

MOIRA.

The winter gale of last week stopped all travel for a few days, blocking the roads completely in some places, but after much labor being spent on them, they are again passable.

Rev. Mr. Redick of West Huntingdon spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week at the home of Mr. Charles Ketcheson.

Mr. Harold Welsh is spending a day at home now, as Bethel school is closed owing to the outbreak of small-pox in the vicinity.

Mr. Ben Morton wears a broad smile these days. Another girl has come to brighten their home.

On Sunday last, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Hagerman and Mr. and Mrs. John Hagerman, Rawdon, Miss Alice Hagerman and Miss Alice Patterson, Stirling and Mr. and Mrs. G. Foster and children, Bloomingville.

Owing to the illness of our pastor, Mr. Redick, service was conducted by Mr. L. Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ketcheson are spending a few days visiting his brother Mr. E. Ketcheson, Wallbridge.

PHILLIPSTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Coverley with Rose and Clifford spent Sunday at the Miss Nicholson's.

We are sorry to hear that the little baby girl of Mrs. C. Ravie's is very ill with bronchial pneumonia. Dr. Hill is attending her and we hope she will soon be better.

Mr. Peter Vanderwater of Moira passed through here en route to Foxboro on Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Phillips is spending a few days with friends in Sidney.

Mr. H. Dafeo and Mr. Wiley of Peterboro took dinner with Mr. B. Phillips one day last week.

Mrs. J. V. Ketcheson who has been very ill is recovering.

SIDNEY CROSSING.

Feb. 8.—Mr. Wm. Bonstee who has been very ill is improving slowly.

Mrs. Webster Kelley who has been quite ill is some better.

Miss Johnson and girl friend of Albert College spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. Ketcheson.

Quarterly services were conducted at Centenary on Sunday by the pastor.

Rev. F. Joblin of Bayville circuit filled the pulpit at Aikens church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. F. A. Spafford, Supt. of Aikens Sunday school entertained the teachers and officers at his home some few nights ago. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a most delightful evening.

A most interesting meeting of the West Hastings Farmers' Institute was held in Hodge's school house on Jan. 28th. The address given by Mr. Clark Hamilton of Ingersoll, by Mr. McIntosh of Stirling and Mr. Searles of the Farmers' Club, Minto were very instructive and up to date. As a result of the meeting a Farmers' Club was organized here on Wednesday last with Mr. Sine, Pres.; Mr. T. Irvine, Sec-Treas.; Messrs. E. Malloy, F. H. Harris and A. Lawrence the directors.

The Bayside Council of Royal Templars were entertained by the Belleville Council at their hall, in Belleville on Thursday evening last. The Bayside council furnished the program, after which a delectable banquet was served. Two new members were initiated.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. Dave Thresher, Centenary, a few nights ago when about sixty friends and neighbors gathered at his home to say good bye to Mr. Ed. Roberts who leaves for Toronto to take the course as chairman prior to his departure with the 3rd contingent. Mr. Roberts has been a member of Centenary choir for a good many years and as a token of appreciation (and good will) he was presented with a wristlet watch and fountain pen.

Messrs. T. Ketcheson and F. Spafford, assessors are on their annual trip.

Mrs. Ruert is very ill.

ALBURY.

Miss Gladys Weese spent Sunday with Miss Irene Brickman.

Mrs. P. Pook is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison of Belleville are spending a few days with relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Giesbert and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Crouter.

Miss Hattie Weese spent Sunday with Miss Ida Russell.

Mr. Bert Bryant is on the sick list. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Ross Belnap spent Sunday under the parental roof at Rednerville.

Mr. Wesley Weese is spending a few weeks with his daughters at Bowmanville and Currys Crossing.

Miss Edna Weese spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weese.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Miss Lucinda Lake took place on Wednesday afternoon at Foxboro Presbyterian church where the Rev. A. S. Kerr of St. Andrew's Belleville, conducted a solemn service. Interment was in Longwell's burial ground, the bearers being James Farney, Harry Symon, Joseph Bryant, Geo. McCullough, Thomas Gay and Isaac Gay.

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ZION NOTES.

We had a big storm here on Monday which blocked the roads so that our mail-men could not get through for three days. But they are beaten out now quite good again.

