

THEY DO MUCH FOR SCHOOL WORK

Parent-Teacher Associations are Spoken of by Superintendent Carter.

The following is an extract from an American Journal dealing with Parent-Teacher Associations, which Chief Superintendent Carter read at the recent meeting of the St. John Teachers' Institute:—

"Two outstanding factors in the origin of the nation-wide organization of Parent Teacher Associations suggest the ideal of this comparatively new organization, which now has community clubs scattered throughout the country and forty-six State branches, with National headquarters at Washington. The factor is the recent inclusion in the public school curriculum of such practical subjects as domestic science, health, agriculture, etc., which extend over into the home life of the child and demand parental co-operation if the instruction is to be most effective. The second factor is the increase of foreign homes in America and the fact that lack of adjustments in such homes is often a tragic handicap to the children at school. In remote country districts, in Main Street towns, and in large cities the members meet to talk over such local problems as involve both home and school interests. The work of the Associations is not concerned with class-room matters as such, but with those personal and community problems which are becoming absorbed more and more into public education scheme.

"If health instruction is to mean anything, for instance, a teacher of hygiene needs the active support of parents in encouraging children to observe simple rules of healthful living. Cooking and sewing classes obviously benefit by a close relation to such work in the homes of the pupils. Recreation, school games, luncheons, and savings banks require the attention of both parents and teachers. In these overlapping realms of home and school, parents and teachers have joined hands in some very specific achievements, and have stimulated also those mutual sympathies and ideals by which all education benefits. Better behavior and equipment have been secured. The discovery and treatment of such handicaps as defective sight and hearing of pupils have been helped in many schools by the Parent-Teacher Associations. Hot lunches have been instituted in isolated school-houses on the Dakota prairies, and New York immigrants' children have been weaned from a diet of sausage and fill pickles. Supper dances and other forms of entertainment have been initiated in young people from undesirable associations and have encouraged the spirit of youth among parents.

"The plan of organization is simple, the idea being to pass along helpful experiences and to keep alive a practical enthusiasm for school and community welfare. Reports of the different branches are made as suggestive as possible and include hints and outlines for special activities. The duties of parental interference in school methods and policies is perhaps not always lacking, but it seems not to have proved the menace that some have predicted. As a neighborhood, community affair, the organization provides a natural and friendly means of Americanization in the better sense of the word. In the last five years indicate that such parent-teacher co-operation is practical, cultural, and democratic.

CRAZED BY WINE, BOY FIGHTS SCHOOL

Twelve Year Old Youth Injures Smaller One, Perhaps Fatally.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 24.—Carmel Martino, 12, was charged with striking a smaller boy in line street and drank glasses out of a jug of wine which father had just made. Then he went to school and was kept in his home in line street and drank glasses out of a jug of wine which father had just made. Then he went to school and was kept in his home in line street and drank glasses out of a jug of wine which father had just made.

"On the steps of the schoolhouse he met a ten-year-old girl, Lucy Martin, and when she did not get out of way he struck her and pushed her. Then he went inside, gloating over other children, and walked up a desk of the teacher, Miss Martin. She spoke to him and he around the desk and began beating and kicking her.

Other children became frightened hysterical, but Miss Martin beat the crazed boy and held him in the police came. He was sent to detention house, where the police he was drunk. Miss Martin said he had come to school intoxicated (all times and had been sent home. The parents of the victim boy and the victim girl have filed charges of assault and battery.

At 96 Is Given Home By Sons

Oshawa, Ont., Dec. 24.—To move into a new home, the gift of her sons, at the age of 96, with all mental faculties, is the experience of this town's oldest living resident, Mrs. Wm. Dineen. Mrs. Dineen was born in 1827 at the town of Armagh, Ireland, and migrated to Canada in 1844.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents

BIRTHS

HARTIN—At the Evangelical Maternity Home, on Wednesday, December 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartin, a daughter.

DEATHS

OLDARY—At the General Public Hospital, on Wednesday, December 18, to Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary, leaving one sister to mourn.

DENY SAN MARCOS TAKEN BY REBELS IN MEXICAN WAR

Consulate General Says Reports From Vera Cruz are Not Reliable.

A bulletin to the press from the Mexican Consul General of Canada at Toronto, received at the local Consulate charge of Fred S. Stewart, states that the despatches having their origin in Vera Cruz are made up by the rebels themselves and thus very much biased.

It is asserted that the rebels have commenced a new offensive, and many proofs of which is the fact that Marcos which is actually under the control of the Government as the result of a battle in which the rebels were severely defeated.

