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OVER TWENTY PER CENT. Of 25,000 Protestants in St. John do Not Attend Church.

Figures Brought Out by the Recent Religious Census in This City.

Not a Full Census, but Significant as Far as it Goes.

The executive committee of the St. John Sunday school association met at the Y. M. C. A. on the 10th, when the report on the recent canvass taken was submitted.

It was decided to call a meeting of the association at an early date. W. S. Fisher and S. G. Kilpatrick were added to the executive committee.

These are the reports which were read: Your committee on the "House to House Visitation" scheme beg to submit the following report: Before entering upon the details of the report we wish to correct an erroneous impression that seems to have obtained credence to a greater or less extent.

Your committee had two aims in view: First, to seek out those who were not church attendants, whether from carelessness, poverty, unbelief or other causes, that efforts might be made to turn them from their carelessness, relieve their poverty, or cure their unbelief—that they at least might be deprived of the right to say that no one took an interest in their spiritual welfare or endeavored to care for their souls.

That there is need for this part of the work is shown by the fact that out of 25,000 Protestants visited 5,527, or over 20 per cent, attend neither church nor Sunday school and that the pastors of the various churches have been asked to make 942 visits.

Our second object was of no less importance. The great christianizing influence of the Sunday school is becoming more widely recognized every year, and of late years the growth in efficiency and organization has been marvellous. In our city the need of more thorough organization for the advancement of Sunday school work has been felt and the experience of other cities taught that the "House to House Visitation" was the best method of obtaining the data necessary for aggressive and progressive development.

It is hoped that this visitation, which is but beginning, will effect several results for the benefit of the Sunday school work. We hope to see united and intelligent effort on the part of all the churches, to gather the children into the Sunday school. Our report shows that over 3,000 Protestant children between 4 and 21 years of age, or over 25 per cent of the children between those ages are not in the Sunday schools. Surely this is not as it should be. More, we hope to induce many of those over 21 who have drifted out of the Sunday schools, to return, or if not, to form themselves into home classes for the study of God's word for a stated period each week—not merely to read, but to study. If the parents can be persuaded to study the Sunday school lesson regularly, it is easy to see the effect

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MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE.

The United States Secretary of State Asked to get Her Liberated.

Washington, April 9.—The first meeting of the house foreign affairs committee since it reported the Cuban resolutions to the house was held today, only a few minutes before the session came up, the Venezuelan, Cuban and Armenian resolutions, which made the committee the most important one of the house early in the session, having been disposed of. Considerable interest was inspired by the re-appearance of the old North-western boundary dispute, which was for a time settled by the Webster-Ashburton treaty of 1842, but not definitely settled, it seemed as if there were no loop holes for controversy. The ownership of Bunter's Island, which lies west of Lake Superior, whose status has never been finally settled, was discussed. The matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Heatwood of Minnesota; Adams of Pennsylvania; and Newlands of Nevada.

FEATURES OF THE BUTTER TRADE.

(London Canadian Gazette.) One noteworthy feature in the Canadian butter trade with the United Kingdom is the success of the revolt against the old-fashioned butter, which has been replaced by the creamery butter in boxes.

SEVEN DAYS AHEAD.

Pacific Coast People Have Had Their Easter.

F. E. ISLAND.

Trvon, April 4.—The Trvon woolen mills are again in operation.

IT WILL SPEND FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS FOR WHARVES AT PORTLAND, ME.

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THE GRAND TRUNK.

The oldest Masonic lodge in British North America—St. Andrew's No. 1—says Wednesday's Halifax Herald, installed its officers last night, a large attendance of members and visitors present.

The position which Canada takes in British butter markets is capable of great improvement. Imported from 1882 1886. Denmark 1,425,000 4,243,463. France 2,679,130 2,444,734. Sweden 1,425,000 1,444,111. Austria 701,670 494,539. Germany 890,706 865,683. Holland 783,897 808,238. United States 104,220 271,776. Canada 194,924 152,401. Other countries 679,676 883,741.

ACROSS THE BAY.

Three Sudden Deaths Have Occurred During the Week.

Annapolis, April 9.—Three very sudden deaths have occurred in the county during the week. John Lockett, one of Bridgetown's most enterprising merchants, quietly passed to the great beyond on Sunday. The deceased was born in St. George, N. B., fifty-one years ago and came to Bridgetown at the age of twenty-four. He was a life-long conservative and one of the best workers in the county.

Robert Ingles, a person well known by the travelling public as ferryman across from Annapolis to Granville, fell dead at his gate on Tuesday evening. It was noticed as he left the ferry slip that his walk was unaccountably slow, but no one surmised he felt ill. His son, who is in Boston, is expected here on Saturday.

Mrs. George Lewis, an old colored lady, took ill on Saturday and on Sunday evening was dead. The doctor pronounced it black diphtheria and the house has been quarantined. She was buried the same afternoon.

John Wilson, who succeeded in Halifax on Tuesday, formerly carried on an extensive hardware business at Middleton.

John A. Smith, a Granville Ferry boy, has lately graduated M. D. at Louisville, Kentucky. In a class of slightly he stood fifth and carried off the gold medal in surgery. About five years ago he studied pharmacy in St. John and later on took his degree in Boston.

Ed. Mr. Allen, who died in St. John last week, was well and favorably known here in days gone by and the older people will remember him.

Several of Granville Ferry's leading citizens have been carrying on correspondence with a London firm about the purchase of a new steel screw boat, about 100 feet long and a carrying capacity of 150 tons. If purchased she is to be run between Bridgetown, Annapolis, Granville Ferry and St. John.