Mr. Arthur Glass and sister Miss Maggie of Halston spent Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Vera Sills.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Deane of Trenton have returned home after spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lawson of Brighton have returned home after spending a couple of weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Doney.

Our school and church closed again account of the small-pox scare in this place.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. L. Clapper is on the sick list. The sale which was held at Mrs. G. Youker on Thursday last was well attended and good prices were offered for everything.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinburg intend leaving our neighborhood soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clapper entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hawley spent Sunday afternoon out of town.

4th CON. AMELIASBURG.

Mr. Harry Adams of Rednerville is visiting his aunt Mrs. F. Hennessey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dolan and baby spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Dolan's parents in Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce of Hiller visited Mrs. Irwin's mother, Mrs. E. Parliament, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Selma Weeks of Consocon spent last week at Mr. J. H. Pannam's.

Rev. S. A. Kemp of Napanee has been the guest of his brother Mr. Chas. Kemp.

Mr. S. A. Vancott is confined to his bed by illness.

Mr. Walter Wammanaker made a business trip to Trenton Saturday.

Our deputy-reve Mr. Geo. Cunningham has been in attendance at County Council, Pictou.

A number from here including Mr. and Mrs. Wycott, Mr. and Mrs. P. Parliament, Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitney, H. Spencer, W. Dedrick, attended Belleville market, Saturday.

Owing to the severity of the storm and the impassable condition of the road, our general mail-man, Mr. Murphy, failed to put in an appearance, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ketcheson, Mr. Edgar Simons have been visiting friends here.

Mr. George Cunningham and family visited at Mr. Will Reddick's Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lont of Centre, were at E. Wycott's Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson spent a day at Mr. Gilbert McMurter's lately.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ketcheson and Ameliasburg teams, resulted in a tie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid Mr. and Mrs. C. Reid, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerald Huff's Island, were guests at Mrs. Chas. Sagar's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Fox of Rednerville visited Mrs. Fox's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weeks of Colborne are guests of different friends here.

Mr. R. Maidens of Consocon and Miss B. Seeley were Sunday visitors at A. Parliament's.

A large number from the fourth contingent of the "Joshua Blodgett" given by the English church Monday evening.

HALSTON.

The storm on Tuesday blocked the roads in some places. The mail did not get through for two days.

Mr. Robeson of Shamonsville preached at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday morning.

A number from here attended the Sunday School conference in Melrose on the 27th of January.

The Women's Institute of this place had an oyster supper on Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. O. G. Clark.

Miss Maggie Glass visited her aunt Mrs. W. Sills of Melrose last week.

Mr. J. Bodrick has been sawing wood with his new gasoline engine a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mott who have been ill.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller passed away on Sunday, the child had been sick about two weeks.

The funeral will be at Shamonsville Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox and baby Harold of Lonsdale visited at Mr. A. Crawford's on Monday.

Mr. Theodore Parks had a bee on Monday afternoon hauling gravel.

SHANNONVILLE.

The drama "Valley Farm" which is under the auspices of the Senior Epworth League of the Methodist church was postponed on account of the bad condition of the roads, but will be rendered in the A.O.U.W. hall on Wednesday, Feb. 18th.

Mr. George Winsor and Miss Eleanor Brown were quickly married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. G. Robeson on Wednesday of last week. They left on the evening train for Trenton and Niagara.

FRANKFORD.

Mr. Robert Weaver a former town boy is renewing old acquaintances here.

On Thursday evening about sixty of our young people spent the evening at the Forester's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCauley entertained a number of their friends on Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Batstone, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osterhout and Mrs. Bowen spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mabee of Riverview.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Searles spent Friday evening at the Parsonage.

On Saturday afternoon the quarterly board of the Methodist Church met in the church at Frankford.

Miss Lillie McPhail spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hovan of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Minaker and children of Pictou who have been visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Greens left for home on Friday.

Quarterly services were held in the Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m., also service in the evening at 7 p.m.

Mr. Ed. Prentice has sold his house and lot to Mr. Sharpe of Hoods.

Mr. Walter Gainsforth of Trenton spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Welbourn is very ill and little hope is held out for her recovery.

Mr. Walton Myers of Trenton spent Thursday with his brother, S. W. Meyers.

A number from here went to Pictou on Monday night to attend the hockey match between Brampton and Pictou.

