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THE CANADIAN MUTE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1900.

Life are like ugly weeds
Pleasant words are like fair flowers
How sweet thoughts for seeds
In these garden hearts of ours.

Thanksgiving at the Institution.

Today passed like many others before. Ideal autumn weather enabled pupils to spend the entire day in open air. As early as possible after usual morning duties the boys were on the foot ball grounds, being determined that as they could not arrange a match with outsiders they would do some sport among themselves. A group of country boys, consisting of Armstrong, Doyle, Labelle, Perry, Dand, Connors, Connish, Scott, Morton, Pepper and McMaster, were pitted against a group of city boys: Wallace, Loughheed, McCarthy, Randall, O Neil, Smith, Bartley, Ensminger and Rooney. The teams struggled hard for supremacy. The city boys scored first, the Rogers shortly after made it a tie and the game ended unsatisfactory to all parties. At 11 a. m. all assembled in the chapel when Mr. Campbell gave a address suitable for the day, enumerating the many blessings for which we should be thankful. At noon, of course, we had the event of the day—Thanksgiving dinner, when everything necessary for a rich feast was abundantly provided and we need not add that it was heartily enjoyed. In the evening a usual party was held in the dining room which was cleared for the occasion and a merry round of games were played. The gathering broke up at a seasonable hour after bags of good things had been distributed. All the resident teachers and officers were present and several of the resident teachers were present and acted heartily in the various amusements introduced, contributing much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Foot-ball.

THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON WAS PLAYED ON OCT. 10TH.

Last Saturday afternoon a picked team from Albert College and the city favored us with a game on our grounds. Our team has been so weakened by departures that we were very uncertain of the result. When the two teams took the field, the superiority of the visitors in size and strength was very marked. We can no longer put such heavy teams in the field as in the past. The visitors played a hard game from beginning to end and should have won the game from their playing our but time and again when they got near our goal, Willie Gray's sure foot and lusty kick disappointed their hopes of victory. The first hour passed and the result was nil, and both teams agreed to play for another twenty minutes. Ten, fifteen minutes passed and still the result was in the balance, seventeen minutes, and in a mix up near the city goal, Cornish drove it through. How our boys did yell. During the remaining three minutes the visitors struggled hard to score but without avail and the game ended as it usually does to the advantage of our plucky boys. The following represented the Institution: McCarthy, goal; Gray, McMaster, backs; Wallace, Scott, Morton, half-backs; Loughheed, Randall, Armstrong, Cornish and Doyle, forwards. Referee, Mr. Nurse.

Wedding Bells.

The old homestead of Mr. John Nahr gang, near Wilnot Centre, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, when their daughter Mary was married to Mr. Chas. A. Ryan, of Woodstock, at 1 o'clock p. m. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jas. Culp, through the interpreter, Miss L. A. Nahr gang, sister of the bride, in the presence of relatives and a number of friends from Washington, Woodstock, Berlin, Hamilton and other points. After the ceremony and usual congratulations the company was escorted to the dining room where a table well laden greeted the relishing palates. Another table packed with gifts of variety and rare quality gave evidence of the esteem in which the worthy couple are held. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will take up their residence in Woodstock, after a short tour among relatives in Edinra. Miss M. Campbell was bridesmaid while Mr. McPherson acted as a groomsman. We wish the happy couple a long and peaceful life. After the wedding feast was over, Mr. Louis Koehler had the whole group taken. Among those who were present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoy, Misses Campbell, Francis, Wunderberg, Pringle, Moore, Koehler and Schwartzentruber, Mrs. T. Ryan, Messrs. McPherson, Melvay, Trachsel, Koehler, Wunderberg, Summons and others.

Dufferin Literary Society.

On Tuesday, October 10th the first meeting of the session was held, and all the members were present but Messrs. Nurse and McKillop. The minutes of last business meeting were read. Mr. Loughheed moved that they be approved and Mr. Wallace seconded. Carried. The election of new officers took place and resulted as follows: Honorary President, R. Mathison; President, M. J. Madden; Vice President, D. J. McKillop; Secretary, E. L. Barnett; Sergeant at Arms, George R. Wallace; Cutie, W. Nurse. Owing to lack of time the meeting adjourned on motion of Mr. Loughheed, seconded by Mr. Wallace. —ELEANOR L. BARNETT, Secretary.

HOME NEWS
LOCAL REPORTER

Mr. Madden has the smallest class in the Institution this term. Some more new ones yet to come are expected to fill the vacant places.

The last issue of *The Silent Echo* of the Winnipeg school contained an engraving of the proposed new addition to their buildings. It is a fine looking structure and perhaps we will have a cut to show our readers by and bye.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Mathison and Mr. McKillop of our school, Messrs. Bradshaw and Shepherd, of Toronto, and Mr. A. Swanson, of the College at Washington, were visitors to the Institution during the vacation.

Mr. Mathison has kindly given a half holiday from the shops one afternoon in the middle of each week since school opened. The pupils enjoy the liberty. We shall not get many more fine dry afternoons until winter well sets in, so we are making the most of the fine weather.

Miss Annie Blake, our little boys attendant, is not with us this term. Her father has been stricken with a lingering illness and she could not leave him. Miss Blake has been through many severe trials during the past two or three years and has our sincere sympathy. Miss Mary Fletcher has taken her place for the present.

