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Nine Thousand Kiddies Are Freed Today From School Tasks

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES MARK CLOSING TODAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS VACATION

Parents and Other Visitors Show Interest by Attendance —Santa Claus and Christmas Tales are Feature in Entertaining Exercises.

The schools of the city and vicinity closed today for the Christmas vacation and the 9,077 pupils who have been attending the classes wore "that smile that won't come off." They have put away their books now until January 5 and intend to forget their worries over lessons for that length of time.

In nearly all the schools special programmes, appropriate to the season, were carried out and at many parents and friends were present to enjoy the entertainment provided by the pupils. In some schools Christmas, well laden with gifts, had been arranged for the benefit of the smaller children and they were very appreciative of the visit of "Santa Claus."

And so today 9,000 merry children concentrate on the joys of the Christmas season, with keen anticipation of the pleasures of the great day and of happy times in the outdoors. The Times-Star here gives a summary of the exercises in the various schools.

HIGH SCHOOL

The programme carried out at the High School this morning was as follows:

Selection, High School Orchestra; reading, Christmas in St. John 100 Years Ago, George Buckley; recitation, "On Christmas Eve in Bethlehem Town," Grace Marshall; carol, 100 boys and girls from Grade 9; recitation, The Wise Men from the East, Donald Rice; presentation of medals; flag salutation.

ST. VINCENT'S HIGH

St. Vincent's Girls' High School closing was held in St. Vincent's music rooms at 10 o'clock. The following was the programme:

Entrance march, piano accompanist, Miss E. Chaisson, Miss E. Magee; violin accompaniment, Miss A. Williams, Miss M. Kiervan; selection, "Christmas Bells," Miss G. Wilson; solo, Miss M. Flood; piano accompanist, Miss E. Chaisson; violin accompanist, Miss A. Williams; essay, Miss E. Chaisson; Venite, High School; National Anthem; presentation of medals.

ST. THOMAS'

The Christmas closing was of the usual interesting character, the well-filled Christmas trees being the centre of attraction to the little ones. Regular school work showed the children well up in the school subjects. A spelling bee in Grade 8 and a geography game added interest and emulation. A programme of songs, dialogues and the Christmas story followed, and was greatly enjoyed.

The following children were present each day during the term: Maria McCarthy, Katherine McCarthy, Gladys George, Louise Conway, Annie Foran, Mary Robichaud, Margaret Golding, Agatha Coughlan, Genevieve Comeau, Catherine Carvell, Annie LeBlanc, John McCarthy, Edward McCluskey, Walter Carmichael, Fred Golding.

Sister M. Patricia is principal.

ABERDEEN

At the Aberdeen school, Reverdy Steeves, principal, the work of the term was reviewed by each of the grades in the several rooms.

The following programme was carried out in the assembly hall: Carol (traditional), All My Heart This Night Rejoices; scripture recitation, St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 8 to 20; carol, There Came a Little Child to Earth; recitation, Peace on Earth, Grade 8; carol, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day; Saluting of the Flag; National Anthem.

Grade 8 carried out a special programme in their room, as follows: Merry Christmas, Ethel Finley; Winter, Donald Patterson; Chickadee, Florence McKay; Empty Raggedy Stockings, Margaret Tedford; A Christmas Carol, Lomie Bailey; The Three Wise Men, Olive Colpitts; The Old Year and the New Year, Louise Pierce and Gladys Winchester; The Best Season for Giving, Audrey Lackie and Audrey Leonard; songs, Christmas carol, "Deck the Hall," "The Stranger Stat," "Ask the Children."

ST. VINCENT'S BOYS'

An attractive programme was carried out this morning in the auditorium of St. Vincent's Boys' School in Cliff street. Short addresses were given during the exercises by Rev. William Duke and Joseph Harrington, principal of the school. The boys showed the results of their careful preparation by the excellent manner in which they carried out each item of the entertainment. The programme follows:

Adeste Fidelis, instrumental by 8 violinists, John McNulty, Gregory O'Hara, Francis Barry and Philip Oland, pianist.
Song, "See Amidst the Winter Snow," by 10 boys of Grade 7.
Recitation, "A Christmas Over All the Land," 11 boys of Grade 5.
Recitation, "A Christmas Pointer," by F. McDonald.
Exercise, "The Lookout Man," 4 boys of Grade 4.
Recitation, Santa Claus, Grade 1.
Christmas recitation, five boys of Grade 1 and 2.
Recitation, "Little Town of Bethlehem," by Chas. McNeill.
Christmas quotations, 14 boys of Grade 8.
Silent Night, (song), Grades 7 and 8.
A Christmas carol, Thomas Nagle.
Selections from Chas. Dickens' Christmas carols, Grade 6.
Christmas carol, "We Three Kings," Grade 5 boys.
Recitation, "Just Before Christmas," Grade 3.
Christmas carol, Grade 3 and 4.
"Johnny's Dream," by Francis Walsh.
God Save the King.

CENTENNIAL

There were no public closing exercises in Centennial school this Christmas owing to the fact that the assembly hall at present is fully occupied by the Opportunity Class and the night school for mechanical drawing. Special exercises, however, were carried out in several of the class rooms and the work of the term was reviewed. H. C. Ricker is principal of the school.

WINTER STREET

At the Winter street school, W. A. Nelson, principal, the closing exercises of Grades 4 to 8, inclusive, were held yesterday afternoon and the closing exercises this morning was the pres-held this morning. A feature of the exercises this morning was the presentation of a set of war picture by Mrs. T. H. Carter, on behalf of Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Yesterday Afternoon.

Following will be found the programme carried out:

Grades 4 to 8.

