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Neil Dinan,

There passed away at Salem, Mass., Dec. 15th, Neil Dinan aged 83 years, from cancer of the liver. He was a long time resident of Maxwell, York Co., where he was a farmer and wheelwright and only went to Salem about four weeks since. He leaves two sons James and George, of Maxwell, and John Thomas and Sylvester, of the West. He has two daughters Mrs. William Donovan of Canterbury Station, and Mrs. Edward Laverty, now of Salem, two sisters, one in Houlton and one in Colorado and a large number of grandchildren and other relatives. In religion he was a Roman Catholic.

He was a very quiet, and industrious man and leaves a large circle of neighbours and friends who will miss him. The remains were brought to Debec and buried beside those of his wife who died a few years since.

Malcolm G MacKendrick

At St. Come, Province of Quebec, on Saturday, December 21st., Mr. Malcolm G. MacKendrick, aged sixty-two years, after a short illness.

Mr. MacKendrick is survived by two brothers, Dr. Neil MacKendrick, of Newfoundland, and Mr. D. A. MacKendrick, of this town, also a sister, Mrs. Charles Hughes, of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, and several nephews and nieces. Interment will take place in Bass River, Kent County, N. B. Mr. MacKendrick's old home.

Hickey Guilty Of Murder In
Second Degree

Buffalo, Dec. 21.—After twenty-six hours' deliberation the jury in the case of J. Frank Hickey, on trial for the murder of seven-year-old Joseph Joseph of Lakawanna, Oct. 12, 1911, today brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Thirteen ballots were taken to decide Hickey's fate. Twelve resulted, according to the jurors, nine for conviction and three for not guilty on the insanity plea. The thirteenth and last ballot was taken at 2.30 this afternoon, after the jury had reported to the court in the morning that they could not agree. Justice Brown at that time declined to discharge them, and directed them to return to the jury room in a further effort to arrive at a verdict.

Fable indignation at the outcome of the case is intense, and in legal circles the possibility of having Hickey tried for the murder of the Emmet boy is being discussed.

Prepared Suicide To Killing

Rome, Dec. 21.—The Giornale D'Italia publishes a sensational story to the effect that a young anarchist, Henry Dal Ferro, of San Giovanni, in Parosito, near Bologna, who was destined by lot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel attempted to commit suicide rather than carry out his mission. Ferro, says the paper, is now in a hospital in a serious condition.

The Memorial

School

Thursday was a big day in the history of the educational work of this town. It was the day of the formal opening of the Fisher Memorial school.

The building itself is one of the best and the equipment cannot be equalled in any school in the province.

At the main entrance was the word "Fisher," brilliantly lighted by electricity, while the lighting of the whole building including the assembly room reflects the highest credit on Harry D Baird, who wired the entire Memorial School. The efficient janitor, Herbert Holmes, and a staff of ushers, were most attentive to the large audience present. The portraits of the late L P Fisher and James McCoy occupied prominent places on the stage. The musical numbers, which were much enjoyed, consisted of a solo by Mrs G W Gibson, a solo by Mr Plumpton, and quartets by Messrs I W N Baker, H H Lockwood, Clyde Watson and P H Betts, and Mrs R E Holyoke, Mrs H H Lockwood, Mr Lockwood and Dr Baker. Mrs E W Mair and Miss Marguerite Lamb were the accompanists.

The new school, as its name implies, is a memorial to the late Lewis Peter Fisher and is a brick building with stone trimmings, having been erected and equipped at a cost of \$75,000. It occupies the site of the old Grammar School. There are ten class rooms in the new building with accommodation for 600 pupils. The assembly hall will seat the same number with a stage capable of accommodating 200 more.

Mr W B Belyea, chairman of board of school trustees, presided. Among the persons of prominence on the platform were Chancellor Jones, Superintendent Carter, F Peacock, Donald Munro, F B Meagher, John R Tompkins, J A Lindsay, A B Connell, F H J Dibblee, Senator Baird, Rev F J McMurray, Rev R W Weddall, Rev F Baird, and Messrs J T A Dibblee, Geo E Balmain, E W Mair, J R Brown, P Bradley and C Allen Smith, members of the board of school trustees.

