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FAREWELL TO MISSIONARIES

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Morse Given a Reception before Leaving for Mission Field in China, and Presented with Address.

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Morse gave them a farewell at a service held in the Baptist church, in Lawrencetown, Tuesday evening, August 24th. The large auditorium was crowded almost to its capacity. Messages were received from friends regretting they could not be present. Rev. H. G. Mellick, the newly elected pastor of the church presided. Dr. and Mrs. Morse sat beside him on the platform and about them were seated large numbers of leading ministers and professional men, who gave strong and interesting addresses. After the singing of a hymn Rev. Lew Wallace read the scripture and Rev. Mr. McCutcheon led in prayer.

The chairman then, in a few sentences stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to give the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Morse an opportunity of meeting them and expressing their kind regards for them before their departure for their field of service in China.

Mr. Mellick then called upon Dr. Hall, principal of the Normal School, Truro, who read an address to Dr. and Mrs. Morse. The address was beautiful in thought and expression. It was neatly written on fine parchment and signed, by a large number of those present. Dr. Morse replied in a few well chosen words.

Addresses were then given by Rev. Mr. Hart, Methodist minister in Lawrencetown. Rev. Mr. Poole, Methodist minister, Prince Albert, Sask., Rev. D. B. Harkness, Superintendent of Baptist Missions in Western Canada, Rev. Lew Wallace, evangelist, Rev. Mr. McCutcheon, of Paradise, Prof. McGill and O. P. Goucher of Middleton, Dr. Richardson, professor in Yale University, and Dr. Hall. The addresses were excellent and were heard with intense interest. Music was provided by Miss Saunders and the choir.

After the program a dainty luncheon was served in the vestry by the ladies, and an opportunity was given for the friends to shake hands with Dr. and Mrs. Morse.

The large gathering showed the esteem in which Dr. and Mrs. Morse are held in the community. Their hosts of friends will follow them with loving remembrances and prayer. Dr. and Mrs. Morse left Lawrencetown August 25th, they will visit friends in Nova Scotia and United States before sailing for China.



THE BRIDGETOWN SCHOOL

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RE-OPEN

Excellent Educational Advantages in Pleasant Surroundings—Fire Escapes to Add to Safety of Bridgetown Youth.

The Bridgetown School opened on Monday last with a fairly good attendance. Our fine schoolhouse with its beautiful and well-kept grounds is a matter of pride to every citizen. The building is well located, its situation being slightly and hygienic, while the beautiful trees growing on the spacious grounds surrounding it give it the effect of being located in a park. At the east side of the building is a pretty fountain which adds to its attractiveness.

The interior is spacious, well lighted and kept in a cleanly condition. Although the building is about eight years old, no unsightly defacements appear anywhere, and varnished woodwork and well oiled hard wood floors add their sanitary value. To Dr. Jost, the chairman of the school-board is largely due the well-kept and unmarred appearance of the building as he has been most assiduous in his efforts to give the growing youth of our town not only the best education possible, but a thoroughly attractive, refined and sanitary environment, and deserves the highest gratitude of the parents of Bridgetown for what he has accomplished.

But one essential thing is lacking in the equipment of the building, and that is the addition of fire escapes. Recent horrors in school holocausts have awakened our people to the sense of danger and need of such safeguards, and the Monitor - Sentinel has for sometime advocated the pro-

curing of fire escapes. Consequently, we are pleased to publish the information that fire escapes are now being made and will be added before fall fires are started. The outside doors have been made to open outward and swing easily. There are two broad staircases leading from the upper story so that every precaution has been taken as regards safety from fire, which must be a matter of gratification to all our citizens. As a further aid in vacating the building in case of fire, and to avoid panic, the children should be practised in fire drill.

One other improvement we would still advocate, to be added as soon as circumstances permit, is the establishment of a department of manual training not only as an adjunct to the regular school curriculum, but as a special feature for the child who is backward at books. This adjunct would be, we believe, of untold value to the majority of the pupils who will become members of the industrial class without whom no community can prosper.

There have some changes in the teaching staff since last term, owing to the resignation of Miss Johnson, Miss Eva Graves, Miss Florence Cochran. The staff comprises Mr. H. L. Bustin, principal, Miss Anetta Bishop, elementary department, Miss Hattie Stoney, intermediate, Miss Bessie Crowe, Miss Bessie Hoyt and Miss Chipman, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades primary.

