

NEWSY NOTES

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VARIOUS SUBJECTS

Notes on the Eclipse: The recent eclipse of the sun attracted more attention (and released more information to the general public) than any eclipse I have seen.

Insects at the School Fair. The teacher at our rural school brought her collection of insects for me to examine. It was a good (though small) collection, and well deserved the first prize which it gained.

There is sufficient material now available for a preliminary list of the insects of P. E. Island. The Pathological Laboratory of the Experimental Station has acquired a good collection, and there is another now on exhibition in the Public Library, besides private collections elsewhere.

The collection of insects at the Public Library contains two animals which are not insects—a "horned toad" and a "tarantula," both, I think, from California. (The insects are islanders.) The horned toad is really a lizard, but with the squat, bulky appearance which characterises the toad; it is covered with scales more or less spiky, and a circle of longer spines adorns its head. The legs and feet settle its affinity with the lizards.

The tarantula is a very large spider, but not, however, the largest in existence. It is named from Taranto in Italy where a similar spider abounds; its bite was supposed to cause "tanantism" or dancing mania, whence the rapid, more or less wild, music accompanying the dance was called a tarantella.

Singing at the School Fair. It is regrettable that singing was cut out of the school fair programme this year. Singing is healthful, disciplinary, cooperative and pleasurable. Our Acadian friends make the most of this accomplishment, and I admire them for it.

Hereward the Wake. I have just finished reading this story, not for the first time. It is a good story, and was in the main, intended as a "boy's book," but like some other of Kingsley's works it will interest readers who have held that impressionable period behind. It contains more truth than fiction because it is founded on that part of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, which outlines the miseries of the Norman Conquest. Nevertheless one must not let one's sympathy for the "under-dog" blind one's mind's eye to the ultimate gain to England in ability and leadership, at a time when that country had become stagnant. The last chapter, whose time is eighty years after Hereward's death, depicts his Norman descendant—Hereward's daughter was married to a Norman—sitting in the evening of his life, admiring the Fen Country he had drained and made habitable.

The Planet Saturn. If we look to the south about 8:30 p.m. (if it is clear) we will see a large pale colored star, that does not twinkle, and is about quarter way up from the horizon to the zenith. This is the planet Saturn, and, as a further guide, note that it is a little to the left of the Galaxy or Milky Way. Saturn is the sixth planet out from the sun, and revolves at a mean distance of 885,000,000 miles. Its mean diameter is about nine times that of the earth. It has a unique set of appendages called the "Rings of Saturn," and also ten satellites or moons.

Satellites. That reminds me of a story from other days. The statesman, W. E. Gladstone, was "going for" the Earl of Beaconsfield, his political opponent in the British House of Commons, in fine style. He had got to the sentence: "The right honorable gentleman and his

satellites"—when some interruption occurred, and he lost the thread of his subject. While he was floundering Beaconsfield came to the rescue—"Satellites," he prompted kindly, Mr. Gladstone caught on and resumed his attack!

TWO NOTEWORTHY GARDENS

One at East Point, the other at West Cape. Knowing my fondness for horticultural matters a correspondent advises me if I wish to see the real beauty spot of the East, to take a visit to inspect the flower garden of Mrs. Stanley McVane. "Mostly perennials, a continuous mass of bloom, from almost before the snow has gone until it again makes its appearance, greets the eye and is certainly a delightful sight. Shrubs of many kinds, as well as climbing and other roses, are also in abundance. Rows of Dahlias, from the house to the main road help to make a scene which will gladden the heart of the passer-by, whether friend or stranger."

"It is certainly a long way from East Point to West Cape, but if you could spare the time to take a trip there you would see another garden of which any flower lover might be proud. I refer to the garden of Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson, and, while no doubt there are plenty of nice gardens between the two, it has not fallen to the lot of the writer to see any just as nice as those mentioned. The latter, whilst not so extensive as Mrs. McVane's, is hard to surpass in artistic taste."

