

SCHOOL CLOSING YESTERDAY 8,400 SCHOLARS ON VACATION

Interesting Programmes Carried Through in All the Schools
—Interesting Addresses, Prizes Awarded, Picnic on Partridge Island—School Resumes on August 30.

Eight thousand four hundred pupils of the St. John public schools were made happy yesterday when the doors were thrown open and all left for the summer holidays which will continue until August 30.

In about every one of the many schools in the city and the vicinity special programmes were arranged and the songs, recitations and choruses were heartily enjoyed by all present. Prizes were awarded and indeed it was certainly a red letter day for the scholars.

St. John High School

The High School Auditorium was packed to the doors with scholars and friends. Addresses were delivered and diplomas presented. Among the visitors were Dr. H. S. Bridges, Superintendent of Schools, Professor William Ganong, professor of Botany at Smith's College, Northampton, Mass., and Rev. H. A. Goodwin.

Superintendent Myles reviewed the work of the school for the year showing that the enrollment numbered 610 and he expected a larger number on the next term, and as a result a building adjoining would have to be utilized.

At St. Vincent's

Pleasing and novel features marked the closing of St. Vincent's High School. The graduates, thirteen in number, entered the hall to the accompaniment of a march played by Miss Marie Francis O'Brien and Miss Jean Holmes, two of their number. After they had taken their seats a chorus, "All Hail Bright Day," was sung by the school. This was followed by the presentation of diplomas by Dr. H. S. Bridges, who spoke words of congratulation to each of the recipients.

The graduation class then presented an abstract dialogue "Sic Itur Ad Astra".

The graduates were also addressed by Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G. The honor certificates were presented by Dr. A. F. Emery, chairman of the board of school trustees. Rev. W. M. Duke, Rev. Simon Orm and Rev. Francis Walker were also present.

On Partridge Island

There was a pleasing closing of the school on Partridge Island yesterday. Miss Marion Shea, the teacher, is very popular with her small band of scholars and yesterday was presented with a handsome picture album, the presentation being made in behalf of the children by Dr. Brown. In return Miss Shea remembered her scholars by presenting each with a book.

The scholars and the other residents on the island adjourned to the beach where luncheon was served. In the afternoon a baseball match was played and the other sports enjoyed and enjoyed in the evening was served on the beach. Captain Hargraves took the party in his boat for a trip round the harbor and a very happy picnic was brought to a close with three cheers for Miss Shea and for Doctor and Mrs. Brown.

Rothsay Consolidated

The closing exercises of the Rothsay Consolidated School were held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of the school. C. T. Wetmore, Principal of the school, presided. A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils were present. The large assembly hall to capacity. A pleasing programme consisting of drills, songs, exercises and choruses was carried out by pupils of all the grades. Short addresses were given by E. S. Carter, Rev. Canon Daniel and A. W. MacMachum, secretary to the school board.

The following are the prize winners for the year:

School Board's prizes for the highest averages:
Grade 1—Donald Leonard.
Grade 2—Pearl Saunders.
Grade 3—Laura Stewart.
Grade 4—Grace Stewart.
Grade 5—Dorothy Dunlavy.
Grade 6—Amy Holder.
Grade 7—Marjorie Monteith.
Grade 8—George Burton.
Grade 9—Albert Monteith.
Grade 10—Harry MacMachum.

School Board's prizes for perfect attendance:
Andrew Breen, Everett Mercer, Hugh Ross, Wm. Wright, Herman Mercer, Arthur Green, Gladys Darcus and Alton Flewelling.

The prizes for Nature Study were won in Grade 2 by Raymond Wilson and in Grade 3 by Walter Wilson.

The manual Training prize was won in Grade 5 by David Schofield.

The Household Science prize was won by Maude Pierce of Grade 9.

The Governor General's medal for Mathematics was won by Harry MacMachum of Grade 10.

E. S. Carter's prizes for penmanship were won by Stewart Pollock of Grade 7 and Dorothy Wetmore of Grade 8.

H. F. Puddington's prize for sewing was won by Dorothy Dunlavy of Grade 6.

R. C. Starr's prize for History was won by James Green of Grade 7.

A. W. MacMachum's prize awarded to the pupil making the highest marks in the High School entrance examinations, was won by George Burton, who made the very creditable total of 907 points.

The I. O. D. E. prize for the girls' essay was won by Maude Pierce of Grade 9 while the boys' prize was won by Harry MacMachum of Grade 10.

Mrs. Featherstone's prizes were won by Amy Holder of Grade 6 and Dorothy Featherstone of Grade 5.

H. W. Schofield's prize for best conduct was won by Frank Anderson of Grade 4.

The prize for the highest average in the grading examinations in Grade 2 was won by James Carrite.

Mrs. Walter Leonard's prizes for Grade 1 were won by Donald Leonard and Dorothy Carter, while those for Grade 2 were won by Pearl Saunders and Royce Saunders.

Ten pupils tried the High School entrance examination with the following results: Five passed in the first division, three in the second division and two in the third.

Beaconsfield School

Keen interest in study, due to a great extent to prizes offered, has been aroused among the pupils of Grades 7 and 8 of the Beaconsfield School during the past year. The prizes and donors are:

A first and second prize of \$5 each to Grade 8 for highest marks in High School entrance exams, by the late Mrs. W. H. Cooper and Mrs. E. V. Copp.

A prize of \$5 for highest average for the year, to Grade 7 by Mr. E. V. Copp won by Allan Whitaker with an average of 87 per cent.

