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STRONG PLEA FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

J. Sterling King Presents Indisputable Facts in Able Manner

About 220 pupils enrolled, an average increase of around 20 per year, making necessary a new room and teacher about every two years, eleven grades with six rooms and as many teachers, two rooms getting over crowded and no chance to employ assistants, no proper place for chemistry, minerals, botany, physics, manual work or domestic science. As one result of the energy of the present staff, a fairly good organ has been installed, the singing and music proving a good attraction and being greatly enjoyed. But full advantage cannot be taken of this important matter. Not more than two departments can get together at once and when the younger ones come into the High School these grades have to move out to one of the vacated rooms. No one today questions the utility, the quieting soothing influences, the inspiration and drawing out of the higher and better nature resulting from gathering together for the opening exercises of reading a passage of Scripture, repeating the Lord's Prayer, singing junior and senior selections and finishing with some Canadian song. But alas! we have no assembly hall and the children suffer a loss—unrehearsed, educationally speaking, robbed of the full measure of development and success. You parents may be saving a few dollars now but you are running the risk of losing many hundreds perhaps. If your boy or girl is retarded and unable to take a better position. If you had a bright active boy or girl in a race with every prospect to win a valuable prize would you deliberately hinder their movements so that another might win? The safety prize of the race you can see, and rejoice if your boy or girl should win, but have you no vision for them of the great prizes of the race of life? Some one says "Why do you require so much room for chemistry and related subjects; manual work and domestic science like these? I never got so much schooling—we did not have such things to study—I've got along pretty well and never saw or heard of all these things—mighty expensive business to run and equip a school now a days—they want far too many things, take up too many subjects, want too much room and too fine and comfortable a house—we never had the like of that and times are too hard to have all these things. Such nonsense! Money for basket ball and other games and, mind you, they want a room for the girls to play in and another for the boys and flush closets—they must think we are made of money and all we have to do is hand out taxes to pay the bills—as for me if it gets any worse I will move outside the district and live!" and so on. First, I will try to stop your moving fever and then we will discuss the other matters. Now into what country district will you move with a less rate per \$100 than we have here? Suppose you are rated on \$1000. Here your bill is 10 plus \$1.00 head tax. Outside your bill will run from \$35 to \$40 plus \$1 head tax. And I know of some districts where your tax would run as high as \$70 and \$80 on \$1000 assessment and moving costs. Better stay.

J. Sterling King, Sec.

Hartland no feeling of pity for those pupils who have to eat a frozen lunch about the chilly halls or among the books and desks with a drink of cold water, provided the water pipe is not frozen? How can these pupils do top-notch work during afternoon session? But all these conditions are eclipsed by the cruel discomfort the pupils have to suffer on account of the very primitive provisions for closets—out buildings. These are distant from the school house and as the children, even in very severe weather seldom put on any wraps when they are excused the result is very often a chill followed by a bad cold and absence from school which means loss of instruction for those pupils and a direct money loss by the district as part of the county draft is figured on attendance. I used the word "cruel" just now and I say also that it is a shame and a disgrace to have our pupils and teachers under going exposure to cold, disease germs and danger from fire, and furthermore I think it would be almost a crime to condemn them to carry on another winter in the present building under present conditions. The foundation walls are giving away, the basement is shallow, poorly lighted and damp; the furnaces old, smoky, unsatisfactory, obsolete, requiring over two times the water that should be a reasonable supply, while the water pipes are continually freezing and requiring plumber's attention. All these services are unsatisfactory and costly.

BUSINESS CHANGE AT GRAND FALLS

Many Interesting Personal Items from That Section

Miss Agnes Mallen of Lewiston, Maine, spent a few days last week with her mother and brother here.

Miss M. Thompson of St. John is visiting Miss Margaret Taylor.

Mr. Crawford of Van Buren was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. McNeill of Edmundston was in town last week.

S. Merritt of Plaster Rock spent Christmas with his family here.

Mrs. S. S. Smith spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith in Edmundston.

Thos. Mulhern is on the sick list this week.

Ralph Kilpatrick visited friends in Perth Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. N. Habeeb and children are leaving this week for California, where they will spend a year with relatives.

Ned Carrier spent New Years day with his parents in Edmundston.

F. L. Dixon has been sick but is able to be out again.

Miss L. Murchison was a visitor in Andover and Perth last week.

Rev. M. Miller and Mrs. Miller are guests of Mrs. F. Olmstead this week.

Mrs. Wiley is quite ill the past week.

Miss Velma Shaw is sick and unable to be at the Telephone Office, where she is chief operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore of Andover were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Estey.

Mrs. C. A. Kilpatrick entertained a few young folks Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosely entertained a few friends New Years night to a dinner.

Miss Maggie Hennigar entertained her young friends Monday evening.

Geo. Kelly was in town last week returning to Fort Kent Monday.

Burton McCann and Stephen McCuskey were in Fredericton Saturday to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. McCann.

Miss Zita McCuskey went to Fredericton on Friday.