Capt. Stephen Phinney of Hampton has been ill with what is supposed to be paralysis of the throat for four weeks. For two weeks all he was able to take was a little clam broth, and for the last fourteen days has been unable to take anything. He has been as helpless as a babe and has never uttered a word or made a recognizable sign by any motion of the lips or hand.

F. K. Robbins is authority for the statement that the exodus this year is not as large as in former years.

Ex-Conductor "Jack" Ritchie of the D. A. R. Co. returned from Boston on last night. He has had enough of Yankee land, and says he would sooner live on half the wages and stay in Nova Scotia. As a matter of fact he says wages are not as good in Boston as in Nova Scotia, and that the barren region he had been led to believe by his political god fathers.

A rumor has been afloat for some time that the attorney general was to resign his office. The rumor is of the province. The London lawyer does not want to run is well known, but one can hardly see how he can throw up the sponge at this late hour.

It is addressed to the London Chronicle and is in favor of Arbitration, not War.

London, April 9.—The Chronicle will tomorrow publish a despatch from Rome which gives an important letter to the editor of that paper, under date of April 9. The translation of the letter is as follows: "Sir—Among the most precious gifts the Divine Providence has bestowed upon the world was that of peace, and no better desire can exist than that peace should reign upon the earth. Justly, therefore, the pope, a vicar of Christ, desires to co-operate in the every effort towards the maintenance of the concord and union of hearts among the nations."

London, April 10.—A despatch to the Daily News from Rome says that the pope has congratulated Cardinals Gibbons, Vaughan and Logue for having signed the appeal for Anglo-American arbitration and offers them encouragement to persevere in their noble aim.

It will spend five thousand pounds for wharves at Portland, Me.

London, April 9.—Lady Mount Stephen is still very low, but the doctors state her case is not yet hopeless.

The semi-annual meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway was held in this city today. President Sir Charles Rivers Wilson was in the chair. The president deplored the carnival of rate cutting going on, resulting, as it did, in the lowest average rate ever known in December of the last half year. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson justified the appointment of Mr. Hayes, their general manager, and

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Summer side which we fear will remove from here one of our most enterprising business men, viz., George Ives, who by his pluck and energy has built up an extensive business in connection with his well equipped saw and planing mills. Only quite recently he added floor and wash machinery.

Joseph Callbeck of Augustine Cove has gone quite largely into the pig business. He raises thoroughbred Chesters, now being sought after as a favorite stock.

The S. of T. elected officers at its last meeting with E. E. Reid as W. P. for the ensuing quarter.

Montague, April 2.—Monday night Grand Chief Templar Rev. W. Lawson and Provincial Deputy Goldsmith organized a Lodge Good Templars, Cherry Valley. A good public meeting preceded the organization addressed by the above gentlemen. The following officers were elected and installed: Chief templar, Charlotte McLeod; secretary, Carrie Docherty; secretary, Job Irvine; financial secretary, Harry Tweedy; treasurer, Nell McKinon; chaplain, Lucinda Docherty; marshal, Jennie Irvine; guard, John McBeth; sentinal, Daniel Matheson; assistant secretary, Donald McKenzie; lodge deputy, Lucinda Docherty. The lodge will go by the name of Cherry Valley and will meet on Monday nights. During the last six months lodges have been organized by the chief and his deputies, also several juvenile temples. District lodge No. 2 recently organized with Rev. John Goldsmith as chief and Rev. D. B. McLeod lecturer, is doing fine work.

John T. McDonald has been placed in charge of the Montague cheese factory. John Moore of the central creamery comes to the fore as president and David Collins takes charge of Sturgeon. The tenders for carrying milk were accepted as follows: Union Road, Albert McElfish; Whym Road, Hugh Campbell; Lower Montague, Sandy Campbell.

This community sorrows with Mr. and Mrs. Head in the loss of their only child, which was interred last Sabbath at Lower Montague. It is Captain George Phillips of Lower Montague was taken ill Monday night and is still very low, but Dr. Robertson entertains hopes of his recovery.

His brother, Samuel Phillips of Charlottetown, is waiting upon him. Abbie Reynolds' children are very low with pneumonia. One seems to be getting better.

John Sloan, who spent the winter in Scotland, is back again in charge of the Central Creamery farm at Lower Montague.

The public gardens commissions have under consideration a proposal to have the bands to play sacred music in the gardens on Sundays during the summer months. The military and other bands will perform appropriate selections on fine Sunday afternoons if the idea is carried out.

A peculiar form of eye disease is prevalent in the city. It is from the mercurial, causes local irritation and will go through whole families. It is not serious, but painful, and lasts for eight or ten days.

Early this morning a man was reported dying in a barn on Buckingham street. A policeman who was on duty found Dennis Sullivan dying. The hospital ambulance was telephoned for and the man was removed to the hospital, where he died at eight o'clock. When found he was lying in a stall amidst filth. A dirty rag sufficed for a pillow and filthy straw for a bed. The deceased had been sleeping in the barn for years. He was 55 years old. Death was caused by exposure.

The Wanderers' Athletic club tonight elected J. N. Duffus to the presidency for a third term. The club raised the age limit for membership from sixteen to seventeen years. The meeting authorized the expenditure of a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000, in the erection of a new pavilion and club-house.

The deaths occurred at Newton, Mass., a few days ago of Frank L. Gross of the firm of Moore, Smith & Co., wholesale hatiers, after an illness of several months, of heart trouble. Mr. Gross was born in New Gloucester, Me., in 1847, where his parents still reside. Twenty-six years ago he entered the service of the firm of Moore, Smith & Co. in which, after a few years, he became a partner. Mr. Gross was quite well known in this city, and had many warm friends.

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