Chorus, "While Shepherds Watched," school; recitation, "The Shepherds and the Star," Doris Sharp; exercise, "Plea Christmas Presents," Pupils of Grade IV; recitation, "A Month After," Constance Sheraton; chorus, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," Grades VII and VIII; exercise, "Christmas Star," Grade V; recitation, "Christmas Gifts," Georgie McKay; exercises, "Christmas in Many Lands," 12 pupils of Grade VI; recitation, "Forest Children's Picture," Gladys Bastin; recitation, "The Season," 22 pupils of Grade VII; recitation, "Merry Christmas," Helen Cahill; recitation, "Christmas Over All the Land," 4 girls Grade V; chorus, "Holy Night," school; exercise, "Ye Christmas Bells," 12 pupils Grade VII; recitation, "One Holy Night," Joan Dundes; chorus, "Bells are Daily Tinkling Gaily," Grades VI and VIII; recitation, "When Santa Claus Was Ill," Charlotte Small; chorus, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," school; Salutation of Flag; National Anthem.

Morning Programme.

This morning the programme was as follows:—

Carols, "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "The Sleigh Bells of Santa Claus," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Good King Wencelaus" and "In the Fields with Their Flock Abiding," by the school. The pageant, "The Court of King Christmas," which was put on by the following:

It is the night before Christmas, Santa Claus is preparing for his annual visit to the children of earth. He summons his helpers who tell what each has done to prepare the toys and goodies which Santa will take with him.

Santa Claus—Gordon Berry.
Snowflakes—Jean Hay, Freda Smith, Hazel Armstrong, Betty Powers, Nan Burnside, Helena McKay.
Holly Berries—Arnold Morgan, Arthur DeForest, Frank Walsh, Harry Taylor, Harry Wilson, Charlie Winters.
Secretary—Gordon Gaulton.
Postman—Stewart Tait.
Prince Giftbook—Russell Merrill.
Prince Playfellow—Jim Stewart.
Prince Bonbon—Donald Corbett.
Mother Goose—Shirley Hamm.
Robinson Crusoe—John Prebble.
Kate Greenway—Hargaret Walsh.
Baby Days—Elizabeth Rogers.
Mrs. Dolls—Ruby McKay.
Paul Pry—Leonard Atkinsan.
Christmas Trees—Dorothy Gunter, Phyllis Warwick, Evelyn Collins, Gladys Poore, Katherine Williams, Dorothy Steele.
Stockings—Gordon Wilson, John Stewart, William Small, Billy Earl, Edwin Wilson, Alister Gilchrist.
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Present Operetta.

The second part of the programme consisted of an operetta, "Christmas Eve Happenings," by 38 pupils from Grades 3 and 4. The prologue was given by Frances Stewart, who introduced eight earth children, namely, Harold Warwick, Sylvia Fine, Marion Kinsman, Armour Brown, Marjorie Conley, Gladys Thorne, Joseph Jacobson and George Sage who were sent to sleep by Earl Bentley as Sandman, to the singing of "The Little Dustman." The Nimble Nicks from Christmas Land, led by Tom Wilson, then entered. These were: Walter Long, Donald Steele, John Wood, Donald Hughes and Hubert Bain. They performed their tasks of trimming the room for Christmas and then called the Wreath Fairies who entered with Helen Cummins as leader. The fairies: Ruth Smith, Mary Lewell, Marion Leonard, Helen Warnock and Grace Corbett were followed by Fred Smith, as Christmas Bell; William Purdy, as Holly Wreath; Gordon Armstrong, as Christmass Tree, and Malcolm Moorehouse, as Plum Pudding. These, with some of the others sang a Christmas song. Next came Madeleine Howell as a Christmas Star to the music of a Star Song. She was followed by Byard Armstrong, as Santa Claus, who entered singing "Jolly Old Santa Claus." He brought with him several toys including three tin soldiers: Ralph Corbett, Stuart Jamieson and Harold Campbell; three wooden dolls: Ruth Stubbs, Annie Taxar and Marjorie McKay; a top, Louise Thompson, a ball, Amelia Levine; a drum, Edward Wood and a horn Pearl Chittick. During the "Christmas Clocks" chorus these executed a toy parade and as the clocks struck six became stiff toys. Here the "Christmas Bell" chorus was sung as the boys and girls began to wake. These later surrounded Santa singing a Santa Claus song. Then Frances Stewart entered as "Merry Christmas" as the signal for the "Merry Christmas Chorus" which was followed by the march off the platform.

MOUNT CARMEL

There were no special exercises at the Mount Carmel Academy today. The school closes today, with most of the out-of-town pupils leaving for their homes. It is to re-open on January 5.

HOLY TRINITY

The closing exercises at Holy Trinity, Sister M. Vincent, principal, were held in the various rooms and were as follows:

Grade 1 and 2 girls—Recitation, Christmas Wishes, Anna Long, Mary Hart; song, The Snow is Falling Fast, chorus; recitation, What Should I Like, Agnes Kyffin; a drill, A Game of Letters, 14 little girls; recitation, Doll Rosy's Bath, Gladys Quinn; recitation, The Christmas We Like, Catherine Caithness and Frances McGrattan; song, Why Doesn't Santa Go Next Door, chorus; dialogue, The Sick Doll, Evelyn Richardson, June Gibson, Hermance LeBlanc, Constance Cooper; recitation, Christmas Secrets, Mary Driscoll; song, Christmas Bells; recitation, The Doll in School, Suzanne Ramsey; recitation, Christmas Questions, Catherine McGuire; song, Santa, the Jolly Man; recitation, Baby's Logic, Audrey McIntyre; song, Come and See My Doll, Delta Martin; Christmas Dolls From Every Land, 8 girls; song, Dance of the Snowflakes; entrance of Santa with his pack; National Anthem.

