

**FRIDAY**  
**PRIEST REMEMBERED.**—Roy Francis Walker priest in charge of the altar boys of the Cathedral, St. John, N. B., who is well known in Charlottetown where he attended St. Dunstan's College, was presented with an address and a purse of gold at Christmas.

**NAME CORRECTED.**—The name which appeared in the list of the 100th Second Draft to France should have spelled Mallett instead of Malot. Pte. Edson Mallett 712136 is the only son of Mr. H. W. Mallett, Cornwall formerly of Pounds Mills, New London.

**"THE MARY DUFF"**—A Boston despatch says: The British schooner Mary Duff, from Charlottetown for New York, was thrown on to the rocks at Tarpaulin Cove, in Nantucket Sound, in a gale Friday. She was pounding heavily when the coast guard cutter Acushnet proceeded to her assistance from New Bedford. The vessel, loaded with potatoes, was anchored off the lighthouse at Tarpaulin.

**CAPTAIN DOYLE IN COMMAND.**—The Halifax Recorder of Saturday says: The Plant Line steamer Halifax arrived yesterday from Boston in command of Capt. Herbert Doyle, of the Evangeline, now at Boston. Capt. Doyle, who was captured by the enemy as a passenger, has resigned from the command of the Halifax, and succeeds Captain Ernest Kinney, of the Yarmouth, Boston steamer Prince Arthur, which is going South for the winter. First Officer Joseph Walker has also resigned from the Halifax, and goes as first officer on the Prince Arthur. Capt. Herbert Doyle, referred to is a native of Charlottetown.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.**—The Sunday School children of Zion Church held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in Zion Hall last evening. There was quite a large attendance and the affair was a great success from every standpoint. The Christmas tree, in its beautiful decorations of festoons and colored electric lights made quite a fascinating scene. An impromptu programme of twenty-five items in all, gave pleasure to everyone. This programme was hurriedly made up of songs, recitations, choruses, and readings, which the children had given or taken part in at the closing exercises of the day schools. The solos included both patriotic and Christmas songs. A dialogue from "Little Women," by five young ladies was a delightful feature. At the close of the programme some 225 bags of candy and fruit were distributed among the children. Quite a number of the pupils present were remembered by gifts from their teachers and the teachers in like manner were similarly remembered.

**PATRIOTIC CONCERT.**—New Argyle School concert was held most successfully in Canoe Cove Hall on Wednesday evening, December 20th in aid of the Red Cross. Despite the inclemency of the weather and the roads, the hall was filled to the utmost. Mr. John MacEachern occupied the chair, and after a few suitable remarks the curtain was drawn. The programme was as follows: Chorus, "The Island Hymn" by the school children; gramophone selections; solo, by Nell MacEachern (encored); duet, by Misses Sadie Gerrard and Pearl Stewart; recitation, by Gordon MacEachern; reading for sale of home-made candy; gramophone selections; solo, by Walter Shaw (encored); recitation, by Jean MacEachern; solo, by Norman MacLean (encored); recitation, by Annie MacKinnon; gramophone selections; duet, by Misses Sadie Gerrard and Pearl Stewart (encored); chorus, by the school children; "The Honeysuckle Bells." Immediately after the programme was completed the sale of baskets was begun. The night's proceeds amounted to \$51. The concert was altogether a grand success. The teacher Miss Addie MacNeill and committee desire to thank all those who helped in any way to make the concert the success that it was.

