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INSPECTORIAL DISTRICT

NUMBER EIGHT

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ed by Miss King until the close of the term, after which Mr. Walter Daly was appointed to take charge. The Manual Training Department is being successfully conducted by Miss Winnifred Smith.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS

All of the ungraded schools in my territory were visited during the year. The majority of them were visited twice.

The schools in St. Elmo, Digby, and Nictau, were closed during both terms of the year. There are three children of school age in St. Elmo, four in Digby and eight in Nictau.

The schools in the following districts were closed during one term

of the year: California Settlement, Brown's Mountain, Clarkville, Central Waterville, Green Lake, Beckin Settlement, East Newbridge, Forest Glen, Upper Kintore, Odell River, Ketchum Ridge, and Red Rapids. In some of the districts named it was alleged, as a reason for the closing of the schools, that teachers could not be obtained, but I am satisfied that if a determined effort had been made in good time no such difficulty would have been experienced.

Interest in educational affairs seems to be at a low ebb in East Cloverdale. Judging from present reports, the school will not be reopened this term. It has been decided to move the house in Carlisle to a more central location, but it is probable that a new building will be erected instead on the site selected.

I am glad to note that several houses which have been repaired dur-

ing the year, amongst which may be mentioned Knowlesville and South Knowlesville, have had their rooms remodeled so as to conform with modern ideas in respect to the admission of light.

A new house must be erected in Debec. The present building has outlived its usefulness for school purposes.

The school in Oakland is operated in a very irregular manner, and the pupils are in consequence making little progress. The house is situated wet, marshy ground, and it should be moved to a more suitable place.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

New school houses have been completed in the following districts: Benton, Coldstream United, Cupid, and Lower Windsor.

The house in Benton has rooms for two graded departments. It is a modern building, constructed in accordance with plans furnished by the Board of Education. The house in Coldstream United also calls for favorable notice. It is a large and

serviceable building, with a concrete basement, and, if need arises, it can accommodate two graded departments.

The house in Cupid was not built in accordance with the plans which I furnished to the trustees. The windows are on the east and west sides of the room, and the pupils are thus obliged to sit between strong cross lights, which is very objectionable. The trustees, however, have promised to remedy this defect.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

The introduction of Physical Training into our schools was surely a step in the right direction. Already its good effects are becoming apparent in the erect carriage of the pupils and the brighter and healthier tone it is imparting to the school work.

Some teachers, however, do not insist enough upon correct habits of standing, sitting, walking, breathing, etc., nor do they always keep in mind the object of each lesson,

and so miss one of the principal educative features in this important branch of school work.

ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day was not so generally observed in this Inspectorial District as in former years, owing to wet and unfavorable weather on the day selected.

One hundred and fifty-seven trees and forty-one shrubs were planted and one hundred and fifty-one flower-beds were made.

The extensive planting of trees and shrubs which has been going on in my territory for so many years has had visibly good results in some cases, but in others it has been like "the path of an arrow," which is immediately closed up and lost. On the whole, however, apart from the results referred to, we have gained much by observing the day, both in the way of giving the pupils a taste for the study of Nature and of directing public attention to the necessity of preserving trees, and the value of planting for decorative purposes.

THE FISHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

A photograph of the Fisher Vocational School building is enclosed. It is a magnificent structure, admirably adapted for the several purposes for which it was designed.

There is an assembly hall 54x35 feet for agricultural purposes in the basement, also lavatories and a blacksmith shop 35x20 feet.

On the first floor, there are rooms and offices for the Domestic Science and Manual Training Departments. The former has a kitchen, dining room, laundry, and pantry within its limits.

On the second floor there are four agricultural class-rooms, also offices and lavatories. Pure water from a spring in the basement will be supplied by a force pump to every room in the building.

The Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments will be operated by the Town of Woodstock; the Agricultural and other departments by the Provincial Government.

It is probable that the first Summer School of Science for the Province of New Brunswick will be held in this building next year.

THE NATURE STUDY AND AGRICULTURAL COURSE

Nature work is receiving careful attention from the teachers at large throughout my territory, but I am satisfied that much energy is misdirected and time lost through a lack of knowledge and special training in this subject.

Short courses in Agriculture, which will be given under the auspices of the Provincial Government in the Fisher Vocational School building, and the establishment of a Provincial Summer School of Science will in time remedy this difficulty. Gen-

ous grants for school gardens will also help the work along, and I look in fact for a great awakening in this connection in the near future, an awakening which will show the folly of giving a purely scholastic training in rural schools, for we have at last come to realize that those schools should be more intimately connected with the life and interests of the districts in which they are situated, that they should give the children some training at least in the work which the majority of them will take up when they leave school, and give them an interest in, instead of a distaste for, Rural Life.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Teachers' Institute of Carleton and Victoria Counties was held on the 8th and 9th of May last in the Fisher Memorial School building.

