

# The Weekly Monitor

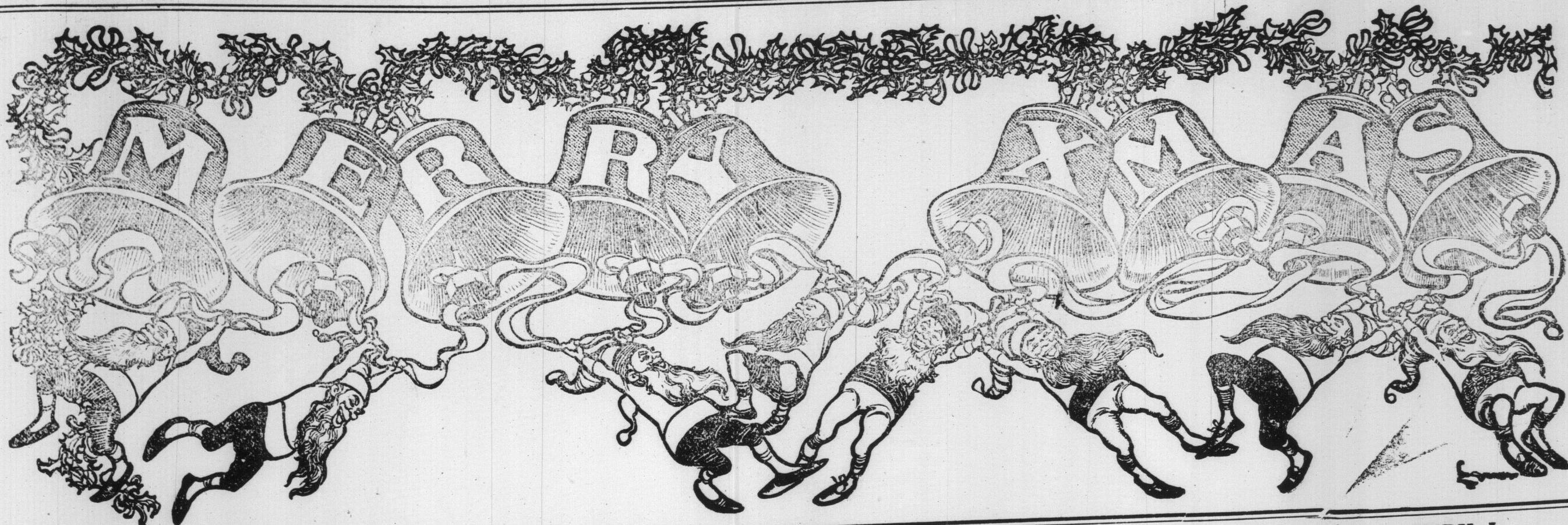
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## THE SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

### A Splendid Programme Enjoyed by a Full House

"Standing room only" was the announcement at the Court House before eight o'clock Friday evening, the hour for the commencement of the school concert.

Mr. John T. Archibald, the popular and efficient principal of the Bridgetown Schools, announced the following programme:

Chorus O Canada, by school.  
Dialogue by eight boys, grade I.  
Away in a Manger, by girls of grades II and III.  
Recitation by Florence Williams, "The Wolf Turns Santa Claus".  
Boy's Squad Drill.  
Dialogue by ten boys, of grades II and III Xmas wishes.  
Solo by Evelyn Legge "Telling Santa"  
Recitation by Vivian Lewis, "Johnie's Pat's Skates".  
Motion song by grade VIII girls, "Trip it Lightly".  
Recitation by Leta Troop, "A Timely Pointer".  
Song "Jolly St. Nicholas, grade II and III.  
Recitation by Eileen Fay, "Xmas in Camp".  
Solo by Georgie Jefferson, "That's How I caught Santa".  
Recitation by Mary Anthony "Christmas Secrets".  
Operette, "Jipsy" by Geibel high school boys and girls.  
Song "On the Farm", by grade I.  
Song by the Tuxedo Boys.  
Solo by Hattie Anderson, Dutch Lullaby.  
Recitation, "My Canada" by Allison FitzRandolph.  
Chorus "Jingle Bells", by school.  
Good night drill, by primary girls.  
Physical drill, boys.

Every number was a success and passed off without a hitch of any kind. It was the first time that the majority of the performers had ever appeared before the public and they certainly deserve a lot of credit as well as the principal and the staff of teachers.

A pleasant incident, just before the closing number, was the presentation of an appropriate little gift to Mrs. A. F. Little, the accompanist, to whom must be given the credit of the excellent musical training given many of the little ones. The presentation was made by the Principal from the teachers and scholars. In his remarks he said that without Mrs. Little this entertainment could not have been accomplished.