STIRLING.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Geo. Reynolds, who has been very sick for some time is not any better.

Mr. Bert, Bailey is going to leave here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bedford of Anson were the guests of their brother Mr. Edgar Morrow last Sunday.

Many are getting vaccinated around here.

Rev. Mr. Richmond of Halloway called at the home of Miss Pearl Heman, on Tuesday last.

People are beginning to get their feet for the summer.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Junior Room

Jr. Primers—Oley Gough, Melara Longwell, Kathleen Snider, E. Sloan

Sr. Primers—Garnet Jub, Jack Davis, Arthur Wilson, Alton Bauber, John Snow, Walter Prentice, Albert through illness.

Jr. First—George Faulkner, B. Bamber, Garnet Sloan and Bernice Wammanaker, equal; Grace Pitman, Ruth Simpson and Vera Sloan, equal; Marion Longwell.

Junior Second—Russell Pitman, R. Eggleton, Katie Hammond, Mildred Lloyd, Evelyn Sloan, Rex Chisholm, Mabel Ketcheson.

Sr. Second—Ralph Longwell, Mabel Snider, Marguerite Smith, Harold Longwell, Geraldine Longwell, Myrtle Prentice, Jack Lake, Claude Bird, Mary Long, Raymond Long, Harold Stewart, Melville Hamilton, John Irvine, Frank Seeley, Burleigh Johnston, Orey Seeley, Charles Seeley, R. Wammanaker.

Willie C. Peters, Teacher.

Senior Room

Jr. Third—Anita Bamber, James Loney, Lillie Bird, Robert Seeley, Fred Marner.

Sr. Third—Jessie Ketcheson, H. Prentice, Charlie Stewart, Harry Ketcheson, Agnes Marner, Stanley Wilson.

Junior Fourth—Marjorie Ketcheson, Gertrude Tucker, George Oliver, C. Burd.

Sr. Fourth—Helen Davis, Annie Bronson, Eleanor Johnston, Mabel Bailey, Harry McDowell.

E. M. Adams, Teacher.

S. S. No. 5, SIDNEY.

Junior Fourth—Blanche Carr, Gertrude St. Helaire, Edna Reid, Willie Potts.

Senior Third—Gordon Reid, Elsie Steele, Ernest Carr, Murray Potts, Irene Russell.

Junior Second—Grace Mullen, Hazel Carr, Marguerite Steele, Frank Sanderson, Carman Carr.

Senior First—Evelyn McMullen, Eva Fulford.

Senior Primer—Frank Reid, Kenneth Palmer, Douglas Steele.

Junior Primer—Lulu Palmer.

F. Simmonds, Teacher.

BRITZ
OF HEADQUARTERS
BY MARCIN BARBER

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"Very well," the Chief drawled. "It's Donnelly and Carson's case, but you go out and solve it—you go out and get the goods."

CHAPTER VII.
Remanded to the Tombs.

Lieutenant Britz, seated at the flat top desk in his office, peered steadily at the ceiling, as if he expected to find written there the solution of the great mystery into which he had been called. A worried expression was on his face, as if anxiety had taken possession of his mind. He came submerged in deep meditation, in which he sought to arrange in consecutive order the information gathered by Donnelly and Carson. The case of Miss Holcomb's arrest was based on circumstances from which more than one inference might be drawn. The fact that she knew the combination of Mrs. Missioner's safe did not mean, of course, that she took the jewels. On the surface, it looked as if there was the exclusive opportunity to possess herself of the gems, outside of Mrs. Missioner herself. But Britz went deeper, the case had not been solved. In fact, that the court hearing was over, he returned to his office, summoned two subordinate detectives, and gave them busy instructions. Then he sauntered slowly to the Tombs.

As the barred steel door swung open to admit Britz, Dr. Fitch crossed the stone-flagged courtyard that separates the women's wing of the prison from that of the men.

"What is Dr. Fitch who called to see the prisoner in the Missions diamond robbery?" he asked the doorman.

"Yes," came the prompt response. Britz waited in the shadow of the massive gray front of the jail until the gray physician came out. He observed the pallor of the doctor's cheeks, his uncertain gait, as if the turmoil of his mind had exhausted his physical energy. The detective noted, also, all clear-cut, straightforward features of the physician, the resolute gleam of his face, and the purposeful aspect of his eyes.