Nature work was a special feature of the proceedings, which were very interesting and helpful from every point of view.

The success of the Institute was due in a large measure to the presence of Inspector Steeves, who gave an instructive address on the Nature Study and Agriculture Course, and took a prominent part in the discussions. The public meeting on Thursday evening was addressed by the Honorable Mr. Flemming, Mr. W.B. Belyea, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees of Woodstock, Inspector Steeves, and others.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

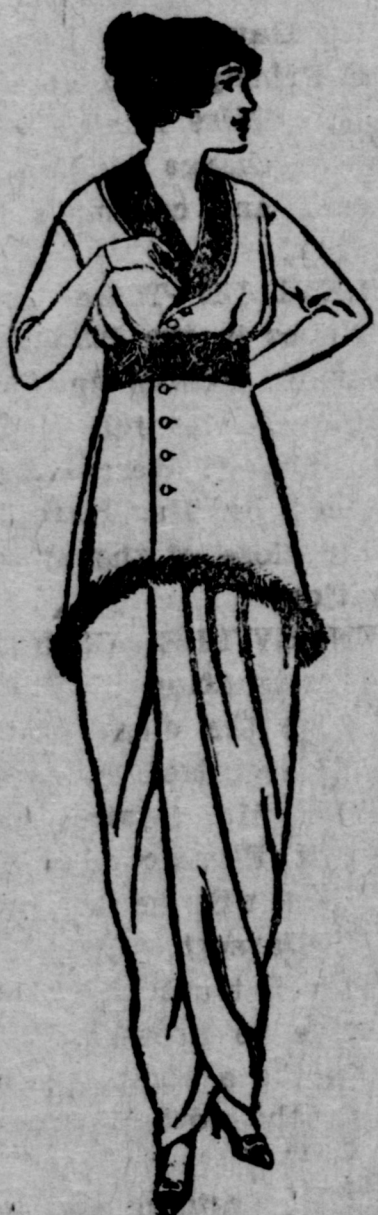
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LOWER WATERFIELD.

Mr. Coleman Sharp, who has been on the sick list, is gaining slowly. Mr. Walter Billings and nephew, Earle, have returned from the lumber woods.

Miss Florence Hawkins spent the week end at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clark and Miss Florence Hawkins, spent Thursday evening at Mr. George McGuire's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller are occupying Len McConchie's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clark spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Moses Shaw's.

Misses Inez, Faye and Helen Shaw spent Sunday afternoon at Miss Emma Clark's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark have been visiting the former's parents.

Mr. Sam McGuire has been suffering with erysipelas in his face.

A "sing" was held by the young people of this place at Mr. N. S. Clark's on Sunday evening.