A. B. CONNELL, K. C.

A B Connell said that the people of Woodstock were indebted to the late L P Fisher for this handsome building. When the deceased came to this town many years ago he was appointed superintendent of roads and under his supervision the town had excellent roads in those early days. In 1856 when the town was incorporated he was elected the first mayor; he was mayor for 25 years and was unsuccessfully opposed on but two occasions. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school for 25 years and brought it up to a high state of efficiency. In the cause of education he always took a great interest. In 1871 when the Free Schools Act was established he was made chairman of the school board and had associated with him six trustees, one of whom James Drysdale was present on this occasion; the other five have passed away, including G W Vanwart and Samuel Watts, associated with Mr Drysdale as trustees for Wellington ward, and David Munro who was one of three appointed for the other two wards. As chairman of the school board he took a great interest in educational work and was an almost daily visitor to the schools. Before his death he devised the whole of his property for the education of the youth of this town. As a result the executors of the estate have already given to the town the Fisher Hospital and School. Next spring a free public library will be built and a building, in connection with the Agricultural College, for technical work and manual training. The trustees in accepting the benefits of the will must also accept the burdens; the deceased wished to have a night school in this building and the trustees have promised to carry out that object. Maybe this scheme is not practicable at the present time, but the trustees must make an honest effort to carry it out, and if they fail to make such an effort, which he did not think they would, the executors would try by every lawful means to have a night school established in this building. Mr.

Connell then handed over the keys of the new school to W. B. Belyea, chairman of the board of school trustees.

Mr. Belyea then read letters regret for non attendance from Lt. Governor Wood, Premier Flemming, Mayor Ketchum and C. D. Richards.

Mr. Belyea accepted the keys of the school from Mr. Connell on behalf of the school board, and then gracefully introduced Senator Baird.

SENATOR BAIRD.

Senator Baird of Perth, said as one of the "old boys" it was appropriate for him to unveil the portrait of the late James McCoy, which he presented to the school on behalf of the former pupils of Mr McCoy. Continuing he said: "Fifty years ago to-day I was attending school in Woodstock under James McCoy. At that time Mr Fisher seemed to be McCoy's right hand man; they were together often and Mr Fisher attended all the exams; We know very little about Mr McCoy; some 60 years ago he was teaching school in Woodstock; he was one of the old school and was educated in Dublin; he came here in the early '40's and first taught school at Bairdsville, Victoria county, shortly afterwards coming to Woodstock where he taught the Grammar School for many years. Many a night he sat at home with me teaching me Latin and mathematics and any of us who went to school with him will give him credit for the diligent work he put into his teaching. There is no doubt that he and the late Mr Fisher planned ahead the great work that is now being carried out by the executors of his estate. As one of the "old boys" he was pleased to be present on this occasion at the unveiling of the portrait of their late teacher.

CHANCELLOR JONES.

Dr Jones gave an eloquent address on educational lines. He told of the work of the common school, high school and the university, which is necessary for technical and professional work. The only flaw with our present school system is that only a small percentage of children go through the grammar school or college. He said it had been shown that the old system of education should be supplemented by technical education, the funds for which should be furnished by the Dominion treasury. He was a loyal citizen but he looked with envy at that \$35,000,000 to be spent for three dreadnaughts. If that sum were given for technical education what an immense amount of good could be done.

F. B. MEAGHER.

Inspector F B Meagher pointed out the rapid strides made in educational work throughout the province. He referred to the high class Consolidated School at East Florenceville where is taught manual training, domestic science and school gardening. They were gathered here to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of him through whose generosity this handsome building has been erected—such generosity is unparalleled in the history of New Brunswick; it would be well if his action was followed by other rich men of the province; this school building and equipment was unsurpassed anywhere.

PROF PEACOCK.

