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—WOOD ISLANDS.—Rev. John McCall will preach in Wood Island on April 1st at 11 o'clock and in the Hall at 3 p. m.

—DOING GOOD WORK.—The Polly Anna Club of O'Leary has raised \$35 from Bean Suppers in aid of the Red Cross Work.—W.

—FUNERAL TODAY.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Ray Schurman takes place today March 28th at 2 p. m. from the home of her father Mr. Benjamin Montgomery. Traveller's Rest to Bedque Cemetery.

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—FUNERAL SERVICE.—On Wednesday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Alfred Gorrill of Glenwood took place. The same being led by the Rev. R. Brodie, assisted by the Rev. R. Murray. At 1.30 p. m. a short service was held at the home of the deceased. The hymns "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus Lover of my Soul" being sung. The Rev. R. Brodie read the scripture while the Rev. R. Murray prayed. The remains were taken to the Methodist Church at Milburn for burial. Over forty sleighs followed. On arrival at the Church which was over filled the following service was held. Hymn "Rock of Ages". Prayers Rev. R. Murray. Hymn "Why do we Mourn." Address by Rev. Mr. Murray. Hymn "Asleep in Jesus." Address by Rev. R. Brodie. Prayer. Hymn "Servant of God Well Done." Silent prayer. Benediction.—W.

—INSTITUTE MEETING.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Emerald Women's Institute, it was decided to adopt a "Prisoner of War" and they also voted money for a map for the Primary Room of the school. The next regular meeting will be held in the school house.

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—DEPARTURE REGRETTED.—To the regret of the citizens of O'Leary and district they said goodbye to Dr. J. P. McGrath and Mrs. McGrath who left O'Leary on Wednesday for Charlottetown where Dr. H. has received a good appointment. Before leaving Mr. A. Adams read a farewell address.—W.

—TO ADOPT PRISONER.—The Meadow Bank Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. James McPhail on Wednesday afternoon, March 21st. A goodly number of members were present and also two members from the Cornwall-York Institute. When the regular business was over, discussion on Casserole Cooking and the curing of meats was taken up after which a Button-Hole Contest was proposed by one of the ladies. Several took part in this contest. It was decided at this meeting to adopt a Prisoner of War the first payment to be made in April. A dainty lunch was then served by the hostess and a very pleasant hour was spent in knitting and social chat. Before the meeting broke up a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the hostess for her hospitality, to which she fittingly replied.

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WESTERN PERSONALS

—Mr. P. Howard left O'Leary recently for the U. S. A.—W.

Hon. A. E. Arsenault

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are very expert educationists, that they have made any special study of the matter. I don't see why they should set their opinions against those of men who have been life-long teachers, who have been interested all through their lives in education. I don't see that they have, in support of their contentions adduced any proof or quoted any authorities on the subject. The curriculum has been attacked in the first place,—it has been stated that it is overloaded. Well, if the curriculum is overloaded, whose fault is it? THE CURRICULUM IS THE SAME CURRICULUM that has been in force for some years. It was there under the late Government; it is still there. It is true that certain subjects we have made practical. They have not been a dead letter, like agriculture, which had been practically a negligible quantity for years. One man went so far as to say he should not suggest one subject that should be struck off, except Nature Study. Now, in my opinion, if there is one subject that he kept on, it is Nature Study. Children who formerly looked upon frogs as something to be destroyed, to-day know they are the greatest friends of men. Boys who formerly saw a bird's nest could not refrain from despoiling it. In this connection I may relate an experience of mine during last summer. Overhanging the trees was a spruce bush. In that a robin had made its nest. There are about twenty boys around that section of the town, about as mischievous boys as you could find anywhere. When I saw that nest I felt it would not remain where it was for any length of time but strange to say day after day the boys went there and waited to see the young birds being hatched, and that nest remained there intact until the young ones grew and flew away. The fact that the nest was not destroyed was due to Nature Study which the boys had learned in school. In the connection I would quote the following reports from Inspector Boulter and Inspector Mullin:

"The good results otherwise accruing from the teaching of Nature Study far exceeded my expectations. Without stinting any part of the course, this subject, so long neglected or left alone, has taken the place it deserves, and is now one of the most interesting and important subjects taught. Interesting, because the pupils are brought into touch with the vital things of life. Important, because the pupils are receiving an education along lines which the majority are most likely to follow, and are thus better fitted for their future vocation."

