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editorial chair, and possessing as he did a vigorous vocabulary and fluency of expression, he soon commanded respect as an editorial writer of force and effect. He still continued to discharge his duties as a reporter in conjunction with his editorial duties until he was later joined by Mr. Reuben MacDonald, the present editor, and for the past several years Mr. Nash confined his attention to the newspaper's editorial columns.

During his journalistic career the deceased contributed articles to leading magazines and newspapers abroad. He was at one time Prince Edward Island correspondent for the Toronto Globe as well as for other Liberal papers throughout Canada, and was editor for this Province of the Canadian Labor Gazette. He wrote a number of serial stories and poems for foreign publications, and was the winner of the first prize in a competition conducted several years ago by one of the leading Scottish journals.

In addition to his literary activities Mr. Nash took an active part in the political life of the Province. When still a young man he entered the political field as a speaker in support of the Liberal party, and there is hardly a district of the Province in which he did not, at one time or other, address political gatherings. He was a fluent and forceful speaker, and not infrequently thrilled his audience with his rhetorical efforts.

In appearance, in his early years, Mr. Nash bore a striking resemblance to the late Sir Wilfred Laurier, and more than once, both in the Province and on the mainland while traveling, he was mistaken for the famous Liberal chieftain. The passing years made considerable change in the appearance of both, and consequently in his later years the resemblance was not so noticeable.

Mr. Nash first actively entered the political arena as a Liberal candidate in the Belfast by-election of 1911. He ran as Liberal member for Charlottetown in the general elections of 1915 and 1919, being elected in the latter year and serving during the ensuing term without portfolio in the Bell Government. He was defeated with his party in 1923 and retired from active politics.

Mr. Nash worked whole-heartedly for his party. He never hesitated to support it on any matter of public policy, his creed being one of unswerving loyalty. In his later years he had the ambition to become either Governor of the Province or one of its Senators. For both positions his claims were strongly pressed by his friends, but his service to the party did not receive recognition.

During the war Mr. Nash took an active part in assisting in recruiting, and spoke in that connection in several parts of the Province. He often expressed regret that the military age limit did not permit him to go with the boys to the front.

Deeply interested in educational matters, Mr. Nash served for many years as trustee and active member of the Charlottetown School Board and later was chairman of the School Days Library Commission. He

Central Guardian

CLYDE RIVER—On Sunday, Aug. 4th, the service in the Presbyterian Church, Clyde River will be at 3 p. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m.

BRADALBANE—The service in the Presbyterian Church, Bradalbane, on Sunday, Aug. 4th, will be at 3 p. m., Sunday School 2 p. m.

EXTRA SPECIALTIES—With "The Road Back," Charlottetown Players, Monday, August 5th, Georgetown. 7048-8-3-21

ROSE VALLEY—There will be service in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the Orange Hall, Rose Valley, on Sunday, Aug. 4th at 2 p. m.

NORTH RUSTICO—On Sunday, Aug. 4th, there will be service in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the North Rustico School House at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

HUNTER RIVER—Sunday services in Hunter River charge for Sunday, Aug. 4th: 11 a. m., Wiltshire; 3 p. m., Wheatley River; 7:30 p. m., Hunter River. A. E. Chapman, pastor.

BROOKFIELD—The services in the Brookfield congregation on Sunday, Aug. 4th, will be as follows: Hartsville, 11 a. m.; S. School 10 a. m.; Brookfield, 7 p. m.; S. School 10:30 a. m.; and Hunter River S. School 10:30 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER SCHOOL—The Presbyterian Summer School and Missionary Conference will be held at Canoe Cove, Aug. 5th-12th. All Presbyterian ministers, all Sunday School superintendents and teachers, all missionary leaders and other workers among the young, together with all young people over fifteen years of age are urged to be present. A good staff of teachers has been secured.

VISITING HERE FOR THE SEASON—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Ross, and Miss Ross motored from Ottawa, arriving here Thursday night in order to spend a month's vacation. They are located at Fairview, (Mr. Allison MacMillan's), and Dr. Ross will occupy the pulpit of St. James and Zion Church on Sunday morning and evening, respectively. He has been honored by the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa by being elected Moderator.

JOINT SERVICES—The Christian Church and the Baptist Church unite in worship, during the months of August and September. During August the service will be held with the Baptist Church, with Dr. Vincent preaching, while during September, the united services will be held with the Christian Church, Rev. Mr. Outhouse being the preacher. Dr. Vincent will speak to-morrow morning on "An Impossibility," and in the evening "The World's Only Hope." All members and friends of both churches are urged to be present at all services possible.

