be informed that the charge would be ten cents.

In making enquiries I find the action of the Company in this respect is highly displeasing to the citizens of Eridgetown, and am informed that Lawrencetown subscribers are "up in arms" over the arrangement being made there.

I cannot think the Telephone Company fully comprehend the view that is taken by good and reasonable men, of their action in this matter, and have no doubt but what some

satisfactory adjustment can be made.

I understand this will be an item of discussion in the Board of Trade meeting Monday night, and trust that a strong resolution will be passed requesting a continuance of free service with Lawrencetown subscribers.

In closing I wish to ask,—When are we going to have an all night service?

SUBSCRIBER AND CITIZEN.

To the Editor of the Monitor:—

The sensible and well intentioned letter of Mr. Henry B. Hicks in your last issue commends itself to the good sense of your readers as likely to stimulate an interest in the Bridgetown Board of Trade.

Of course it is to be regretted that so little interest appears to be taken by the merchants and business portion of the community in such an important activity as the Board of Trade, but in a small community like Bridgetown and with so much social activity and so many various other matters engaging the attention of the people, it cannot be expected that a large attendance can be obtained for the ordinary meetings of the Board.

Other towns, similar in size and other respects, have to complain of the same lack of interest in the general public as we have here; all honor to the persevering stick-to-it few among us, who have held on, and thus kept the Board alive. They are the nucleus around which, when an emergency arises, can be rallied the whole strength of the community, and a united public opinion directed towards the accomplishment of any object required for the benefit of the Town.

Yours,

JOHN IRVIN.  
Bridgetown, April 11, 1913.

#### SYDNEY LINEMAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

Sydney, April 7.—Richard Peters, foreman of the Western Union Company's linemen here, met with almost instant death today about noon when he came in contact with an electric wire while making repairs. Peters was repairing some damaged wires on Falmouth Street, and was on a Western Union pole. While attempting to separate the C. B. Electric Co.'s high tension wire from the ground he came at which he was working, the end of the loose wire partly ran up his sleeve above the glove on his hand, and he received almost the full force of 22,000 volts. He was removed from the pole, and medical aid summoned and physicians did everything possible for two hours to resuscitate the man, but their efforts were without avail.

The deceased was about forty-five years of age and leaves a widow but no children. He had been in the employ of the Western Union for twenty-five years.

#### Brown Machine Company's Report

Judging from the annual report of the Brown Machine Company, fresh from the press, investors in this progressive structural engineering corporation should be exceedingly gratified with the result of the Company's operations during 1912.

The output of the works at New Glasgow was the largest in the Company's history, representing an increase of 25 p. c. over 1911.

Net earnings were nearly THREE times the amount required for bond interest. It is believed that a 4 p. c. dividend on the capital stock will be declared at the annual meeting on April 19th.

Prospects for the present year are very promising, and sufficient work is now in progress to keep the shops busy for three or four months. We offer the 6 p. c. First Mortgage Bonds of this Company at 95 p. c. and interest, which price yields the excellent return of 6 1/2 p. c. Further details available on request.

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### Methodist Circuit Notes

#### BRIDGETOWN.

Next Sunday in this church the annual offerings for the several Conventional funds will be received. The congregation are being supplied with offering envelopes this week.

Something unique—a Bazaar and Exhibition of Canadian and Imported products—will be held in the basement rooms of the church, Thursday and Friday, May 29th and 30th. This event promises to be of exceptional interest. Details will be given from time to time.

Rev. H. R. Grant, Secretary of Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance, will speak in this church Sunday evening next. Special music.

#### GRANVILLE.

Under most unfavorable weather and road conditions a splendid congregation assembled in the church Sunday, the occasion being the opening of the new organ. The entire orchestra and a large representation of the Bridgetown choir were present and assisted the Granville choir in the music. Mrs. A. R. Bishop presided at the organ, and under her skilled touch the splendid, round, sweet notes of the instrument filled the church. The organ offering account will not be closed until all find opportunity to contribute.

### The Nictaux Fish Hatchery

The Hansard Report of the House of Commons for April 7th, furnishes the following information respecting this Hatchery. The property on which it is located was purchased from Mr. H. V. Gates, of Middleton for \$300.00. The Hatchery and dam are now completed. One million seven hundred and fifty thousand Atlantic salmon eggs have been transferred to it from the Margaree Hatchery and fifty thousand speckled trout eggs from the St. Alex's Hatchery of Quebec. Mr. L. J. Burton has been appointed officer in charge with a salary of \$550. a year. Geo. Heatley, \$500 a year as assistant, and H. V. Gates, \$500 a year as assistant, with care of eggs, fry and general hatchery work. Mr. Burton has been assistant at the Margaree Hatchery since 1907. He is a capable officer and has gained an intimate knowledge of hatchery work. His transfer was recommended by the responsible departmental officials. Messrs. Heatley and Gates are represented as young men of strictly temperate habits and good education. The total cost of the Hatchery to date is \$9,236.46.

#### SYDNEY AFTER A SHIPBUILDING PLANT.

Sydney, April 9.—The Sydney Board of Trade have a number of important matters under discussion, among which is a revival of a ship-building plant, in a modified form to that discussed by the Council last year.