Grades 2 and 3 girls—A Christmas Story—1924, Marion O'Toole; winds or heralds, north, Constance Murphy; east, Lois O'Brien; sotuh, Beatrice Price; west, Constance Sterling; messenger, Helen Breen; fairies, Constance Fewings, Margaret Coholan, Rita Feeney, Marie Murphy, Delima Conley, Aileen O'Toole; Santa Claus, Mona Harper; recitation, "A Real Santa Claus," Helen Breen; class song, "Down the Long Highway"; distribution of prizes from Chirstmas tree by Santa Claus.

Grade 4 and 5 girls—Chorus, Holy Night; recitations, Rose Murray, Helen Fritch; Angel's Message, Gertrude Walsh; chorus, Hundred of Years Ago; recitations, Marjorie Thompson, Muriel Murphy, Collina McDonald; dialogue, Mr. St. Nicholas, 20 girls; chorus, Santa Claus; National Anthem.

Grades 6 and 7.

The Herald of Joy:—The Herald, Helen Cooper; Earth, Marjorie Cunningham; Charity, Doreen Harper; Star of Bethlehem, Elizabeth Quigg; Brilliant Star, Marion Caithness; Holly, Mary Donovan; Mistletoe, Margaret Walsh; Pine, Margaret Phillips; Snowflakes, Ina Brawley, Mary Wall, Marion Wall; People, Mary Isaacs, Dorothy Donovan, Celeste Lombard, Madelon O'Brien; violin accompanist for Christmas Carols, Roselind Terris.

Grade 1 Boys.

Song, We are Little Snowflakes, six boys; Greetings, F. Smith, E. Cullinan, G. Bourgeois; recitation, At Grandma's, John McCaig; recitation, A Letter to Santa, J. Forestell; dialogue, Our Christmas, S. Gaudet, F. Harding; recitation, Waking Little Boys, C. Lynch; chorus, Winter Time, Class; dialogue, Santa Claus, 10 boys; recitation, A Surprise, H. Stentiford; recitation, A Christmas Stocking, P. Agar; chorus, Jack Frost, class; dialogue, Christmas, J. Forestell, M. Rogers, J. McKenna; recitation, Why? J. McGourty; chorus, A Poor Boy's Christmas, class; dialogue, When I'm a man, J. McGourty, Paul Agar, J. Forestell, F. Harding.

Grades 2 and 3 Boys

Song, A Christmas Carol, class; recitation, The Christmas Candle, Edwin Long; recitation, The Telephone Message, Vincent Levigne; song, Santa Claus Song, class; recitation, Christmas Time, James Farren.

Grades 4 and 5.

Song, Come, Let us Learn to Sing, class; poem, A Psalm of Life, Grade 5; song, 'Tis Moonlight, class; dialogue, A Christmas Tree for Mother Goose's Children, by 12 boys; song, Here at School, class; review in spelling, reading and arithmetic; drawings, Christmas Crib, Herve LeBlanc, Grade 4; Santa Claus' Reindeer, Miles Agar, John McCarthy.

Grades 6 and 7 Boys.

Christmas essays were written by the boys. The blackboards were artistically decorated by the pupils with Christmas scenes and greetings.

Opportunity Class at Holy Trinity

The closing of the Opportunity Class consisted of a review in reading, spelling and number work. There was also an exhibition of the handwork done by the pupils which was quite a creditable showing. It consisted of the following:

In sewing, aprons, rompers, dolls, cushion-tops, shopping bags; knitting, sweaters and hats; crocheting, Edgings-bag; reed and raffia tea-trays, sandwich trays, picture-frames; wood-work (done at Manual training) book-ends, coat-hangers, neck-tie holders; cardboard, waste-paper baskets, candy baskets, blotter; painting, sand-pails, vases.

The following programme was also carried out:

Recitation, Welcome, school; song, Santa's invitation, school; recitation, Christmas bell, candle and card, M Hatty, G. Lavigne, B. Arsenault; Story of Christmas, in verse and song, school; recitation, Why do bells for Christmas ring? S. Durant, J. Chisholm; song, Santa is coming, school; march and drill; song, Ring Merry Bells, school.

The children were given a Christmas tree and treat by friends and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

KING EDWARD

Song, Winter Roses.
Recitation and song, Christmas Time—Grade 1.
Christmas Carol.
Solo, Baby's Lullaby—Emma Adamson.
Reading, The Wise Man—Grade 2.
Recitation, The Crippled Dolly—Dorothy Jenkins.
Carol, We Three Kings of Orient.
Reading, A Visit to Santa Claus' Shop—William Woodley.
Recitation, Mrs. Santa Claus—Olga King.
Recitation, Baby's Stocking—Ruth Lewis.
Part Song, Bells—By four classes.
Recitation, Two Little Fir Trees—Frederick Taylor.
Carol, Adeste Fideles—Choir of 150 voices.
Recitation, The Look-out Man—Edwina Foote.
Piano solo, Russian Imperial March—Adolphus Carty.
Recitation, Christmas — Clement Jones.
Carol, There Dwelt in Old Judea—Grade 5.
Solo, Christ is Born in Bethlehem—Jack Holburne.
Piano solo, Gipsy's Good Night Song—Fred Powell.
Recitation, Christmas Time—Louise Fraser.
Violin solo—Gordon Elkin.
National Anthem—School.
Rex R. Cormier, Principal.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST

In St. John the Baptist school, St James street, no particular Christmas closing exercises were given by the school as a whole. A short programme of songs and recitations was carried out in each classroom in addition to the regular work. In several of the rooms there were drawings by the pupils appropriate to the Christmas season.

In the Opportunity Class, the display of handwork was particularly interesting. This consisted of sewing and reedwork, including baskets, trays, etc. There was a short programme by the pupils in this department.

