IMPORTANT READING MATTER SELETED FROM THIS WEEK'S NEWS FOR THE GUARDIAN'S SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

MONDAY

TO TAKE SPECIAL COURSE.—Lt. C. McGuigan, Sergt. Arbing, Lance Corporals Schurman and Buntain and Private McEadyen, of the 105th overseas draft, leave for Halifax this morning to take a special course in bayonet fighting.

SANTA'S VISITS WEST.— An article appeared in The Guardian recently that Santa Claus appeared in Burton School and that it was the first school west he ever visited. I beg to contradict this statement as he has appeared in other schools before this year. — One who knows.

DEATH OF DR. LANE.— Dr. Fred. J. Lane, brother of Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal., December 4. Dr. Lane was fifty years old, and is survived by a widow, daughter, son, a sister and two brothers. Dr. Lane practiced dentistry in San Francisco for twenty-five years. He was born in Prince Edward Island.

SOCKS RECEIVED.—Mrs. Silas Prowse of Brackley, who enclosed a note in a pair of socks sent in March of 1915 received a reply on Dec. 20th, 1916 from the recipient Mr. William Watts, Pleasant Grove, who was at home when the socks were knitted and who by a strange coincidence is a relative of Mrs. Prowse's. Private Watts is attached to the 105th Battalion.

MALPEQUE PATRIOTIC DONATION. The Malpeque Branch of the W. P. Association forwarded to the Treasurer of the Red Cross Society, Charlottetown the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the months of October and November. The sum of $68.50 was realized from the Hallowe'en Supper held in Malpeque Hall, and ($21.00) was donated by the Fairview Institute of Darnley.

Toady, Dr. J. T. Jenkins celebrates his 89th birthday and The Guardian has much pleasure in congratulating him upon the auspicious event. Although entering upon his 89th year. Dr. Jenkins is still comparatively a young man, physically and mentally. During the past summer he drove his mare, Develish Dorothy, in one of the most spectacular horse races in the province in many seasons and won out. Year after year, as far back as Charlottetown's citizens can remember, he celebrated his Christmas and New Years by inaugurating a Coal Fund for the poor of the City, he himself being, on each occasion, the first and the largest contributor. This generous act he is repeating this year with his usual generosity and vigour. With his many friends The Guardian joins in wishing him a happy New Year and many happy returns of the day that commemorates his birthday. ?

ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS EVENING.—On Christmas evening a large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gallant of Mont Carmel. Most of the gentlemen invited were members of the choir and vocal music was the principal feature of the evening. Misses Julie Anne and Louise daughters of Mrs. Gallant, the former a teacher in Rusticoville and the later of Miscouche convent being home on their vacation were present for the occasion. Each guest contributed an adequate share towards making the party a happy one. Miss Josephine Gallant ,teacher at Mont Carmel School accompanied the songs on the organ all through the evening many numerous songs were sung, especially "Lexile Canadian" by Guillanne Arsenault, choir master. Mr. Cyrus Poirier of the department of Agriculture was present for the occasion accompanied by Mrs. Poirier. At a late hour in the evening a delicious lunch was served after which the guests sung "Ave Maria Stella" and "God Save the King." Finally the guests departed with a sense of gratitude towards their genial host and hostess.—R.

I. O. O. F. BANQUET.— On Tuesday last the members of Verdun Lodge, I. O. O. F., O'Leary, met at the new Orient Hotel for the purpose of banqueting their worthy station master, Bro. M. Nicholson, on the eve of his departure to assume the duties of station agent at Georgetown. A large number of the brethren were present for the occasion. The gathering came to order by electing Bro. A. J. Matheson, chairman. After stating the purpose of the meeting, Bro. Dr. H. E. McEwen read an address to the departing brother, expressing the sorrow that was felt by the membership in the departure of one who has so capably filled the position of Degree Master of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the address, Bro. E. A. Dorsey came forward and presented Bro. Nicholson, on behalf of the Lodge, with a beautiful travelling bag. Remarks fitting the occasion were made by Bros. Locke Palmer, Huestis Kennedy, McEwen, Sheen, England, Matheson, Dorsey and others. The wants of the inner man were then attended to by a suitable repast, provided by Mrs. Howatt. The balance of this most enjoyable evening was spent in song, dancing and music provided by Bro. Sheen, McAulay, Hierbly, Howatt, and Locke, after which the banquet came to a close by the singing of "God Save the King." It is needless to state that Brother Nicholson in a well-worded speech thanked the donors for their words of esteem and respect in which they regarded him during the period he has resided at O'Leary.