The net receipts will amount to more than \$100.00 which will be devoted to the school library fund. We trust that the public will have the pleasure of listening to and witnessing a similar programme in the near future.

### JAMES O. DURLING

Mr. James O. Durling, a highly respected citizen of West Englishville, died at his home last Monday, 15th, aged 75 years. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place last Friday and was largely attended.

## A WORTHY APPEAL

Every One Should be Willing to Assist

To the Editor of the MONITOR:  
Dear Sir: Will you kindly publish the following:

### BISHOP'S LODGE

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 2nd, 1919  
To the Clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia:

My Dear Brethren  
The primate of all Canada has transmitted to me a copy of the following cable from the Archbishop of Canterbury:

"Appeal is being made by Archbishop together with Free Church Leaders, and contemporaneous appeal by the Pope, for collections on Innocent's Day, December 28th, for relief of famine stricken areas, especially children. Appeal is being published here November 24th. Will you do the like?"

The primate asks all to fall into line and take up the collection. It is a heartrending thought that at the bright Christmas Season so large a number of people should be suffering all the horrors of famine and sickness and especially that thousands of little children should be starving to death.

I rejoice in the whole effort being made by the whole Christian Body of Europe, and that, too, in face of the fact that they are themselves impoverished by the war. I hope the well-to-do people of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will do something to show their sympathy.

At any rate you can give everyone the opportunity by taking up a collection on The Innocent's Day, December 28th next. Send the amount received as soon as possible to Rev. Cannon Harris. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

I am, very truly yours

CLARE L., Nova Scotia

The above speaks for itself. In response to it a collection will be taken in St. James' Church, Bridgetown; and in St. Mary's, Belleisle, next Sunday through special envelopes, but parishioners not able to be present are asked to kindly send their donations to the Rector. For their donations to the respective Pastors have consented to receive donations and will see that they reach the proper quarters.

For those who read last Thursday's daily papers there can be no question as to the great need.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST UNDERWOOD

The Rectory,  
Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd, 1919.

## CALENDARS

We have received this week pretty calendars from the Acadia Gas Engine Co., of Bridgewater, manufacturers of a very reliable marine engine for fishermen and yachtsmen; Geo. Potter, Massey-Harris agent and dealer in hardware, Jorgin Bridge, Digby Co. and C. O. Thies, one of Bridgetown's popular custom tailors and gents' furnisher.

## MARINE NEWS

Mr. E. R. Gaudet launched his third vessel at Weymouth last week built for Beazley Bros.

## Our Christmas Wish

As the year draws to its close, we hope it has been a good one for you and that the incoming twelve-month will prove the brightest star in your firmament of business life

May Christmas joys abound in your personal circles and may the New Year materialize the evident promises of great prosperity.

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*O. S. Swan*

## Digby County Monitor

Mr. Gerald Merkel has returned from Halifax.

Mr. Donald Winchester, of Halifax, arrived home Friday.

Mr. Bevis Turnbull arrived home from St. John Saturday.

Mr. James Merkel, of Kentville N. S., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. (Sheriff) Smith returned from Yarmouth via Wednesday's midnight train.

Mr. H. L. Y. Beaman, Mgr of the Strand Theatre, Halifax, is spending a week in Digby.

Mr. Max Roop, of Halifax, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roop, Acadiaville.

Mr. O. C. Jones was among the passengers arriving in Digby via Wednesday night's sleeper.

Mrs. A. L. MacLeod and little daughter arrived here Tuesday from Sydney to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Jas. Tai (formerly Miss Coulter) of Mota, Sask., is spending the winter at her home in Wallace, N. S.

Mrs. Elva Titus and Gladys Crowell left Friday for their home

in Westport and Sandy Cove to spend their holidays.

Mr. Vernon Johnson, of Edmonton, Alberta, passed through Digby Friday enroute to his home in Weymouth, N. S.

Mr. Kenneth Carty, who is taking a business course in Halifax is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carty.

Mr. M. W. DeWolfe, of the Royal Bank, left Wednesday to spend the holiday at his home in Wolfville.

Among the guests at the Goodwill House, Weymouth Wednesday night were A. Boullier, Centreville's well known wholesale fish dealer, also Capt. Chas. Teed, master of the sloop Frances Boullier which was docked at Campbell's wharf.

