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BAND CONCERTS

The excellent series of open air Band Concerts given during the summer was concluded on Thursday evening and even the approach of the cold autumn evenings does not lessen the sense of loss over the discontinuance of these delightful out door entertainments.

To the members of the various bands, the League of the Cross Band with 25 members, the Veterans Band with 15 members, the Fourth Regiment Band with 14 members and the Caledonian Pipe Band with 12 members, the citizens are indebted for these bi-weekly entertainments which were among the outstanding entertainments of the summer.

While gratitude is being expressed the generosity of those who contributed must not be overlooked. The City Council contributed \$150, the Retail Merchants' Association \$100, Rotary Club \$100 and private citizens \$100. We understand it is the intention, weather permitting, to give two concerts during Exhibition Week.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

On two evenings of this week many in Charlottetown and from outlying sections of the province enjoyed a musical feast declared by those competent to judge the most enjoyable ever heard in this city. Some noteworthy features in connection with the performances are worth referring to.

Notes By The Way

We are reminded from time to time of the truth of the old proverb that "one supply makes another want." It is thus with road-building. Whether we make a new road or reconstruct an old one the problem of constant and frequent repair thereafter remains to be faced.

The claim that the improved roads built under the Dominion and Provincial grants are "permanent" has been exploded in every provincial division of Canada as fast as the roads have been constructed. The same complaints are raised in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and here.

And yet the cause is apparent enough. Earth embankments settle unevenly, especially when made up in part of large boulders buried in clay. The rocks are un-

peat the enjoyment of the previous evening.

Is it a legitimate inference that in Charlottetown the number of persons who appreciate a performance of that class, a performance by the most highly trained talent available is so limited that the Prince Edward Theatre, even if filled to capacity, would accommodate them? And the theatre was not filled to capacity. There were large audiences, it is true, audiences which on both evenings showed their appreciation unmistakably and most heartily, and it is gratifying to know that the manager of the Prince Edward who took the risk of bringing this treat to our city, did not lose any money; we understand he came out about square. This was not enough; he is at least entitled to a margin of profit as the risk is very considerable, being dependent upon weather conditions and other contingencies.

The price of admission was necessarily high, although lower, we understand, than in some of our sister cities, as trained violinists cannot be procured at the same cost as ordinary fiddlers. The point is that if we expect to be given an occasional treat either in music, in drama, in anything intellectual, we must be prepared to pay the price and to lend our assistance by patronizing and by boosting it when it comes. The Prince Edward Theatre, like other institutions of its kind is not in business solely for its health and cannot be expected to assume heavy financial risks without the assurance that the people are benefited in, occasionally at least, providing the best that can be had.

Charlottetown music lovers measured fairly creditably in their patronage of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and we refuse to believe that the reason the theatre was not filled to capacity was due to the fact that all who appreciate a good thing were present. Many were no doubt absent for quite legitimate reasons but the fact remains that the intellectual calibre of a city is measured by its patronage of intellectual entertainment. A little more encouragement, a little more enthusiasm in the direction of placing first things first would help us all in at least occasionally, enjoying the best available and we trust that henceforth this encouragement and this enthusiasm will be in evidence when good things are offered us.

yielding, the clay yields under the pressure of traffic. In like manner in the cuttings, made to improve the grades and the subsoil is found to be full of rocks and boulders. Many of these are left lying near the surface of the road way and are upheaved by the winter frost. This will be a source of trouble and expense for years to come.

In Quebec the municipal councils, on which much of the cost of maintaining and repairing the high ways has hitherto fallen, have been driven to practical revolt by the burden of maintaining the improved roads in addition to the others. The result is that Premier Taschereau has been driven to assume the entire cost of repairing and maintaining the improved roads as a charge upon the provincial government. The "supply" of improved roads created the "want" of the means to maintain them at a cost of a million dollars yearly.

With us no provision has been made for maintaining the new roads in proper repairs, although Premier Bell made promises to the Legislature at its last session that this would be done. These roads will require attention in spring, summer and autumn, which will cost a good round sum. How is this to be raised except by additional taxation? And already the taxpayers are more than impatient. But if the money necessary for the maintenance of

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The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Carnegie Commission's Visit

Sir,—Will you kindly furnish, through your valuable paper, answers to the following questions: 1. Did the Carnegie Foundation Commission visit Prince Edward Island and investigate its public school system?

2. If not, who supplied the information upon which the Commission based its report on the Provincial Public Schools? Thanking you in advance, I am, Sir, etc.

PRINCE COUNTY.

(Note.—The following extract from the report will supply answers to the two questions asked by "Prince County": "At various times during the past ten years each of the principal higher institutions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada has applied to the Carnegie Corporation for financial assistance. These applications have always been sympathetically received by the Trustees of the Corporation. The educational interests of Canada and of the United States are intimately related and the welfare of Canadian colleges and universities properly concerns the people of one country almost as much as it does those of the other.

"In spite of the apparent need, a practical policy for aiding this group of small colleges scattered over the coast provinces was not so clear. One college could not be considered without the others, and it seemed necessary, finally, to take up the whole matter as a single problem. An added reason for this course lay in the fact that many invitations, including an official proposal from the government of Nova Scotia, had been received from time to time suggesting a general enquiry into the educational situation in these provinces.