**SCHOOL CLOSING.**—The semi-annual examination of Renne's Road School took place on Friday, December 22nd. A large number of visitors were present. Mr. Donald Andrews, Secy. Trustees presided as chairman. After the examinations were concluded, a short program consisting of singing and recitations was carried out to the pleasure and satisfaction of all present. This was followed by the appearance of Santa Claus who presented Miss Janie Andrews with a prize for her best department and Miss Madgalene Gallant with a prize for best attendance. He also treated the pupils and visitors present by generous supply of candy, etc., and needless to say this part of the programme was very much enjoyed by all. A pleasing feature of the days proceedings took place when Miss Mildred Beaton on behalf of the pupils read an address and Santa Claus presented the teacher with a handsome gift. The address read as follows:—Mr. Wm. Silliphant, Dear Teacher, I have been requested by the pupils of this school to offer you a slight token of our affection and regard. What we offer you is a symbol of our feelings, but we know that you will receive it kindly as a simple indication of the attachment which each one of us cherishes in our hearts. You have made our lessons pleasant, to say the least, and it would be ungrateful to call them tasks. I have been requested by my schoolmates not to address you formally, but as a beloved and respected teacher. Please accept with our little present, our earnest good wishes. May you always be as happy as you have endeavoured to make your pupils, and may they be always as faithful in their duties to you as you have been in your duties to them. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year is the wish for you from your pupils of Renne's Road School. Mr. Silliphant replied in suitable terms, thanking them for their generosity and kindness and expressing the pleasure to be had in being able to work with them. Afterwards a number of the visitors expressed their approval of Mr. Silliphant's work. He also complimented him on the work that existed between he and his work. This very pleasant affair to remain with them and carry on their duties and hoped that he would be brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT.**—The Xmas concert given in the Consolidated School, Hillsboro on Friday evening 22nd was a splendid success. Seven schools were represented on the long programme and all did remarkably well. Mr. J. W. Jones was Chairman. The attendance was very large. The only thing that detracted from the pleasure of the evening was the dreadful rain storm that so many had to face going home.

**BRAVE ISLANDER'S MEDAL RECEIVED.**—Mrs. William Hamm, of Bunbury, Lot 48, has received by registered mail from England a military medal awarded to her son, Sergeant C. B. Hamm, for bravery on the field when the enemy exploded a mine on the front. Sgt. Hamm took part in some very heavy engagements. It will be remembered he was wounded some three months ago, after being twelve months in the trenches. Sgt. Hamm is the eldest son of William Hamm, of Bunbury.

**POWNAL SCHOOL.**—The semi-annual examination of Pownal School took place on Friday, 22nd inst. The pupils were examined in the various branches by the Rev. E. S. Weeks and the teacher, Miss Georgina Matheson and showed great aptness and preparation in their studies. A varied programme rendered by the children was greatly enjoyed by all present and much credit is due the teacher, and also Miss Euid Smith who assisted for preparing the children for the event. After the examination the pupils were treated to candy and apples by the teacher. Miss Mable Enman, then in behalf of pupils read an address and presented the teacher with a very appropriate Christmas present. Remarks made by those present evidenced their satisfaction of the way in which the school was progressing.

**CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.**—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the Sunday School children of St. Paul's Church was held in the school-room last evening and it was perhaps the most successful affair of the kind ever held there. The hall was crowded and the silver collection taken at the door will mean a substantial sum for patriotic purposes. The programme of ten numbers was a decidedly meritorious one and those taking part deserve every credit. Following was the programme: Chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells"; recitation, John Harrison; song, by the school children, "The Day Before Xmas"; solo and chorus, "Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies"; recitation, Ada Ingram; dialogue, "Merry Christmas"; piano solo, Dorothy Sims. Distribution of thirty-eight prizes by Mr. Justice Hazard. Christmas play in two acts, "Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus in person and distributed a bag of candy to every child, which, needless to say, was much appreciated.

**ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.**—The semi-annual examination of Wheatley School was held on the 20th of December. Quite a number of parents and visitors were present. The pupils who were examined in the various subjects acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. After rendering of an interesting program prizes were awarded and confectionary distributed. The following address accompanied by a very suitable gift in the form of a manicure set was then presented to the teacher, both of which were highly appreciated. Dear Teacher, We cannot, this season of the year go by without some expression of the good will we feel towards you. During the short time you have been with us, you have greatly endeared yourself to us by your kind attention and pains-taking efforts in our behalf. You have been very patient and careful with us, and as a small token of the appreciation which we hold you in, please accept this gift from our pupils. Wishing you the compliments of the season. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Your loving pupils.