MRS. JEREMIAH ROCKWELL

On Thursday morning Mrs. Jeremiah Rockwell of Wilnot died at the age of 76 years. She was sick only one week. She never revived after her husband's death one week before. She is survived by five daughters—Mrs. Hiram Green, with whom she lived and Mrs. Lester Tidd, Mrs. John Hunter, Miss Kathleen Rockwell of Houlton, Mrs. Byron Foster of Florenceville, two sons—Rensforth of Bridgewater and Charles of Halifax. The funeral was held at Wilnot on Saturday afternoon. She lived all her life on the old homestead and was laid to rest in the Wilnot cemetery by the side of her husband who died just one week before her. Rev. G. A. Giberson preached the funeral sermon.

The New Year

Any words that might slip from the pencil stub of the editor would be flat and altogether insignificant compared with those which are appended hereto. Truly "the pen is mightier than the sword" and indeed, the various pens that inscribed what follows have done much toward beating the words into plough-shares.

Throughout 1923 heed these words for the good of your heart and soul and your neighbors:

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members of one another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Let all bitterness, and wrath, anger and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—(Eph. iv: 22-26, 31, 32.)

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.—(Col. iii: 2, 12-16.)

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness, even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.—(John ii: 9, 10.) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.—(John xiii: 34, 35.) Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling: Desirous of being teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.—(I. Tim. i: 5-7.)

No man can serve two masters: ye cannot serve God and mammon.—(Matt. vi: 24) Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve God.—(Josh. xxiv: 15.)

Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.—(James i: 19, 20, 22.)

This only I would learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—(Gal. iii: 2.) If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye belike-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind: Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory: but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.—(Phil. ii: 1-8.)

Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.—(Heb. xiii: 1-3)

Judge not that ye be not judged.—(Matt. vii: 1.)

THE CHILDREN MEET NEXT YEAR

By Jammeradick (Edmundston Observer)

Donald and Florence and Paul one day this week went out to the woods to get away from Christmas. They had eaten Christmas pudding until they had nightmare at night, and walked in their sleep to the alarm of their father and mother. They had played with so many toys which Santa Claus had brought them that they were tired of being indoors. They were like so many children, something was the matter and they didn't know just what it was. There were holes in their stockings where Santa Claus had put the toys too far in, and there were sticky places in their hair where the candy had absently-mindedly been put. There was a pain in their tummies, where a number of things got stuck and where their mother insisted castor oil was needed. So they wandered off to the woods and sat on a log and wished the summer was here, and the flowers in bloom, and the birds singing, and the fish waiting to be caught in the brooks. And just then an old, old man came along, a funny little old man, with a wizened up old face, and a weary little smile. The children didn't know who he was, and they were a little bit scared; but he joked with them and said his name was Anno Domini, and that he and Santa Claus were about the same age and good friends, and if they would like, he would take them to the Next Year.

Off they started with him, and a little way off, they got into his chariot driven by ten black horses and away they flew, they went so fast that the children did not know which direction they went, and in a little while they came to where he said they would find New Year.

Instead of a house they found a great big building, and everybody was busy, rushing here and there everywhere in a great hurry. Presently they came to the office where old Anno Domini said New Year was to be found, and they went to see him.

He was young, and so merry, and so busy. He said he was glad to see the children, and gravely shook hands with Paul. He told them that he would be taking over his duties in a day or two, and that he would have much to arrange. He had snow, and rain to order. He said he was trying to manage it so that there would be a lot of sunshine during his stay on the earth, and that if he could arrange it he did not want any wars. He was worried about Russia, but said that Ireland seemed to be going to give him a fairly easy time.

They need not be afraid of him, because if they were good he would be always good to them, and that the older they grew the more they would like him. And then Joy came in and he told them that he worked in people's hearts and made them glad. And Spring was there all dressed up in flowers. He told them he was already busy in the South, but that he was gradually working his way up North to where they lived, and he told them that Summer was just behind him down there. Then a great big fellow came in, with a fat stomach, a big jolly face and he said his name was Pros Perity. He said that Mr. New Year had insisted that he come to Edmundston right away, as soon as New took charge, and that they were to look for him the very first thing.

Then Mr. New Year introduced them to Mr. Calendar who, he said, was his personal secretary, and then wished them goodbye telling the children to be sure to look for him on Monday morning at midnight. Old Anno Domini took them home and put them down from his chariot at the same place as took them up; they ran in the house and told their mother that they wanted to stay up to see the New Year come, and their mother said to them: "You children dream too much. Land's sake, you get old soon enough without going off to meet the New Year a week before he is due. Indeed you'll not stay up, you'll go to bed and get your sleep. Aren't mothers funny? But anyway, the children told me to tell the people of Edmundston through the Observer that New Year is coming next Monday, and that he is bringing Pros Perity with him, whoever this Pros Perity fellow is."

CENTREVILLE SCRIBE WAXES ELOQUENT

When He Praises Picture People and The Observer—But They Do Deliver the Goods

The Centreville correspondent of The Observer intended what follows for his own particular page, but the Editor, in his wisdom, lifts it for a first page leader.

