

By all means let the raffle live cease to be, even if it is necessary to bring a few cases before the courts to serve as object lessons.

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As usual District of Bedford boys have been conspicuous by the high standing they took at the McGill examinations. Both the District and the University are honored by their success.

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It is worthy of mention that in many places the road work has been done this year several weeks earlier than usual, thus preventing the stirring up of the road bed after it had been hardened by a long spell of hot, dry weather. The new policy is no doubt one of the direct results of the Good Roads agitation, and is very commendable.

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The caterpillar is out again this season, millions strong, attacking the fruit with dire results. Every effort of the individual and the authorities should be put forward in the hope of exterminating the pests.

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The MONTHLY serves no political party, so what we say on political subjects we expect to be taken by our readers as being free from party bias.

A good deal has been said in Parliament this session about the exodus, whether or not such a thing exists.

Down here in the border counties there are splendid opportunities of finding out if the youth and beauty of this land continue to go down to become operators in the mills of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, to come back on a visit in a year or two, decked out in the latest fashions, and lord it for a week over the unambitious brother and sister who prefer to remain at home.

There isn't any doubt about the matter. The movement to the States continues, and no question but that it will continue just so long as young people of both sexes can get work down there who otherwise would be compelled to remain in idleness at home. Speeches, accusations and denials in Parliament are not the remedy that will cure the condition.

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May 3 was Arbor Day in this part of the Province, but we have not heard that much, if any, notice was taken of it in connection with the purpose for which the day is set apart. It is evident that a bigger institution than Arbor Day will be necessary before our bare hills will be reforested and the grounds of schools and public buildings adorned with shady maples.

Historians and antiquarians are trying to discover the origin of the dollar sign. The rest of us are busily employed in hunting up the dollar itself.

Annual Meetings.

Two events of much interest to the people of the Anglican Church will take place in the district in June. The first is the closing exercises in connection with Dunham Ladies' College, on Tuesday, 20th instant. The college occupies a large place among the Church institutions in this Diocese. Of late years its success has been very gratifying, and this summer the attendance has been such that it has been found necessary to finish off the top flat of the college building in order to provide additional accommodation.

The college always takes high rank in the June examinations, testifying to the success of the efforts of the excellent teaching staff, headed by Miss O'Loane, the Lady Principal.

To the Executive Committee also is due the highest praise for the sound financial condition in which the college finds itself to-day. The members of the Committee, headed by Jas. McKinnon, Esq., of Cowansville, the Chairman, have shown the greatest zeal in their work, some of them travelling many miles in order to attend the necessary meetings.

The second event is the annual convention of the Sunday School Institute of the District. This will take place at Granby on July 6th. We have not seen the programme for this year's convention, but if it approaches in excellence those of the two previous conventions there will be plenty for the audience to think over. The Convention is found to be of great assistance to Sunday School teachers who are sufficiently interested in their work and have the opportunity to attend.

The annual meeting of the Shefford County Rifle Association was held at Waterloo on April 29. The election of officers resulted as follows: S. H. C. Miner, Patron; Col. Chas. Whitcomb, Lieut.-Col. Amyrauld, Dr. de Groisbois, M.P.P., A. F. Savaria, G. E. Robinson, G. H. Allen, John Lincoln, G. C. Wilcocks, J. Bruce Payne, Vice-Patrons; C. H. Parmelee, M.P., President; Lieut.-Col. Cox, Lieut.-Col. Bulman, Lieut.-Col. Maynes, Major Galbraith, Major Brooks, Major Martin, and Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Fuller, Vice-Presidents; Lieut.-Col. Bulman, Executive Officer; Major Whitcomb, Major Galbraith, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Seale, and R. F. Shaw, Finance Committee; Capt. Richardson, Capt. Davidson, Capt. Galbraith, Lieut. Moffatt, Range Committee; Capt. Seale, Range Officer; Lieut.-Col. Bulman and Major Whitcomb, Register Keepers.

The Missisquoi Cheese Syndicate held its adjourned annual meeting in May, and re-elected the officers of last year. They are: Jas. McKinnon, President; E. G. Welch, Vice-President; C. P. Taber, Sec.-Treas.; Arthur McFarlane, Inspector.

The annual meeting of the Bar of the District was held at the Court House,

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Sweetsburg, on the 1st of May, Hon. Senator Baker, Batonnier, in the chair. By a unanimous vote James O'Halloran, Q.C., Cowansville, was elected Batonnier for the ensuing year. Mr. O'Halloran is as highly esteemed by his confreres of the Bar as he is by the people generally. He has been in active practice for nearly half a century.

The other officers elected were E. Racicot, Syndic; Lt.-Col. T. Amyrauld, Treasurer; A. J. E. Leonard, Secretary; Hon. H. T. Duffy, G. E. Cornell and J. A. Simard, Council; C. A. Nutting and S. Constantineau, Examiners.