**NEW ARGYLE SCHOOL.**—The semi-annual examination of New Argyle School, No. 56, was held on Monday evening, December 18th, in the presence of a crowded school. The pupils were examined in the different subjects by their teacher, Miss Addie MacNeill, and by their ready and correct answer, fully testified to the quality of work being done. Following the examination, an entertainment was given by the pupils, consisting of recitations, duets, and choruses, which was also rendered most creditably and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Then from a remote corner of the room Santa Claus appeared and stripped the heavily-laden Christmas tree, presenting teacher and pupils with many Christmas tokens, also confectionery, after which many complimentary remarks were made by those present, highly complimenting the teacher on the work being done in the school. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The following is the standing of the pupils for the month of December: Grade V.—1, Margaret Stewart and Lizette MacKinnon; equal; 2, Jean MacEachern and Margaret J. Stewart; equal; 3, Sadie Gerrard; 4, Mary B. Gerrard. Grade IV.—1, John Gillis; 2, John MacKinnon. Grade III.—1, John Mack MacKinnon; 2, Jessie Gillis. Grade II.—1, Annie MacKinnon; 2, Katie MacKinnon. Grade I.—1, Nicholas Gillis; 2, Florie Gerrard. Those having perfect attendance for month are: Jean MacEachern, Jessie Gillis, Nicholas Gillis. Percentage of attendance 72.

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**ORGANIST REMEMBERED.**—On Christmas Eve the teachers and pupils of the Little Sands Sabbath School waited on their organist, Miss Florence M. Stewart, and presented her with an address expressing their appreciation of her services as their organist. Accompanying the address was a beautiful Bible and photo album.

**WHIST PARTY.**—A whist party of some importance was held at the home of Joseph L. Gallant, Abram's Village, on Tuesday evening. Seven tables were occupied from seven o'clock to eleven; the contest, which was interesting, gave the following results: 1st prize for ladies, Mrs. Peter Gallant (teacher); 1st prize for men, Joseph T. Arsenault. The booby prizes were allotted to Joseph P. Poirier and Clarice Gallant.—M

**A PLEASING SIGHT.**—One of the things that tends to liven the appearance of Summerside, and certain roads leading to that town is the number of Autos in use. The roads seem to level out the snow, making them better for carriages and sleighs. Some people entertained the mistaken impression that Autos could only run a few months of the year. To see them wading through the snow one would be led to conclude that it would be very few weeks of the year that they would not be able to run.

**ADDRESS TO TEACHER.**—On Friday evening Dec. 22, a number of the ratepayers of Pleasant Grove school district met at the home of Mr. Henry Curran and presented the teacher, Miss Margaret Clark with a considerable sum of money and the following address:—Teacher, Please accept this small token of our sincere regard for you during the past two and a half years you have been amongst us. Your conduct of the school has been most exemplary and real progress has been made. We all join in wishing you a bright and happy future and trust that Providence may smile upon you in the years to come. Signed on behalf of the people.

**RETURNED SOLDIERS.**—Privates Wallace Diamond, of the 105th Battalion, and Stephen Doiron, of the 1st Canadian Artillery contingent arrived home last night by the western train. Owing to the lateness and the uncertainty of the hour of arrival the public reception in their honour was put off till this morning at 10 o'clock when a fitting demonstration will be made at the City Hall. They were met by Major Leigh and a number of friends who warmly welcomed them home. Pte. Doiron who enlisted with the first contingent leaving this province and has seen much fighting, was wounded in an excellent manner, but health although slightly lame. Private Diamond was a member of the 105th, and was taken sick while in hospital for some two months he was invalidated home.

**INTENSIVE DAIRYING.**—As an instance of the possibilities of the dairy industry in P. E. I., the supplying of milk to the value of \$508.00 to the Kensington cheese factory during the season of five months by James Braham, Kensington, is worthy of notice. The milk was the product of ten cows. It is not the largest amount, neither is it the best average per cow sent to Kensington factory, but it is one item of the product of a hundred acre farm, with apparently little extra outlay, at the same time concerning the fertility of the soil, and makes people hark back to the observation made by the great "Empire builder" the late James J. Hill, during a visit to P. E. I. a few years ago being interviewed by a newspaper reporter on the subject of the first remarks Mr. Hill made concerning his observations of P. E. I., was "that it is a natural dairy country and is worked by only a small fractional part of its possibilities."—K.