According to the latest despatches received at that Consulate General, the city of Tehuacan, near Puebla, has fallen into the hands of the Government forces. The rebel chief, Pimentel, being killed in the action; over 300 prisoners were taken and their lives spared in spite of the fact that being rebels their lives were forfeited under the law.

Amongst the various facts which show the strength of President Obregon's Government is the presentation of credentials to the Mexican Foreign Office by the Ministers of France and Belgium. The respective public receptions will take place in the Government House at ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The above mentioned fact expresses the confidence held in the Mexican Government by France and Belgium and bears out the opinion of President Obregon that the uprising is of a local nature and will be suppressed with an iron hand.

FORMER HAVELOCK MAN LOSES LIFE

John L. Atkinson, Reeve of Lumas, B. C., Killed on Rail

The following account of the death in British Columbia of John L. Atkinson, a former Havelock man, is taken from the Vancouver Sun of Dec. 1:—

New Westminster, Dec. 11.—The whole municipality of Lumas received a shock this morning on learning of the death of its reeve, John L. Atkinson. While a young lad named Munroe was crossing the C. N. R. trestle on the Elbridge ranch, he discovered the body of the reeve badly mangled and lying beside the rails. He immediately notified the authorities and the body was removed to Huntington. A verdict of accidental death was given at the inquest.

The municipal council concluded around 8.30 p. m., and the reeve went home through the Elbridge ranch. While crossing the trestle it is conjectured that he overbalanced and fell a distance of 30 feet to the rails below.

Mr. Atkinson was born in Havelock, Kings Co., N. B., 72 years ago. He came to British Columbia 30 years after war and settled in Lumas in 1895. He leaves a wife, a daughter, one son and a daughter.

Although this was his last term as reeve, he had served on the council for many years and was one of the prime movers in securing the provincial government to undertake the Lumas reclamation scheme. Burial at Whistler cemetery, Lumas, private.

SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Saturday.

Str. Montclair, 1958, Turnbull, Liverpool.

Str. Batsford, 2506, Newman, London.

Str. Brandon, 4165, Prior, London and Antwerp.

Sailed Saturday.

Str. Chalou, 2930, Moray, Bermuda and West Indies, via Halifax.

Str. Gracie, 3537, Clark, Glasgow, via Portland, Me.

Str. McIntyre Head, 6948, Campbell, Belfast and Dublin.

PROBATE COURT

In Probate Court before Judge McInerney this morning, Miss Evelyn Greaney was appointed administratrix in the matter of the estate of her sister, Mrs. Mary Margaret Cassidy, late wife of Claude Cassidy, formerly of St. John, but now residing in California. The estate was valued at \$4,928.23, mostly interest in real estate in Orange, Pitt and King street east of W. J. Mahony was proctor.

CROSSED AT GAGETOWN

A countryman, who was in the city last Saturday afternoon, said that the ship at Gagetown was frozen over and crossed on his way to the city he found that it was three inches thick.

ROTAIRY HAS SENT OUT 38 BASKETS

Will Entertain Over 200 Boys Saturday Night—Christmas Message.

The Rotary Club has sent out thirty-eight Christmas baskets filled with good things for that number of families in need. Rotarian D. W. Puddington so reported at today's luncheon. The club on Saturday evening next will entertain over two hundred boys from the South and East End Boys' Clubs at dinner in Pythian Hall and give a bright entertainment in which the boys will join. Dr. Peat reported for the committee in charge, and Canon Armstrong urged all Rotarians to be present. Greetings from President Flewelling of the St. Stephen Club, and from J. Terry, who is in Toronto for Christmas, were read.

Canon Armstrong delivered a brief Christmas message. He said the psychological effect upon the hearts and minds of the people produced by the winter festival could not be measured. It has been a blessing to generations of men the world over. The Christmas message was delivered to men at work, and it has its most glorious exposition in the daily lives of the people. That is also true of the principles of Rotary, whose greatest exposition is in the individual life.

A business man had told him he was trying to put the principles of Rotary into his business, and if every Rotarian in St. John is doing so the impact of a club 100 strong upon the life of St. John is having its effect. If any member says the club is dead he is himself the dead thing. But the Christmas spirit is not to be confined to a day. Weeks before it is felt and it is not to be packed up and put on a shelf after Christmas Day. The sun sheds a radiant afterglow long after it has gone below the horizon. So Christmas should shed an afterglow to last until next Christmas. That did not mean carrying parcels every day, but in God's name let the Christmas spirit and spirit of goodwill that transformed Scrooge be manifest in every day and every year of our lives. The song of the angels was "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good-will to men." Rotary also has a wonderful message. Let every member weave it into his life. Royden Foley was in the chair, and the luncheon was put through in record time to enable members to get back to realms of Santa Claus.