SUCCESSFUL PICNIC—The Hampshire Sunday School picnic on July 6th, was greatly enjoyed by all present and resulted in net proceeds of \$102.58, after bills had been paid. The committee in charge wish to thank those who so willingly assisted in many ways both by word and deed to make this picnic the banner picnic of the season, with time, labour and cream. They are also very much indebted to the ladies who attended the tea tables and many complimentary remarks were made by strangers as to the ability of the ladies as waitresses. Also their tea tables were highly spoken of and many a young man from a neighboring settlement was heard to remark the man who gets a wife in Hampshire need never worry for fear of stomach trouble. Those who attended the refreshment booths are deserving of much credit. The baseball teams of North Wiltshire and North River also come in for thanks for the way they handled their respective teams. The amount of \$102.58 speaks for itself and the success of Hampshire picnic.

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places, but it has been opposed, it is believed, largely through local prejudice.

Dr. McMillan: "In looking over the reports I find that recommendations have been made along these lines. Apparently they have not been carried out?"

Mr. Bradley: "No. They have not been acted upon."

Dr. McMillan: "Do you find that efficiency in schools with less than 12 pupils is what it should be?"

Mr. Bradley: "No. There is less competition and therefore less enthusiasm. Good teachers will avoid small schools where there is no scope for their ability."

Dr. McMillan: "And the salaries in the small schools are smaller than elsewhere?"

Mr. Bradley: "Generally."

Dr. McMillan: "So that higher salaries and efficiency generally go together?"

Mr. Bradley: "Yes."

Salaries

The question of salaries at this point was touched upon.

Mr. Bradley read from a section of the School Act regarding the reduction of the salary in the case of schools where the attendance is less than 15.

Mr. MacLeod: "Is that in force?"

Mr. Bradley: "No. It is a dead letter."

The Bell Government in 1920 increased the scale of salaries. There were two attempts to raise the salaries in 10 years.

Licenses

"We may go to places where licenses are granted under irregular circumstances, that is, not in accordance with the provisions of the Act," said Dr. McMillan.

Mr. Bradley testified that at times when a person was not old enough, provincial licenses to teach had been granted. In some cases, he continued, districts prefer to pay small salaries and get poor teachers.

"If such a condition became widespread," said Dr. McMillan, "the system would soon be chaotic. Does it ever happen that a person with inadequate training gets a license?"

"Not of recent years," replied Mr. Bradley.

"It seems to me a bad method," said Dr. McMillan. "It puts a premium on lack of training and reluctance to pay."

Mr. Bradley, continuing, stated that licenses are sometimes granted to persons coming from Nova Scotia with more normal education, though this is not conforming to the Act. In answer to Mr. McLeod's request to enumerate the general procedure for granting licenses, he said that the only regular method of obtaining one since the special license exams have been done away with, is to attend Prince of Wales College, unless the applicant has a B.A. degree from a university. Others are considered on their merits. The standard for a license is lower than that for a College Certificate and the same course must be passed.

Mr. McLeod: "Suppose a second-class teacher wants a first-class license, what would you say?"

Mr. Bradley: "We would tell him to go to Prince of Wales or to study up ten or twelve subjects in three or four years."

Dr. McMillan: "Suppose a boy goes to a university for two or three years without getting a degree?"

Mr. Bradley: "He would not be eligible."

Mr. McLeod: "Do you know of any case in which promotion has been made without examination?"

Mr. Bradley: "I can't say I do."

Dr. McMillan: "Suppose a second-class teacher in the City Schools is considered by the Department to be very competent and entitled to a higher salary, would it be possible to give him more pay without a first-class license?"

Mr. Bradley: "No."

At this stage, Mr. McInnis drew attention to school districts which are unwilling to board a teacher for the amount he or she is willing to pay.

School Properties

Dr. McMillan: "Has the Department any definite control of school properties?"

Mr. Bradley: "The district must keep the school in good repair. An inspector may condemn a school. We lack on Prince Edward Island what is called a standard of equipment. Of late years there has been a considerable trend towards improvement, due largely to the Women's Institutes. The condition of school gardens and properties generally reflects this efficiency."

There is no committee of the Board of Education to consider text-books, Mr. Bradley continued. As far as he knew, no thought had been given to them. Complaints have been re-

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Entrance Examinations

The Department of Education, Mr. Bradley said, has nothing directly to do with the entrance examinations to Prince of Wales College. They are set by an examining board under the joint control of the Superintendent of Education and of the Principal, as regulated by the Act.

Dr. McMillan: "It is suggested that there is a large number of failures of proportion to the number writing?"

