

Pioneer Church Labours At Princetown Recalled By Sunday's Anniversary

Sunday's anniversary service at Princetown United Church is a reminder of the inspiring history associated with this congregation. The Guardian has endeavored to present a picture of the pioneer pastor, Rev. Norman J. Thomas, for the following sketch, given in the course of an anniversary address last year by the Rev. J. Ramsay.

About the year 1770 a few families arrived in what is now Prince Edward Island from Annapolis Royal and settled about Richmond Bay including Princetown, and five years later others arrived from Morayshire. Some of these also settled near, others in New London, St. Peter's, etc. In 1784 a number of families of Loyalists from the United States settled in Bedeque and there were then persons settled about Richmond Bay.

About 1790, twenty years after the first landing, they were visited by the first Presbyterian Minister, Dr. James McGregor, of Pictou, who paid several visits between this time and 1800 when they arrived Rev. John Urquhart from the United States, but originally from Scotland. He settled in Princetown but took charge also of the Presbyterians in Bedeque, New London and Richmond Bay West. Many years later, at the time of his Golden Jubilee, Rev. Dr. John Keir, referring to Mr. Urquhart and his work, said "He formed them into church order, ordained elders in the different districts, dispensed the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper and performed other ministerial duties among them for about the space of two years when he removed to the Miramichi."

Valleyfield Services

There are a few congregations in our Maritime Conference that still cling to the old custom of holding an annual "long Communion." It has been the custom at Valleyfield to hold these services during the month of July. This year the opening service was held on Thursday, July 7th, at eleven A. M. continuing with two services daily, the concluding one being held at ten A. M. on Monday, July 11th.

During this Communion season Mr. Morrison preached eight sermons in English, also two in the beautiful and expressive Gaelic language the mother tongue of the people of Highland descent of this and surrounding communities.

Wood Islands Concert

A very delightful and successful concert was held in the Wood Islands Hall on the evening of Saturday, July 2nd, under the auspices of the Orange Order. Rev. R. Hensley Stavert presided and the following programme was well carried out.

Prizes were awarded by the teacher, Miss Esther Harper:— For General Proficiency, Grade IX—Lauretta Smith; Grade VIII—Marion Ford; Grade VII—Vera Nunn; Grade IV Sr.—Charlotte Moreside; Grade IV Jr.—Lois Craswell; Grade III—Ralph Shaw; Grade II—Donald MacNaughton; Grade I—Robert Craswell.

Prize for Perfect Attendance awarded to Marion Ford. Prizes for most hundreds since March were awarded to Veda Roberts, Marion Ford, Vera Nunn and Charlotte Moreside.

Prize for highest average in the Public School Certificate Examination awarded to Eric Laird. Prizes for Geography Matches awarded to Veda Roberts and Vera Nunn.

Prizes for best Current Event Portfolios awarded to Lauretta Smith and Alton Younker. Prizes for the presentation of prizes, Lauretta Smith, on behalf of the pupils, presented the teacher with a lovely gift, and the following address was read by Veda Roberts.

We have come to the close of another school year which has seemed a very short and pleasant one. We know you have done your best with us, and with your ability and good patience, we feel that this has been a very profitable year for us.

Prize for general progress donated by Mrs. R. J. McKenzie won by John McDonald. Prize for general progress donated by Mrs. Creamer awarded to Gordon McDonald. Prize for writing a good little boy, Kent Ellis.

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Souris High School Closing

The closing exercises of Souris High School were held in St. Mary's Hall Thursday afternoon, June 30. There was a large attendance of parents and visitors.

Cornwall

Mr. Lea Howard, Cornwall, is on a business trip to Ottawa. After a serious and prolonged illness, Mr. W. MacPhail passed away at his home on Saturday afternoon. The burial service was held at Cornwall United Church on Tuesday.

North Winsloe School Closing

The annual examination and closing exercises of North Winsloe School were held at the school on Wednesday afternoon, June 29th, with a large attendance of interested parents and visitors. The following program was carried out.

Westmoreland W. I.

The regular monthly meeting was held July 5th at the home of Mrs. Heber MacVittie. Meeting opened with Institute Carol followed by a Club Woman's Creed. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Jubilee Women's Institute

Mrs. George J. MacCormac, Albany, entertained eleven members of Jubilee Women's Institute at their monthly meeting on July 5th. After the Creed, roll call was answered by "Uses of Cellulohane," which proved instructive to the members. The minutes of the regular June meeting and a special meeting on June 2nd were read, approved and signed.

Forestry Aids Flood Control

OTTAWA, July 12.—(CP)—Extension of forest land gives much better mastery of flood problems than other methods. Dr. C. G. Bates of the United States forest service, St. Paul, Minn., said in a paper on "Reforestation and Flood Control" before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Big Cart Mare Queen For Day

LONDON, July 12.—(CP)—These are great days for the horse. The flat-racing season and the swanky shows have presented the aristocrats in frock coats and other finery the proletariat of horsedom stabled in a manner befitting their betters.

Old London Does Honor to Loyal Equine at Annual Horse Parade

It was the 48th annual affair and gleaming brass which had been dull since last year and fancy dress creations with crests be spoke the effort to win. For the awards don't go for stature, well-moulded quarters of speed, turnout of nose and harness and general appearance together with the nature of the trade or the competitor are the only considerations.

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