ST. JOSEPH'S

The closing exercises in St. Joseph's school consisted of Christmas carols, dialogues, etc., in the several rooms. These followed a short programme of school work. Throughout the building the rooms and black-boards were very prettily decorated.

The principal is Miss M. M. Briggs.

ST. PETER'S BOYS'

The programme at St. Peter's Boys' school, Wm. J. Shea principal, was:—Opening chorus, Merry Christmas Bells, school; composition, Napoleon Bonaparte; Victor Zachanko, A Jewish Legend, 10 boys of Grade 1; Santa Claus' Fright, 14 boys of Grade 1; Story of First Christmas, 16 boys of Grade 2; When Santa Claus Comes, five boys of Grade 2; recitations, Christmas, Albert Fowlie; The Star, Francis Daley; Christmas Bells, George O'Reilly; Christmas Everywhere, Gerard Barry; Holy Night, school; address, Rev. Fr. McDonald, C. SS. R.; composition, The Human Body, Malcolm Smith; The Story of the First Christmas, ten boys of Grade 8; recitation, Who Is it? Daniel Hanley; A Christmas Prayer, John Kneeland; solo, Babe of Bethlehem, Ronald Sherwood; recitation, Christmas, Paul Griffith; Composition, English Literature in Grade 8, Gerard Owens; recitation, As Joseph Was A-Walking, Wendel Heustis; A Letter to Santa Claus, Francis Harrington; Merry Christmas, Gregory Boyne; With Hearts Truly Grateful, school; address, Hon. R. J. Ritchie; dialogue, Christmas Watchings, Gerard Harley, Francis Martin; recitation, The Adoration of the Wise Men, Francis Dunn; God Save the King.

ST. PETER'S GIRLS'

The closing exercises in St. Peter's Girls' School were held in the respective class rooms. After an examination of the year's work, short programmes of Christmas carols and recitations were carried out. The principal is Sister Ethelreda.

ALEXANDRA

The Alexandra School presented a very pleasing programme prepared by the primary grades. The little ones proved themselves very capable actors and actresses in a playlet, "In the Christmas Spirit." The characteristics of the Christmas spirit—peace, goodwill, mercy, and perseverance—were well portrayed, and Santa Claus showed his customary discretion in selecting good boys and girls as the recipients of his favors.

The drills by Grades 1, 2 and 4 respectively, were well executed and reflected much credit on the pupils and their teachers.

Grade 8 rendered two excellent three-part songs, singing in marked harmony. The results exhibited by Grade 8 in their chorus work illustrated the advantages afforded by the school music course.

The following programme was carried out by the boys of St. Patrick's School, who assembled in Principal Owens' room:

Recitations, Grades 5, 6 and 7—Night Before Christmas, Kenneth Trainor; Christmas, Charlie Kane; George Rex Mar, G. Heffernan; Night After Christmas, L. Leahy; Jest 'Fore Christmas, Norman McSorley; There Is

The programme was as follows: Three-part song, "Bells Are Gaily Tinkling Daily," Grade 8; drill, "Pixies and Fairies," Grade 1; exercise, "In the Christmas Spirit," Grade 8; drill, "Star Drill," Grade 2; exercise, "December," Grades 1 to 5; song, "Christmas Bells," Grades 1 to 5; drill, "Garland Drill," Grade 4; three-part song, "Adeste Fideles," Grade 8.

After the flag salutation by the pupils and the singing of the National Anthem, parents, pupils and teachers dispersed, wishing each other a merry Christmas.

A. L. Dykeman is principal.

KING GEORGE

The Programme in King George school, Bentley street, was:—Carol, Angels from the Realms of Glory, school; Bible Story of Christmas, Grades 4 and 5; recitation, Why? Grades 1, 2 and 3; exercise, The Christmas Dolls, Grades 1 and 2; Carol, Like Silver Lamps, school; exercise, To Make Christmas, Grade 1; recitation, Christmas gifts, Grades 1 and 2; exercise, King Winter and His Helpers, Grade 5; Carol, In the Fields with their Flocks, The Boys; Wand Drill, Girls of Grades 6 and 7; Carol, Children Come, Grades 1, 2 and 3; recitation, Topsy Turvy Christmas, Mary McCracken; vacation song, school; God Save the King.

LORNE

The Lorne School held its Christmas closing this morning under the direction of Miss Alice G. Gale, principal of the school. The programme was divided into two sections, one by the junior section and the other by the senior. The pupils carried out the exercises in excellent manner, including a playlet put on by the pupils of Grade 4. The programme [illegible]

Junior Section—Carol, "Away in a Manger," school; Christmas [illegible] pils of Grade 1; song, "Merry Christmas," pupils of Grade 3; exercise, pupils of Grade 2; playlet, "The Jolliest Christmas Ever," pupils of Grade 4; Christmas song, school.

Senior Section—Carol, "Holy Night," school; drill, "Christmas Wreaths," girls of Grade 4; scene from "Bird's Christmas Carol"; Carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," school; exercise with dumbells, 16 boys; song, "Nazareth," pupils of Grade 6.

DUFFERIN

The pupils assembled in the hall and carried out the following programme: Oh! Canada, by the schools; recitation, "Santa Claus and the Mouse," Earle Keirstead; recitation, "The Christmas Stocking"; piano solo, Ariel Handren, Grade 8; recitation, a Christmas exercise and song, 14 pupils of Grade 1; recitation, "Christmas Necessities," six boys of Grade 2; chorus, "The Land for Me," by schools; recitation, A Christmas Recitation, 14 pupils of Grade 1; recitation, Jean Stanton of Grade 6; piano solo, Loretta Carmichael, Grade 8; recitations, "Two Letters," by Betty Spencer and Natalie Galbraith; recitation, "A Christmas Lullaby," six girls of Grade 4; recitation, "Christmas Doings," Sophie Zatzman, Evelyn Raymo, Florence Gdiffin and Elizabeth Clifford; chorus, Cheery Song, by schools; God Save the King.

