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REMAINS LAID TO REST AT DIGBY

Digby.—The funeral of Walter Wm. Payson, who died at his home in Deep Brook, on Sunday, took place in Digby, the Rev. A. W. L. Smith, rector of Clementsport, conducting the service and interment was in the Church of England cemetery here. Mr. Payson was in the eightieth year of his age. The end came very suddenly and unexpectedly. Mr. Payson was the oldest son of William and Phoebe Oakes Payson, of Weymouth. He studied as a young man at Mt. Allison College, in Seckvile, N. B., from which he graduated when he was about twenty-two years of age. In 1870 he married Miss Annie S. Journeay of Weymouth, their golden wedding having been celebrated three years ago. For twenty-five years he held an appointive office in the House of Assembly of this Province, having only lately retired from that position. In that long period of service he had seen many changes in the personnel of the House and had been brought into contact with many of the leaders amongst our Provincial law makers. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Annie S. Payson, of Deep Brook; L. S. Payson and W. W. Payson, of West Roxbury, and Malden, Mass., respectively; Mrs. L. B. Wilson, of Bellows Falls, Vt.; Mrs. A. S. Payzant, of East Cleveland, O.; R. F. Payson, of Joggin Bridge; F. O. Payson, of Everett, Mass., and E. J. Payson, of Digby.

RELICS OF THE SCOTS PIONEERS

Pictou Celebration Committee Seeking Materials For An Exhibition.

Dear Sir:—During the big Scottish celebration at Pictou in July (15th to 21st) the committee would like, if sufficient material could be obtained, to have an exhibition in Pictou of the articles brought from Scotland by early Scottish immigrants. They feel there must be many such articles still preserved and treasured by the descendants of those who brought them to this country. Already the committee know of a spinning wheel and a snuff mill that came in the "Hector", and the chances were better for the preservation of articles coming in the later ships. Surely all of the martial gear of the many soldiers who settled in eastern Nova Scotia has not been lost. Some of it must be laid away in ancient trunks or stored in old closets. Will any persons who have any articles that were brought from Scotland by the early immigrants be good enough to write me stating what they have, and if they are willing to loan it for exhibition purposes? If sufficient material is available to make a creditable exhibition, I will communicate directly with those who have written me. Needless to say, the expense of transportation of any such things to and from Pictou will be borne by the committee, and the very best of care will be taken of anything that is sent to us, and its safe return guaranteed.

JOHN D. MacDONALD, Secy. Scottish Pioneers' Celebration Pictou, April 24th, 1923.

MARITIME PROVINCES NOT SUFFERING FROM RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS

Sir Henry Thornton told the delegation from the Maritime Provinces, that interviewed him in Montreal on the 23rd, that he does not think the Maritimes are at any disadvantage under the present C.N.R. arrangements; but anything should arise adversely affecting Maritime interests remedies will be found and the matter adjusted.

It was a straight answer from the C.N.R. President whether the delegation led the reply or not.

The delegation, with two Maritime Premiers at the head was a powerful one from a business standpoint.

The general manager of the Atlantic Region, L. S. Brown, was also present.

The conference was held with comparative secrecy, though the issue was given to the press, and sent over the country.

VICTORY

Mrs. Roderick Cress and little son, of Deep Brook, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Oickle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petter, of Clementsville, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Friday.

Miss Annie Simpson has gone to New York to resume her work there. Miss Eleanor Darres is visiting at Bear River.

Mr. Harry Milberry spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Milberry, recently.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Jubal Kaulback very ill with paralytic stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Simpson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wright, Bear River East, recently.

Mr. Otis Darres has gone to the United States to work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson spent Sunday, April 22nd, with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Simpson.

Mrs. Willard Rosenkrantz has been visiting Mrs. Delbert Wagner, Bear River East.

A MORNING WITH THE BIRDS

(Written for The Monitor, June, 1920) At five o'clock in the morning of June 12th, we set out for a bird seek on the North Mountain. Although it was rather foggy out, the birds were singing merrily and as we ascended Church Road towards the mountain we heard the Bobolinks, Purple Finches, and Savannah Sparrows from all sides. From a fence post by the roadside we heard a Vesper Sparrow singing at sunrise instead of sundown as his name shows he is supposed to do, and from the alders by a brook a Catbird was making many strange sounds. In a field nearby a number of little Chipping Sparrows were picking for ground insects while numerous Swallows and Swifts were darting hither and thither after those of the air. We kept on towards the mountain only stopping to watch a Leas Flycatcher nearly jerking his head and tail off while trying to tell us his common name "Chebec."