ROMAN BRITON—(6)

An old by-word says "All roads lead to Rome" and in those days it was literally true. In the Forum at Rome was set up a milestone and from it radiated in every direction, roads which extended to the furthest bound of the far-flung empire. I have read somewhere that this first milestone was of gold; perhaps so, but the milestones that the Romans set up in Britain were of the ordinary stone of the district. A few, not more than half a dozen, are still in their original positions, and ponderous objects they are. The stone was worked to a perfect cylinder, three feet six inches in height, and about five and one-half feet in circumference. Usually it bears a dedication to the reigning emperor, and gives the number of miles distance from a named town.

The road-making was another occupation of the legionaries, and it was one into which they put their best efforts. Where possible they bedded the roadway with stone. A good drainage ditch or foss always accompanied the road, which seldom deviated from a straight course. A modern engineer would follow the contour and make a detour to avoid a hill or other obstacle; the Roman drove straight on, "up hill and down dale." Britain was at last covered with a network of roads and these are readily recognizable even now on the county maps.

And this surprising people tabulated their roads, even in the far off province of Britain. About the year 320 was compiled the "Itinerary of Antoninus Augustus" which gives the distances in Roman miles between all their garrison towns. Here is the route between London and Dover. Iter a Londinio ad portum Dubris m. p. XVI, sic. Durobrivis m. p. XXVII. Duroverno m. p. XXV. Ad portum Dubris m. p. XIV. The Roman mile was one thousand paces (m. p.) and is conjectured to have been 4,834.28 English feet.

We must now renew our interest in historical affairs. The revolt of the Iceni being suppressed, an enquiry was opened into the matter by the new procurator Julius Classianus, who had succeeded the fugitive Catus Decianus. In the end Suetonius Paulinus, who appears to have been harsh and rigorous, was recalled to Rome. A new procurator, by firm yet mild administration, wiped away the last traces of the ferocious struggle which had taken place under his predecessor.

For a time Britain enjoyed a tranquility apart from the rest of the Roman Empire which was torn by civil war. About A. D. 69 in a new struggle between Vitellius and Vespasian for the sovereignty of the empire, Britain was denuded of the greater part of the Roman troops, and it was at this moment



Mrs. Grace Darracott Most Worshipful Grand Mistress of the L. O. B. A., who is making an official visit to the Lodges of Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Darracott has been on an extensive tour of Canada, the United States, Great Britain and Newfoundland.

that signs of insubordination again began to show themselves among the Britons. (Continued).

EFFECT OF WIND

There is a certain analogy between the ocean of water and the ocean of gases constituting the atmosphere. Though greatly varying in density, both are fluid and consequently subject to motion as currents. The currents of the atmosphere are the winds, and they are as necessary as those of the sea, in preventing the stagnation of the medium in which they work. By means of wind the emanations from our cities are driven away and mixed with the air, for the general good of the city dwellers, and of mankind. Proceeding with the analogy there may be something like tides in the air, ebbs and flows; for there is a marked decrease of wind here at sunset, and also just before sunrise. Abercrombie, in England, found well-marked maxima and minima of winds during the course of the twenty four hours and gave approximately their times.

But there is another aspect of wind and one not so beneficial. It draws off heat from the integument, be it cuticle or cortex. Hence invalids are protected from undue movement of the air by "sun-porches." Wind is just as injurious to growing things, even though it may do no mechanical injury. A field that I know of, has a protection of trees half way round it. The hay over which the wind blew freely was much less in quantity than that in the protected part. Place a bottomless box in a hay field and note the difference between the grass inside and outside of the box. Our rustic pioneers struck the right idea when they invented the picket fence for their gardens.

Canada Needs Good Listeners

TORONTO, Sept. 17.—"Something that Canada lacks is intelligent and appreciative musical audiences and listeners," stated Lady Tulliken, speaking for the music section at the Canadian National Exhibition. "It is something that Canada has not as yet developed to the same extent as that found in countries of older cultures and traditions. We cannot all be musicians—but what we can do is to help form a nucleus of musical appreciation in our community." The way to do this is to "acquire a knowledge of music," without which no person could enjoy listening to music, she maintained; "encourage national musicians and composers, and welcome to our shores international artists."