POLICE NEWS.— At the Police Court Saturday morning a man named Francis was fined $5 for refusing to remove a wheel barrow full of lumber from the sidewalk when ordered to do so by the police. The prohibition case against Mrs. Margaret McKinnon was dismissed and another adjourned. Two arrests for drunkenness were made on Sunday.

MR. MORRISON ENLISTS.— Mr. John Morrison, tailor of Georgetown, has recently enlisted for home defence and leaves Georgetown in a short time to take up his new duties. Mr. Morrison has already seen active service having been a volunteer at the time of the Northwest Rebellion in 1885. His eldest son, Peter, is with the 105th in France and one of his brothers has been at the front practically since the beginning of the war. —"&"

WESTERN ROUTE DISCONTINUED.— The S. S. Northumberland arrived in Charlottetown from Summerside Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, having left there at 7 a. m., thus bringing to a close her season's work on the western route. Had the steamer waited another day she would probably not have been able to get here as the cold snap has caused quite heavy ice to form in the strait. The Northumberland is now laid up at her old berth at Bruce Stewart & Co.'s. wharf.

BURTON SCHOOL.— Following is the standing of the pupils of Burton School for the month of December Grade V.— Senior—1, Howard Griffin; 2, Ethel McGregor; 3, Mary Dalton. Grade V.—1, Senior—1, Reginald Doyle; 2, Lorena Strang. Junior—1, Helen Dalton. Grade III.— 1, Vernon Doyle; 2, Harold McGregor; 3, Catherine Dalton; 4, Cecil Wood; 5, Clifford Collicutt. Grade II.— 1, Margaret Dalton. Grade I.—1, Melvyn McGregor; 2, Henry Dalton; 3, Eva McGregor; 4, Gertrude Dalton; 5, Jim Bernard. Perfect attendance, Ethel McGregor, Bernice McGregor and Helen Dalton.

CHILTON SCHOOL.— On Wednesday, Dec. 20, a very interesting item took place when the semi-annual examination was held at Chilton School in which a goodly number of thirty visitors including parents and friends assembled to do honor to the occasion. The school was handsomely decorated and in every class the quick ready answers of each pupil showed the energy and tact with which they had been carefully drilled during the session and that the faithful and untiring efforts of their instructor Miss Vina Campbell had not been in vain. To the extreme pleasure of the audience a programme was successfully carried out, consisting of dialogues, recitations, choruses etc., a flag salute each child being equipped with two small flags and sang the chorus "We'll never let the old flag fall" with fervour equal to true Canadian heroes. Another feature of delight was the exercises in Physical Drill. Speeches were then made, prizes given and home made candy served to visitors and pupils. The National Anthem brought the Examination to a close. I may say, I was greatly inspired to see what an interest parents and children took endeavoring to make the time a grand success and openly revealed the profound esteem they had for their teacher and for her congratulations were not lacking. One Present.

The last issue to hand of the Winnipeg Free Press has the following account of the arrivel in that city of Most Reverend Alfred A. Sinnott, D. D., a native of Morell, in this province:—

"That the opening of the new Catholic archdiocese of Winnipeg was considered an event of supreme importance by the clergy and laity of that church was shown by the large number present at the C. P. R. depot Saturday to welcome His Grace Archbishop Alfred Arthur Sinnott, D. D., the distinguished prelate who has been appointed first Roman Catholic Archbishop of Winnipeg.

"Welcomed practically by all the Catholic clergy and by an immense concourse of laity, his grace was immediately escorted to the Bawif home on Kenniedy street, which will be the practice pending the erection of the new residence.