The Apple Crop

Thirty-five million barrels, or 12,000,000 barrels more than in 1908, is the estimated crop of the United States and Canada this year, according to Ben H. Rice, secretary-manager of the second national apple show in Spokane, Nov. 15 to 20, who added, in giving out the foregoing:

"While the quality of the product east of the Mississippi river is not as good as last year, the crop will be much larger and, probably more profitable. The state in the west of the Mississippi is lighter than in 1908, but the fruit is of a better grade."

"The International Apple Shippers Association has issued an official statement that the crop in the New England states is 20 per cent in excess of 1908, while the yield in the central states is about 74 per cent below last year, and the middle western states report a crop double that of last season, when the yield was light."

"Growers in the southern states report a crop of from 125 to 150 per cent larger than in 1908. The Pacific group will have a smaller crop than last year, but the decreases in Idaho, Washington, and New Mexico are more than made up by the big yield in Colorado, so that the western crop will be fully as large as the previous season."

"Losses are shown in reports from New York, New Hampshire, Kansas and Oklahoma. Michigan and Wisconsin and other states have gains. The Dominion of Canada, not including Nova Scotia, shows a gain of 75 per cent, and the crop in the province of Nova Scotia is fully as large as in 1908, when a bumper crop was harvested."

"While there is no way by which the crop can be figured to a certainty," said Mr. Rice, "the foregoing figures show as near as it is possible to get them what the yield will be, and they will govern prices. There are indications that the export business from the northwest will be larger than in 1908, when many apples were sent abroad."

NOVA SCOTIA EXHIBITION AND SPLENDID RACING MEET

THE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS AT THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION WILL BE COMPLETELY FILLED - \$7,000 FOR SPEED COMPETITION

The Nova Scotia Exhibition this year comes off a month later than last—the dates of opening being Saturday, Sept. 25th. The fair will consist of the following sections: Fisheries and Mechanics, a more favorable time for exhibits, while the general public will have an opportunity to visit and enjoy the Fair. The indications are that the exhibitors fully appreciate this, for already the applications for space in the Main building and the outlook for exhibits in Machinery Hall are as promising as that of the Dominion Exhibition. The live stock is likely to be in excess of what has been seen in the past.

The prize list amounts to \$20,000 and the splendid exhibits that are assured in the Agricultural and Horticultural departments will make competition keen. The prospects for the Nova Scotia Fruit Crop are most promising and its excellence will be reflected in a superb exhibition at the Fair in Halifax.

Every Nova Scotian who wishes to keep in touch with the progress of the Province should see the 1909 Exhibition at Halifax.

The Grand Stand will be occupied in the afternoon by crowds gathered to see the fleetest horses that the Maritime Provinces can produce. There will be seven days of races for purses aggregating \$7,000. Twenty-one races will come off, so that the fair for each purse will average nearly \$400.00.

The usual low excursion rates will prevail on the railways, and the prospects are that with a splendid exhibition and a great racing meet the attendance will be very large.

Canadians on the Military Camp

(From the Toronto Star)

If Canadians must they will get into a game that is all waste and damage and loss, but they would prefer not to go in but to see the game stopped before being drawn into it. They would rather spend their money in the building of railways, canals, ships of commerce, the deepening of harbors, the making of good roads, the setting up of schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, the paying of pensions to the old soldiers of labor, the veterans of hard work, those who fall wounded while serving, not slaying, their fellows.

However, if this country must, to attain the status of a nation, adopt the ways and habits of a nation—if there is no other way, why, we might as well send for a catalogue and order a complete outfit from poisoned arrows to aeroplanes.

The New Canadian Cruisers

London, Aug. 25.—The Canadian Associated Press learns on high authority that the vessels to be loaned to the Canadian government will be two third-class cruisers, one for the Pacific and the other for the Atlantic. These ships will require refitting and alterations which will be done on this side at the expense of the Canadian government. The officers of these ships will also be loaned to Canada and paid by Canada.