Many visitors were present to enjoy the closing exercises. M. D. Brown is the school principal.

NEW ALBERT

The closing exercises in the new Albert School, West St. John, took place in the large auditorium. Two large and beautifully decorated Christmas trees were placed on the wing of the platform and the other decorations were spruce and poinsettas. In the front hall there was a very attractive exhibit of canning and preserving done by the girls in the Household Science Department. Blackboards in all the rooms were decorated with Christmas drawings and a Christmas spirit was in evidence throughout the whole building. The programme was:

Primary Programme—Grades 1 to 4 inclusive.

Opening chorus, "Hear the Joy Bells Ringing."

Christmas playette, Land of Dolls—Scene I., An Empty Room; scene II., Land of Dolls. Characters: Bessie, Dorothy Wilkes; Minnie, Margaret Jones; Fairy Queen, Muriel Hatfield; Tellella, Margaret Tippett; Limpy William Tippett; Babette, Margaret Rawlings; Queen of Dolls, Olga Von Richter; Japanese Doll, Molly Patterson; Chinese Doll, Katherine Splane; Houp La, Harry Lanyon; Judge Scarem, Scott Roxborough; Captain Stiffun, William Hamilton; Fairies Mary Anthony, Louis Vaughan, Edith Murray, Isabel Jones, Thelma Cameron, Theo Perkins, Sybil Belyea, Grace Tilton, Eileen Chase. Dancing dolls: Marjorie Jennings, Margaret Campbell, Bessie Lloyd, Mina Moore, Edna Capsitani, Florence Patterson, Marjorie Northrup, Joy Fenton. Soldiers: Rupert Warnock, Nicholai Von Richter, Dawson Bissett, Alward Harned, George Mason.

Reading of names on honor roll.
Chorus, "Santa, Santa, Wake Up Soon."
Saluting of the Flag.
God Save the King.

Advanced Programme—Grades 5 to 9—10 Departments.

Chorus, "Hail the Joyous Morning!"
Selection by school orchestra—Albert Punter, pianist; Delbert Black, Calvin Fraser, Donald Sillphant, Miss A. Napier, violinists.
Recitation, "The Christmas Carols"—Vilas McAfee.
Two-part carol, "Silent Night"—10 boys from Grade 5.
Recitation, "A Christmas Greeting"—Ruth Stubbs.
Toy symphony—Pupils of Grade 7: Donald McLeod, Christie Clark, Constance Barton, Margaret Charters, Katherine Upham, Dorothy Crouse, Katherine Mitchell, Helen Perry, Evelyn Green, Charles Campbell, Lily Fenton, Eric Shepherd, Murray Belyea.
Recitation, "A Merry Christmas to All"—Catherine Tilton.
Three-part choruses, "Bells Are Daily Tinkling Gaily," "In Excelsis Gloria"—Choir from Grades 8 and 9.
Primary playette, Land of Dolls.
Presentation of gold medal to Carl Blair, by G. S. Mayes.
Reading of honor roll.
Oh! Come, All Ye Faithful.
Addresses by trustees.
Saluting of the Flag.
God Save the King.
Miss Harriet A. Smith is principal of this school.

ST. PATRICK'S

Santa Claus, John Driscoll; Christmas Stocking, Wm. McDonald; Old Year and New Year, Ronald Sweeney; Christmas Melodies, Wm. White; It Was Pa, Edward Pike.

Recitations, Grades 3 and 4—Christmas Presents, James Dodge; What the Stocking Said, Edmund Murphy; A Suggestion for Santa Claus, James McCarthy; A Stupid Book, Edwin Morris; The Christmas Cake, Paul Barry; Tommy's Dilemma, Francis Buckley; The Wooden Shoes, Fred O'Neill; Santa Claus, Robert Reid; If I Were Santa, Joseph Gallagher; A Letter to Santa Claus, Frank Peters; The Longest Day of the Year, Fred Farren; The Tree and the Candle, Joseph McLaughlin.

Recitations, Grade 1—Winter Has Come, Edward Murray; My Christmas Tree, Francis Pougnet; The Christmas Stocking, Thomas Keleher; What Would You Say?, Jack Desjardins; Christmas Time, Willie McDonald; Vacation, Lawrence McManus; Christmas Song, Albert Ritchie.

In the Girls' Department there was a review of the regular work taught by the Sisters during the term, also songs and recitations.

LA TOUR

The programme at this school, Enoch Thompson, principal, was as follows: Carol, Come, All Ye Faithful; recitation, A Christmas Greeting, Annie Silverberg; exercise, Toys, 10 boys of Grade 1; recitation, Somebody's Coming, Jack Williamson; recitation Wonder What I'm Going to Get, Harold Hopper; duet, Two Little Kittens, Helen Gray and Alberta Dryden; carol, Holy Night; recitation Kriss Kringle, Bertram Ells; recitation The Wondering Child, Doris Wilson; acrostic, Christmas, nine pupils; recitations, Ruth Cobham; dialogue, Santa's Surprise, Marjorie Austin and Leila Cobham; chorus, Silent Lamps; recitation, Snowflakes, Valerie Armstrong; part song, Sing Noel, 15 pupils; recitation, Bethlehem, Audrey Ross; solo, Away in a Manger, Elizabeth Wilson; chorus, On the Night Before Christmas, Grades 1, 2 and 3; A Christmas Tree Drill, 16 pupils; recitation, What We Got, Harold Green and Colby Carleton; exercise, Stars and Bells, seven pupils; exercise, Ten Christmas Stars, 10 girls of Grade 1; chorus, The Diamond Gleam; Flag Salutation; National Anthem.