"Winnipeg's first Catholic archbishop was accompanied from Ottawa by Monsignor Stagni, papal delegate.

"The party stepping off the train was an unostentatious one but the large number of both clergy and laity who were awaiting the arrival of the train indicated the importance of the event to the Catholic church in Winnipeg.

"Archbishop Beliveau, of the archdiocese of St. Boniface, had intended to be present to welcome to Winnipeg and the west the new prelate but was confined to his room in the palace with a severe attack of la grippe. The arch diocese of St. Boniface was officially represented by the Rev. Father Jubinville, recently appointed priest of St. Boniface, and there were also a number of other clergy from the sister arch diocese to welcome the new prelate.

"Mayor R. D. Waugh was present, representing the city of Winnipeg, and among the Catholic laity were T. J. Langford, F. W. Russell, Dr. W. J. Fulton, T. Dowdell, O. Marion, Fred Marion, J. Gallagher, and Dr. J. K. Barrett.

"A procession of 30 automobiles followed his grace and Mgr. Stagni from the depot to the residence on Kennedy street. His grace appeared to be in excellent health. Immediately upon his arrival, an informal reception was held on the depot platform, in which the new archbishop was warmly greeted. A further reception took place at the home of the archbishop, immediately after the procession arrived."

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WEDDING BELLS.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Rice, of Cambridge, Mass., announce the marriage of their cousin Miss Frances Maria Preston, to Mr. James Edward O'Donnell in the above city, on December 26th. The bride who is a daughter of the late Mr. John Ashton Preston, resided for a number of years in Charlottetown. Many friends here will extend heartiest felicitations to the popular young couple. They will be "At Home" in Charlottetown, after January 15th.

ISLANDER DEAD.—The death of Henry B. Bearsto of Fort Fairfield, Maine, took place at the home of his daughter Mrs. Harry Gillis of Centerville, N. B. at 12.30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 20th after a few weeks illness. The deceased was a son of the late Wm. and Francis Bearsto of Summerside and leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Harry Gillis, Centerville, N. B., and Mrs. F. C. Grant, Lakeville, Conn; also three brothers Albert and Theophilus of Muddy Creek and Robert of Charlottetown, and four sisters Mrs. John T. Poole of Montague, Mrs. Susan McGougan and Misses Agnes and Martha Bearsto of Summerside.X.

ENTERPRISE MISSION BAND held a very successful concert in the Methodist Church, Montague, on Tuesday evening last. Rev. W. J. Domville occupied the chair while the following programme was exceptionally well rendered: Opening chorus, "O, Canada;" recitation, Hazel Brehaut; solo, Grace Kennedy; exercise, "The Gratitude Tree;" solo, Jennie Moore; recitation, Helen Hamilton; duet, Nettie White and Mary McEachern; flag drill,, "Onward Christian Soldiers!" by eight boys; chorus, "Love Song;" exercise, "Mother Goose and Family" as mission workers;" recitation, Boswell Allen; duet, Ruth Nelson and Mildred Kennedy; recitation, George Allen; exercise, "The Missionary Dollar, and What it Does;" solo, Ruth Nelson (encored). As Miss Nelson was about to respond to the encore, much excitement was caused by the appearance of Santa Claus, and his reindeer. Both were given a royal welcome by the Mission Band children. Santa Claus then gave to each child a well-filled stocking which was taken from an attractively decorated tree. Mrs. Domville too, was presented with an unusually large stocking in which was found many choice gifts including a pair of kid gloves from her Sunday School class. Mrs. Domville, who bore the burden of training the children is receiving much well-deserved praise for the success of her work. The programme closed with the singing of "God Save the King" in which Santa Claus joined most heartily.

