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(Temperance Advocate)

The Island Province of Prince Edward is known as the Garden of the Gulf. It might also claim to be the financial Garden of Eden. While throughout Canada general depression has reigned, bringing in its wake financial failures in other provinces, Prince Edward Island has been practically exempt. Between October 7th and December 5th this year, Ontario reported 104 failures and Quebec 194. Prince Edward Island alone among the provinces of the Dominion had none, and this has been its record for many months. One failure was reported in December, 1928, one in December, 1929 and none so far in 1930. Two failures in two years is a wonderful record even for a small province and speaks volumes for the stability of trade in the little prohibition Island.

In 1929, Ontario had 577 business failures and Quebec 932, while in the entire year Prince Edward Island had but one.

This works out— at: Prince Edward Island 1 failure for each 86,100 people.

Ontario 1 failure for each 5,669 people.

Quebec 1 failure for each 2,825 people.

KELLY'S CROSS SCHOOL EXAMINATION

The semi-annual school examination of Kelly's Cross School was held on Monday night Dec. 22nd. In connection with it, was the usual Christmas tree and concert. Enthusiasm in education was displayed by the large attendance of ratepayers and visitors. The pupils were examined in the various branches of the teachers, officiously assisted by Rev. Clarence Pitre, Miss Florence Mulligan and Mr. Thomas McAvinn. The school-hall which had been recently fixed up with all conveniences for such functions was appropriately and artistically decorated by the teacher and pupils.

After the ability, intelligence and promptness of the pupils had been tested with satisfactory results, there ensued a very pleasing programme, in which each pupil acted his or her role ably and well, in some cases producing a hearty "roar" among the audience. The talent of the "younger set" was shown; and the appreciation of it, not only by applause, but also by kindly smiles. The following is the well rendered programme:

Address of Welcome by eight boys. Opening chorus by pupils. Recitation by M. McKenna and M. Carragher.

Solo by Evelyn Gallant.

Recitation by Percy Woods, Thomas Bradley and Frances McDonald.

Step dance by Wilfred Woods.

Quartet by four girls.

Recitation by Francis Kelly.

Dialogue No Lawsuits in Heaven.

Recitation by Kevin McKenna.

Solo by Alban Paquet.

Step dance by F. Kelly and L. Wadell.

Dialogue Poet Seeking a Patron.

Duet by B. Carragher and A. Wadell.

Motion Song by Mary McKenna.

Closing speech Thomas Trainor.

The chairman Mr. Gordon E. Wadell conducted the programme in a very capable manner, then, an address was read and the teacher presented with a gift from the pupils, which consisted of a beautiful sweater and tie, for which the recipient gave evidence of his appreciation and gratitude in a few remarks. Next Santa Claus, personated by Mr. Jack Gallant arrived and brought joy to the hearts of each pupil by presenting them with gifts from a well laden tree. All were then favored with a treat of chocolates.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 17.—Use of the thermometer as a navigation instrument was one of the striking features of Arctic seamanship described in a recent radio address by Captain Bob Bartlett, Newfoundland's noted explorer. Picturing the various routine adventures and hazards attending travel in the icefields, Captain Bartlett told how his ship, the Morrissy "was conducted by a Bureau of Fisheries thermometer to the land of the lost Eskimo." "This year (1930) the Morrissy, after leaving Reykjavik (Iceland)," he said "was bound up the northeast coast of Greenland. We had more than the usual share of bad weather in the shape of snow fog, heavy seas and head winds. With such conditions observations were out of the question, so our three chronometers had a rest. Commissioner O'Malley of the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington had loaned me three water thermometers. I used them plentifully on that trip. They enabled me to keep out of mischief. When we approached the danger line, where I expected to make the ice, the water temperature dropped suddenly. Then I would be her over and haul off until I made about 37 degrees Fahrenheit. I kept on that course, with the thermometer gradually falling as it was heaved over, until I got about 34 degrees, then hauled off until the thermometer showed a water temperature of 37 degrees. I kept the Morrissy on a course between those two temperatures and when the fog cleared up we were thirty four miles east of Shannon Island and right at the edge of the ice."

Captain Bartlett explained that as a rule, ships visit the Arctic only in summer. "The sun if visible, is an aid to navigation throughout the whole twenty four hours. When the stars begin to shine we know that it is freeze up time and we look for a good snug harbor to tie up our little craft."

He compared present day methods with those in use when he sojourned with Peary at Grantland. "At that time we had no wireless and therefore could not obtain time signals from Arlington, Paris, or Germany. It was essential we check up on our chronometer as often as possible, and once in every twenty four hours as the stars passed our meridian—we would note the time and so kept a good check."

"Nowadays, of course, with the time signals coming in from Europe, America and Asia almost every hour, this factor is well taken care of. "No one but a seaman or an explorer can really appreciate such a blessing as the wireless. No matter where you are, all you have to do is rig up your wireless outfit, listen in, hear the beats and there you are."

