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TWO W.A.'S HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS

Officers are Elected by Saint George's and Saint Luke's.

The annual meetings of St. George's senior W. A. and of the Monday evening branch of the W. A. of St. Luke's church were held last night. For both branches the year was one of exceptional success. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. W. H. Sampson; president, Mrs. T. Corey Green; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Charles Smith; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Hatfield; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. William Nilsson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Kindred; recording secretary, Mrs. Arthur Rawlings; treasurer, Miss Sarah Cawerton; E. D. C. treasurer, Mrs. Fred McIntyre; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. John Carrier; Living Message secretary, Mrs. Magee; Little Helper, Mrs. Walter Bagnell; Junior superintendent, Mrs. Willis Waring; suite box secretary, Mrs. Lloyd; overseas convener, Mrs. Nilsson; delegates to the diocesan annual, Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Arthur Rawlings; substitutes, Mrs. Hillman and Mrs. Lloyd.

The Monday evening branch of St. Luke's W. A. met in the church rooms and the opening address was given by Rev. C. P. Heaven, the curate, who spoke on missions in the Moosehide diocese where the branch is interested in an Indian girl. Mrs. Lester Mowry presided, and the reports presented were most gratifying.

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CATTLE EMBARGO WILL HELP ST. JOHN

The Halifax papers tell of a number of shipments of cattle being made through that port in the last week, and of a shipment of 600 expected within a week, with possibly more to follow.

The New York Scottish-American says: 'We have pleasure in calling attention to one of the greatest, if not the greatest enterprise of the present moment, the Dry Dock at St. John, N. B., Canada, which is the largest in the world. In length it is 1,225 feet, height 125 feet, and width 138 feet. The next largest, at Boston, is 1,171 feet long, and the nearest English one is at Liverpool, which is 1,050 feet long. The chief engineer in charge of St. John harbor is a Ross-shire boy, Alexander Gray, a son of the late Mr. Gray, tailor, Fern, and a nephew of the late Mr. Gray, Stafford Place, Dingwall.'

DRY DOCK HERE IS CENTRE OF INTEREST

As Hiram Sees It. 'I see they hev a Legislative Council over in Nova Scotia,' said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to 'The Times' reporter. 'They hev,' said the reporter. 'Too bad Sam Slick's dead,' said Hiram. 'Wouldn't he hev fun with 'em fer hangin' onto a useless thing like that?' 'I really do not know,' said the reporter. 'Sure he would,' said Hiram. 'But what beats me is why they hev it meetin' in the winter.'

'The Legislatures usually meet in the winter or early spring,' said the reporter. 'I know,' said Hiram, 'but they could make that there Council pay fer itself.'

LOCAL NEWS

CHIEF JUSTICE AWAY.

His Honor Chief Justice McKewen will leave for Ottawa to make preparations for the hearing in connection with the Home Bank investigation. His Honor will be expected to be home the latter end of the week as he understood all that would be done now would be to set a date and map out the procedure to be followed.

ON CHARGE OF THEFT.

Three young men, Edward Gillespie, Day on the Maritime train from Moncton, were charged in the police court in Moncton yesterday with having broken into the warehouse of Baird & Peters here in October and stolen a quantity of cigars. It is alleged the goods, amounting in value to about \$1,000, were taken on the night of October 6.

WILLING WORKERS MEET.

The regular meeting of the Willing Workers of German street Baptist church was held last evening and plans made for a supper and pantry sale next week and an organ recital in the near future. The circle is now engaged in working for the Red Cross and a number of special cases of children's wear. In addition to this fourteen garments have been made for the Children's Aid.

TRURO TEAM ARRIVES.

The Truro hockey team arrived today on the Maritime train from Moncton, where they defeated the fast Moncton sextette by the score of 4-3. Tonight they will play St. John in the arena and it would appear that the locals have a real game on their hands and will have to produce their best brand of hockey if their string of victories against champion teams is to remain unbroken.

TO CONSIDER NEW RULING.

The traffic committee of the Board of Trade will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon to take up the matter of interference with the business of St. John merchants by the new rule of the N. B. that freight must be delivered at the freight shed before three o'clock each afternoon. This matter has been taken up with the N. B. officials at Moncton and it is understood a delegation will be in the city tomorrow night to meet the local merchants.

EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SNOW.

About four inches of snow fell in Moncton since Saturday morning, making a total of eighteen inches or more, since Wednesday morning last, says the Transcript. Hanford Police, who were returned to the city from his lumber camp at Deersdale, on the N. T. R. says there is nearly four feet at Deersdale. The men were unable to work on Thursday owing to the storm. It was the first time this season operations were suspended owing to heavy snow fall.

FIRE WARDENS MEET.

The first regular meeting of the Fire Warden's Board of fire district No. 1, Parish of St. John, was held last evening in Edith Avenue Hall, East St. John. After routine business had been transacted a copy of the bill, which is now presented to the Legislature next week, was looked over and considered satisfactory. No definite action regarding the establishment of a fire station or organizing a corps of firemen can be taken until the passage of the bill.

TEA AND SALE IS SUCCESS.

The Sunshine class of the Tabernacle church held a successful Shamrock tea and sale last evening in the vestry of the church. The room was nicely decorated in green and white and potted shamrocks graced the tables. Mrs. M. R. Pitt was general convener; Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Estey were in charge of the decorations; Mrs. Needham and Mrs. A. Foster, the sale table; Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Fry, the pantry; Mrs. Giggey and Mrs. Gray, the refreshments; and Mrs. B. Klerstein, the tables, assisted by an efficient corps of waitresses.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Slippery sidewalks were responsible for a number of accidents today and as a result several people are in the hospital suffering from fractures and various natures, says yesterday's Moncton Transcript. The first accident occurred this morning when Mrs. Joseph Joyce, who is over seventy years of age, fell and fractured her hip. Miss Emma O'Neill suffered from a fractured shoulder. Lee Song fell, fracturing his wrist. A. Klerstein, Ernest Taylor, son of Thomas Taylor of that place, suffered a broken leg and was brought to the hospital here for attention.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY.