Splendid prizes in the form of books, for the highest marks in history were awarded by the Windsor Chapter of the I. O. D. E. A first and second prize to Grade 8, also one to Grade 7 won by A. Whitaker. This is the third donation received by the Beaconsfield School this year from the Windsor Chapter, as recently they gave each class room a splendid flag chart, and to each of the rooms of Grades 5, 7 and 8 a beautiful historical picture.

In addition to prizes for individual pupils this year, a complete history of The World War contained in over twenty large volumes was donated to the school library by the Hon. J. B. M. Butler.

Another donation of \$10 to the library fund has recently been received from Mr. J. A. Gregory, given as a recognition of the success of the mental arithmetic class of pupils from Grades 7 and 8.

These many donations are very gratefully received by both school and district and they have served as an incentive to the pupils.

MUNICIPAL BONDS BOUGHT YESTERDAY

Bonds Amounting to \$100,000 Issued for the Purpose of Raising Funds for Building of New Nurses' Home.

The \$100,000 municipal bonds, recently issued by the City and County of St. John for the Nurses' Homes, were bought in yesterday by a local syndicate consisting of the Eastern Securities Co., the Mahon Bond Corporation and J. M. Robertson and Sons. The bonds, amounting to \$100,000 were issued for the purpose of raising funds for the building of the new Nurses' Home.

On Tuesday the finance committee of the municipal council refused the few tenders submitted for the purchase of the bonds.

A committee, consisting of Mayor Schofield, Warden Bullock and J. King Kelly, county secretary, was then appointed to place the bonds on the market.

Yesterday's transactions were conducted for the municipality by the aforesaid committee.

COUNTY COURT

Several criminal matters were disposed of before His Honor Judge Armstrong yesterday morning in the County Court. In the case of the King vs. Wm. Mathewson, charged with stealing a horse from John J. Kelly, Somerset street, the object in taking the horse was not clearly determined. He was found guilty but allowed to go on suspended sentence on entering into assurance for his future behavior.

George Paris was found not guilty of stealing \$30 from his father-in-law John Haberfield, J. King Kelly, K. C., appeared for the defence.

Alfred Foster, recently found guilty of stealing goods from a pedlar, was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Judge Armstrong stated that he was showing leniency in view of the fact that the jury had returned a verdict with a strong recommendation to mercy and that the goods had been returned to the owner.

Herbert N. Dean, charged with theft, was examined by Doctors Baxter, Roberts and Anglin, as there was some question as to his sanity and he was ordered sent to the Provincial Hospital for observation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded:

F. W. Baxter to W. E. Pyne, property in Simonds.

City of St. John to Ella M. Burley, property in St. George street, West.

Rosa Kane to F. S. P. MacFarlane, property in Lancaster.

W. Leach to Mary E. MacFarlane, property in Lancaster.

L. D. Millidge to A. W. Jones, property in Cranston avenue.

W. E. Macara and others to Anne L. Macaulay, property corner of Princess and Charlotte streets.

Mary J. Melvin to I. E. Melvin, property in St. Martins.

Prudential Trust Company to R. Sullivan, property in Hatheway subdivision.

Prudential Trust Company to R. W. Robertson, property in Lancaster.

Wm. Parkinson to Nellie McGrath, property in Simonds.

Jas. Vair, Jr., to W. W. Smith, property in Lancaster.

Albert Vair and others to W. W. Smith, property in Lancaster.

Emily S. Berry to Rita P. Berry, property in Westfield.

G. C. Hamm and others to Emily S. Berry, property in Westfield.

W. J. Keohian to John Woods, property in Norton.

A. E. Straight to Burpee Brown, property in Kars.

Jemima Smith to E. C. Sherwood, property in Upham.

Roston, June 23 — Tug Henry E. Gilpin has been sold to the Wood Towing Co., of Norfolk, on private terms.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH KRASSIN WILL CONTINUE

Allied Premiers State Soviets Will Not Be Recognized.

ALLAYS FRENCH FEARS

France Had Been Suspicious of the Lloyd George Negotiations.

Boulogne, June 24.—The Allied Premier let it be known today that trade negotiations with Krassin would go on in London, but repeated the assurance that there would be no question of recognizing the Russian Soviet Government. This represents the result of a clash between British and French opinions and denotes no real change. The final communiqué says:

"It was agreed that the economic negotiations with the Russian economic delegation which have been commenced in London should be continued on the understanding that there be no question of recognition of the Soviet Government."

Here are the reasons for this decision:

Ever since Lloyd George and Krassin began their conferences the French have been suspicious that the British Premier was getting ready for the recognition of the Moscow Government, which would make it difficult for them to maintain their attitude of refusal to do so. The French held that in dealing with commercial matters it was enough for Krassin to meet the Allied Economic Council, on which France is represented only half-heartedly. When Millerand and Lloyd George met at Hythe the French Premier read a statement on the subject, and Lloyd George made no objections.

At the meeting today it is understood that Lloyd George advised that it might be well to take up certain other matters with Moscow through Krassin in the name of the Allies, as it is well known that Lloyd George has been doing so in the name of England. Not all the others were adverse, but Millerand stood out, with the result that the Allies again declare their aversion to the Soviets as political partners.

It may be said in passing that the French have not the least idea that anything worth while will result from Krassin's commercial negotiations; but, as they have promised to do so, they will go on with them under the protection of Lloyd George's official recorded promise that they shall not be involved in any political dealings with Lenin and Trotsky.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Gerald Worsley is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Fleming, Paradise Row. Mrs. Worsley represented a council of Western Canada at the recent meetings of the National Council of Women.

Mrs. E. B. Church and two children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Pope Barnes at their summer cottage, Riverside.



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