Old Times Recalled

The Daily Mail at the request of a large number of our citizens publishes each day a series of historical sketches dealing with local subjects and written by local historical authors. These have been read before the York and Sunbury Historical Society at various times.

SOME RANDOM NOTES ON THE MUSICAL HISTORY OF FREDERICTON.

(By Mrs. F. A. Good).

(Continued from Yesterday)

How well I remember the band playing down on the green in front of the Parliament Buildings or uptown where King and Brunswick Streets merge into one. Do you recall with me how Mr. Fred Risteen used to play "Down in the Deep, Deep Cellar" on the trombone and we held our breaths when he took the last deep note? Mr. Risteen has had many years of activity in that trombone playing. He joined the band when only fourteen and only about two years ago he gave up playing either in band or orchestra.

I should like to mention one leader of the band who was especially good. That was Mr. Geo. Offen. He was most painstaking and during his time led the band in giving some very high class music such as many bands do not undertake.

Mr. Offen led many church orchestras and was instrumental in getting many of our young boys of that time interested in music.

The 71st Battalion, now the York Regiment has maintained a very fine band for many years.

I would like to say here that it is not my intention to speak of any of the present-day musical organizations. I am only trying to recall some of the past.

I must not leave the subject of bands without speaking of the Salvation Army Band. This has been a source of inspiration and pleasure to many.

Singing Schools and Choral Societies

I am sure that in olden days there must have been many singing schools but I have been able to find out about two only. These were classes for young children,—one led by Prof. Bill in the 60s and the other by a Prof. Youmans in the 80s.

I have no very early records of choral societies but do not doubt there was such in that line also. Mrs. John Burden told me that, in the time when Sir Howard Douglass was governor of the province, His Honour was instrumental in getting up an oratorio and invited the singers of the different churches to Government House to practise. Amongst these were Mrs. Spurden's grandfather, Wm. E. Estey, and her aunts, Mrs. G. W. Turner and the Misses Elizabeth and Isobel Estey. They reported His Honour as most gracious and cordial in his manner and much interested in the music.

In later years, about 1868, Major Ewing, who was organist at the Cathedral started a choral society which was quite flourishing. Mrs. Ewing, writing from Aldershot, England, in 1870, said, "I am glad to hear that the choral society is still holding on."

The first concert given by this society had as chief attraction a beautiful setting, composed by Major Ewing, of the words of Adelaide Proctors' "Vision." It was arranged in two parts. Dr. Roberts (C.G.D. Roberts' grandfather), singing bass, took the first part, followed by a chorus on the stage singing "The Mourning Song." Mrs. Rowan, soprano, took the second part, with an invisible chorus, behind the scenes, singing "The Angels' Chorus."

Mrs. Charles Thomas told me that Mrs. Lemont sang "Evangeline" at a choral society concert. Mrs. Hogg played the accompaniment and Sergt. Dixon, bandmaster of the 15th Regt. played a cornet obligato. This concert was held in the old Temperance Hall about 1867 or 1868.

In 1884 another choral society was formed and practised for some time, then gave a fine concert which I very well remember. Prof. Bristow was the leader and Mrs. Tibbets, (nee Myshrall), accompanied.

Another choral society was formed about 1900, one of a chain of Festival Choruses. Each Society practised under the direction of its own leader and, at a period in the spring, Mr. Wm. Chapman came and rehearsed the different choruses who then went to a central place and gave a Festival Chorus. I think the central place here was Saint John. This functioned in this manner for one or two years and then was continued at least another year under local leadership. The late Dean Partridge was greatly interested in the good of the society.

Cedric Lemont and Frank Harrison have each given several massed sacred recitals which were of a very high order.

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TWINS, AGE FOUR, STRANGLE SISTER

San Francisco, Cali., August 16—Donald and Henry George, 4-year-old twins, unwittingly strangled to death their 4-months-old sister, Carol Sherlock, police reported.

The children's mother, Mrs. George Sherlock, was making tea and the twins were playing with their sister in another room, when Mrs. Sherlock heard the baby choking. She called an ambulance.