GLEN FALLS

About 300 were present at the closing exercises of the Glen Falls school in the Community Club hall last night. The excellent programme given was much enjoyed. G. H. Simpson was chairman and the programme was given under the direction of the teachers, Miss Dorothy Norwood and Miss Agnes Koehan. At the close a standing vote of thanks was given by the audience to the teachers, pupils and Mrs. Howitt. Each number was admirably given and the drills were specially well done. The programme was as follows:—Address by the chairman, chorus by the school, "Star of the East;" holly drill; recitation, "One Holy Night," Eva Brown; playlet, "December;" chorus by the school; piano solo, "Flower Story," Margaret Hamilton; Teddy Bear dance; instrumental duet, Mrs. Howitt and Miss Koehan; monologue, "A Present for Aunt Jane," Frederick Hayman; chorus by seven girls; "Santa Claus;" physical drill to music, by the school; Christmas ribbon drill; chorus by the school, "Christmas Everywhere;" God Save the King.

BROOKVILLE

Owing to an epidemic of mumps the attendance has been so irregular at Brookville school that the teacher, Miss Jessie Gilliland, did not plan an elaborate programme. After a review of the children's daily work there was a short programme of recitations. She children received gifts and candy and nuts from a well filled Christmas tree.

FAIRVILLE SUPERIOR

Yesterday in the Fairville Superior School, of which I. Newton Fanjoy is the principal, the rooms were all artistically decorated with greenery and Christmas drawings on the boards, the work of the pupils. In the principal's room two exercises in first aid were given. A lesson in arithmetic on boarding, shingling and clapboarding a house was given. Current events were given; two appropriate songs, "There is a Song of Wonurous Beauty," and "Jingle Bells." Then a very interesting debate came on "Resolved that the country life is more advantageous to a child than the life in the city." The affirmative was captained by Bessie McCormack, with Hazel McCumber, Enid Schofield, Gertrude Seely, Margaret Rose; the negative by Captain Fred Sherwood, and Donald Masson, Harold Wilson, Cecil Rourke Cecil Brownell. The judges were Rev. J. M. Rice and Rev. H. Y. Clark.

School Leaders.

The leaders in Grade VIII in October examinations were Gertrude Seely, 95.6; Marion Baxter, 92; Fred Sherwood, 91.

Leaders in Grade VI—Dorothy Rice, 95.5; Albert Wilson, 77.4; Mary Clark, 76.1.

The grades that did not have programmes had a review of work and a Christmas treat for the pupils.

Grade III and IV had a Mother Goose Play, A Christmas Reunion. Christmas song; recitation, "A Christmas Dolly," by Inez Totten, and song, "Old Santa Claus."

Grade XI, Miss Alice DeWolfe, teacher, gave the following programme:

Chorus—"Hear the Bells," school.
Exercise—"Welcome," Pauline Raynes, Eileen Williamson, Hazel Scot.
Recitation—"Merry Christmas," Pauline Purcell, James MacKinnon.
Exercise—"Santa Claus," Arthur Totten, Charles Dodge, Roland Cameron, Hillis Magee.
Recitation — "Tommy's Dilemma," Donald Clark.
Recitation—"A Secret," Bernice Godsoe.
Exercise—"Christmas Gifts," Marion Fox, Kathleen Masson, Catherine Crosby, Pauline Raynes.
Recitation—"Kris Kringle's Surprise," Hillis Magee.
Duet—"Silent Night," Kathlyn Masson, Norma Linton.
Exercise—"Birthdays," Florence Lahey, Ernest Campbell, Clarica MacKinnon, Lillian Howard, Claire O'Rourke.
Recitation—"A True Story," Norma Linton.
Luke 2:8-14, repeated by school.
Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Perfect Attendance.

James MacKinnon, Clarice MacKinnon, Eileen Williamson, Roland Cameron, Lillian Howard, Marion Fox (tardy once); Hillis Magee (tardy twice).

Highest Marks.

Prizes offered by W. C. R. Allan for the highest marks at Christmas were won by Norma Linton and Roland Cameron. These were presented by Rev. C. T. Clark to the winners.

In Grade I, Miss Mable Curry, teacher, the programme was: Song, by the school, "Away in a Manger;" recitation, "Santa Claus," Helen Cameron; recitation, "Perhaps," Rudolph Magee; recitation, "A Stitch in Time," Isabelle McPherson; recitation, John Phinney; exercise, "Christmas Wishes;" Grandpa, Bobby Chittick; song, "The Grey Christmas;" recitation, "Poor Santa Claus," Shirley Brownell; recitation, "His Letter," Royden Drew; recitation, "Christmas Eve," Beryl Smith; recitation, "The Small Stocking," Claire Blagdon; quotation, "Under the Stars," Scaring Santa Claus," Raymond Morrow; recitation, "My Dolly," Gilbert Comeau; song, "Merry Christmas Bells;" recitation, "Fooling Santa Claus," John Amery; exercise, "What the Holly Says;" recitation, "A Puzzle," Jack Brownell; recitation, "What Little Folks Might See," Ludvic DeGeer; closing song, "Good Night."

BEACONSFIELD

The Beaconsfield School of which Guy E. Cheny is the principal, held closing exercises yesterday afternoon Mr. Cheyney gave a review of the work to his class, Grade 8. The free hand drawings on the black boards which included lanscape sketches, rectangular objects, scrolls, and Christmas scenery were the work of pupils, done without aid of stencil or compass. It displayed artistic skill and reflected credit on the principal who has taken particular interest in this branch of school work.

Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll is as follows—Elsie Atkinson 87.8, Ruth Rockwell 87.5, Marion Galey 87.4, Lillian Northrup 86.1, Edith Appelby 83.7, Doris Whelpley 83.7, Stella Cox 83.6, Bessie MacQuarrie 82.5, Ruth Bettison 81.1.

In Grade 7 of which Miss Helen Firth is the teacher, the pupils are members of the Junior Red Cross with Beatrice Whitehouse as president. After a brief business meeting conducted by the Red Cross the following programme was carried out:

The First Noel, by all the juniors, recitation. When Joseph Went A-Walking, by Doris Galey; piano solo, Ferne Dashwood; recitation, How December Was Comforted, Ellis Burke; chorus, "Hail the Herald Angels Sing," the Juniors; monologue, Albert Cox; duet, Holy Night, Hazel Fowler and Doris Galey; recitation, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Sybil Patterson; chorus, God Rest Ye, Merry Gentleman, the class; recitation, The Christmas Tree, Sadie Gibb; a playlet, The Kingdom of Good Health, by 10 Juniors; song, Good King Wenceslaus, Juniors; God Save the King.

The room was suitably decorated and there was a prettily trimmed Christmas tree, from which each junior received a box of candy, nuts and raisins.

In Grade 5 and 6, Miss M. Grant, the teacher gave a general review of work for the term, followed by a short programme as follows:—A song by the school, "Over the Hills of Bethlehem; recitation, A Note to Santa, Alexander Rose; composition, Why I Like to Live in New Brunswick, Charles McIntyre; song, by school; recitation, Her Shopping List, Olive Darcy; song by school, "A Christmas Carol; exercise, Christmas in All Lands; salutation of flag and National Anthem. The room was decorated for the occasion and the children received a treat.

In Grade 4 and 5, with Miss De Vitta Smith as teacher, the programme was as follows:—A playlet entitled, Mother's Little Girl, was given by Madeline Cox, Anna Rose, Elizabeth Rourke and Margaret Stroud; solo, Santa Claus will Come Tonight, Margaret Stroud; solo, Angels From the Realms of Glory, Jean Stroud; three pretty songs by the class. Santa Claus distributed presents to each pupil, and the parents supplied candy for all. Games were enjoyed. Each pupil brought a tiny brother or sister who enjoyed the treat and Christmas tree The room was prettily decorated by Nancy Ellis and Laughlin MacVicar.

Grade 3 Programme.

In Grade 3, Miss Gertrude Hare teacher, the programme was:

Song, Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly, by the class; recitation, A Christmas Dream, Virginia Darling; song, Away in a Manger, 7 girls; recitation, Puzzling, Clarence Towers; recitation, He Comes in the Night, 4 boys; song, The First Noel, by the class; acrostic, Christmas, by 9 children; recitation, Snowflakes, by the class; recitation, A Snowman in Distress, Helen James; recitation, If I Could Knit, John Logan; song, God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen, the class; recitation, How December was Comforted, Marion Dashwood; recitation, Christmas Gifts, by two girls and two boys; song, Good King Wenceslaus, the class; recitation, The Truth of It, Philip Bamford; recitation, A Christmas song, the class; song, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, the class.

In Grade 2.

The programme of Grade 2, Miss Laura Gaunce teacher, was:—Silent Night, by school; The Squirrel, recitation, Margaret Watts; Christmas motion song, school; A Christmas Telephone, recitation, Sidney MacKillop; I love the Winter, four little boys, Douglas Raynes, Eddie Nickerson, Jack Jefferson, James Williams; Miss Muffet, recitation, Edith McIntyre; The Christmas Stocking, recitation, George Seeley; The Snow Flakes, Allison Prime, Fred Danells, Harold McIntyre, Blanche Cook, Edward Martin, Elsie Cullen; Two Letters, recitation, Margaret Watts; Motion Song, by 13 scholars; Christmas Questions, Lillian Janes; The Candy Lion, recitation, Earle Fletcher; Jack B. Nimble, recitation, Allan Belyea; Christmas Wishes, dialogue, by George Dashwood, Sybil Wills, Allan Stilwell, Hazel Burns, Jack Stevens, Edith Janes, Freddie Weaver, Florence Donner; The Rabbit, recitation, Marguerite Taylor; The Country Chimney, recitation, Charles MacKillop; Darning the Stocking, dialogue by two boys, Campbell Cardner, Ernest Campbell; The Cocoon, recitation, Harry Loker; Which Tree? recitation, Walter Tredartin; Christmas Carol, song, school; A Child's Mistake, recitation, Audrey Calvin; Different Christmas Customs, recitation, Helen Reid; Good Night, recitation, Eva Burpee.

There also was a Christmas tree.

Grade 1.

In Grade 1, Miss B. Lillian Cruikshanks teacher, the following was the programme:—

Song, Santa Claus Will Come Tonight, by class; recitation, I Love the Winter, Margery Darling, Kenneth Cox, Annie Fraser and Dick Bamford; recitation, That Little Baby, Marjorie Spencer; song, Santa Claus, by class; recitation, Somebody's Mistake, Arthur Bond; recitation, Santa Claus, Winfield Fowler, Marion Wilson, Patricia Bond, Harold Weaver, Rhoda Souther, Murray Larkin, Cleo Craft, Walter Matheson, Geraldine Loker, Bedford Watts recitation, Christmas Greeting, Gertrude Campbell; song, Away in a Manger, by class; recitation, advice to Santa Claus, Laurence Lister. There also was a Christmas tree.

More Leaders.

In Grades 5 and 6, Miss M. Grant, teacher, the leaders were:

In Grade 5, 17 pupils enrolled—

Above 85 per cent: Frank Trecartin, 95; Morris Manchester, 93; Clarence Colwell, 91; Pauline Seeley, 89; Percy Warnock, 86.

