

Whitbourne Notes.

Everything has gone on quietly and uneventfully here since the passing of the Christmas season.

Fortunately our train service has continued to date to operate daily, in spite of several big snow storms and temporary interruption. The sweetest music we can hear at this dreary season of the year, is the chime of the "iron-horse" bound East or West. (One feels like touching wood right now!) When the trains cease running Whitbourne becomes a deserted village, indeed.

Miss Jean Butler, daughter of Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Butler, of Sandy Point, spent her Xmas vacation here, with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sparkes, returning to Spencer College Lodge, accompanied by her school friend, Miss Ada Sparkes. We think both young ladies thoroughly enjoyed their Xmas holidays.

Miss M. Bartlett, who spent her vacation at her home at Barened, returned here early in January, reopening the C. E. School on the 9th inst.

Mr. Gordon Sparkes who was seriously ill, of a severe chill, bordering on pneumonia for some weeks, is now well again, and able to get at work at the railway office. His friends are glad to see him out once more.

Whooping-cough has been very prevalent here of late, most of the younger children suffering from the distressing malady.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hutchings lost their infant son, of seven months, the little one dying of convulsions, after Whooping-cough, on the 27th inst and was laid to rest, in the Anglican Cemetery, on Sunday afternoon, 29th Jan. Condolences.

Little Mildred Noseworthy, who was seriously ill of pneumonia, is now well again, thanks to our good doctors treatment.

Several cases of Scarlet Fever were reported here in January, but it now appears to have died out, owing to prompt measures being taken by the medicals.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Edward Mercer, son of Mr. John Mercer, whose foot was so severely cut, while felling wood for fuel some weeks ago, is doing well in hospital at St. John's, and hopes soon to be able to leave that institution.

Mrs. Abram Peddle, who has been ill since Christmas, is, we regret to hear, obliged to go to hospital for an operation for appendicitis in the near future. Mrs. Peddle, who is President of the branch of the C.E.W.A. here, will be much missed by the sisters at their week-end gatherings this winter. Her friends hope for her complete restoration to health.

Mrs. Petipas, sr., who has been poorly of late, is now much improved in health.

Mr. Edward Tippet, Station-agent, left for Burin last week to attend his sister's funeral, the latter having passed to the Great Beyond in New York, U.S.A. Mr. Tippet accompanied the body of the deceased lady to Burin, where the funeral was to take place. Condolences to the bereaved families.

A sad occurrence took place here this morning, when a middle aged man, whose name is Smith, fell in the street, near the station, and was picked up in an apparently dying condition by the section men and conveyed to the waiting-room in the station shortly before 8 a.m. All possible was done to endeavour to restore the poor man, but he passed away soon after. We understand the deceased comes from Hants Harbour, T.B., and was mate on board the Daisy. Mr. Smith's sudden death will be a shock to his relatives and friends, with whom we sincerely sympathize. The remains will be coffined and sent home the first train to Heart's Content district.

Rev. C. Jeffrey, who visited Blaketown not long since, could get no train back, and was obliged to walk home, carrying his bag, which is never a very light one.

Mrs. H. Mercer returned from a business trip to town on the 26th inst by express.

Miss M. Jeffrey, who spent a couple of weeks in the city, returned home on the same date.

Mrs. C. E. Hunt was also a passenger on the express train travelling to Glovertown, Alexander Bay, to visit relatives.

After a spell of frosty weather and small blizzards, a mild day and frost thaw is not unwelcome to-day. Now the snow has settled down considerably, the roads will improve somewhat. Great drifts have rendered the woodman's task of gathering fuel a heavy and difficult one the past two weeks.

Here "Candlemas Day" was fair and the (and we hope) half the winter is left behind. This version is much more cheerful than the other couplet, and

the most familiar to the writer, who could prefer three parts, rather than half the winter gone.—COR.
Whitbourne, Feb. 3, 1922.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late James H. Monroe, which took place yesterday afternoon, was largely attended despite the unfavorable weather conditions. A guard of honour from St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M. was in attendance, whilst the employees of the Ropewalk and Tobacco Factory made up the first part of the cortege. The services in the Mortuary Chapel in the Church of England Cemetery and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. E. C. Earp and the Rev. Clarence Moulton of St. Thomas's, of which church the late Mr. Monroe was a prominent member and official.

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I. O. F. Installation.

On Friday, Feb. 3rd, the Cable Hall, Bay Roberts, was the scene of a meeting of more than usual interest in connection with the order. The proceedings opened with the Installation of Officers for the coming year, although much regret was felt on receiving word from the District Deputy, Bro. W. E. Bradbury of Court Cabieville, Heart's Content, saying it was impossible for him to attend, owing to travelling conditions. The ceremony was ably carried out by the P.O.R. Bro. Butt, who installed the officers in the following order—

Commissioned Officers:—C.D.—Bro. D. G. Fraser, elected.
C. Phyc.—Dr. Pritchard, elected.
Honorary Officers:—J.P.C.R.—Bro. A. George.
Elected Officers:—C.R.—Bro. R. A. Russell, elected.
V.C.R.—Bro. S. A. Smith, elected.
R.S.—Bro. R. J. Mercer, re-elected.
F.S.—Bro. W. E. Mercer, elected.
Orator.—Bro. Rev. J. O. Britnell, re-elected.