Mr. Chas. E. Wilson, a prosperous resident of Edmonton, Alta, arrived here Wednesday to visit his mother in Brighton. He has been spending a few days in Chicago, New York, Boston and other cities enroute. He also visited his sister at Wolfville.

The price of milk in Bridgetown has advanced to 13 cents.

## SCHOONER IN DISTRESS

Crew Sick or Injured and Vessel Leaking

(Boston Post)

Somewhere at sea, several hundred miles to the eastward of Boston, the British schooner St. Claire Theriault is in distress and in need of immediate assistance. A wireless message was picked up at the navy yard radio station from the Americas steamer Prusa telling of the schooner's plight.

According to the message two of the crew are suffering from broken legs having apparently been injured during tough weather, and two others are sick with fever. The supply of provisions had dwindled alarmingly, and the Prusa's commander gave the nearby sailors as much as he could spare from his stock.

The position of the Theriault was given as latitude 41.22 north, longitude 34.40 west at 8.57 o'clock in the morning.

The St. Claire Theriault is bound from Canary Islands for Yarmouth, N. S., and has been at sea for nearly three months buffeted about by continuous storms. She was spoken a week ago by the steamer Democracy and at that time was short of provisions and leaking badly.

## ARANMORE BEACHED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16—Captain MacDonald and forty three officers and men of the crew of the D. G. S. Aranmore, which stranded at Wolf Cove, Gulf of St. Lawrence, on December 4, while enroute to the Strait Belle Isle, arrived here this morning from Sydney, where they were landed by D. G. S. Montcalm.

All but two officers of the ship returned, Chief Engineer Fullerton and Second Engineer Harris, remaining, on the ship to lay her up.

The Montcalm is proceeding to Belle Isle, to bring the lighthouse keepers back to the mainland.

The Aranmore is now beached at Wolf Cove, and will be brought to Halifax in the spring for repairs.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

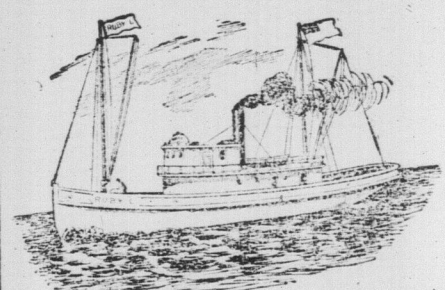
To-morrow (Thursday) being Christmas day there will be a special service in St. Mary's Church, Belleisle, at 8 a. m., and in St. James, Bridgetown at 11 a. m. As these will be the only Church services held in the neighbourhood a cordial and hearty invitation is extended to all who would thus fittingly sanctify the day. Besides the usual Anthem at the services in St. James Church, Mrs. Harry Ruzales will sing—"The Birthday of a King", by W. H. Medinger, as an "Offertory" Solo.

Ticket No 19 purchased by V. A. Lloyd, won the \$20.00 set of pipes recently sold by O. P. Covert.

## S. S. RUBY L. GUTTED BY FIRE

### Blaze Started While Thawing Out Heating

Fire, which broke out in the hold of the steamer Ruby L. Tuesday night, practically destroyed the interior woodwork of the vessel. The steamer was moored at Thorne's wharf, St. John, and at 7.50 p. m. one of the crew notified Policeman Fred Gaudet of the fire and the officer immediately rang in an alarm from box 5. The fire



STEAMER RUBY L.

department were quickly on the scene and soon had several streams of water playing on the interior of the vessel.

Vast quantities of smoke were pouring from the after hold and the men had a difficult task ahead of them. After two hours' hard work in zero weather the blaze was finally subdued. The blaze was a hard one to fight as the fire had worked in back of the sheathing of the hold.

Captain Clair Baker, master of the steamer, reported that the heater in the after hold had become frozen, and that while efforts were being made to thaw it out, it was thought that in some manner the fire was started. It had burned back of the sheathing up to the deck before it was noticed.

The Ruby L. is a steamer of fifty one tons, and is owned by the Bay of Fundy and Minas Basin Steamship Company, with head office at Margareville (N. S.) She had been employed in the bay service.

The steamer was quite badly damaged but it is partially insured with a Halifax concern for \$8,000.

## A GOOD LOOKING EXCHANGE

One of the best looking papers on our exchange list is the Kentville Advertiser. Its last Friday issue in green and black, all home print, presented a splendid appearance. Its manager, Mr. Geo. H. Chisholm, is one of the best printers in the maritime provinces and the people of Kentville should feel proud of such an up to date weekly newspaper. We wish it continued success.

It may be interesting to some of the fair sex to be reminded that 1920 is Leap Year.