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SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY UNTIL AFTER NEW YEAR

Programmes Carried Out and Prizes Awarded.

Tablet to Fallen Pupils Unveiled in High School—Presentation of Medals—Needs of Playground Referred to.

With heartiest of Christmas wishes exchanged between pupil and teacher, the public schools of the city were closed this morning for the holiday season, which will last until the first Monday after New Year's. In most of the schools the closing was observed with some special programme, partaking of the nature of Christmas, the singing of carols, exercises in keeping with the spirit of the festive season. In most of the schools in grade VIII, presentation of prizes took place to the winners of the essay competitions conducted by the I. O. D. E. on the subject: "What We Owe to the Navy." Recapitulation of much of the work was conducted in some other classes. Decorations of attractive interest, varying from school mottoes in Latin in some of the higher grades, intertwined with holly leaves, to drawings in colored crayon of Santa Claus doing his famous chimney act in the preliminary classes, formed a feature of the closing programmes.

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This competition was a set of books given by the board of school trustees, the winner of which was Israel Cohen, to whom the presentation was made by Supt. H. S. Bridges. Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen presented to J. Reginald Lingley the governor general's silver medal for highest standing in Grade XI, and Supt. Bridges the second prize, a 210 gold piece, to Miss Edith Metcalf. This second prize, he said, had been given by Alfred Morrissey, father of the late Lieut. George Morrissey, who had been one of the school's promising students and who had given his life in the war. He paid a high tribute to the character of the fallen officer and to the value set upon a prize given in such an honor.

Dr. D. C. Malcolm presented the Alumnus gold medal for highest honors in Grade IX, to Miss Roberta Smith. The winner of the Ellis gold medal for the best essay on "What We Owe to the Navy," Miss Beatrice Cruikshank, was not present, as the presentation was made to her father, R. C. Cruikshank, by Rev. Canon Armstrong. To Miss Marina Smith went the Fortnightly Club prize of books for highest marks in English Literature, presented by the president of the club, Dr. H. L. Spangler. The chairman of the board of school trustees, Dr. A. F. Emery, presented to Miss Greta Lingley the Parker silver medal for mathematics. Dr. Emery is a former winner of the Ellis medal, and referred to the pride he felt when the honor was his. Sir Douglas Hazen made the presentation of Chairman Emery's gold medal for highest marks in High School entrance. It was won by Walter Hughes, who, Mr. Miles said, had made the best standing in entering from St. Peter's school, but could not be present as he was now at college. Sir Douglas made the presentation to his brother, and also presented to him another medal, that of Lieut. Governor Hughes, for the highest marks in the county, which had likewise been won by Walter Hughes.

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Joseph Harrington, presented to James Nugent a book, being the prize won by him for the best essay in the school on "What We Owe to the Navy." The programme closed with the National Anthem.

St. Peter's Girls' School.
In St. Peter's girls' school exercises were held in a number of the rooms. Programmes consisting of choruses, recitations and individual solos were carried out and were greatly enjoyed by the many visitors present. A feature of the programme was the presentation of prizes for the best essay on "What We Owe to the Navy." They were won by Madeline L. Sullivan, who came first, and Marion C. Dever, second. The prizes were awarded by Mrs. George K. McLeod, regent of DeMolay Chapter, I. O. D. E., and Mrs. W. J. Ambrose. The programmes were held under the supervision of the principal, Sister Vincent.

Victoria School.
In Victoria school an entertaining programme was arranged and enjoyed by several of the parents of the children who attended the closing exercises. The following programme was rendered:
Primary Section.
Chorus—"See Amid the Winter's Snow," by the school.
Play—"Mother Goose," by pupils of this section.
Chorus—"Night Before Christmas," by Maxwell Lingley.
Bell drill—By the pupils.
Chorus—"Sweet Christmas Bells," by the school.
Advanced Section.
Chorus—"Ring Out the Bells for Christmas," by the school.
Play—"Santa's Surprise," included in this play were the following numbers: "Joybells," by grade 8; piano solo, Nan Coleman; recitation, Eleanor Ramsey; vocal solo, Lois Waters; recitation, Norman Magnuson.
Chorus—"O! Little Town of Bethlehem," by the school.
Piano solo—Phyllis Barber.
Dialogue—By two boys.
Chorus—"There's a Song of Wondrous Beauty."

The salutation of flag, followed by the singing of "God Save the King," concluded the programme.

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LOCAL NEWS

"The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet" at the Lyric Theatre, January 15th, 1920. Tickets 25c.