A physician found a marble and a piece of wood had been forced down the baby's throat, strangling her to death.

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Social Functions

Miss Gertrude Davidson entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Ralph Neill, and other out-of-town visitors, the occasion being an enjoyable one.

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At the reception held yesterday in honor of Dr. W. S. P. Stockley and Miss Violet Stockley, Miss Mary Evelyn Lawson, of Saint John, and Miss Margaret Rainsford, city were included in the list of those who served.

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Rt. Honourable the Countess of Ashburnham, Mr. J. H. Barry, Mrs. MacO'Brien, and Miss Mollie Barry leave for St. Andrew's tomorrow morning, where they will lunch with ex-Governor W. F. Todd, and Mrs Todd. They will also attend Senator Carine Wilson's garden party.

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Miss Mary S. Dolan, B. A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dolan of Nowlandville, a 1934 graduate of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, has accepted the principalship of the Boom Road Superior School, made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. G. A. Driscoll. —Newcastle Advocate.

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Miss Dot McFarlane, of Fredericton who spent her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Helen Brown, Chatham Head, returned on Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rankin McKay, and Miss Jennie McKay, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briggs and Master Donald Briggs of Fredericton, spent a day or two, guests of Mr. McKay's mother, Mrs. John McKay, Chapel Street, Woodstock.

AMBITIOUS ENGINEERS

It is rumored that several unemployed civil engineers and undergraduate engineers are falling over one another in an attempt to secretly measure the Canadian Legion flagpole so that they can submit an accurate "guess" and win the five dollar prize which the vets are offering. If they all guess right the prize will certainly be well divided. Hardly worth the trouble of setting up a transit.

WELL-KNOWN HERE

J. J. Hayes Doone, of Black's Harbor who has been nominated as a Liberal candidate for Charlotte County is a former resident of Devon, a barrister by profession, and has many friends here. He is a graduate of the Fredericton High School and an undergraduate of U.N.B. Mrs. A. J. McEvoy of Devon is a sister of Mr. Doone.

CARNIVAL COLOR

The Canadian Legion monster carnival was begun last evening on the legion grounds with a large crowd present. The many games on the grounds were well patronized and the York Regiment band played a musical program, marching to the grounds previously. The carnival will continue tonight and wind up on Saturday.

ILL WITH RHEUMATIC FEVER

Harold Smith, son of H. A. Smith, is confined to bed with rheumatic fever. He arrived home recently from a motor trip to the North Shore and shortly after arriving home was taken ill. His condition is not serious, but it is expected that he will be confined to his home for some time.

LEAVES HOSPITAL SOON

Mrs. Stanley Scott, who has been quite seriously ill at the Vistoria Public Hospital in recent weeks, has improved to such an extent that she will be able to leave the Hospital within a few days.

MILITIA WILL ATTEND REUNION

Moncton, Aug. 17—Members of the 65th Field Battery, at a special meeting here last night, made plans to attend the battery get-together at Woodstock on Labor Day and it is expected that about thirty members from this city will be present at the reunion.

Elaborate plans are being made for the affair the first since the war. A parade will be held in the morning, followed by sports in the afternoon, and in the evening a banquet will be held.

Jeffery Lockhart presided at the meeting here last evening and it was decided that the local members will leave on Sunday, Sept. 2, for Woodstock.

OLD IMPERIAL FLAG MUST GO

Nazis Threaten Expulsion For Failure To Comply With Order.

BERLIN, Aug. 17—Confidential orders were issued today to all members of the Nazi party to cease displaying the old Imperial black, white and red flag of Germany.

A threat of expulsion for failure to comply with the orders was included, foreshadowing an end to the banner which the late President Paul von Hindenburg, always a monarchist at heart, loved and valiantly defended.

The step was taken only after his death ended the necessity for further deference to the old Field Marshal's sentiments.

The order is regarded as a fresh indication Nazis are determined not to rest until Germany, inwardly and outwardly, is 100 per cent under the swastika.

