

PREMIER OFFERS PRIZES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Interesting Exercises at Formal Opening of the Macdonald Institution at Kingston--The Work Well Under Way--Speeches by Prominent Men Interested in Education.

Splendid weather, good speeches and bright faces were the order of the day Wednesday when Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, formally declared the consolidated school at Kingston open.

Yesterday was the formal opening of the consolidated school and the old county town was invaded by quite a large number of notabilities including Premier Tweedie, Dr. Inch, chief provincial school inspector, Inspector Carter, of St. John, Hon. Francis J. Sweeney, Minister of Education, and School Inspector Mercereau.



THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL AT KINGSTON

Inspector Steeves, of Sussex; Dr. G. U. Hay, of St. John; Mr. Reid, architect of the Riverside consolidated school; John Brittain, who has charge of the school gardens and nature study work of the school on the St. John river; Prof. James W. Robertson, LL. D., commissioner of agriculture for the Dominion, who bids fair to revolutionize the methods of education; T. B. Kidner, director of manual training in the schools, who is anxious to introduce that subject into the curriculum and who will no doubt eventually gain his point.

Weather Glorious. The day was a delicious one, in fact it would have been hard to have a better. The sun was shining brightly, tempering the crisp cold wind.

On the arrival of the train at Jubilee station it was found there was only one small van in waiting. As this was quite insufficient to hold all, some went off to procure a team at a neighboring lumber house. There were eight men in the small van besides two ladies. The party included Premier Tweedie, Hon. Francis J. Sweeney, Dr. Inch, Dr. G. U. Hay, John Brittain and T. B. Kidner.

The consolidated school building is a beautiful building well situated and from its upper windows commanding a lovely view of the surrounding country. It is a bright and cozy inside as the exterior promises.

The principal, W. D. Hamilton, who were conducted upstairs to the library, where each registered. Then the ceremony of opening the school took place in the exhibition hall. A young lady, seated at an organ, played Soldiers of the Queen as the children marched in and took their seats.

Besides these vans there are a number of private teams engaged to bring those children who live on the side roads.

The educational department when the day of these consolidated schools was first talked of, chose Kingston as the site for the first because in this district the greatest difficulties are to be met and overcome.

The whole of the 100 pupils, together with a large number of their parents and friends, met in the large assembly hall at 2 o'clock. Austin W. Moore, chairman of the school district, was in the chair. After the children had sung a chorus an address to Prof. Robertson was read by Miss Ethel Saunders on behalf of the pupils. In this address gratitude was expressed to Sir W. C. Macdonald for the fund which made it

possible for them to get such an education as the present building afforded, and to himself for the unflinching pains he had taken with it.

Prof. Robertson made a suitable reply on behalf of Sir William C. Macdonald and himself. He said he had a very lively expectation of good things from the school. He said it would not concern him if more of these ever became eminent in public, but he hoped they would behave themselves with dignity and so become leaders among the people of New Brunswick.

The school consists of two floors and a basement all well lighted and very comfortable. On the second floor all the class rooms are situated as well as the manual training room. In this room are arranged a number of carpenter's benches supplied with all kinds of tools required in woodwork.

On the third floor, besides the large assembly room, is another which is at present used as a museum, but which it is thought will be fitted for the teaching of domestic science when the department will be started. In this museum are many specimens of minerals, stuffed birds and some old fashioned relics as well as foreign articles.

On a very important department which in this class the girls will learn to cook. The vegetables in the school ground to be cared for by the boys. Prof. Robertson thinks that when this department is running he will be able to supply the lunch at the rate of three cents a head.

It would be difficult to conceive a more beautiful view than that from the upper windows of the consolidated school house. On one side is the Kingston Creek, from Bates' Lake and in the distance a glimpse of the Kennebecasis is obtained, while all around are the hills which are so beautifully green in summer.

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. R. McConnell

After about a week's illness, Mrs. J. R. McConnell, of Yarmouth, died yesterday. She was formerly Miss Anne Lahey, daughter of Plet William Lahey, of this city, and leaves her husband and two small children. Mr. McConnell is in the shoe business in Yarmouth, and was formerly a member of the Prince Rupert for burial.

Joseph A. Balcolm

At Musquash on Saturday an old and much respected resident of the parish died in the person of Joseph A. Balcolm. Mr. Balcolm carried on an extensive lumber business, and was for a time the largest shipper of spiling in the country. Through the failure of the firm with which he was connected in New York he lost considerable money, and had to go out of business. Afterwards he carried on farming. Mr. Balcolm was very active in politics and was supervisor of roads for many years and under the provincial government. A wife and one daughter survive.

Gordon P. Whitaker

Gordon Pritchard Whitaker, son of Fred S. Whitaker, died at an early hour Wednesday morning at his father's residence, 172 Princess street, after a lingering illness. He was 20 years of age and was employed with Messrs. Baird & Peters in the time his sickness forced him to discontinue work. Besides his father and mother a young brother survives. The deceased was a very estimable young man and his early death is deeply regretted.

Mrs. George Bernier

The friends of Mrs. George Bernier, formerly of St. John, will be grieved to hear of her death, Sunday, the 11th inst., at Concess (N.B.). Mrs. Bernier leaves a husband and four children. She was formerly Miss Minnie Tierney, of St. John. One sister, Mrs. J. H. Moloney, of Fort Kent, survives.