"Those of us who have met, or who have read the experiences of early explorers, and seamen wintering in the Arctic, who have heard them tell of having to make hundreds of lunar observations, and star occultations, can really appreciate the benefits of modern navigation. The early explorer had to stretch out full length on the snow, with the mercury at that time well below the Fimmsoll mark, and the telescope and a sextant glued to his eyes. He must have been an iron man to do it, but he did and his observations, checked by modern instruments, show how conscientious and skilful he was."

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Experience is a fine thing, but on-ly when we profit by it.—Thomas W. Lamont.

No one sings in opera; you just make loud sounds.—Amelita Galli-Curci.

and home made candy, which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, an evening well spent.

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—POULTRY — BUYING UN-FROZEN POULTRY Wednesday and Thursday only each week until February 26th. Poole & Thompson, Ltd. Montague. 1572-1-17-3i

—INSTITUTE WORK—The regular monthly meeting of the Glenroy Woman's Institute took place at the home of Mrs. James McNally on Dec 3rd with an attendance of eight members and one visitor. The President occupied the chair. Meeting opened with singing "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia. Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary and approved. Roll call was answered by paying the yearly fee. A letter of thanks was read from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKenna for check of \$30 received from the Institute. Mr. Edward Mullen kindly invited the members to her home 1st the January meeting. Roll call to be answered with recitations. A song by Rita and Frank McNally was very much enjoyed. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. James McNally. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

—ANNUAL MEETING—The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, was held in the church on Wednesday evening with the Rev. Alex R. Gibson, minister presiding. Nearly six years ago a small group of Presbyterians, who had lost their church building on a close vote, decided to meet for a time in the Baptist Church which was kindly placed at their services. However, after some adjustment of the property the Presbyterian people came into possession of the former Methodist Church building and parsonage. The church building needed to be enlarged and furnished and the congregation assured an indebtedness of our \$6,000.00 to put it in shape. This was three years ago, but the church treasury made the happy announcement that this debt was now entirely wiped out, whereupon the congregation arose and sang "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." The treasurer, Mr. W. A. Johnstone, then moved that Mr. A. C. McKay, who with Mr. Ham McLean, chairman of the Board, had done so much to make this possible, be asked to put a match to the documents and which wiped out all claims against the building. The reports of the various organizations were full of optimism and indicated steady progress, this being especially true of the church treasurer, who reported that \$3,000.00 was given for stipend and the Building Fund, and also the Ladies Association report which showed a total amount raised to be over \$800.00. The total savings for all purposes \$3,805.43. The Trustees, Henry McLean, A. C. McKay, W. A. Johnstone, A. F. Campbell, Henry McKenna, John A. McLeod and Stephen Shaw, were all re-elected for another year. Mr. John Esler, choirmaster, and Mr. A. F. Campbell, organist, were both commended for the splendid services rendered.

Cut Production To Help Revenue

In almost every case speakers at the regular agricultural meetings held so far this winter emphasized the necessity of lowering the cost of production in order to bolster farm revenue during this period of depression. In this connection the importance of good seed was stressed again and again as this was one of the things over which farmers had absolute control and even in a poor year would increase returns anywhere from ten to fifty percent.

It might be difficult for many farmers at the present time, Dr. E. S. Archibald, head of the Dominion Experimental Farms, told the writer the other day, to see their way clear to make extensive purchases of labor saving and wider machinery, but he emphatically stated that this was no time to practise false economy in using dirty and untested seed which might be very expensive in results. Dr. Archibald stated that in his opinion the only solution in the farmers'

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control regarding the present situation was to increase his yield of crop per acre, and in this respect good seed and fertilizer, together with more horse power on cultivating and other machinery, should play a prominent part. At the recent meeting of the Experimental Union good seed was also emphasized by Professor W. J. Squirrel, who quoted results from extensive experiments which invariably showed an amazing increase in yield per acre from clean, plump, tested seed of good variety over the other kind. It does not pay to swap around with the neighbors for improperly cleaned seed or to buy mail order "bargains," says M. T. Munn of the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva. To plant seed directly from the thresher or clover huller, he rates as one of the greatest offences against good farming, and further states that the farmer who plants unclean seed is laying out a job of hoeing for his grandchildren, not to mention the extra labor he imposes on himself.

In making purchases the buyer is strongly advised to demand tested seed which, as a matter of fact, is the only kind allowed to be sold legally in this country. Farming at its best is a good deal of a gamble with the weather absolutely beyond the control of man, but much of this gamble can be eliminated where the field is thoroughly cleaned of weeds and put into a fine state for sowing by cultivation and good seed used. Furthermore, by good seed the grain is also included when Clover or Alfalfa is being used as it is a serious mistake to sow clean Clover or grass with a dirty nurse crop.

There are two things of which men grow weary in the material sphere—meaningless prosperity—Henry Ford.

Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons.—Bert Rand Russell.

Parliament is a machine with monstrously bad engines, but amazingly effective brakes.—George Bernard Shaw.

I am often branded by journalists as a writer and by writers as a journalist.—Sinclair Lewis.

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