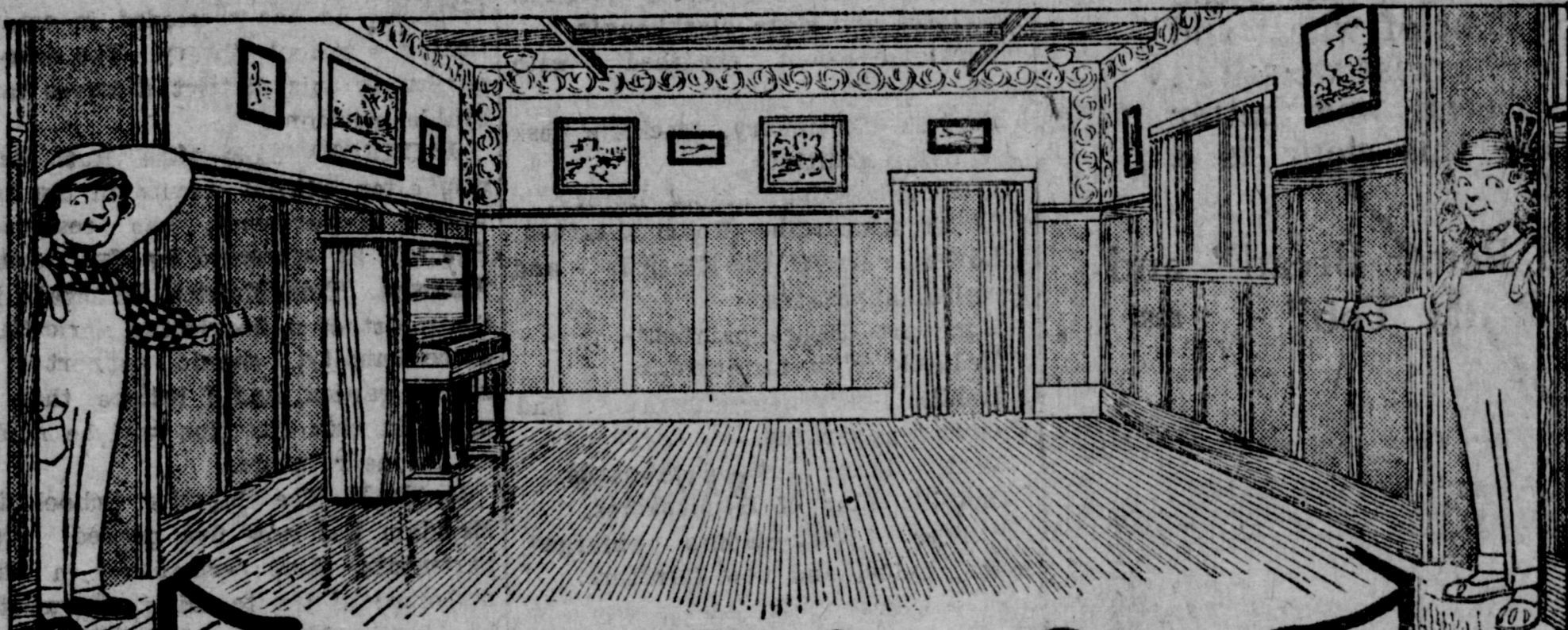
OBITUARY

CHARLES H. CURLESS

The death occurred at Grand Falls on Feb. 23, of Charles H. Curless, a man well-known in this province and in many parts of Canada. He had been ill less than five weeks, and was in his sixty-sixth year. Mr. Curless was for many years a Preventive Officer in the service of the Dominion Government. Twelve years ago, he opened the Curless Hotel, which has become well known to the travelling public. Mr. Curless leaves a wife and daughter, also one brother and three sisters. The funeral was held on Monday at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Father Joyner officiating.

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OTTAWA, March 4.—The stock of Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton, the N. T. R. scandal-hunting Commissioners, dropped a few more points today by reason of further official information given to Parliament contradictory to the statements made in the Commissioners' report. A direct repudiation was given by the Government of the truth of one of the main charges contained in the Government's own synopsis of press report of the Commissioners' findings.

In that report it was explicitly stated that the former National Transcontinental Commissioners had paid over to M. P. and J. T. Davis a ten per cent. commission amounting to \$740,000 as their profit on two contracts sublet to Messrs. O'Brien, Fowler and McDougall. In the press report handed out by the Government and since they duly exploited in the Government press, this \$740,000 was called a "rake-off" paid by the N. T. R. Commission to Messrs. M. P. and J. T. Davis.

FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.

Today the acting Minister of Railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, was obliged to admit that this "rake-off" was not paid over by the N. T. R. Commission at all. If payment of that amount was made, it was made by the sub-contractors themselves in accordance with their private agreement with the main contractors, and following out the usual procedure as profit allowances, in case of subletting.

Further replies to question by Hon. G. P. Graham, Hon. Charles Murphy and Hon. H. R. Emmerson brought out the information that Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton were not specially sworn to faithfully and impartially perform their duties, that the evidence submitted to them was not taken in public and that Mr. Gutelius was not naturalized as a British subject until February 23rd, 1912, or nearly one month after he was appointed Commissioner.

PAID HIGH SALARIES.

Mr. Gutelius and Mr. Lynch-Staunton drew \$65 per day as Commissioners. Mr. Gutelius became General Manager of the Intercolonial on May 1st, 1913, and subsequent to that date he drew pay only for the better position at a salary of \$20,000 per year. The term of his engage-

ment is for two years and thereafter "during pleasure of the Minister of Railways."

When the House opened, Hon. H. R. Emmerson put a number of questions as to the engagement of Mr. F. P. Gutelius as investigating commissioner of the National Transcontinental. Hon. Dr. Reid, the acting Minister of Railways, informed Mr. Emmerson that Mr. Gutelius was appointed Commissioner to investigate the N. T. R. on January 29, 1912. He entered on his duties on February 1 of that year at a salary of \$65 per day. He signed the report on February 6th, 1914, and he was paid as Commissioner up to May 1st 1913, the date at which he became General Manager of the I. C. R. At the time he was appointed as Commissioner he was in the employ of the C. P. R. as general superintendent; the Department has no information as to his salary in that position. When Mr. Gutelius signed the report on the N. T. R. he was not drawing a salary as Commissioner, but was general manager of the Canadian Government Railways at a salary of \$20,000 per annum. The term of his engagement is for two years from May 1st, 1913.

The Department has no information as to when Mr. Gutelius came to Canada or what was his employment previous to becoming general superintendent of the C. P. R. He was naturalized as a British subject on February 23rd, 1912. Mr. Gutelius signed the report on the N. T. R. at Ottawa after being continuously in the Capital for a week.

Hon. George P. Graham enquired whether the N. T. R. Commissioners had entered into an agreement to retain ten per cent. from the monies

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