"Just a moment, doctor," Britz said, tapping Dr. Fitch on the shoulder.

"What can I do for you?" asked the doctor.

"I am Lieutenant Britz, of Headquarters," the detective explained. "I am in charge of the active work on this case. I want your help."

"My help?" Britz said, his eyes inquiringly darted from the doctor's eyes.

"You can be of great service to Miss Holcomb," Britz said.

"How?" quickly asked Dr. Fitch.

"By following my orders," flashed Britz.

"What are your orders?" asked the doctor.

"Don't try to get bail for the young woman," said Britz. "It is absolutely necessary that the prisoner be directed toward her. No effort must be made at the present time to clear her."

"What!" exclaimed Dr. Fitch. "Permit my fiancée to suffer the tortures of this prison and live under the stigma of this terrible accusation?"

"It is necessary," assured Britz. "The detectives who arrested her get to be convinced of her guilt."

"If I have come to no conclusion with regard to the case," answered Britz. "I am simply going to ascertain the truth. Are you willing to help?"

"I will search for truth and not attempt to convict an innocent woman, I am willing."

"Very well," said Britz. "I am working independently, regardless of anything Donnelly and Carson, the two men who made the arrest, may do. They blundered grievously when they arrested the young woman. We must overcome that blunder, but the time is not ripe for her release. As she leaves the Tombs, it must be with her name cleared of suspicion."

Dr. Fitch looked gratefully at the detective.

"I know your reputation, Lieutenant Britz," he said. "This terrible blow came out of a clear sky. I feel as helpless as a little child. The first intuition I had that my fiancée was accused of theft was when I picked up the morning papers. I could hardly believe my eyes; it seemed to me my senses were deceiving me. I read and re-read the newspaper accounts until I seemed to know them by heart. I could not understand why she did not send for me at once."

"She was too dazed to think," Britz said. "I will pursue my inquiry on my own lines, and I want you to hold yourself in readiness to respond to any call I may make on you. Furthermore, I would advise that you see Miss Holcomb again and inform her that if she is innocent, all the resources of the Police Department will be used in her behalf. I am looking only for the real thief. It may be necessary for me to see her occasionally. If she is innocent, she may be entirely frank with me. I will not see her, however, until she has had time to compose herself."

Dr. Fitch returned to the prison and was permitted to see the prisoner in the little recreation room on the

ground floor of the women's wing. Her lawyer had left instructions that the physician be allowed to consult with his fiancée at any time. On his first visit, he had found her distraught, hardly able to tell a coherent story. His call had a cheering effect on her, however, and she entered the recreation room with a firmer step.

"I hope you have brought good news," she called.

"I have just talked with Lieutenant Britz, who is in charge of your case," he replied. "He has assured me he will do everything to prove your innocence and find the real criminal, but he wants you to remain here until you can leave with your name entirely cleared."

For an instant her face clouded. She felt a painful contraction of heart; a mist floated before her eyes. "Remain here?" she murmured questioningly. "Here, as if I had not thought illumined by him, and he added, 'I would rather stay here than go out and face the world with this charge hanging over me.'"

He pressed her hand as if to instill into her new confidence. She sensed the meaning of that encouraging pressure and rewarded him with a responsive smile.

"You believe in me, don't you?" she murmured.

"All those who know you must believe in you," he answered. "The innocence of your nature is sufficient reply to the accusation against you."

"It is good to have you with me," she said, and her heart began to tell in her eyes. Her suffering touched the tenderest chord in his nature, and he felt a pain as of a hundred knife thrusts.

"Don't lose courage," was all he could say. "I'll be here every day."

As he hastened down the steps of the prison he again met Britz. The two men walked to Broadway and up that thoroughfare to Twenty-third street, where they parted. Britz knew the life history of Miss Holcomb.

She had been born in good circumstances, and was a graduate of Smith College. All her life, she had been treated to the belief that her future was well provided for. As the only child of a Boston banker, she lived in an environment of tranquillity that seemed her permanent heritage.

In life, her father and mother died within a year of each other, during the stress of a financial panic. When the estate came to be settled, it was insufficient to meet the outstanding obligations of her father. Left penniless, amid the luxuries of her birth, she found employment in a government, and two years before the discovery of the substituted paste jewels, she was engaged by Mrs. Missioner as secretary.

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