Roasters 7:50 up at Duval's, 15 Waterloo street. Open every evening.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS
Local No. 683 meeting at Market Hall at 8 o'clock tonight.

BEARS
Teddy bears 22 inches high, regular \$5.75, special \$4.25 at Duval's, 15 Waterloo street. Open every evening.

REDUCED PRICES ON WOMEN'S AND MISSES COATS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN SELECTING FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

The radical reductions made at F. W. Daniel & Co.'s coats is a big help in making most useful Xmas presents. You can't give anything better than a good warm, stylish coat. Daniel, Head of King Street.

Go Gogorra's retail tickets can be obtained from the following places:—M. Roche & Co., E. G. Nelson & Co., John Froehlich, Royal Hotel, and the following drug stores:—Wm. Hawker & Son, H. J. Mowatt, F. Munroe, Geo. K. Bell.

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DEBATES.
At a meeting of Catholic societies held in the Y. M. C. I. last evening a tentative programme for the winter months was outlined for inter-society debates. The first on the programme will be given by St. Peter's and the Cathedral parish.

EXCHANGE TICKET SALE.
Emile de Gogorra will give a recital at the Imperial Theatre, January 15th, 1920. Exchange tickets are now on sale at the usual places. Box office opens January 17th. Box seats \$2.50; Orchestra, 2nd and 3rd rows of front balcony, \$2; remainder of front balcony \$1.50; rear balcony \$1.

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STORES OPEN.
Our Union street and Main street stores are now open evenings and our King street store opens Thursday evening until Christmas. Waterbury & Hising Ltd.

Avoid Christmas rush. Shop in morning and save discount. Wier's Cash Store.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO. LTD.
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PERSONALS

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter returned yesterday from New York.

H. C. Creighton returned to the city last evening from Montreal.

C. W. Hope Grant returned to the city last evening on the Turco Express.

Patrick and Charles Sprule and their sister, Mrs. Thomas McCreary, who have been here attending the funeral of their brother, John Sprule of West St. John, returned to their homes in Fredericton last evening.

Mrs. John Willis and her two daughters, Misses Theresa and Olive, of Weirford, have returned home after a visit in Portland, Maine.

Miss L. Dora Rees, who for the last four months has been visiting relatives in Halifax and New Glasgow, returned last evening to her home in this city.

Woodstock Press.—Mr. Mrs. Samuel Cogswell of Centerville, plan to leaving soon for Riverside, California, where they expect to make their home in the future.

A. S. Benn and Mrs. Benn left today for Los Angeles, California, to spend the winter months in the sun on the advice of his doctor as he was suffering from bronchitis.

Reginald Stewart received second. Rex R. Cormier, the principal, gave a short address to the pupils, and then the I. O. D. E. for their interest taken in the essay competition, and in behalf of the pupils and teachers the highest marks in history at the end of the coming term.

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OPEN THURSDAY EVENING AND UNTIL CHRISTMAS.
Every evening commencing Thursday and until Christmas, F. W. Daniel & Co.'s store will be open until 10 o'clock.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID.
Regular meeting Thursday 8 p. m., Board Trade rooms.

The Free Kindergartens will close Thursday morning. On Friday, Dec. 19, at 2:30, in the Women's Institute rooms, Union street, the children will be given their usual Christmas gifts.

Public invited to attend. Seats will be reserved for the parents of the children.

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SAINT JOHN SOCIETY OF MUSIC
First Concert of the Season to be given Thursday Evening, December 18, at St. Vincent's Auditorium.

The society will be glad to learn that an excellent musical programme has been prepared for Thursday evening.

Many of the best known local talent will be heard to advantage. Members will kindly take note that the programme starts at 8 o'clock, and they will be required to present membership certificate at the door, when no admission fee will be charged.

MILITARY.
Lieut.-Colonel T. J. Murphy has taken over the duties of assistant director of medical services for military district No. 7, in place of Major V. L. Goodwill, who has gone to his home in P. E. I.

Lieutenant A. W. Winter was struck off the strength of M. D. No. 7, November 30, 1919.

ST. DAVID'S SALE.
The Women's League of St. David's church under the direction of the president, Mrs. Alston Morrison, held a sale in the school room of the church this afternoon to dispose of some articles which were left over from the recent sale held there. Miss Willet, assisted by Mrs. David McCallan and Mrs. Dunlop, were in charge.

