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Merry Xmas To All.

BIRTH OF C. E. STANFIELD.

Well Known and Sterling Citizen—Energetic and Active in Business—Unassuming in Manner—Of Strict Integrity—A Decided Loss to Truro.

year's illness of more or less severity terminated by a very sudden attack of two or three days, carried off yesterday morning to his home, our well known and highly respected citizen, C. E. Stanfield. We have lost one of the sterling men of the town, and together with an immediate family of a son, five daughters and four sons, whom we extend sympathy, we deeply mourn his death.

Mr. Stanfield was born in February 8, at Wakefield, Yorkshire, England. He was the eldest son of the late John Stanfield, of that place. He belonged to one of the oldest families in that country—a prominent Truro business man, who was born at Wokingham, but 12 miles from Wakefield, says the Stanfields were one of the oldest and most respected names in Yorkshire.

Mr. Stanfield was ambitious, and might he could do better in the "New World," so in 1854, he came across to the United States. His oldish traditions did not find much genial air among our cousins, who the way, are far more agreeable than now than in those days, so soon left that country and settled in Tyron, P. E. Island, where in 1857 he married Miss Lydia Dawkins, daughter of the late Thomas Dawson, who survives him. Here he established a successful woollen mill, but finding the market too small, removed to Truro the year the Truro Branch of the I. C. R. was established, and opened a manufacturing business on the South side of the railway tracks, at the Truro Station, in connection with the British American Hat Company.

Mr. Stanfield a little later, started the well known woollen mills at Wakefield, afterwards the property of Messrs. Blair, Little & Cook.

For two years he had a most successful business in St. Croix, Hants, and thereafter he established the Hat Factory in Truro, that he afterwards sold to Messrs. Craig & Webb.

In 1882 he organized and started a well known and successful knitting mill, now conducted by his son, John and Frank, under the name of the Truro Knitting Mills Co. In all these enterprises Mr. Stanfield showed a decided business tact, an almost untiring energy. He was the soul of honesty. No more genuine nor unostentatious man than Mr. Stanfield. Until illness pre-

vented, he was a member of, and a regular worshipper in St. John's Episcopal church. The funeral will take from St. John's at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, thence to Terrace Hill Cemetery.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION AT GREAT VILLAGE.

The sittings of one of the most successful Conventions ever held in No. 10 Inspectorial District, came to an end on the 21st, and Inspector Craig and his able Executive Committee are to be much congratulated on the results of their efforts.

About 130 members enrolled, and the meetings were well attended throughout.

On Wednesday after the preliminaries of enrollment, etc., had been completed, an interesting lesson on Reading, was given by Miss Barnhill, of Five Islands. Afterwards Mr. G. U. Hay, M. A., editor of the Educational Review, of "St. John," gave one of his always interesting and instructive talks on the "Teachers' Opportunities."

At the afternoon session, "Geography" was ably dealt with by Mr. F. O. Foster, B. A., from Acadia Mines, and "English" by Principal McVicar, of Springhill, was handled well and thoroughly.

Thursday morning's session opened with a model lesson on "Chemistry," by Miss L. Messenger, of Parrsboro, followed by a Nature Lesson on An Oyster, by Miss Grace Patterson, of Truro. We must congratulate this young lady on the splendid lesson given—a lesson we are assured by competent judges, to be one of the best ever given at such a gathering.

Prof. Sears, of Wolfville, also gave an excellent address on a subject he so well handles, "Science and the Farmer."

Mrs. Patterson, of our Truro Kindergarten, gave a most helpful talk on Primary work, and the extension of the Kindergarten principles to the lower grades of the Common Schools.

The afternoon session was devoted to a talk on Manual Training by Mr. Kidner of our Macdonald School, in which some other lines of manual occupation for "Hand and Eye" training, capable of application in the ordinary school house, were advocated and explained. A series of specimens of card board modelling were on view, and Mr. Kidner gave an interesting demonstration, of the drawing and construction of them, which was much appreciated.

Next came a capital paper by Supervisor McKay, of the Halifax Schools, on "Drawing." In a carefully thought out paper, illustrated by many actual specimens of drawing and brush work done by children, he showed clearly the importance of this branch of Education. An animated discussion, in which Dr. McKay, Superintendent of Education; Principal Lay, of Amherst, and other gentlemen took part, then ensued, and some light was thrown on some much discussed points of our Provincial Examination papers.

In the evening a largely attended public meeting was held in the Presbyterian church. An address on the objects and aims of the system of Manual Training, now being introduced into Canada by the scheme of Sir Wm. Macdonald and Prof. Robertson, given by Mr. Kidner. S. E. Gourley, M. P., then followed, and dwelt on the necessity of the co-operation of the parents, if school life and education are to be of the highest efficiency.

Principal Campbell of the Truro Academy, came next with an address on some new features of educational work, referring more particularly of course, to the Truro Domestic Science and Manual Training Schools. He gave some interesting instances of the popularity of these new departments, and stated emphatically that he felt their introduction into the curriculum of our public schools, would meet a long felt want, and would help to broaden and round out our pupils very considerably.

Dr. McKay gave then a most inspiring talk on school work generally. He strongly advocated the formation of libraries for public use, and showed how, by co-operation with the school authorities, such a thing as the formation of a library could be easily brought about. He gave some hints, too, as to the way in which sections may avail themselves of the liberal provision made by the Council of Public Instruction for the introduction of Manual Training and Domestic Science. Nova Scotia is far ahead in this respect, of the rest of the Dominion, and already there are indications that before long, few towns of any size in the Province, will be without a Cookery and Domestic Science Department, and a Manual Training School.

On Friday, Mr. Hepburn, B. A., of Amherst, gave an instructive talk on the teaching of History, and with the usual votes of thanks, this profitable and pleasant Convention of 1900, came to an end.

Mention must be made of the extremely warm way in which the

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It was not till the eighteenth century that wall paper in anything like its present form came into common use in Europe, although it appears to have been used much earlier in China. A few rare examples, which may be as early as the sixteenth century, exist in England, but these are in imitation generally in "book" like the old Genoese and Florentine cut velvets, and hence the style of the design in no way indicates the date of the wall paper, the same traditional patterns being reproduced with little or no change for many years. It was not till the end of the eighteenth century that the machinery to make paper in long strips was invented. Up to that time wall papers were printed on small square pieces of handmade paper and were very expensive. On this account wall paper was slow in superseding the old mural decorations, such as tapestry, stamped leather and paper cloth.

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