Grade 6, 28 pupils enrolled—Ledford Lilley, 95; Alexander Rose, 94; William McIntyre, 92; Elmer Stonehouse, 91; Howard McNulty, 90; Catherine Seeley, 89; Nora Stilwell, 88; Ethel Seeley, 88; Doris Stockford, 87; Laurence Calvin, 87; Audrey Burpee, 87; Pearl Brown, 85; Colin Campbell, 85.

UNION POINT

In the Union Point School at Fairville, the principal, Arthur Carten, and teachers, Miss Mary O'Brien and Miss Annie Gallivan, and pupils, including grades from 1 to 8, assembled in one of the rooms and carried out a very pleasing programme yesterday. Conspicuous among the evergreen decorations were a nicely trimmed Christmas tree, and a real Santa Claus. Father Malette, of St. Rose's church, addressed the school, giving words of encouragement to teachers and pupils. The trustees of the school also gave brief addresses. Parents and friends of the children also were present.

The first part of the programme was entitled "A Bethlehem Cantata," with characters impersonated as follows: Jewish maidens, Dorothy Viger, Lillian O'Brien, Clarice Haggerty, Lydia DeRoche, Evelyn Duplissea, Dorothy Crilley and Mary McKinnon; Jewish boys, Walter Garey, Arthur Fitzgerald, Gerald Haggerty; Herod's officer. Raymond Smith; soldiers, Gordon Burgess, Robert Conway, Don Haggerty, Joe Carson, Paul McKinnon, Louis Hickey.

Part two of the programme was Mother Goose's Christmas Party, as follows: Scholars, Thomas O'Brien, Murray Duplissea, Hazel O'Neil; Mother Goose, Alvina Clark; Boy Blue, Harold Shelly; Little Bo-Peep, Lillian Garey; Jack and Gill, George Logue and Mary Hickey; Jack Spratt and his wife, Gerald Logue and Eileen Wood; Miss Muffett, Bertha Keenan; Spider, Louis Mullin; Betsy Brook, Bernice Duplissea; Tommy Snooks, Frank Joyce; Santa Claus, Tom Butler; The Man in the Moon, Gordon Conway; Holly, Edith O'Toole; Mistletoe, Blanche Bradley; Christmas Bells, Walter Shelly.

The remainder of the programme consisted of: Recitations, Bethlehem, Helen Collins; The Christ Child, Dorothy Butler; The Star, Carmelita McGrath; Christmas Giving, Lenora Burns; St. Nicholas, Ethel Quigg; choruses by the school, entitled Come to Bethlehem, Beautiful Christmas, and God Save the King.

This morning there was a review of school work.

LORNEVILLE, 11

In Lorneville School Dristict, No. 11, Miss Valarie Gaunce, the teacher, was in charge of the closing exercises held on Thursday. The room was prettily decorated. The parents of many of the children were present, and the teacher provided a treat for both parents and pupils. Audrey McCavour, on behalf of the pupils, presented to Miss Gaunce a very nice box of stationery. An excellent programme was given and was much enjoyed. It included recitations by Margaret Maguire, Donald Maguire, Edna McCavour, Leonard McCavour, Arthur Ferguson, Malcolm Maguire, Mabel McCavour, Harman Maguire, William Maguire, Jean Evans, Audrey McCavour and Florence Maguire; dialogue by Harman, William, Malcolm and Donald Maguire, a vocal duet by Edna McCavour and Marguerite Maguire, and a dialogue by Dorothy Splane, Mabel Maguire and Clarence Maguire. The pupils who made the best general standing in the term were Marguerite Maguire, Mabel McCavour, Leonard McCavour and Dorothy Splane. The visitors expressed their thanks to the teachers and pupils for the treat and the programme.

LORNEVILLE, 12

The closing exercises for School District No. 12, in Lorneville, were held on Thursday, in charge of the teachers, Miss Alice Titus and her assistant, Mrs. Ethel McCavour. More than 30 of the parents and friends of the children were present. The teachers provided a treat of candy and oranges for the pupils. The school was very attractively decorated and a pleasing programme was given. Thomas J. Galbraith commended the teachers for faithful work during the term, and the children for the pleasing programme they had given. Leonard Reid won the prizes for reading and arithmetic. On behalf of the pupils Hazel Galbraith presented to each of the teachers a pretty brooch. A review of the school work was given by the pupils of the various grades and afterwards the programme was given, consisting of songs, dialogues and exercises. Recitations were given by Leonard Wilson, Phyllis Galbraith, Lester Galbraith, Rhoda Wilson, Hazel Galbraith, Eldon Galbraith, Harry Wilson, Gladys Wilson, Edna Wilson, Hilda Galbraith, Nola McAllister and Mildred Galbraith.

KINDERGARTEN

The Wellington Row Free Kindergarten held its Christmas closing in the G. W. V. A. hall yesterday with a large number of mothers and other visitors present. The kindergarten room was trimmed very prettily with white and red chains made by the children. The decorations represented the cold northland where Santa Claus lives and to look at the long icicles really made people feel cold. One window was used to show Santa Claus coming down the chimney, and stockings were hung by the fireplace for him to fill. The children sang their songs and played their games very sweetly. The band was a great success, the 50 children present all taking part. The fine tree was filled with presents made by the children to give to their parents. Then came Santa with dolls, shovels, candy bags filled to overflowing, pop corn, candy suckers and a bright five-cent piece for each little boy and girl. But even then Santa Claus did not think they had enough so he passed around two large tin cans filled with candy and pop corn balls. Miss [illegible] Estey and Miss Eileen Ritchie were in charge and were assis[illegible] Cross. Miss Alice Estey was at the piano for the exercises. The teachers thanked the friends who made such a wonderful Christmas possible for the children.

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