The foot ball teams held a meeting for organization last week. The only change in the official staff was in the captaincy, George Wallace was the choice for the senior team and F. Doyle for the second eleven. Notwithstanding many losses, the practice games show that the boys can still put up a good game and make it interesting for any team.

The Institution had a visitor last week who caused the pupils much discomfort while he was here. It was Dr. Caldwell, dentist, who paid his annual professional visit and every pupil had to go under examination and whatever required removal was taken out, so we saw much annoyance and loss of time during the session. Our pupils will be glad to see Dr. Caldwell again but only if he leaves his instruments at home.

Only last issue we were pleased to record the visit of Mrs. Rutherford, of Castleton, who brought her daughter Jessie to school. It is now our sad duty to write of her death, which took place on Saturday, 20th ult., from typhoid fever. On Sunday, the 21st, a friend drove 32 miles to take Jessie home to see the last of her dear mother. It was a great shock to all in the Institution to hear that one who was with us only a brief ten days before had thus suddenly been cut down. We extend our sympathy to Jessie and her friends.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Wm. Quinlan was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Nahr gang on Sunday, 21st ult.

Messrs. I. Nahr gang and Louis Koehler wheeled to Stratford to visit their friends recently.

Mr. Gustin has moved his family to another house in Forest. He has been working steadily at carpentering.

Mrs. G. A. Smith, of Parkdale, and her little daughter, Kathleen, are now visiting Superintendent Mathison's family.

Mr. Koehler spent a week in visiting friends at Norwich, Aylmer, St. Thomas, London and other points, covering nearly 300 miles on his wheel.

Mr. McInerney, engineer of the Public Works department, Toronto, is at present here arranging the connections with the new boilers in the engine room.

Mrs. R. Cochrane, of Port Hope, who was the guest of Mrs. J. T. Burns for a few days, was at our pupils party on Thanksgiving evening, and was greatly interested with the children.

Mr. John E. Crough, one of our old pupils, now has steady employment at Seattle, Washington. He left the Powder Mills in British Columbia as the occupation he was engaged in was somewhat dangerous. He and David Luddy work together.

A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wark, of Wyoming, last week. Congratulations. To those who do not know Mrs. Wark, we may add, she was Miss A. McFarland before marriage.

Mr. T. Hazelton, of Delta, reports times good with him. He has captured the usual number of prizes at the Fall Fairs for fine boots and shoes, and holds most of the trade of the village where he lives.

Mrs. Solomon Frank and family, of Strathroy, paid a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Keyser. The late death of her husband having broken up her home, Mrs. Frank is contemplating a removal to live with her mother.

We hoped to see on the roll of students attending the National College for the Deaf at Washington the names of two of our last year graduates, J. T. Shilton and Arthur Jaffray. We are sorry that circumstances have prevented them for this year at least.

Mrs. C. A. W. Gustin and family, of Forest, attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Noyes, at Denfield, and after the funeral remained several days with the sorrowing relatives at the homestead. Mrs. Noyes leaves behind her one of the finest homes in London Township.

Mr. Chas. Barlow, who left the service of the Institution last spring after being with us several years and who has since been ranching in Alberta, gave us a surprise by dropping in among us for a brief visit last week, being back in Ontario to see his family. He is the picture of health and likes the Northwest very much and has returned.

Mr. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, spent Thanksgiving Day visiting friends in the city. He is a first class shoo laster and has been employed for some years in McPherson's shoo factory at Hamilton; five other of our old pupils work in the same factory, namely: Messrs. Isbister, Byrne, Gottlieb, Watt and Mortimer. They are all in the lasters department.

Mrs. Mary Noyes died suddenly at the family residence, Denfield, on Oct. 11th, 1900, at the age of 80 years and 10 months. Deceased was a woman of sterling character and held the esteem of a large circle of friends. She was a quiet and devout Christian, always ready to assist and sympathize with any in trouble. She leaves a family of five sons and five daughters, all in comfortable circumstances, to mourn her loss. She also had 33 grand children and seven great-grand children. The deceased was considered a queen among her family, always giving good advice to all. Many of the ex-pupils of our school will remember her in their visits to her home, as she always had a warm welcome for any deaf mutes and could talk quite readily to them on her fingers.

Thomas Wright, of the Township of Brighton, who was a pupil here from 1884 to 1893 died at his home on the 15th of October, from organic heart trouble. Thomas was a quiet, persevering, inoffensive lad and had many friends among the pupils of his time. His sister, Miss J. B. Wright, writes to the Superintendent as follows:—"He wished a card sent to the Institution, also a letter to you thanking you for all your kindness to him during his school days. He was sensible till the last moment and we hope and trust he is with the Lord. The badge he wore at Professor Green's funeral was to be pinned to his coat. We carried out all his wishes. His funeral was largely attended. He had a host of friends but not an enemy." We sympathize with his relatives in their bereavement.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle of Oct. 31st, gives a full account of the tragic death of Chas. R. Skinkle, a deaf mute boy, by being struck by a New York Central train on Oct. 1st. The boy came to our Institution last session, very poor and claiming to have no parents or home. He was kindly treated and allowed to stay until inquiries and arrangements could be made with his friends, when he was returned to the United States. Instead of returning he went to the house of one of our pupils, Mr. Grooms, near Napanee, where he worked for some months, then getting homesick his transportation to his friends in Albany was arranged for. On the way he walked the railway track with the usual result to deaf-mutes. He was buried as an unknown in the cemetery at Churchville, N. Y., before his friends were traced.