**BONSHAW SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—The semi-annual examination of Bonshaw school took place on Thursday, December 21st, and was attended by a large number of ratepayers and friends of the pupils. The schoolroom was nicely decorated for the occasion. The children by their ready answers showed that they had received careful instruction from their teacher, Miss Mary Smith, who ably examined them in all subjects. A program of recitations and drills was then rendered in an acceptable manner, by the pupils, after which the teacher presented each with a little remembrance and treated all to a generous supply of home-made candy. After complimentary remarks by those present, on the manner in which the school was being conducted, the scholars presented their teacher with a handsome gift and an appropriate address, the teacher having expressed her appreciation of the kindness shown her, the meeting came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

**COLUMBIAN MEDAL AND PRIZES.**—Through the efforts of Rev. Mr. Miller, the "Columbus" medal was secured from the committee in charge of the replica, "Santa Maria," for Alberton High School. This medal was to be awarded to the pupils of the Principal's department, who could write the best essay, not to exceed one thousand words, on Christopher Columbus. Book prizes for similar purposes were awarded to the Vice-Principal and first intermediate room by Revs. Mr. Miller and Dr. Campbell. Miss Davida Baker, of the senior department won the medal; Misses Dorothy Waugh and Thelma O'Hern, tied for the book prize in the Vice-Principal's department, (the result of which was that a book prize was awarded to each); and Miss Mary Rogers won the prize in Miss Campbell's department. The essays of the two senior rooms were judged by Revs. Mr. Miller and Dr. Campbell. The medal and prizes of the Vice-Principal's department, accompanied by cards with the season's greetings, were presented by Rev. Dr. Campbell, and appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Miller. The essays of Miss Campbell's department were judged by Principal Rowe, and the Vice-Principal, Miss Fielding. Miss Baker, the winner of the medal, is deserving of the highest praise as she is in Grade VIII, and her fellow competitors are among the best in the province.—A.

**KINDLY REMEMBERED.**—A committee representing Princeton congregation met at the manse on the 22nd inst., and presented their pastor Rev. John M. Murchison with a beautiful coon coat. Mr. Jas. K. McGowan gave the address and made the presentation. Mr. Murchison replied in words expressive of his deep appreciation.

**SCHOOL WORK.**—The half-yearly examination of Port Hill School took place on the afternoon of Friday December 22nd, and was attended by a goodly number of visitors. The pupils who acquitted themselves well were examined in the different branches by the teacher Mr. Hatfield Dymont, assisted by Rev. John J. Bamford. At the close of the examination addresses were given by Mr. James Millar, Mr. William Montgomery, and Rev. Mr. Bamford, all of whom spoke in appreciative terms of the work being done by the teacher.

**NEW LONDON ICE RACING ASSN.**—A meeting of the New London ice racing association was held at Clifton last week and was largely attended. Interest is keen, and a great series of races is expected during the coming winter. It gives horsemen a good chance to get their horses in condition for the summer racing. The old timers Robt. Fitzsimmons, John Marks, Gavin Harding, William Toombs, Tyndale Semple, who is negotiating with John J. McKinnon for the purchase of New Annon track farm, and many others will be much in evidence at the races this coming winter and no doubt some new stars will be added to the horse racing firmament. There are some "Captain Aubrey" and "Mayor Todd" colts which will likely be hitch-

ed this winter. A resolution of regret was passed that Walter Found the starter of the association could not be here this winter to enjoy the races and see the fruits of the good work which he labored so faithfully to put on a good working basis; but all were agreed to work harmoniously to carry out the races on the plan formulated by Mr. Found two years ago. The officers for the coming year are as follows:—President, Eliphalet Howatt, French River; Secy, John L. Lockhart, Clifton; Speed Committee—President, Gavin Harding; Secy, Stanley Bernard. Executive Com.—Wm. Taylor, John Quinn, J. I. Stewart, G. R. Harding, Wm. Proffit, Geo. Dennis, Stanley Bernard, Wm. Toombs, Hugh Morrison, Wm. Paynter, Isaac Bernard, J. Thompson.—K.

Dec. 1st, 1916.  
 Dear mother and father: I received your very kind letters. I am sure you will think that I am very neglectful in writing, but I have been suffering with a very sore head. I got blood-poisoning in my right thumb, so it was impossible for me to write, but I am just about better now and will write more in the future. I am still in England, but some of our boys have gone to the front, but I do not know when I will go.  
 How is everybody at home? I was glad to hear that your potatoes and oats turned out so good and the prices are good too. And say, don't let any person drive the colt too much for when I get back I will want to make a splash, unless I happen to get killed

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In France, but I am not looking for all like pavement but the farmers are that I don't want old St. Peter looking up my family history yet awhile. This is an awful country. It rains the socks and tobacco just the one here for the world, although it is a beautiful country to look at. London is a wonderful place and all the towns are so different to ours. The roads are They were looking well and hearty.

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