Prof Peacock, of the educational department, said that technical education is the education that must appeal to the great bulk of the people. In the United States only seven per cent of the children reach the eighth grade. We are no better in Canada and the great bulk of the people go uneducated as it seems necessary for them to leave school young, hence the necessity of technical schools.

SUPT. CARTER.

Supt Carter, who was the last speaker, said that L P Fisher was indeed a great man. Many years ago he saw the need of technical work and his bequests have now placed Woodstock in such a position that inside of a few years it will be the leader in technical work in the province. To-day he and others of the educational department met with the executors of the Fisher estate and talked over arrangements for the technical and manual training rooms in connection with the agricultural college. Woodstock through the will of Mr Fisher already has a fine hospital worth \$50,000, the Fisher Memorial School costing \$75,000, while next spring a public library will be built at a cost of \$25,000 and a technical and manual training school to

cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. He paid his respects to the memory of the late James McCoy, who, with Mr Fisher, over half a century ago, worked out this elaborate educational scheme for the children of this town. The building has been and is being greatly admired and reflects credit on the architect, the contractors and in particular on Messrs Connell and Dibblee, the trustees of the estate.

The National Anthem by the quartet and audience closed a most successful meeting.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL.

The building is a large one with basement and two stories, and is complete in every particular from foundation to attic.

The foundation to the ground floor level is built most substantially of concrete and dressed granite, and above the level the walls are constructed of concrete blocks, faced with La Prairie pressed brick and freestone.

The basement, which has a clearance of ten feet between floor and ceiling, is divided into ten large rooms with heavy concrete partition walls. Two of these rooms are occupied by girls' and boys' lavatories and fitted with the most modern and up-to-date improvements. The boiler room is neatly arranged, and is absolutely fireproof and contains a system of five round Sofford steam boilers, which are all connected, but so arranged that they may be run independently according to the weather conditions and the amount of steam required.

A coal room adjoins the boiler room and has a capacity of several hundred tons. A filtration plant which purifies all the water, occupies another room, while the remaining five large rooms and halls afford ample play rooms for the children in cold and inclement weather. The basement floors are neatly laid with asphalt, which adds much to the appearance of the rooms. The ground floor contains six standard class rooms, 28 by 32 feet, as well as a library and principal's room. The second floor contains four standard class rooms and a nature study room, while the central pavilion on this flat is occupied as an assembly hall, and is 55 by 72 feet, which is one of the finest halls in the town.

The rooms throughout the building are fitted with a most modern system of ventilation at a cost of several thousand dollars, and each class room is supplied with cloak rooms, neatly fitted with brass pins and hooks to accommodate fifty pupils each. The floors throughout are of first quality hardwood, and the rooms are neatly finished with eypress trimmings, the inside finish being all supplied by Murray & Gregory of St John. The woodwork was all erected under the efficient supervision of Stephen Green of Woodstock and George Acheson of St Stephen had charge of all painting and burlap, while Dan Campbell of Calais looked after the asphalt floors.

The building was designed by G Ernest Fairweather, architect, of St John and the entire work was conducted by Jos McVay & Son, contractors, St Stephen. John McGuigan of St John was inspector for the Fisher estate.

Charles Ritchie

Charles Ritchie, who has been ill with consumption the past year, passed away on Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs Bert Sewell, Craigholm. He is survived by his father and one sister. He was in his 20 year and was a member of the Episcopal Church. Prayers were said at the house of his sister on Sunday. The funeral service was conducted at St. Lawrence by the Rev. A. S. Hazel.

PRESENTATION

Miss Maud Slipp, on behalf of the Sunday School class of church taught by Mrs. B. read an appreciative address on Sunday and presented a hand satchel, to which Miss Slipp made a suitable reply.

PRESENTATION

Just previous to her departure for Watrous, Sask., Miss May presented by the business of Woodstock with a handsome bag in appreciation of services rendered for the years as operator in the Union Telegraph Office. She was an experienced and efficient official, and left Woodstock with the best wishes of a host of friends.

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