"In this age, when handicraft is of interest to every man, woman and child to a greater extent than it ever was before, people need to acquaint themselves with what real handicraft means," said Mrs. J. S. Dignan. "People need to be informed as to what is plain, what is traditional, so as to be able to discriminate between the present survivals and appreciate real handicraft. For not everything the artist puts his hand to is worthy of the name of craft," cautioned Mrs. Dignan. "So don't be carried away with a composition which is suitable to be walked on, or a rug with a pattern which should be a picture."

"There was never a time when so many cheap and tawdry books for boys' and girls' were on the market, and never a time when so much good literature was available," stated Miss Lillian Smith, head of work, and had a keener appreciation of the art.

Health Services Of Canadian Medical Association

WHY QUARANTINE?

Living as we do in organized communities, we have found it to be not only desirable but necessary that we should unite for our own individual and family protection.

We secure, through our taxes, the services of an organized police and fire department, and we also purchase such protection against disease as can be provided by the application of preventive medicine on a community basis, by a modern public health department.

What is best for the community as a whole is usually best for the individual citizen, but, when there is conflict between the two, the interests of the community as a whole take precedence over those of the individual.

Communicable diseases are a community problem. They are a serious matter for the individual who contracts one or the other of them; but, because the one case may pass the disease on to many others, it is much more a community than an individual or personal matter.

The communicable diseases are spread, in general, by the transference of germ laden secretions or excretions from the sick to the well. This spread is prevented when the sick person is removed from contact with other people. The case is isolated.

Communicable diseases all have an incubation period, which is that period of time between the entrance of the germs into the body and the appearance of the typical symptoms. The incubation period varies with the different communicable diseases. The developing case may pass on the disease to others during the incubation period, particularly during the later part of that period. For this reason those who have been in contact with a case, and so may fairly be expected to have contracted the disease, are kept away from others—quarantined—for the incubation period of the disease to which they have been exposed.

Quarantine regulations which require the isolation of cases and the quarantine of contacts have as their objective the control of communicable diseases. They are not for the benefit of the case or contacts, but for the protection of all the children and adults who make up the community.

There are some people who are very much opposed to quarantine when it is applied to their own home. They seem to feel that such regulations are all right for everyone except themselves. To accept quarantine is "imply to accept the regulations of community life, taking the same responsibility to protect others that you would expect others to assume for the protection of you and your family."

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

THIS YEAR'S VINTAGE

With wine-making in full swing, now is the time to clean barrels and casks so that they are sweet and fresh for this year's vintage. Here is a simple method which does away with scrubbing and scouring.

Scald the cask well with boiling water and let the water remain until it is cold. Then empty out and fill up with fresh cold water. Throw into this a handful of live coals, leaving the cask uncovered. If there is still a sour smell, it is wise to repeat this operation so that there is not the slightest risk of spoiling the new wine.

ronto, whose paper was read by Miss M. Stock. The responsibility of choosing the right kind of literature and directing children's reading tastes into proper channels was a real one for parents, teachers and librarians. Contrary to proper belief, children's reading should not be confined to books about mediocre children's books cultivated in a mental laziness and dullness in the child, who, if given the right opportunity, would express his own tastes in fairy tales, books of folklore, epic tales of heroes, history, travel, biography and poetry."

The difficulties of developing a public appreciation of sculpture were outlined by Miss Frances Loring, who contrasted the work of modern artists with the old Grecian and Italian sculptors. The publisher of today had no conception of the labor and artistic work back of the finished model, she said. In the olden days of sculpture the people watched the great masters at work, and had a keener appreciation of the art.