We had now reached the foot of the mountain and as we began to ascend we heard the high pitched whistle of the White Throated Sparrow, and saw numerous Goldfinches and Song Sparrows darting among the low spruce trees and bushes. When we reached the top of the Black Throated Green Warbler singing cheerily, "Spring, Spring, beautiful Spring." His sweet song was soon drowned by the loud cries of a Robin which we had disturbed, so we moved on. From all sides we hear the calls of American Redstarts, our prettiest bird, and soon we see him flying ahead of us looking like a flash of red and black. As the woods thicken we hear the plaintive, "Pee-a-wee," of the Wood Pewee, and saw a little Chickadee hanging up side down on the end of a branch making his breakfast on insects in the wood and bark. As our path was steep we sat down to rest, when from the woods came a call, "Get up! Get up!" We at once knew it to be the Oven-Bird who is supposed to say "Teacher, teacher," but always sounds to me as if he were telling me to get up. We did get up, however, and set out to find him. He had stopped singing now but soon started up again, at first very low but increasing in volume at each syllable until the whole wood resounded with his glad song. After we had found him sitting on a low bush we continued our journey until we heard another call, this one said: "Phoebe" very brisk and quick. This was the Ablest Flycatcher, a very shy bird and hard to see but easily identified by his note, it also being about the only means to tell it from the common Least Flycatcher or Chiebec as it is commonly called.

We had now reached the lake which supplies the town with water. From the northern shore we heard the beautiful song of the Hermit Thrush, our best singer. Its notes sound like some great reed instrument and I am sure that I have heard it in some chords which I have heard before on such an instrument. Along the shores of the lake we saw numerous Spotted Sandpipers or Sandpeeps, daintily stepping around tetering their tails every few seconds and once and awhile whistling "re whi", almost like someone calling a dog. Flying over the islands and on the shore we saw several rusty black birds. They were wading along the margin of the lake picking for food and often flying up and alighting in some tree top making a strange whistling sound and (Continued on Page Three)

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NEW FACTORY TO BE OPENED AT DIGBY

Digby.—Digby is to have a new factory in the near future. Messrs. Jack and Cardoza, of Ontario, have leased the old bait freezer from H. T. Warne and are transforming it into an up-to-date factory for the manufacture of jams, jellies, lemon and fruit pie fillers. The capacity of the present plant will be one ton per day with room to add should business development warrant. Messrs. Jack and Cardoza are men of wide experience, Mr. Cardoza having been manager of one of the largest jam and canning factories in Ontario for a number of years. It is expected that operations will commence about May 1st. As soon as they get their products on the market it is their intention to install a canning plant for fruit and vegetables, nitrate meat and catsup. Jack and Cardoza decided to locate in Digby, although they visited a number of towns in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

BAHAMAS DID BIG BUSINESS IN BOOZE

London.—Practically the whole of the large increase of imports of wine and spirits into the Bahamas last year was due to prohibition in the United States. Mr. Ormsby-Gore, under-secretary of the Colonial Office, told a questioner in the House of Commons. The under-secretary stated that imports of wine into the Bahamas in 1922 totalled £27,960 in value, and spirits just over £1,000,000, whereas in 1918 they were £8,575 and £6,370 respectively.

TOURIST PRELIMINARY EXECUTIVE MEETS AT KENTVILLE

On Monday evening there was a meeting of the Preliminary Executive of the Valley to Yarmouth Tourist Association, in the office of Mr. A. E. McMahon, President. The various towns of the Valley had selected their representatives, but on account of some delays in travel or other matters, not many were present from points west of Berwick. A report was given of those who had been selected from different points to attend this and subsequent meetings until the organization was complete. Prof. Blair was selected to communicate with the government to grant information as to the amount of grant that would be available for the Tourist propaganda.

Mr. J. G. Cogan, General Passenger and Freight Agent of the D. A. R., gave much valuable information as to prospects for tourists, the necessary boat and hotel arrangements to accommodate them. The D. A. R. was ready to place on the route the Blueone or any train necessary for travel, but one train a day was sufficient to handle all who could be accommodated by the present boat service. Mr. Cogan read the report of the Legislative Committee on Tourist matters. Discussions took place in which President Graham of the Wolfville Board of Trade; Mr. Yeaton of Hantsport, G. P. Raymond of Berwick, and Messrs. W. E. Porter, Prof. Blair and H. G. Harris of Kentville, took part. It was resolved that the representatives chosen in the different towns to attend this meeting be on the executive of the Preliminary Tourist Association until full organization was completed. It was further resolved that Messrs. H. G. Harris, Prof. Blair and Edson Graham be a committee to arrange for by-laws and Mr. Harris to go to Halifax to consult with the Tourist officials recently appointed by the government. The meeting adjourned to meet on the call of the President—Kentville Advertiser.

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VIRGINIA EAST

Miss Lee Etta Riley and friend, Mr. Harold Mansfield, of Clementsville, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley. Miss Esther Riley, of Prineadale, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley. Mr. Elmer Robar, of Tupperville, spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. Avard Robar. Mr. Buster Wamboldt, of Clementsville, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mr. Walton Riley. Miss Ruby Robar, of Annapolis, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Miss Edith Robar. Mr. Harley Potter purchased a fine pair of steers last week, also a nice cow. We are very delighted to see the "beautiful snow" disappear after this unprecedented winter. Quite a number in this place at present are on the sick list. We hope them a speedy recovery.

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