PASSES COME AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Employees of the C. N. R. who served for ten years and over were smiling today when a Christmas present in the form of a yearly pass was handed over to them. Men serving ten years or over received a pass to all points in the Atlantic region, those serving fifteen years and over received one for the Atlantic and Central regions, and those twenty years and over for the entire system.

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FURNITURE THE REAL SURPRISE FOR AN XMAS GIFT

Could you think of a more useful, sensible and worth while Xmas gift than a piece of Furniture. There is nothing more attractive than Furniture, and besides it is a constant reminder of the giver every day in the year.

XMAS DAY IN THE DINING ROOM

There will be many family reunions Xmas Day. How is your dining room furniture? Come in and buy this real bargain.

Xmas Gifts for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother or Sweetheart.

Leather chairs and rockers, willow chairs and rockers, odd chairs, parlor tables, jardiniere, etc.

Xmas Gifts for the Children.

Toy sets, framers, sleds, dolls, carriages, blackboards, etc.

OPEN EVENINGS

This solid oak dining room suite, 9 pieces, old English finish, etc. A snap at \$250.00

AMLAND BROS., LIMITED

19 Waterloo Street

KIN OF VICTIM

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Five Now Are For Toronto Mayorality

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Toronto's list of mayoralty candidates has been reduced to three, Controller Singer and H. C. Hocken, M. P., having withdrawn, leaving the field to Controller W. W. Hilt, T. L. Church, M. P., and John A. Currie, M. L. A.

Season Tickets

Victoria Rink

An ideal Xmas gift. For sale at F. W. Munro's, North End; Chas. Baillie's, King street, and at the rink.

Is Killed Trimming Christmas Tree

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Bending down to trim a Christmas tree for his children, a man was killed by a revolver dropped from his pocket and exploded. He died last night.

ATTENTION, MR. NEW!

Plymouth, Eng.—A letter, tossed about in the Atlantic for three weeks, has been received by a man here. It was an engineer on a steamer bound for Vancouver, put the epistle in a sealed tin with a tiny flag attached, and sent it to the city of St. John. The letter was found on the shore in the Azores Islands and forwarded the letter by post.

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ATTENTION, SKATERS!

If the weather is cold tonight there will be a band and good skating at the Victoria Rink tomorrow (Christmas Day).

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MAN THOUGHT DEAD RETURNS HOME RICH

Takes Wife From Factory Where She Had Worked For Years.

New York, Dec. 24.—Silent John Drummond returned home to Nyack last week-end in a most casual way took up life where he left it seven years ago. He called upon his wife at work in the factory of H. Drucker & Son and told her to quit. He informed her that he was through seeking fortune because it had found him, and he took her to a select hotel and told her to enjoy life.

Eight years ago Silent John married Miss Elizabeth Garland, and seven months after the wedding he disappeared. His wife waited for word of him, his wife decided that he had met with an accident and was dead. She went to work in a factory and lived through the longest year.

Several months ago his brother, a member of the firm of McCue Brothers & Drummond, had dealers of New York called John Drummond was his heir. The estate's lawyers found the man his wife had mourned as dead, and possessed of \$10,000, he returned to his family.

For the townfolk the seven years are lost, for Silent John refuses to explain.

FAMILY OF N. B. WOMAN KILLED

Daughter of Harlan Wells of Albert County Escapes Jap Quake

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 23.—Many friends who remember the well known Wells family of Hopewell, the members of which returned to Massachusetts several years ago, have been deeply shocked to learn through news received by a relative here of the terrible sorrow that befell a daughter of the family.

The daughter, who is now Mrs. Purington, was a daughter of Harlan Wells, formerly of Lower Cape, in this county, and is now Mrs. Purington. Her husband was a well known geologist and in the practice of his business visited many parts of the world, it is happening that he was living in Japan with his family at the time of the great earthquake. Mrs. Purington was the only one of her family to escape.

Children being all victims of the awful tragedy that shocked the world. Mrs. Purington was away on a trip when the earthquake occurred and being in a locality in the wake of the quake was among the many who lost their lives. At home his children were all carried down to their deaths. Letters received here state that Mrs. Purington and her husband and family were so tragically swept away in the moment of time, as just arrived at her former home in Amesbury on her sad trip from the Orient.

News of the shocking fatality was received by Mr. W. L. Calhoun, from George W. Wells, formerly of Lower Cape, and an uncle of the bereaved lady.

SOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS

Amongst the Christmas greetings received at the office of The Times Star and The Telegraph Journal was one that came all the way from Florida. It was a letter from Mrs. Calhoun, from George W. Wells, formerly of Lower Cape, and an uncle of the bereaved lady.

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