S.W.—Bro. C. C. Butt, re-elected.
J.W.—N. French, elected.
S.B.—M. French, elected.
J.B.—W. J. Mercer, elected.
The Court loses much in the resignation from office of Bro. A. George C.R. and R. W. Myers, F.S., who for the past three years have laboured immensely for the good and welfare of the order.
At 9.15 p.m. the meeting closed when the ladies assembled for a social evening. Refreshments were served, music and dancing was indulged in until the early hours of the morning. The National Anthem brought the affair to a close.

STAR OF THE SEA ASSOCIATION.—The adjourned meeting of the Star of the Sea Association will be held in the Society's Hall on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is desired. By order, WM. F. GRAHAM, Sec'y.—Feb. 5.

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Mercantile Hockey.

The Mercantile Hockey match between Bowring's Hardware and Nicholls and Inkpen employees, has for the present, been called off, owing to the Rink Management having decided not to hire the Rink until the League hockey matches are completed. Mr. George Martin who is promoter of the Mercantile games has a long list of fixtures and he anticipates making arrangements in the near future to have them played.

State Schools
Hotly Debated.CLUB VOTES FOR STATE SCHOOLS
IN PREFERENCE TO PRESENT
SYSTEM.

In the opinion of the Cathedral debating club the present system of education in Newfoundland is not good enough for the country, and State Schools would be more beneficial. The subject was debated last night, and the affirmative side won with a big majority.

SPEAKERS.

The resolution read: "That State Schools would be more beneficial to the country than the present system." The set speakers were: affirmative, J. R. Smallwood and H. Hooker; the negative, Lawrence Cullen and James Jacobs. Besides the leaders the following speakers took part from the floor of the club: Harold Hawkins, G. Laite, Harold Smith and W. Furneaux. It was a most interesting night, possibly the most interesting and informative for the season.

AFFIRMATIVE.

The affirmative side indicated the present system as inefficient, inadequate and wasteful. By its products could the present system be judged. Its percentage of illiteracy was 17, the highest in the British Empire, the province of Quebec coming next with 11 per cent. Scotland had 4 p.c., England 5, and New Zealand and Australia 1 p.c.

The present system had to maintain 1400 poorly paid, (mostly untrained) teachers in 1200 wretchedly built, wretchedly maintained schools. The average salary for these teachers was: male, \$548, female \$322. Many of them had not even passed their Primary examinations. There was a shameful waste of effort and of money, caused by a super-abundance of schools and too many teachers. Certain small places had two and three poorly operated, poorly maintained schools where the community could support only one.

State schools would mean that all schools should be maintained by the State, and subsidized by the State. There would be free and compulsory education, paid for in a special school tax levied on all adults. It would mean the elimination of competition, overlapping and waste in education. It would mean well trained, efficient teachers. So far as religion was concerned, it could be taught in the schools—even in school hours—by the clergy or others of the various denominations, by taking all the children of that denomination apart for an hour a day or a week. There were state schools in United States, France, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, Norway, Holland, South Africa, Australia, Japan and latterly China.

NEGATIVE.

The negative side almost confined its case to the discussion of what education was. Education was not mere instruction. It was the forming of character. And character was not formed merely by education or learning. Religion was vital, and religious instruction essential. In state schools, they maintained, religious instruction would not be permitted.

So far as the figures of illiteracy in Newfoundland were concerned, the negative accepted them, but wished to make some qualifications. There had been good progress in the cutting down of the percentage of illiteracy in this country. For example, in 1891—31 years ago—the percentage was 62 percent of the population. Then, in 1901, it had been reduced to 51 percent. Now it was down to 17 percent. In 1891 there were 547 schools in Newfoundland. In 1919 there were 1231 schools. The negative thought that the fault with our present system of education was lack of sufficient funds. The teachers were wretchedly paid, and in most cases were not trained. The teaching profession was regarded mostly as a mere stepping-stone to something else. This should not be. Well trained teachers were essential, if our system of education was to be better.—COM.

Rose M. a Total Loss.

Lloyd's Weekly Summary of Jan. 20th contains particulars of the loss of the schooner Rose M., which went ashore at the Azores on Jan. 15th. From this source it is learned that the vessel is a total wreck, her bottom having pounded out on the rocks and the greater part of the cargo lost. Only about 500 qts. were saved. The Rose M. was endeavouring to reach Horta through stress of weather, when she went ashore. No tugs were available at the time, and when assistance was secured the vessel's decks were under water and there was no hope of refloating her. The Rose M. loaded a cargo of fish at Pigeon for the Nfld. Labrador Export Co., and was bound to Oporto when she met with disaster. The schooner's spar and gear have been salvaged and sold for the benefit of the Underwriters.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Dr. L. J. Giovannetti desires to return his sincerest thanks to the people of Trepassay for the kindly and heartfelt sympathy extended to him during his recent and bereavement; his thanks are likewise due, and are, hereby, most gratefully tendered to all who, by wire or by mail, conveyed to him and his family their expressions of sympathy, during the sad days of a bitter sorrow.—adv.

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