DIED IN STATES.
Despatches report the death of Frank G. Olsen, formerly of St. John, in Wellesley, Mass. James A. Goumy, also of St. John, in Medford, Mass.; Wm. H. Hart, of Gagetown, in New Britain, Conn.; and Henry Paddock, who has relatives in Westfield, and who died in Nantucket, Mass.

VITAL STATISTICS.
Dr. J. F. L. Brown, medical health officer for the southern district, called a meeting of the several registrars in the county this afternoon explaining to them their various duties of handling the registration of vital statistics, which will be taken over by the Board of Health January 1, 1920.

IRISH MATTER BROUGHT UP IN THE COMMONS

T. P. O'Connor's Motion Lost by 161 to 55.

Labor Leader Joins Him in Regret Over Methods of Repression—Germans Paying Price—Expenditures Are Reduced.

London, Dec. 17.—When T. P. O'Connor moved adjournment of the house of commons last night over the riding of the Freeman's Journal, the debate became hampered by an announcement by James Ian Macpherson, chief secretary for Ireland, that he hoped the member would remember that the question was adjourned.

Mr. O'Connor declared that these acts of provocation in Ireland were the result of a plot to prevent the settlement of the Irish question and reconciliation of the Irish people. He implored the house to realize the tragedy of this mad policy.

Mr. Adamson, Labor leader, associating the Labor party with the motion, declared that, while his party had sympathy with the serious crimes perpetrated in Ireland, they believed that the government's resort to methods of repression had a close connection with these crimes.

Mr. O'Connor's motion for adjournment was defeated, 161 to 55.

Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, announced in the house yesterday that the Germans had handed over to the Allies 6,000 guns, 25,000 machine guns, 8,000 trench mortars and 1,700 airplanes. They had still failed to deliver forty-two locomotives and 4,750 railway trucks. The secretary considered that the Germans had made a tremendous effort, though with the conditions imposed upon them.

The average daily expenditure of the government from April 1 to Nov. 30 was reduced to £2,099,000, as compared with more than £7,000,000 during the war. Freight traffic expenditures were reduced to £50,000,000, as compared with £268,000,000 prior to the war.

THREE LIVES AND 5 SCHOONERS LOST IN Nfld. STORM.
St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Incomplete reports of the damage caused by the storm which has been sweeping the Newfoundland coast for the last week indicate the loss of at least three lives and five schooners and the destruction by a tidal wave, of a railway pier at Placentia and the breakwater at Grand Bank near Fortunate.

The schooners Rose Macdonald, Verma, Adam D. Rose, M. J. Whiting and Betty Mac, were reported to be wrecked. Captain Thomas Whittle, of the Verma, was reported to have been killed. The schooner Verma was washed overboard and drowned. Two members of the crew of the Verma Adams were frozen to death in the landward, when that vessel was wrecked near Placentia.

Telegraph and railroad service has been crippled by the drifting snow and many of the distant coast districts have not been heard from for several days. The Leyland line steamer Mercan which put in here with five in No. 2 hold on Saturday was expected to resume her voyage today. The Mercan is bound for Boston for Manchester, England.

Natural History Society.
The Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society gave a superb performance last evening of readings and tableaux in the society rooms, Union street. This performance was given a month ago, but, unfortunately, the weather was not pleasant and only a small audience enjoyed the programme. So by request it was put on last evening by the juniors under the auspices of the ladies' association. The programme consisted of a series of readings on "Indian life in the pre-historic times in this province," by Miss Marjorie Manning, Miss Jean Wilkins, Miss Dorothy Sinclair and Miss Audrey Turnbull. These were illustrated by various tableaux, which conveyed the ideas brought out in the readings. The paper on Indian music given by Miss Dorothy Sinclair was illustrated by photograph records of Indian music. Refreshments were served under the patronage of Mrs. P. B. Ellis, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. William Shaw. At the conclusion of the entertainment the large audience adjourned to the museum, where a pleasant time was spent examining the various Indian curios collected by the society. Mrs. John McAvity, the president of the ladies' association, presided.

MRS. MARGARET E. SIMPSON.
Word was received in the city this morning of the death of Mrs. Margaret Eleanor Simpson, wife of Fred E. Simpson, formerly of this city, which occurred at her home in San Leandro, California, on last Monday. Mrs. Simpson was formerly Miss White and lived for some time in St. John. Besides her husband, she was survived by one son, Norman, and one daughter, Jean. She also leaves one brother, Kenneth White, of Rochester, N. Y., and two sisters, Mrs. Francis Livingston, of Fall River, Mass., and Miss Mary White of San Leandro,