On Saturday evening the management of the picture theatre put on "Love's Boomerang". A famous Play-ers production. The play started with a bright little girl, whose mother lay dying with consumption after being cruelly deserted by a husband whose several inordinant actions made moving a dire necessity. The little tot worked as an artist's model until the death of her mother when she was adopted by the artist. The play ran along while the girl grew to young womanhood, when petite Ann Forest was substituted for the role. Here the father was introduced while endeavoring to get rid of a young man whose fortune he would inherit by his death. To further his ends, he negotiated the marriage of his daughter to this absolute young man while at the same time both the daughter and the artist were madly in love. The father succeeded in poisoning the young husband, incidentally incriminating the daughter, but through a kind break of fortune, confession was wrought from the father, leaving the girl and the artist the opportunity of living ever happy afterwards. Doing around a French circus lightened up the piece in several places. Beginning on Tuesday, we will get the first episode of the thrilling serial, "Bride 13" the episodes to follow along in sequence. These will be so very interesting that people looking for thrills will not be able to miss a chapter. The best wishes of the proprietors, Burpee & Teddie, are cordially extended to the patrons of the movie house who help to make it a successful house and the public can be assured that every laudable effort will be put forth to procure the same excellent brand of photo-dramas during 1923 that were shown through 1922.

The very best in pictures seems to be the slogan of the genial proprietors, and the weekly advertising of their choice wares in the columns of the best local paper in the province, is one of the mainstays of their success, as a perfect medium of translating their wishes to the people. Always cast your eye on the bottom center of the Centreville page for the semi-weekly theatricals.

PRODUCE PRICES

Today dealers are paying 90 cents for potatoes; hay 9 to \$10; oats 42 cents; butter 35 cents; eggs 40 cents.

TEACHER WANTED

First or second class, for Carleton School District, No. 14, Parish of Brighton. Write stating salary to Cook Dickinson, Secretary.

ACTIVITY AT GRAND FALLS

Linking up with North Shore via St. John—Nashwaak and Miramichi Valleys Considered Probable.

Measurements of the St. John river in the vicinity of Grand Falls are being taken at the present time for the information of the New Brunswick Power Commission. This particular time has been selected because the St. John river at that point never has known to be lower. This will enable engineers to make absolute minimum measurements for the purpose of calculating possibilities in development and other matters.

C. O. Foss of the commission, Engineer Kriks, S. R. Weston and other engineers and officials are at present at Grand Falls and will be there some days it is expected.

Development of the great water power at Grand Falls is forecasted by the present surveying at the falls it is believed. Rumor has it that information already has been requested of Fraser Companies Limited concerning the quantity of power which could be taken. The Bathurst Company has been approached with a like intent. This is taken as indicating a linking up of the possible Grand Falls development with the developments already made on the North Shore which include Bathurst, Newcastle and other towns.

The expectation is that connection with the North Shore would be made via the St. John Valley and the towns and villages along the Nashwaak and Miramichi rivers. Such a connection would tap a large populated district and would give a market for what power could be produced.

It is also reported on good authority that a survey of the possible field for Grand Falls Power already has disclosed requirements, which would take two-thirds of the contemplated development.

TOWN ELECTIONS

Considerable interest is stirring over the town election which is to be held on Monday. Nominations for mayor and aldermen close at 6 tomorrow night. It is understood that ex-Alderman J. S. Faulkner is to offer for the mayorship. A great number of friends of S. S. Miller have urged him to run and perhaps a greater number are backing ex-Alderman E. C. Morgan.

Such people as The Observer has been able to interview have spoken favorably of Alderman Hatfield, McLeod, Hagerman and Nixon for aldermen. Ex-Alderman Aiton will be elected if he runs. Mr. Morgan is likely to succeed in the mayoralty contest. Many have spoken favorably of Mr. Kyle for a place on the board. He is a progressive spirit and a shrewd executive. There will be a meeting of the citizens at the town hall tonight and every rate-payer should attend.

Too late for publication, The Observer has received a financial statement of the town affairs. It will be remembered that a year ago the Council stated that they would run the town one thousand dollars cheaper than it was run the year before—that assessment would be \$9000 instead of \$10,000. They succeeded in getting within \$160 of their claim which is far better than anybody really expected. The detailed figures will be published next week.

HACKETT L. O. L.

Orangemen at Lakeville Elect New Officers—New Members

Hackett L. O. L. No. 76, Lakeville, held their annual meeting on Dec. 31. The members were nearly all present, while visiting members helped to fill up the chairs. The Election and installation of officers took place. The officers elected were nearly all new members, who came in in 1922 and are as follows: D. G. Campbell, W. M.; Thos. Coleridge, D. M.; J. A. Watters, chaplain; A. H. Campbell, rec. sec; John Gillin, financial sec; Henry Wilson, treasurer; Ross Campbell, director of ceremonies; Fred Roland, lecturer.

After the election and installation all the officers, beginning with the leader, gave a hearty speech, which was followed by a speech from each of the visiting members.