"During the past year the teaching of Nature Study and Elementary Agriculture has created the greatest enthusiasm. Of course it is impossible to measure the progress made in the subjects. If it were just a matter of knowledge it would be less difficult to judge regarding the progress. But knowledge is only a secondary matter. What are of primary importance are the interests and ideas created, the strengthening and enlargement of the child's mental and spiritual life, vision and point of view. From what I have seen and heard during my visits I feel assured that splendid results have been obtained in this respect. A large majority of our teachers are very much more active and interested themselves, and are working strenuously to arouse their pupils' interests. When we consider that in this Inspectorate during the year 1914 only two gardens were in operation and so far as I know not a single Home Project and that during 1915 some seven gardens containing 138 plots and in addition about 150 home plots were successfully worked, that all the pupils in these seventeen, as well as those in many other schools which did not attempt garden work, show an almost remarkable interest in and knowledge of the common weeds, trees, flowers and vegetables, it is only then that one can judge of the progress made. Personally I feel very proud of our progress. The outlook for 1915 is exceedingly bright. Teachers are gaining experience and therefore more self-reliance. More courage and energy will be in evidence."

And now I shall read some extracts from a book which is called the "Report of the Commission on Education in Prince Edward Island, appointed by order of the Lieutenant Governor on the 15th October 1908."

Some of the members on the other side will no doubt remember that celebrated Commission. It was a Commission that cost this province something like \$4,000. They cannot regulate that Commission, because it was their own child. They are the father of this Commission. Unfortunately the child died an unnatural death, strangled by its father at its birth. However, the men who composed the Commission were good men. They went to a great deal of trouble, made a thorough investigation and gave a good report; but that report was pigeon-holed, and so far as the Liberal Government was concerned it never saw the light. However, this is what this Commission said:

NATURE STUDY AND AGRICULTURE.

"We would Nature Study a consid-

SPLENDID RECEPTION TO SERGT. C. HINE

Veteran of Two Wars Given Cheering Welcome Upon His Return From the Battlefields of Europe.

Citizens turned out en masse yesterday to extend a welcome to Sergt. Charles Hine, upon his return from Europe, where he has been nobly upholding the cause of the Empire and the world's liberty on the battlefields of France and Flanders.

The crowd which greeted Sergt. Hine upon his return was about the largest which has yet assembled to greet any home-coming Island soldier. Not only was the railway station yard crowded but there was also a great assemblage outside the station. The Overseas Reinforcements under the command of Major Leigh, and the 4th Regiment Band were drawn up to greet him and as the train drew in the station the band played "O Canada," and as he stepped from the train he was greeted with hearty handshakes from the Mayor and Council. Smith, representing the City, and the committee of the Overseas Service of the City, and the Rev. Canon Simpson, Major, the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, and Mr. James Paton, and a host of personal friends of Sergt. Hine who were proud to grasp the hand of the hero of two wars and wish him a glad welcome home.

At the same time three hearty cheers and a tiger were given with will, and the railway whistles screamed forth in noisome but joyous tones to greet a former employee. The whistle of the Charlottetown Condensed Milk Factory also joined in the welcome.

Sergt. Hine was escorted to Messrs. Large Bros. a splendid barouche, which was in waiting and driven by their handsome span of grey horses. With the band and soldiers preceding he was conveyed via Weymouth street to Kent street, thence to the City Hall, where a great concourse of citizens had gathered.

Sergt. Hine and the other occupants of the barouche here stepped out and took up a position at the entrance to the building. Here Major Fullerton introduced Sergt. Hine to Mayor Brown, who said he was proud that all indeed were proud to welcome Sergt. Hine home again. The Mayor declared that Sergt. Hine had no occasion to thank him for the war, he had nobly done his share in a previous campaign, but his ambition and sense of loyalty would not let him stay at

able place in the school course. We are satisfied that the proper pursuit of that study would afford pupils the means of acquiring much valuable information having a direct bearing on Agriculture, information interesting to the child and of great practical use to him in later years.

"While the attainment of knowledge is most desirable, it must be remembered that such is not by any means the sole or even the chief purpose of Nature Study. THE AIM IS MORE TO TRAIN THE CHILD TO OBSERVE, TO INVESTIGATE MANY FACTS OF NATURE AROUND HIM IN HIS DAILY LIFE. The results looked for are largely an acquaintance with the best method of gaining knowledge by observation and reasoning, the active method as distinguished from the passive or receptive, the creation and cultivation of an interest in the things around them, and a desire to find out more about them, but also, incidentally, it may be, the acquisition of useful information. We think this study should be encouraged not only on account of its excellence as an educative factor, but also because of the many PRACTICAL VALUE. It may and should have a DECIDED AGRICULTURAL TENDENCY. Teachers and pupils should observe, examine and study the animal life and plant life to be found in the adjacent roadways and on the surrounding farms and in the school garden where there is one. They should study the relations between such animals and plant life. This would involve a consideration of what animals and plants are beneficial and what are harmful to the farmer in his work, their life histories, the means of increasing and discouraging the former class and of destroying the latter. In this way, and in many other ways, which we need not wait here to set out, Nature Study, may and should lead up to and be a preparation for the study of Agriculture, may serve as the forerunner if not as the handmaiden of Agriculture. In some of the schools there is no reason why in the highest two grades Nature Study should not merge into the elementary phases of Agriculture, and that instruction might not be given in garden work as well as in feeding and caring for animals, pruning and spraying trees, etc., to be carried out at home. The pupils should observe the results of such work and the teacher should require reports of the same from time to time. To make this possible, there must be in the first place a teacher fully prepared for his duty. The Inspector should have the power of deciding in which of the schools such instruction in Agriculture would be warranted."