CANADA WILL BUILD

When Canada starts to build warships, which it is understood will be the Bristol type of cruiser, they will be built in Canada. Representatives of a leading firm of shipbuilders will shortly proceed to the Dominion to select a site for a shipyard. Regarding the site for a shipyard in the Pacific, a prominent naval expert asked his opinion by a Canadian official, replied that Vancouver was more suitable than Esquimaux, tho' it might also be necessary to have a dock in the latter place.

It is further understood that the idea of having submarines on the North St. Lawrence and Pacific coast has been suggested, and the suggestion received with some favor.

NEW ICE-BREAKER WELL UNDERWAY

Hon. Mr. Brodeur is at Barrow and inspected the icebreaker Earl Grey built to ply between Picton and Charlottetown. He expressed himself as in every way satisfied. The vessel has not the appearance of an icebreaker, on the contrary, that of a pleasure yacht. The decorations, ceilings, panels in saloons and cabins are of the most luxurious order. A large party of Canadian visitors were shown over the vessel by Lieut. Dawson and Lieut. McKenzie, of Vickers, Sons and Maxim. The builders all agreed that the firm had reason for congratulation in turning out such a fine vessel. The Earl Grey left Barrow for a trial trip over a measured mile in the Clyde, when it is expected she will beat the contract speed of 17 knots. She has 6,500 h. p. engines and boilers, and can force a passage through ice fifteen feet in thickness.

NEWFOUNDLAND ALSO WILL HELP IN GOOD WORK

Sir Edward P. Morris, premier of Newfoundland, prior to sailing for home, said the imperial defense conference had been a wonderful success. "It will be regarded by the historian as the most effective step taken in our day to preserve the peace of the world by maintaining Britain as mistress of the seas," he declared. "During the conference there was not a discordant note. Every British colony was anxious to share the burdens and responsibility of empire, and to contribute to a central fund for the maintenance of the whole family. "They do not want their lives, trade and liberty any longer to be protected alone by the British sailor and soldier without contributing to the maintenance by sharing in the work of both."

Train Plunges Through Bridge; No One Killed

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 23.—What is considered by those chiefly concerned as little less than a miracle occurred near here yesterday, when an entire Great Northern passenger train plunged through a burning bridge, dropping into a gulch forty feet below. No one was killed, and no one was fatally hurt.

The whole train, engine, mail car, baggage and express car and passenger coaches is a complete wreck, and the financial loss exceeds \$25,000. The train was bound from Grand Forks to Spokane and was on the bridge before the seriousness of the situation was sized up.

McDougal Lodged in Jail

Bruce McDougal, publisher of a paper called the Free Speech in Moncton was arrested there on a charge of criminal libel, laid by Patrolman Lucas, of the St. John police force. The Free Speech has been publishing most disgusting matters about young ladies of high repute, prominent citizens, aldermen and members of the government, and the attorney general's department decided something must be done. When detective Kileen arrived at St. John with McDougal, he was met by a large crowd of enraged citizens and the police fearing their man might come in for rough handling, sent a squad of extra men to help the regular force at the depot. McDougal was hurried into a cab and taken to a cell.

NEW COAL COMPANY

Application has been made for the incorporation of the Black Diamond Coal Company, Ltd. Messrs. J. S. McGivern, A. A. Wilson, H. G. Curry, of St. John; Harry Welton, J. O. Miller and J. E. Miller, of Newcastle, Queens Co., and C. D. Dykeman, of Jemseg, Queens County, are to be provisional directors. The capital stock is to be \$80,000, in \$5 shares. The coal mines to be operated are near Newcastle, Queens Co.—Moncton Times.

The Tourist Travel

Mr. G. F. Parker, travelling passenger agent of the Dominion Atlantic Railway returned to the city last evening from western points. He reports a fairly good business among the tourist resorts. Some localities, however, are complaining of a perceptible falling off, this he accounts for from the fact, that, although as many, and perhaps more, people have come to the province this year, yet they disperse and may be found in farm houses and cozy spots abounding all along the coast of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, where many also have built summer cottages.

Mr. Parker says the D. A. R. steamers are having large passenger lists this summer and many are still being booked for September—Sydney Post.

BETTER TO REPEAL

St. John Times.—The city fathers of Chatham frankly admit that they do not want the Scott Act enforced. There are temperance leaders who want the act, but will not assume responsibility for its enforcement. It would be better for the morals of the community to repeal the act than wink at persistent and public violation.

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