Mrs. Jane Porter, Jubilee

Mrs. Jane Porter, widow of David Porter, of Jubilee, Kings county, died Tuesday afternoon from influenza, which she contracted while on a visit to her home in St. John. She was 82 years of age. Three sons and three daughters survive. The sons are W. Alex. Porter, the Union street grocer; John Porter, of Jubilee, and David Porter, of Nainville. The daughters are Miss Fannie and Jessie, at home, and Mrs. J. E. Duffy, of Nainville.

Samuel Doyen

Samuel Doyen, one of the oldest residents of St. John, died Saturday afternoon. He was born July 2, 1826, in Upper Keswick (N.B.). He was married to Miss Emily J. Delano, and although six children were born to them, his wife only left to survive. He is also survived by one brother, Jacob, of Exeter, one sister, Mrs. Clara O. Palmer, of Kennebecus, and one grandson, Willard E. Barrows, inspector in Bangor custom house.

Mrs. George Ambrose

Truro, N. S., Nov. 10 (Special).—The death occurred at Shubenacadie today of the relict of Rev. George Ambrose, M. A., D. D., for many years rector of Igloo. Deceased was Miss Bars, of Liverpool. A short funeral service was held at Shubenacadie today, after which the body was taken to Igloo for interment. The following sons and daughters survive: R. W. Ambrose, traveler for Imperial Oil Company, Amherst; Sister Katherine, of St. Monica's Home, Boston; Mrs. Baker, New York; Harry Ambrose and Edward Ambrose, mounted police, Northwest Territory; Miss Edith Ambrose, traveling secretary, Mrs. Beazie and Miss Ambrose, at Shubenacadie, and Rev. George Ambrose, rector at Shubenacadie.

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GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., ANNUAL

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The Grand Worthy Patriarch's Report.

There was a large attendance when the grand worthy patriarch, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, presented his report. He read a hearty welcome to all and in a review of the past twelve months spoke of the activity displayed and the success with which they had met. The order was in a healthy condition, much had been accomplished by the promotion of their principles, although the amount of propaganda work had fallen short of what was hoped for.

The report dealt with the convention in Leicester street Baptist church on June 22 at which all other temperance bodies had been most enthusiastic and inspiring and many able addresses had been delivered.

The Halifax Vote.

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Spring Seed Fair.

In the production of farm crops the cost of the seed is small but its influence is far reaching. The farmers who have taken to the growing of high class seeds in quantity, and are now preparing for the coming year, have learned from their work something of the importance of good seed grain or potatoes.

At a time when all farms and all conditions of soils are not well suited to the growing of high class seeds of all kinds of farm crops. It is a good practice among farmers to secure their supplies of seeds from crops that have reached a high state of perfection and been grown from seed that has good care and selection during several preceding years.

Spring seed fairs have been held at numerous places in the province of Ontario for many years. These are conducted by agricultural societies and are arranged for the convenience of farmers who wish to buy, sell or exchange seeds of various kinds of crops.

Seed fairs after the plan of those in Ontario were started at four points in the maritime provinces two years ago. Being somewhat of a new feature, their object was not at first very well understood and although much of the seed exhibited at each of the fairs was disposed of by exhibitors, too much of the seed brought out had been prepared for the one purpose of winning a prize.

There is no doubt that the holding of spring seed fairs materially encourages the production and more general use of seeds of the best quality. But where prizes are offered, the regulations under which they are awarded should be such as to encourage the growing of high class seeds in quantity and having them brought to the fair thoroughly cleaned. At most of the western fairs, two bushel samples only are exhibited; but the regulations require that such samples must be exactly representative of the total quantity held for sale, which in the case of cereal grains must be not less than 10 bushels.

The provincial departments of agriculture for the maritime provinces have given much encouragement, either directly or through agricultural societies, that have made for improvement in the quality of seed grain and potatoes used by farmers. It is evidently their intention to continue with this good work. Plans are again forwarded to the Department of Agriculture and Chatham (P. E. I.). The farmers who are interested in these seed fairs may look for an announcement which will be made as soon as final arrangements are completed.

M. F. BRODRICK, Superintendent Maritime District, Canadian Seed Growers Association, St. John's, N. B., Nov. 7, 1904.

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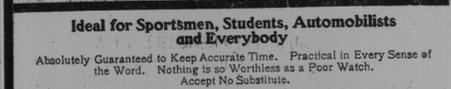
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G. Con.—Thos. Allingham, Gagetown. G. Sen.—David Fisher. G. S. Y. P.—Thos. A. Clarke, Newcastle. After the installation by Rev. H. Strothard of the new organ at St. John's, the session adjourned until 10 a. m. today.

CENTENARY'S PASTOR

Rev. H. Strothard of Chatham mentioned as Rev. Mr. Campbell's Successor.

Rev. Herbert Strothard is mentioned as a likely successor to Rev. Geo. M. Campbell in the pastorate of Centenary church, after the installation by Rev. H. Strothard of the new organ at St. John's, the session adjourned until 10 a. m. today.

Recalls Old-time River Freezing. A well known citizen told the Telegraph that on November 11, 1851, fifty-three years ago, navigation on the St. John river closed for the season and did not re-open until the 5th of the following May. A wedding took place at Indiantown the day the river closed and this citizen was one of the principals. There was a heavy snow storm in the afternoon and the guests who drove over in carriages in the morning returned in the evening in sleighs. Among the guests was a gentleman who today occupies a high position on the bench of this province.

There was good sleighing all winter and the snow did not go off until late in the spring. The winter was an unusually severe one.

Robert Wood, of Georgetown (Mich.), recently pulled a bean-stalk, and on it were 10 finely developed pods filled with nice white beans.

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