KELVIN GROVE SCHOOL.—The semi-annual examination of Kelvin Grove School was held Friday, December 22nd, inst., a large number of parents and visitors being present. The pupils were examined in the several subjects, by the teacher and showed that during the past half-year they had been carefully trained and taught, much improvement being observed. The alert and ready responses, the neat appearance of the pupils, and the tasteful decorations of the schoolroom made a very pleasing impression on all those present. After the pupils had been examined in their daily studies the following well-rendered programme was listened to with pleasure by all:—Opening chorus, pupils; Recitation Marion Caseley; Recitation, Fannie Glover; Dialogue, entitled "The Spelling Class", nine pupils and Marion Caseley, acting well her part as teacher." Recitation, Josie Arsenault; Recitation, Thomas Humphrey; Solo, "Canada", Pearle Bynon; Recitation, Katherine Caseley; Recitation, Etta Stavert; Dialogue entitled, "Home Scene in the Chaplain's Family", Pearle Bynon, Marion Caseley, May Walker, Jean Jardine and Fannie Glover; Recitation, Eric McMurdo; Recitation, Jean Jardine; Duet, Jean Jardine and Marion Casley; Closing Recitation, Robert Humphry who, represented as Santa Claus, presented the teacher with a beautiful leather writing case. The teacher then made a fitting reply, presented each pupil with a Christmas booklet and served visitors and pupils with home-made candy. The trustees also treated everyone to candy and nuts. The following prizes were awarded:—General Proficiency, Marion Caseley, Fannie Glover, Thomas Humphrey and Katherine Caseley. Perfect attendance, Isaac Walker, Etta Stavert and Jennie Walker. Compliments of the season were then passed to and from all and school was closed for the Christmas holidays, reopening on Wednesday, January 3rd.

WEDNESDAY

JOINED THE COLOURS.—Mr. Bently Creed, Dundas, Augustus MacEwen, Bridgetown and Charles Campbell, Rollo Bay, have recently enlisted with the King's County Siege Artillery Draft, under command of Lieut. MacLean, now stationed in Souris.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.—A Fredericton despatch says:—Rev. Geo. G. Young, at present stationed at Campbellton, will take up his duties as pastor of the Fredericton Methodist Church in July. The present pastor, Rev. Thomas Marshall, has received a unanimous call to Fairville Methodist Church, and will likely accept. He has been in Fredericton for past three years, having come here from Charlotttetown.

LECTURE ENJOYED.—The first lecture of the winter lecture course was given in the Methodist school room at Hampton, N. B., on Tuesday evening, when Major Bartlett, of Charlottetown, addressed an appreciative audience, his subject being "The Path of the Hun." This was illustrated by views of places through which the speaker had travelled before the outbreak of the war, and his clear and vivid descriptions brought his audience very close to the scenes of the present conflict, those failing to be present certainly missed a rare treat. During his stay in Hampton Major Bartlett was the guest of his niece, Miss Travis says the St. John Telegraph.

SCHOONER NIPPED IN ICE.—The tern schooner C. H. Hackley, Captain Emerson, bound from Gaspe, P. Q., for New York, with a cargo of laths came into Charlottetown harbor for shelter on Wednesday night last. The Hackley met with bad weather after leaving Gaspe, losing some of her sails and a spar and was iced up badly She dropped anchor near the three tides and as a result of the heavy frost which set in that night and the succeeding days the schooner is now nipped tightly in the ice and will have to remain there all winter The Hackley is a vessel of 220 tons with nine of a crew. Her captain belongs to Maine and will stay by the vessel till navigation opens in the spring.

The sad news of the death of Mr. George L. Gaudin, who passed away at 9.15 last evening, after exactly one week's illness of paralysis, will be learned with sincere regret by his many friends. He was a man of pleasing personality, quiet and unobtrusive, of magnificent physical proportions and a master workman, both as a carpenter and draftsman. He was fifty years of age and enjoyed good health up to the day he was stricken. He was a son of the late Philip Gaudin and served ihs apprenticeship as a carpenter with the firm of H. & S. Lowe, developing into an expert. He afterwards entered into a business for himself in the firm of Taylor & Gaudin. About seven years ago he received the position of foreman carpenter in the Marine Department where he discharged his duties faithfully and well. He leaves to mourn, a widow, formerly Miss Matilda Younker, of this city and one daughter; also one sister Mrs. Elliott of Port Elgin, N. B., for all of whom deep sympathy goes out in their sorrow.