Mr. Bradley replied that there is an average failure list of about 60%.

"What can you do for the boy who has failed and wants to go on, who doesn't want to stay on the farm or go into business?" asked Dr. McMillan.

"There is no provision," said Mr. Bradley.

Age Limit

Mr. McLeod: "The age limit for school attendance is six to fifteen years inclusive. Is that too early?"

Mr. Bradley: "It would seem rather young with long distances to go and in the inclement seasons."

At this point two questions were commented upon by Dr. McMillan. The Department is going outside the Act in granting licenses. Why should not the age requirement be enforced as well as the academic? Again, since 1898, the school population has declined by 6,000, while the school departments have increased. Why is this so?

"Excluding Charlottetown and Summerside," continued Dr. McMillan, "the amount expended on education by the school districts is only 35% of the total, while in these two municipalities the proportion is 65%. On what basis is the money raised in the rural areas?"

"The trustees have an assessment roll," replied Mr. Bradley. "They can change the valuation of land and levy poll taxes on householders."

"Has the Board ever considered larger school districts," asked Dr. McMillan.

"In 1921 there was a recommendation to that effect in the report," replied Mr. Bradley, "but nothing came of it. There are about 60 departments in each inspectorate," he continued in reply to a further question. "They are arranged on a basis of distances and intensity of school populations."

School Attendance

Mr. McInnis here introduced the problem of keeping the children in school, when certain seasonal occupations, such as berry-picking interfere with their attendance. When this occurs the government grant to the teacher is cut down as the Act specifies that when there is an average attendance of less than 60%, deductions shall be made in salaries. This condition, he said, is more usual in the fishing sections.

Determined opposition to the closing of small schools and consolidation was again discussed towards the close of the session. It was observed that candidates for the Legislative Assembly previous to election frequently promise to see that the small schools continue to function.

"So long as the Board of Education is composed as it is now," said Dr. McMillan in commenting on the situation, "this condition will continue to exist."

Prodigal—"Father, I've a notion to settle down and go in for raising chickens."

Sceptical Father—"Better try owls. Their hours would suit you better."

THE LATE KENNETH MACDONALD

The death of Kenneth MacDonald, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacDonald took place at the home of his parents, Bunbury, on Thursday, July 25th.

The deceased, who was a young man of splendid character, a favorite with all, was a member of the Orange Order and the I.O.O.F. and had for the past three years been superintendent of the Somerset Fox Co. of Beruardsville, N.J., but had lately been forced to resign on account of ill health.

Just one month ago he came home suffering from a heart ailment and his many friends hoped that the air of his native province would restore him to health, but such was not in accordance with the divine peace and his passing at the early age of 27 years came as a great shock to all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn besides his parents, one brother Roland, merchant at Eldon to whom the sympathy of the entire community goes out in their hour of sorrow.

The funeral was very largely attended. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. D. V. O'Meara assisted by Rev. M. Rodger of Belfast. The hymns, "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Anywhere With Jesus" a favourite hymn of the deceased were sung with much feeling the last named by Miss Edith Jay. The Oddfellows conducted services at the grave.

The casket was tenderly borne by six first cousins of the deceased, viz: Earl MacDonald, Leslie MacDonald, Cyrus Acorn, Kenneth Jay, Harold MacDonald and William MacDonald.

The following is the list of floral tributes:

Pillow—Father, Mother, Roland and Mary.

Wreaths—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. MacDonald, Mr. Wm. Rix and Mr. Norman MacPherson.

Crescents—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Farquharson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacDonald.

Sprays—Stephen Tanton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farquharson and family.

SAMUEL C. PIERCE

On Friday morning, July 26th Samuel C. Pierce, in the 74th year of his age, entered into rest at his home Winsloe. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mrs. Pierce.

Mr. Pierce had been in failing health for some time, but was confined to his bed for only a week previous to his death. He was a life-long member of the former Methodist Church and when Church Union came about, entered heartily into the new order of church affairs, being at the time of his death an elder in the Highfield United Church.

His funeral at which Rev. Mr. Boothroyd conducted the service, both at the home and grave, was the most largely attended in that locality for many years, testifying to the high esteem in which Mr. Pierce was held.

Interment was made in the Peoples Cemetery, his body being laid to rest beside his father and mother.

There are left to mourn his widow, nee Janet Wyatt, one daughter, Mrs. W. E. R. Heaney, one grand daughter, Mrs. B. J. Garnham, Jr.; also two brothers, Rev. Thomas Pierce of Woodstock, N.B., and Rev. Henry Pierce, of Murray Harbor, and one sister, Mrs. George Turner, Winsloe, P. E. I.

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