MALPEQUE

A social occasion of more than ordinary enjoyment took place on the evening of Friday, Sept. 9 when a large circle of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Delaney of Baltic to celebrate the silver wedding of host and hostess. A pleasant little presentation ceremony was inaugurated by Mr. G. W. Ramsay who spoke in his usual felicitous manner and admirably expressed the feelings of all assembled when he referred to the quarter century of quiet kindly co-operation in every worthy sphere of community life which had marked that home and made it notable. A guest at the wedding ceremony of twenty five years before, Mr. George Reilly, then read the following address, and in the name of those assembled presented Mr. and Mrs. Delaney with a beautiful and suitably engraved set of silver flat ware. Professor Auld of the University of Toronto also spoke briefly.

Following is the address: Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Delaney:— On this the attainment of your twenty fifth wedding anniversary, we your friends could not allow the occasion to pass unnoticed. We hasten to extend to you our heartiest congratulations, and to express our hope for many more years of happy wedded life.

Looking back over those years you will recall much of sorrow and joy, but on the whole you will doubtless conclude with a verdict of considerable satisfaction. For us your living among us has brought joy and happy friendship. In this community you have made and retained a host of friends, whose respect for you is ever maintained. We were constrained to gather thus tonight and extend our felicitations, when we recall the happy relations which have always existed between us. To you, least of all would it be pleasing to listen to an enumeration and recital of your virtues. We cannot, however, but be pleased to refer to your great interest in and promotion of the social life of this community. You have as it were, kept "open house" at all times, for here we have always found a welcome and pleasant reception.

It is not only your unflinching hospitality, but your reasonable attitude and tolerance in all the varied affairs of community interest that have impressed us, that have made our associations so very pleasant. Nor can we forget your desire and readiness to be of help to any one who needed it, and your hearty co-operation in every good cause. Not to express our regard in any adequate fashion, nor for monetary value, but rather to serve to keep you in remembrance of our esteem and friendship for you, we ask you to accept this gift, not for its intrinsic value but for the friendship of the past and we shall strive in future for the same cordial relations.

In the years to come we wish you every joy that is best for you and your family and may the years that you will yet have together be many. Signed on behalf of your friends.

Mr. Delaney, expressing the thanks of himself and consort, referred feelingly to the neighborly spirit which invariably marked the life of the district. He referred to the numerous friends who had come that evening from distant points to join with more immediate neighbors and said that the cordial regard of so many was a source of more joy and inspiration than he could adequately describe. He asked that all should consider the house as "open house" and hoped that all should feel some of the pleasure that was his and his wife's upon such an occasion.

A programme of dances and bridge followed, which was agreeably interrupted by the serving of a dainty supper. This concluded, dancing and cards were resumed. The music, which was of more than ordinary merit, called for more than waltz and fox trot, in lancers and quadrille, seniors as well as juniors took their part until the lateness of the hour finally and regretfully brought the pleasant evening to its close. Never is island hospitality more fragrant than when it remains to their last mortal rest-springs, unstudied, from the gathering of friends and neighbors in a home where kindness reigns, and even the stranger is ever welcome.

Among those present were Miss Eva L. Beer of Mount Herbert Orphanage, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silliphant, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noonan, Dr. Ralph Noonan, Mrs. Lorne McLellan and Miss Polly Noonan of Summerside.

Much thanks is due to Mrs. C. H. Simpson, Mr. James Donald and Mr. G. W. Ramsay, who were untiring in their efforts to promote the success of a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney were also

the recipients of many gifts and messages which bespoke the affection of those who were unable to be present. The Guardian unites with a large circle of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Delaney continued happiness and prosperity "ad multos annos."

On the evening of Saturday Sept. 10 Mr. and Mrs. Delaney were agreeably surprised by the advent of a number of friends from Summerside who gathered to congratulate their host and hostess in their happy anniversary. An address was read by the Honourable A. F. Arsenault, who, on behalf of those assembled presented Mr. and Mrs. Delaney with a beautiful silver service tray. A pleasant evening of music and bridge renewed old friendships and testified to the cordial esteem and affection in which Mr. and Mrs. Delaney are held by their numerous circle of acquaintances.

