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WOODCHUCKS AND WEATHER

The question of the woodchuck or groundhog as a weather prophet is under discussion in the press. The New York Sun throws foul scorn on the animal as foreshadowing weather. It argues that the woodchuck is nearly always a good prophet, if not in one part of the country then in another; except in those rare February days when there is sunlight or gloom everywhere. Then it is a tossup whether the hibernating little beast is right. The truth of the matter is that groundhog day is a fixture (as well as a threadbare fiction) that provides a topic and helps to pass the time away. In New Brunswick the woodchuck goes into his hole with his accumulated fat in November and does not emerge until spring opens. Early in February his hole often lies under two feet of ice and snow.

This certainly is true, but the fact is ignored that the woodchuck forecast is an improvement on a bit of weather wisdom that is as old as Christianity and perhaps ages older. Our early settlers vulgarized the legend which they brought over with them from Europe just as they vulgarized geographical names everywhere.

As a matter of fact, the original forecast was that if the sun shone at high noon on the festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin—a feast day in the Catholic and Episcopal churches—the ensuing part of the winter would be colder than the former portion.

Then in the new world the woodchuck was substituted in the legend, for reasons unknown to the present generation, and he has been kept there these many years simply and solely because the newspapers bring the woodchuckian hypothesis to the front every year. But as to the original forecast, there is a strong party which argues that there may be, despite the scientists, a grain of truth in folklore that has endured from time immemorial, and so it may be that the experience of two thousand years has vindicated the forecast. But we do not maintain this as an assured fact.

Many harbors along the Atlantic coast are frozen over, and in some cases shipping is paralyzed. St John

harbor has no ice. It is always open. —St. John Telegraph.
And Le Tang is always open and ready to accommodate the fleets of the world.

REV. CANON CODY CAUGHT BY THE COP

(Edmonton, Alta., Journal)
Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, of St. Paul's church, Toronto, great preacher, representative Canadian and Imperialist. Some call him Low Church; others Evangelical. One called him Father and the laughter has not died down yet.

It all happened during his visit recently to New York. The scene was Fifth Avenue.

"As hard as you can," pleaded Dr. Cody, as he jumped into one of those battered yellow taxis, thinking only of the appointment for which he was late.

There was a roar, wind whistling by as from an aeroplane propeller, eerie tilting at perilous angles, then a confused hubbub, shrill whistle, and a loud Irish voice—"Hi, there, you're pinched for speeding."

Out of the window appeared Canon Cody's clean shaven face, suffused with one of his blandest smiles.

The thunderstorm cleared from the big Irish face of the traffic cop. Graciousness appeared as if by miracle.

"I beg pardon, father. Go ahead," he whispered, "but be careful; there is a Protestant cop at the next corner."

OBITUARY

MRS. W. B. NICHOLSON
Elizabeth J. wife of Mr. W. B. Nicholson, formerly Canadian trade commissioner to Newfoundland, recently superannuated, passed away at her home here on Thursday evening in the 65th year of her age. She had been apparently in her usual health and attended services in St. Paul's Presbyterian church the previous Sunday.

During her brief illness of a week the best medical skill was in attendance assisted by tender and solicitous nursing, but despite all human effort the angel of death claimed her as its victim. Deceased was a most estimable Christian woman and few persons were more deservedly esteemed in the community. Her gentleness, kindness and cheerfulness not only endeared her to her family but gained the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Her sudden and all too early death has lowered the shadow of sorrow over the happy family circle, where grief can only be partially assuaged by the expression of

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profound sympathy so freely and sincerely offered to the husband and children.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daley, of St. John, and a life long resident of Woodstock. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Donald of Woodstock, Fenwick of Boston, Wm. of Los Angeles, and three daughters, Evelyn of St. John, Mrs. Jerome J. Phillips of St. Louis and Mrs. S. E. Emerson of Detroit.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, Rev. S. R. Prince officiating. The pall bearers were Daniel Stewart, George Gabel, James Montgomery and Thomas Baker.

318 CADETS NEWS COLUMN
All Cadets must turn in their belts Feb. 23rd. This is necessary before uniforms can be issued. Any Cadet holding belt after this date, will lose chance of prizes or promotion.

The shooting gallery will be ready by Feb. 26th, and thanks to Major Vince, a new lighting system has been arranged making the range up to date.

Monday, Feb. 26th, a special meeting will be held in the armoury at 7 p.m. All Cadets will try and be present.

Mr. R. W. Maxwell entertained at dinner and bridge, on Wednesday evening, when the following were his guests, Mr. E. W. Mair, Mr. Alfred Page, Mr. Stafford, Montreal, Mr. J. K. King, Moncton, Mr. F. Waldo Walsh, Truro, N. S., Mr. James Bremner, Fredericton, and Mr. McKenzie, Fredericton.

Sunday School Banner

The Banner, which was won by the Methodist Sunday School at the rally service on New Year's morning, will be formally presented to the school at its regular session on Sunday next. This Banner, which has just arrived, is a very beautiful one, being handmade and of excellent colors.

Did the Harbor Freeze?
All we can say is, that the harbor that did not freeze up this winter is a real harbor.

PERTH AND ANDOVER

The Edmundston High School played a game of Hockey with the Perth Cadets on Friday afternoon, the Cadets winning by a score of 2 to 1. Another game was played on Saturday afternoon, the local cadets winning 3 to 0.

Messrs John Niles and Knapp returned on Saturday from St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Porter, who have been spending a few days in St. John, returned home Tuesday.

Jock Kennedy, the popular drug clerk at the Regal Pharmacy, has severed his connection with the company, and has gone to Woodstock. He will be missed among the young people.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Mercer were here on Thursday to inspect the local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Th Andover Institute met with Mrs. Rogers on Tuesday afternoon. Lunch

was served by Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Jas. Porter.

The Round Table Literary Club met on Thursday evening with Mrs. J. W. P. Dickson, at a Valentine Masquerade. The program consisted of:

Roll Call, with Valentine Quotations.

Reading, "Valentines of all Times"

—Mrs. McIntosh.

Vocal Duet, "Sweet and Low,"

Miss Peterson and Miss Jones.

Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Spike and Miss Helen Spike.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Armstrong on March 1st. Mrs. McIntosh, convener. Roll Call, a Legend of any Canadian place.

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in Trinity church on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Rees-Jones. It was announced that the annual birthday of the Hockey team from Edmundston being in town, all were invited. They first had a snowshoe tramp, and on their return cards and dancing were indulged in, followed by a delicious lunch. The Perth Baptist Sewing Circle met on Thursday with Mrs. Palfrey, and Andover on Friday with Mrs. Wellington Sisson.

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