A pleasant time was spent last evening at the home of George T. Corbett, 40 Millidge avenue, when Mrs. Corbett entertained a number of friends in honor of Mr. Corbett's birthday. The evening passed pleasantly in games and music. During the evening E. G. Brittain, on behalf of the company presented to Mr. Corbett a fine easy chair and smoker's set, at the same time extending the best wishes of those present for a long and happy life. Mr. Corbett was taken completely by surprise and for a time found it difficult to express his appreciation. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Corbett, who was assisted by Mrs. H. H. Crabbe and Mrs. E. G. Brittain.

GOOD TIMES IN P. E. ISLAND.

A. C. Saunders, leader of the Opposition in the Prince Edward Island Legislature, sounded an optimistic note last week in his speech on the reply to the speech from the throne. The Guardian report says: 'Mr. Saunders believed the day of grousing over hard times was gone. In no place were people more happy and contented than here. We have more money deposited, and more invested in Victory Bonds, than ever before. Most of the farmers have their money invested in these bonds, and everybody is living prosperously and contented. The time for a more cheerful outlook the world over has come. In a few years, he believed, conditions will be restored to normal again. Our loss of population is regrettable, and it should be our aim to get the very best settlers possible. Now is the opportune time, in view of the heavy burdens of taxes in Europe.'

ALUMNAE HOLD IRISH EVENING

Former Sacred Heart Students Carry Out Delightful Programme.

An interesting meeting of the Alumnae of the Convent of the Sacred Heart was held last evening at the home of Miss Furlong, Union street. In the absence of the president, Mrs. George Carrell, and the vice-president, Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, Miss Amelia Haley was called to the chair. A number of routine business matters were disposed of and the secretary, Miss Lynch, read a number of letters from members expressing their regret at being unable to be present.

The literary part of the programme was a departure from the regular schedule being exclusively confined to Irish literature and Irish music. Each member responded to the roll call by giving an appropriate sonnet. Many beautiful poems by Irish writers were read, including those of Thomas Moore, Samuel Lover, Goldsmith and many others. Apart from these contributions to the programme some members gave special sketches of different Irish writers. Mrs. D. C. Dransfield gave an excellently prepared paper giving concise sketches of the life and writings of Ledwith, Thomas Kettle, James Stevens, W. P. Yeats and Lord Dunsany, quoting from the poetry of each of these modern writers. Mrs. D. P. Chisholm gave an interesting selection from the pen of Arthur Stringer. Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy told of the life of John Boyle O'Reilly and Miss Haley gave a paper on the prose and poetry of Katherine Tynan.

Musical Programme.

In the very delightful musical programme piano and vocal selections of various Irish melodies were given by Miss Eleanor Lynch, Mrs. Mulcahy, Mrs. Frank McCafferty, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm and others and in connection with this part of the programme Miss Marion Hogan gave a very interesting study of the history of the old tune 'Robin Adair.' Miss Hogan drew upon the fact that many songs claimed by other nations as national airs had originated in Ireland as was true in the case of 'Robin Adair.' The original of this song, 'Eileen O'Roon' was taken over to Scotland in the fifteenth century by the Irish harpist, Dennis O'Hampais.

FEWER MARRIAGES IN TWO PROVINCES.

Rate Lower in Nova Scotia Than in N. B.—Birth Rate Declines. Dr. Melvin, chief medical officer for New Brunswick, in his annual report notes that marriages in the province fell from 8.5 per 1,000 of population in 1921 to 7.1 in 1922. In 1920 the rate was 10.1. This, he says, is a significant decrease, and is reflected in a diminished birth rate.

In Nova Scotia in 1922 there was a decrease of 1,242 marriages compared with 1920, and the marriage rate was only 6.03 per 1,000 population, or smaller than that of New Brunswick. There was also a decline in the birth rate. The births in Nova Scotia in 1922 were 12,693, a decline of 828 from the previous year. With less population New Brunswick had 11,664 births in 1922. The death rate increased in Nova Scotia, but declined in New Brunswick.

Dufferin's Old Range Looks Askance at March of Progress

Quite innocently may it be sniffed that the fate of the cooking range of the late Dufferin Hotel, now sitting skinned amid the snow and debris of the declining corner seems particularly ironical.

Chalked with the familiar legend 'for sale,' etc. the faithful old food furnace looks wistfully upon the negligent throng and doubtless from the inmost recesses of its pastry ovens ruminates upon the forgetfulness of mere humans to whose whimsical palates it was a faithful slave for so many years!

Cook-stoves may come and cook-stoves may go, but whether it be gas or electric upstart that creates the menu-wonders of the new Admiral Beatty dining room, the rusty old metal range of delicious memory will go down in history as Pandora's box of a thousand delicacies. When was the old Dufferin ever chided for its food fare? Whatever its old-fashioned accommodations may have stirred up in the minds of the public, the cooking equipment balanced the account. Home-like rations or Broadway's latest culinary trick paraded from its spacious ovens and kettles to keep the good name of the house still the lure that made the cash register ring exultantly. But now its day is over. Responsibilities have ceased. The green-stuccoed dining room, ample kitchen, well-filled ice-box and stiff-approved waitresses are gone. A million meals are laid to the credit of the old range, food for many of Canada's most eminent men are included in the check-up. In the economy of an old-line hotel such a faithful servant was often the very best bet.

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