Summerside, P. E. I. Sept. 9, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Delaney:— On the occasion of the twenty fifth anniversary of your marriage, your friends hasten to bring to you congratulations and good wishes.

We are truly mindful of your many acts of kindness and generous sympathy so often bestowed on every one of us, for both of you have been at all times real friends and perfect hosts. Twenty five years of married life seem a short period and yet it is not a blessing allotted to every one. You have discharged your duties faithfully, not only to society and your intimate friends but also to your home and family with which Providence has blessed you. May your future happiness in your home be measured by the devotion you have exerted in the past and may you be spared to enjoy health, prosperity and happiness which you so richly deserve.

YOUR FRIENDS.

Mr. Benjamin Cousins, Rose Valley, was a visitor to Danley on Sunday.

Mrs. George Bearisto, who has been visiting her son, Dr. Bearisto of Trenton, New Jersey, returned on Friday evening. Her many friends are rejoicing to hear of her good health.

Senator Riley who has been the welcome guest for some months of his brother, Mr. George Riley, and family at their home in the Baltic, left Thursday morning on return to his home in High Bank, Alta.

Mrs. David Schurman of Mass., and Miss Winnie Schurman, R. N. of Summerside, were motorists recently to Hamilton and Malpeque.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodgson had as recent guests Mr. and Mrs. George Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Hooper Horne, all of Charlottetown, Mrs. Hattie Crosby, Brookline, Mass., and Miss Annie Crockett, Edmonton, Alberta.

Miss Thelma Champion, Darnley, was a recent visitor to Rose Valley.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, Victoria, spent a week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Stewart, Hamilton—M.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. JAMES STANLEY MACVANE

A pall of sadness was cast over the community of Bothwell on Saturday, August 27th, with the sudden passing of one of its most loved and respected residents, in the person of Mr. James Stanley MacVane.

Although the deceased had not been enjoying good health for a number of years, his sudden passing came as a great shock to his friends and relatives. Besides the bereaved wife, (nee Caroline Publicover) there are left to mourn, one son, Carl and one daughter, Evelyn, also two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Ida Protege, Brooklyn, New York, Miss Mabel at home and Peter of Lynn, Massachusetts. Services were conducted at the home on Sunday and the large funeral cortege which followed the remains to their last mortal rest-springs, unattended, from the gathering of friends and neighbors in a home where kindness reigns, and even the stranger is ever welcome.

MRS. P. J. CAMPBELL

On Thursday, August 25th, the community of Campbell's Cove was called upon to mourn the demise of one of its most estimable residents, viz. Mrs. P. J. Campbell, formerly Mary Ann MacEneaney. The deceased had been a faithful health for some months and although her death was somewhat unexpected it came as a great shock to her friends and relatives. There are left to cherish her memory besides the sorrowing husband, the burial service.

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BEDEQUE

The evening service of the Central Bedeque Baptist Church was attended by quite a large congregation. Rev. A. G. Crowe, pastor, delivered a very impressive and interesting message from the subject "The Good Shepherd." The choir members rendered singing and music in their usual enticing manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Scales of Freetown were among the invited guests at the informal luncheon given at the Clifton Hotel by Mr. Melville Bradshaw of Summerside.

Miss Pearl MacKenna, of Malden, Mass., recently arrived home to enjoy her holidays with friends and relatives in Kinkora and vicinity.

The many friends of Miss Mary Schurman of Central Bedeque, will regret to hear that there has not been much improvement in her health this last few days.

A very enjoyable programme in the form of a concert was presented by the Women's Institute of the neighboring districts, on Tuesday evening following the Convention in the Central Bedeque Hall which was filled to capacity and many had to remain outside.