The visit of G. Hughes, of London, gave rise to the matter, as he represents a number of English capitalists, who intend investing capital in Nova Scotia, this year. The Board have several important propositions under consideration.

The Lake steamers have begun their summer trade and today the steamer Aspy, left for the North Shore. The steamer Richmond, which wintered here leaves for Mulgrave this week, and shipping generally is in full swing on the harbor and at the piers.

#### NOVA SCOTIAN WHO SAID HE WANTED TO KILL PRESIDENT.

Washington, April 9.—Armed with a dirk and muttering threats that he came here to kill President Wilson, James Matheson, twenty-two years old, who said he came from Nova Scotia, was arrested late yesterday afternoon.

He put in an appearance at the Washington navy yard and told the officials there that he wanted to enlist. In the course of conversation he said he came to Washington for the express purpose of killing the president. He was taken to a Washington asylum for observation. A charge of carrying concealed weapons was made against him.

### ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF SPAIN'S KING

Anarchist Sprang From the Sidewalk and Fired at King Alfonso, But His Majesty, by His Courage and Quickness, Saved his Life.

Madrid, April 13.—For the third time in his reign King Alfonso narrowly escaped being the victim of an anarchist attempt against his life. Three shots were fired at the King this afternoon in the streets of the capital by a native of Barcelona, Rafael Sanchez Allegro, who was immediately overpowered.

#### THE KING'S COURAGE.

King Alfonso owed his life to his own courage, quickness and skilled horsemanship. Accompanied by his staff he was riding along the Calle de Alcala, on the way back from the ceremony of swearing in the recruits, when a man sprang from the sidewalk and seized the bridle of the King's horse with one hand, presenting a revolver point blank with the other.

The King took in the situation at a glance. With lightning rapidity he dug his spurs into his horse, which reared violently. His quickness saved his life. The bullet, instead of burying itself in the King's breast, struck the horse on the neck, but so close was it that the King's left hand glove was blackened by the powder discharge.

#### MADE GREAT FIGHT.

Before the assailant was able to pull the trigger again a secret service man sprang upon him. The two men fell to the ground locked in each others arms struggling furiously. The assassin managed to fire his revolver arm and fired two shots in rapid succession, but the officer knocked his arm aside and the bullet flew harmlessly through the air.

At the sound of the first shot the King's staff forced their horses on the sidewalk and made a ring around the assassin, who fought long and furiously in the grip of four policemen before he was overpowered and handcuffed.

King Alfonso as soon as he saw that the man had been secured raised himself in his stirrups, turned to the crowd, gave a military salute and shouted in ringing voice "Long live Spain."

He then dismounted and reassuring his staff, saying "It is nothing, gentlemen."

Then up rose a mighty roar from the wildly enthusiastic crowds, which rolled along in great waves of sound all the way as the King rode to the palace, cool, collected and smiling.

#### ATTEMPT TO LYNCH ASSASSIN.

A spectator, a pensioned Royal Haiberdier, pushed forward as impetuously to offer his congratulations to the Monarch that he was mistaken for another assassin and arrested. He was released, however, as soon as the mistake was discovered. A young Frenchman, who was standing beside Allegro was also arrested, but it does not appear that he was in any way connected with him.

The crowds made a determined attempt to lynch Allegro, who was hurriedly taken into a house and kept there until an auto ambulance escorted by mounted police transferred him to police headquarters. King Alfonso was first to tell of what he lightly called "the incident which caused delay," to Queen Victoria and the Dowager Queen, at the Palace, who were greatly alarmed. The King smilingly allayed their fears.

#### EXPULSION FROM FRANCE.

He had hardly been back ten minutes when an immense clamor arose. The two squares on which the Palace looks were black with people of all classes, and desirous of showing their joy at the King's safety, and their admiration for his display of bravery. The King went to the balcony and acknowledged the cheer and then sought the Queen, and the two stood bowing to the throngs for several minutes.

The police investigations established that Allegro was recently expelled from France as an anarchist, after which he went to Barcelona. He came to Madrid a month ago and obtained employment in a carpenter shop. He worked there until Friday, on which day he was paid off.

It is said that during the course of his first examination Allegro declared that on seeing the King pass he was seized with a sudden evil impulse and having a revolver in his possession he drew it. Driven on by an irresistible force he sprang forward and fired.

A woman said to be with Allegro, was placed under arrest tonight. A curious coincidence is found in the fact that the Spanish Premier, Count Romanones, last night declared to be absolutely without foundation the alarming rumors that had been circulated in Madrid regarding the possibility of an attempt against the King today on the occasion of the swearing in of recruits, and relative to the presence in Madrid of several dangerous anarchists.

#### JUDGE SAVARY'S DEDICATION.

The supplement to the History of the County of Annapolis by Judge A. W. Savary, now going through the press of William Briggs, Toronto, contains the following dedication:

"To the memory of the Honorable James W. Johnston, Christian gentleman, jurist, statesman, who persistently subordinated personal interest and ambition to the claims of patriotic duty, and whose masterly legal pronouncement and wise diplomacy Canada owes the preservation of her rights in her bay fisheries and Nova Scotia the possession of her invaluable mineral resources, and whom in his beneficent public career the County of Annapolis supported as her representative in the Provincial Parliament more than twenty years this volume is reverently dedicated."



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