"An intelligent prosecution of Nature Study would also, we have no doubt, greatly tend to CREATE AND CULTIVATE A STRONG ATTACHMENT TO LIFE IN THE COUNTRY AND SO HELP TO CHECK THE 'DRIFT' TO TOWNS and cities. The allurements of the city should call in vain to him who has acquired the habit of intelligently watching what is going on around him, the vegetation, the growth of plants, the blooming of flowers and the many other processes of Nature constantly taking place in everchanging variety—should call in vain to him who observes the coming and going of birds, who has learned to recognise them by their songs and to distinguish them by their plumage."

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home when the Empire was engaged in a fight for freedom. He returns suffering from the shock of battle, and he hoped that his health would be speedily restored, and that when it is, that he would be looked after by the authorities in a manner befitting such a hero. The Mayor went on to say that he saw quite a number of able-bodied young men before him who should be in uniform and declared that now is the time that men are needed most of all, in order to bring about the much needed peace in the world.

Rev. Canon Simpson was next called on and said he had the pleasure when Sergt. Hine enlisted for South Africa to make an address at the farewell meeting in the Opera House when he was leaving; also to meet him with an address when he returned from that campaign; and again when leaving for the present war and now again he had the pleasure to greet him for the fourth time on his return from the great war. Canon Simpson said he had been more closely connected with Sergt. Hine than most people. He had been a choir-leader under him when a small boy had been a pupil at St. Peter's Boys School, and the Sunday School; had had him confirmed and had married him and had baptized his children and was justly proud of it all. "Sergt. Hine," said Canon Simpson, "comes from fighting stock. His grandfather was a soldier; his father was a soldier; he is a soldier and he has a son a soldier. Ernest, now with the 8th Siege Battery on Overseas Service of whom all should be proud."

The Canon concluded by hoping that Sergt. Hine would be fully restored to health and vigor.

Colonel Moore spoke next. He said that away back in 1899 he had enlisted Mr. Hine for service in South Africa. He had come through that campaign with honors and now he returned from his second period of war service. The Colonel said he was proud of Sgt. Hine's record and declared that it should be a stimulus to the scores of young men who stood before him. "I trust," said the Colonel in conclusion, "that one of the results of this reception will be to stimulate some of you young men to put a little of that in your heart which Sgt. Hine has displayed. I hope before this week is out, to see a lot of you in khaki."

Colonel Jenkins, M. D., then called for cheers for Sgt. Hine which were given with a vim and the band played "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Sgt. Hine in a neat address fittingly thanked the people for the reception accorded him. Such a receipt he said would be more fitting for the boys he had left behind. "This town and this Island," said he, "should be proud of the 98th. I never saw a bunch of men work like them. No one will ever have reason to be ashamed of them. They work 22 out of 24 hours a day and no man has to be asked a second time to do a thing. I may also add that their commanding officer, Major Prowse, is one of the finest men I ever met. He works them hard and they appear to like it. I never saw a better lot of men or a better liked officer. Again I thank you for your kind reception."

Major Fullerton said all were proud indeed of Sgt. Hine's for his great record in fighting for the Empire in South Africa, France and Flanders. The Major said he hoped that the words of Col. Moore would bear fruit and that those who can possibly see their way to it will soon be in khaki and be in it at the close when the Allies are dictating terms of peace. Major Fullerton said he would be glad to see Sgt. Hine safely restored to his wife and family and to his fond parents. He extended best wishes for his future.

The Band then played the National Anthem, the troops marched back to barracks and the returned hero was conveyed to his home.

Sergt. Hine is the first member of the 98th Siege Battery to return home. He was at the front for five months and saw quite a lot of fighting. In October 1916, while riding in a motor lorry on a road between Montevan and Longueval he received the injury which put him out of commission. The lorry was struck by a high explosive shell. The top of the machine was blown off and the four occupants, Hines, Harry Beck, Harry Riggs and an Englishman named Dean, hurried

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Before leaving England he saw his son Ernest of No. 8 Siege Battery. He said that Fred Hooper, another member of the battery who was wounded and who was expected home with him, did not come over on the same steamer. He has not seen Fred lately. Hine was the only Islander to land in Halifax on Friday.

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