Mr. Walter Shaw of Charlottetown, then gave a very interesting address on the training of the children at school, the benefits the schools have received from the Women's Institutes and many other ways they could help the schools, the co-operation of the parents and the teachers and many other helpful suggestions concerning our pupils and schools. A chorus was given by the Central Bedeque Institute, step-dancing by little Miss Violet Barnett (encored), monologue by Mrs. Roy Hill of the Lower Freetown Institute; dialogue by Mrs. J. MacQuarrie and Mrs. Sohey of Searlestown; duette by Mrs. George Henderson and Mrs. Winifred Wright, Lower Bedeque Institute; a short play, "The Old Maid," by Miss Marie Campbell, Miss Clara Affleck; harmonica and harp selections by Mr. Harry Heninger (encored); play, "Ask Me Another," by Mrs. Horace Wright, Miss Marjorie MacCallum, and their masked performers; monologue by Mrs. Elliott Wright, Middleton Institute; monologue by Miss Gladys Drummond of the South Freetown Institute.

The closing number of this programme was the singing of the National Anthem. The sale of ice cream and candy took place which realized a nice sum together with the proceeds of the supper, went for the benefit of the Sanatorium. Mrs. MacKay, retiring president, extended her thanks to all that helped to make this afternoon and evening so successful. A collection was also taken up.

PETER PAN COLLARS

When Maude Adams was Peter Pan she probably never counted of the far reaching effects of the famous collar she adopted for her theatrical use. Too bad she didn't have a patent on it — or whoever made it for her—because again the hit of youthfulness is in favor of for fashionable femininity this winter. These collars are made of fur or fabric edged with fur, of leather, of lace, of soft pliable metal—and if you can think of anything else yourself to make them of you can be sure of their smartness.

ABOUT SUITS

Suits are built according to their type. For shopping, the 47-inch coat with a wrap-around skirt is popular. Hip-length jacket suits for more formal wear have novel collars and sleeve treatments. Silver but gundy fox adds elegance to the type garment.

Miss Jean Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker of New Annan, is visiting in Moncton.

Miss Elsie Murphy of Kinkora, has been spending a short holiday in Norboro, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Prowse Yeo of Kelvin, has been spending a pleasant holiday with relatives in Hamilton.

The lobster fishermen of the vicinity of Chelton have almost retired from their duties on account of the scarcity of lobsters.

There was a special Temperance Rally service at the North Bedeque United Church on Sunday evening September 11th. Mr. G. Emmerson Huestis, formerly of Wilmot Valley, now student pastor of the Alma and Alberton Baptist Churches, was the special speaker. This service was also to commemorate the signing of the "Total Abstinence Pledge of the Seven Men of Preston, England, in 1832. The members of the choir rendered special music and singing for this service, all of which was rendered very effectively.

Miss Phyllis Dawson is attending P. W. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murchison and children Masier Kenneth and little Miss Jean, all of Charlottetown, have been spending a very enjoyable holiday with relatives in Bedeque and Freetown.—B.

Fairview And Vicinity

The regular monthly meeting of the Fairview Women's Institute was held at the home of Miss Selma Currie on the evening of September 6th, with a good attendance, despite the inclement weather. During the evening a presentation of an address and nice fountain pen was made to Miss Freda Burdett on the eve of her departure to attend Prince of Wales College.

A gathering of more than usual interest was the wedding reception on Tuesday of last week at the home of Mr. Joseph Dowling, South Shore, when people from far and near waited upon the newly married pair and loaded them with gifts and good wishes. Mingled with the large crowd of invited guests a number of charivari folks swelled the numbers of the well-wishers. A trio from Charlottetown furnished splendid music for the dancers, who departed themselves away into the wee sma' hours when they dispersed, after wishing the happy couple many years of conjugal bliss. The bride was formerly Miss Mary Henderson.

Mrs. Wellington Murphy has had as her welcome guest her sister, Miss Quinn.

Mr. Bruce McCannell, Charlottetown, has been a visitor at the home of A. K. McPhee, New Dominion.

The school fair in Afton Hall on Wednesday was well attended, more than usual interest being shown, and was voted a decided success.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Burdette was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Smith on Thursday, September 8th, a large number of friends and relatives gathering there. The deceased was a most estimable lady, beloved by all who knew her, and much sympathy goes out to her family in their bereavement.—F.