The citizens of Charlottetown learned with profound sorrow last evening of the death of Mr. Charles Pope Fletcher, who passed away at the Queen Hotel at 6.15 o'clock exactly two weeks from the time that he was taken ill. Mr. Fletcher was one of Charlottetown's most highly esteemed citizens, a gentleman in every sense of the word. Deceased was born in Eldon sixty-four years ago, but spent the great part of his life in Charlottetown. Early in life he learned the printing trade in the office of his brother, Hon. J. H. Fletcher, at that time proprietor and editor of the Island Argus, and who now resides in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Fletcher who was gifted with a deep love of music, afterwards started a music store in this city which he successfully conducted for forty years. He retired from business about five years ago. Mr. Fletcher was for some years choir-master and organist in the First Methodist church and took active part in the various musical activities of the City. He married Miss Maud Douse, of Charlottetown, who predeceased him about nine years ago. He is survived by three children, Stella, married to Captain C. M. Williams, now in England; Karl P., now with the 98th Siege Battery in France, and Lilias at home. He was a prominent member of the First Methodist church and his familiar figure will be greatly missed in the congregation. As President of the Seal River Silver Black Fox Company, he discharged his duties with fidelity and satisfaction. To those bereaved The Guardian joins in extending sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

FINE CONCERT.—A most enjoyable concert and Christmas tree was held at Forest Hill schoolhouse on Friday evening 22nd. Much credit is due the teacher Miss Lilla Mathieson for the way she trained the children and the young men and ladies that took part did so very creditably. The tree was the prettiest seen anywhere and the presents for the scholars and older people were both numerous and useful. The intermission for sale of home made candy was a pleasant feature of the evening realizing the sum of $6.10. One good-hearted gentleman giving a bill to treat the children. Santa Claus was greeted with delight by all and did his part to perfection. Good order prevailed throughout the evening. The following is the programme The Maple Leaf—By choir, Recitation by Malcolm Macdonald, Tipperary—7 scholars, Dialogue—7 scholars, We'll never let the old Flag fall—By Choir, Recitation by Duncan Gillis, Dialogue—Bobtown School, G. Turner, Teacher, Recitation by Christy McPhee, Song—(Gaelic) by Duncan Gillis, Song—Keep the home fires burning by choir, Dialogue—(A wonderful dream) by Colin and Vernon Davy, Recitation by Arthur Macdonald, Intermission for candy, Song by Mina Davy, Recitation by Elizabeth Morrison, Song (The roll call) by choir, Dialogue—(Leaving Jonah), Recitation by Sarah MacDonald, Song (Santa Claus) by scholars ,Santa Claus unloads the tree, God Save the King by Choir—Step dancing by Joe Morrison.

PASTOR REMEMBERED.— On the last Sabbath of the Old year Rev. Even MacDougall was very kindly remembered by the Millview Section of the congregation, which remembrance took the form of a substantial sum of money donated by the ladies of that place.

NEW YEAR'S AT THE CATHEDRAL.—At St. Dunstan's Cathedral on New Year's Day there was a celebration of High Mass at 11 a. m. Rev. Fr. Hogan was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Leo Herrell as deacon, and Rev. Frank McQuaid as sub-deacon. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by His Lordship Bishop O'Leary, who after reviewing the work of the past year, asked for the unanimous co-operation of his parishioners towards putting a stop to the drink evil in this city.

At the opening service of the Week of Prayer held in the Peoples church on Monday night the speaker was Rev. C. R. Freeman pastor of the Baptist church. His subject was Thanksgiving and Humiliation. In the course of his remarks the preacher said:

"We should all be thankful for God's goodness to us as a nation; thankful that we belong to such a nation; thankful that our nation rose up in righteous indignation at the flagrant violation of Belgium's neutrality. The principles by which our nation has become great have been disseminated by the Church, and because of this we are out to fight the battles of humanity. True gratitude only becomes effective as it is expressed; let us express it to God, not only by word of mouth, but by righteous conduct."

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