"Without undertaking a formal and extensive survey therefore, the Corporation invited Dr. William S. Learned, of the staff of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Dr. C. M. Sills, President of Bowdoin College, to visit the Maritime Provinces and the educational institutions there, and to report on the situation with a view to suggesting a constructive policy for the treatment particularly of the institutions that had applied for aid. These visits were made in October and November, 1921, and were duly reported to the Corporation."

To this we may add that Dr. Sills and Dr. Learned visited Prince Edward Island and conferred with the Chief Superintendent of Education, Mr. R. H. Rogers, Dr. McLellan, Rector of St. Dunstan's University, and Dr. S. N. Robertson, Principal of Prince of Wales College. It will be observed that the Commission interested itself with the colleges and universities rather than with the primary schools.—Ed. G.)

Students, Board and Methods.

Sir,—Some 250 pupils this year have entered Prince of Wales College for the first time, and are quartered about town in various places.

Many of these try to get board and lodging as cheaply as they can, and their year at Prince of Wales college will cost as little as possible. They get such a place. The table board of such winter these places are often cold and uncomfortable and consequently many of the students cannot study to advantage. As far as I know there is no inspection either of the board these young students receive, nor of their comfort as to warmth. They often have to work wrapped up, and cuddled up against the hot stove. It is impossible for young children—for many of them are nothing more than do effective work under these circumstances.

Being housed in such a manner they are not only uncomfortable, but are subject to many temptations, and it is a high tribute to their home upbringing that so few yield to them.

Here is a field open to many philanthropic ladies and gentlemen of Charlottetown to whom these people are made more comfortable, and the worst cases reported to the principal of the college.

When this is taken into consideration, together with the fact that they are growing children, places at Prince of Wales College at a quarter to eight in the morning till 12 noon, and be at work there till 11 o'clock, and sometimes will have to return in the afternoon; in the afternoon they must extend their notes and often re-write them, putting as much time on the details as on the main principles for these have often not often have to work till 11 o'clock at night, is it any wonder that they accomplish nothing? They are too shy to ask their teachers about things they do not understand, and the teachers, as far as I am able to gather, have not a systematic system of outlining to find out where the pupils stand, consequently many of them do not understand and because they have not had a fair show in their instruction.

Now, in other colleges they have regular quizzes in the first year to find out whether the pupil is grasping the subject properly. In

Happenings Of The Week

Sun on the fields, and in the garden close  
A labyrinth of mingled light and shade  
Where the tall blossoms are, the saffron blade  
Of the gladiolus, the poem and prose  
Of the late poppies and the lingering rose;  
Here velvet lawns stretch like a smooth green glade,  
Here one may find all weariness allayed.

Sun on the fields, the far fields and the near,  
Yet not for long; a voice prophetic thrills  
The air, and from far heights the echoes leap  
Ringing these words reiterate and clear—  
"Soon shall the Winter come across the hills  
Summering earth to keep her trust with sleep!"

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are entertaining the Prince of Wales at Chatsworth for the pleasant shooting. The party lasts from the tenth to the sixteenth of the month. The grouse moors will also be shot over. The entertainment in the evening generally is dancing, although the precedent of the late King Edward is also being followed of holding theatricals, which was a favorite evening feature as a pastime when he visited the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

His Excellency the Governor General accompanied by Lady Byng and Lady Margaret Boscawen, arrived in Edmonton on Monday on a four day official visit. The viceregal party was met by the guard of honor, Lieut. Governor Brett, of Alberta, Premier Greenfield, Mayor Dyggan, members of the provincial government and of the city council.

The Boston Symphony Ensemble, under the direction of the brilliant Conductor Vannini, was a genuine treat to the music lovers of Charlottetown who were in attendance on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Mr. F. T. Watkins is being complimented on having several of his compositions accepted by the Boston Symphony, one of which was excellently given on Thursday evening, while the others are reserved for production next week in Boston, on return of the Company.

When it was first announced that Lady Diana Manners was to become a motion picture actress, it was believed by London aristocracy that the Duke of Rutland's daughter might be snubbed by royalty. Nevertheless, the Queen Mother was a guest of honor at a recent musicale of Lady Diana's mother and the Prince of Wales is taking a keen interest in the work of the titled actress.

class here a few questions are asked, usually of the brightest pupils, but the poorer ones are usually left to drift. They are not used to the subject and especially to the method of instruction by lectures and consequently no matter how hard they work they are doomed to failure when they have to make the extraordinary average of sixty five per cent to pass with the values of the different subjects arranged as now. So something like 50 per cent of them fail, the majority of them through no fault of their own.

The people have tolerated this now for many years and have thought many of them that the fault lay with the children, but I wish to assure them that in the majority of cases it is not so, but they have not had a proper chance and are ground between the upper and nether millstones of a cast iron merciless and soulless system.

In the old days if the children failed it was regarded as the fault of the children but in this more enlightened age if more than a reasonable number fail it is regarded as the fault of the teacher. This being the case at Prince of Wales College, the system that prevails there should be investigated by the Government through a committee of modern and competent educationalists to report and suggest some methods to prevent this awful number of failures.

It is no use to say that it is because the pupils do not work as Pedagogy says: It is no use to say that they were let into Prince of Wales College too easily. The fact is that they were let in as sufficiently qualified to enter, if the solution is to raise the standard of entrance, let it be done. But once they have been admitted then the pass percentage and the value of different subjects should be so arranged as to reasonably enable them to pass which is not the case now.

In conclusion I affirm that a failure of 50% of the students of the first year demands a sharp investigation now, at the beginning of the year, and those responsible for it should be dealt with if they do not mend their ways.  
I am, Sir, etc.  
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Miss Clarence MacKinnon and Miss Margery MacKinnon of Halifax, arrived home this week from a trip to England and European centres.

The closing tea of the season will be served at the Tennis Courts this afternoon by Miss M. McInnis, Miss L. McKenzie and Miss J. Martin.

Miss Edith Brown who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, "Hillhurst," leaves this morning for New York. Miss Brown has been the guest of honor at numerous social affairs during her visit in Charlottetown.

Rev. Wm. Orr Mulligan, Rev. Mr. Stavert and several other Ministers and laymen of this Province were in Halifax attending the Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces. There was a large representation from all over the Provinces.

Miss K. Peters who has been the guest of Miss Minnie Owen in Georgetown, has returned home.

Mrs. H. O. McInerney, Misses Christine, Mary and Dorothy McInerney have returned to St. John after a delightful summer spent in Georgetown.

Mr. Roy Sayles, manager of the Canadian Weekly Press, of Toronto, who has been visiting in Summerside last week with his host, Mr. Brennan on a visit by auto through Nova Scotia.

Mrs. (Dr.) Jaynes and charming little family have left on return to their home in West Newton having spent the summer at their lovely home in Keppoch.

Miss Dorothy Simpson left Wednesday to take up her studies at Windsor, also Miss Ollie Peake, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Peake.

Sir Louis and Lady Davies left this week for Ottawa closing their summer residence here after a delightful visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jardine have gone on a holiday visit to Rexton, and Newcastle, N. B.

Dr. Ferguson, Professor of Philosophy in Queen University, Kingston and Mrs. Ferguson are visiting friends in this city. They left yesterday for the Cliff Hotel, Stanhope.

Miss Constance Warburton, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. George A. Warburton, in Victoria, arrived in Montreal, Tuesday en route to her aunt in Charlottetown.

For the reopening of Mt. Allison and Windsor Colleges this week, the usual bevy of young people from this city, said regretful farewells. Among those leaving were Miss May Farquharson, Miss B. Farquharson, Miss Eleanor Johnson, Miss Eleanor Toombs and others.

Princess Mary is seeing a good deal of Yorkshire, and making the acquaintance of those who will be her neighbours at Knaresborough and round about. One day lately she and Lord Lascelles motored over to Bolton Abbey to see the King. Another afternoon the Princess might have been seen, herself un-noticed, with her nose glued in a very feminine way to the attractive shop windows of Harrogate while her husband transacted some business in the town.

Mrs. Mitchell of Halifax, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. McBealro; is being pleasantly enter-

tained during her visit.

An interesting event of the week was the marriage at Summerside on Wednesday of Miss Helen I. Compton, of St. Eleanor's and Mr. William E. Cotton of this city. Among the guests from Charlottetown were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cotton, Mr. R. L. Cotton, Miss Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McNatt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hyndman and Miss DeBlols.

Rev. Mr. Raymond's many friends are pleased to see him looking so much better after his extended holiday.

The wonderfully fine weather of the past week has been ideal for Golfing and daily large parties gather to watch the players. Interest seems to grow as the season advances, and a marked improvement is noticed among the players. This afternoon tea is to be served by Mrs. Warburton, Miss Peake, Mrs. Cosh and Miss Hobkirk.

Miss Lena McLure daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. McLure left Monday for Toronto to continue her studies in Elocution at the Conservatory of Music. Mrs. McLure accompanied her daughter to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Ramsay, Summerside, have as their welcome guest this week, Miss E. D. Ramsay of Montreal.

Kasha duvetyn, one of the new fall materials, comes in a two-toned combination of colors that is as lovely as it is unusual.

Mrs. Murchison who has been spending the summer here left Wednesday for New York where she will join Capt. Murchison and sail via England for Buenos Ayers. Accompanying Mrs. Murchison on a holiday visit to New York where Mrs. Lantz, Miss F. Lantz and Miss Constance Whear.

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BE STRONG! We are not here to play, to dream to drift; We have work to do, and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle,—face it; 'tis God's gift. BE STRONG! Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?" And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame! Stand up speak out, and bravely in God's name. BE STRONG! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong, How hard the battle goes, the day how long; Fight not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song. —Mable Davenport Babcock. OPPORTUNITY "They do me wrong who say I come no more. When once I knock and fail to find you in; For every day I stand outside your door, And bid you wage to rise, to fight to win." —Walter Malone