MONCTON CAR IN CRASH AT BRIDGE

New Sedan Badly Damaged When It Struck Framework of Harshman's Bridge.

Shediac Cape, N.B., Aug. 17—The Harriman Brook bridge at Tedish, 12 miles below Shediac was the scene of another auto accident early this morning when a Moncton car crashed into the steel framework of the structure, failing to make the turn proceeding toward Shediac. Although no one was injured, the car, a new 1934 sedan was badly battered on the left side. A broken axle, a twisted frame and a badly distorted mudguard formed the main damage done to the vehicle. The car was towed to Moncton for repairs.

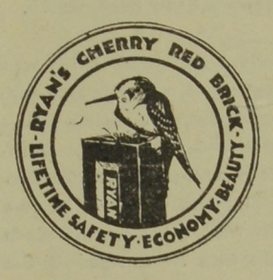
The Harshman Brook bridge has been the scene of more than one accident during late years, being situated on a half circle turn while the bridge itself is narrow.

KIDNAPPING OF BABY TURNS OUT TO BE JOKE

WICHITA, Kansas, Aug. 17—The reported kidnapping today of Norma Lee Mackie, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mackie, developed into a crude joke, police said.

The woman who walked on to the porch and took the baby from the arms of Billy Mackie, five, told police she was a friend of the family and merely took the baby as a joke. Police said she was walking back toward the Mackie home with the child when arrested. They held her for questioning.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were away from home and had not been located. The baby was not harmed.



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— PERSONAL —

Cleve Stilwell, regular announcer at Station CFNB is at present on his holidays and his place is being temporarily taken by Carl Watson, of North Devon.

Edward Carten, principal of St. Dunstan's School, Glendon Elgee, Alex. Morrison, Fred Elgee left yesterday afternoon in Mr. Carten's sail boat for Brown's Flats.

R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., and Mrs. Hanson, were in Saint John yesterday attending the sesqui-centennial celebration. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard.

Miss Hope Hanson is spending a few weeks with friends at St. Andrews, N. B.

Last evening Miss Isabel Babbit entertained at bridge in honor of Miss Irma Scott. First prize was won by Mrs. John Bond and the guest prize went to Miss Scott.

Rev. Harry Manzer, of Southampton, Nova Scotia, who has been in Millville, visiting relatives for a few days, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. W. J. Wright and W. E. McMullin are in Minto this week carrying on a survey for the department with the possibility of diamond drilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson are spending a holiday trip to the State of Maine. Mr. Anderson is the assistant post-master.

Dr. A. S. MacFarlane, chief superintendent of Education for the province is in Saint John attending the celebration there.

Austin McCarthy and Master Jack McCarthy, city, were among those who attended the celebration at Saint John yesterday.

B. H. Kinghorn, chief highway engineer left early this week on a tour of inspection about the province. He is expected to return to morrow.

Arthur Kilburn, son of Wardlow Kilburn, city, is in the city, visiting relatives. Mr. Kilburn now stationed at St. Stephen, where he is engaged in the banking profession.

Miss Dorothy Wilson of this city is in St. Stephen.

Hon. Lewis Smith, Coverdale, Minister of Agriculture is here today, the guest of the Barker House.

BURIAL IS MADE AT PENNFIELD

Death of Geo. Frederick Paul, Maine Hotelman, Mourned

CALAIS, Me., Aug. 16—The body of George Frederick Paul, a well-known hotel-man of Island Falls, Me., who passed away Monday, was brought to Calais today after a service at Island Falls. Mr. Paul was well known in eastern Maine and southern New Brunswick, and was born at Houll's Harbor, Charlotte County, 70 years ago. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Frank and Carl, of New Jersey, and J. H. Paul, of Woodland, Me., and a daughter, at home. Interment was made at Pennfield today, Rev. Percy Cotton, rector of St. Anne's church, Calais, officiating. The flowers sent by friends were many and beautiful.

NO CHAMBERS TODAY

There being no cases to be heard in chambers here today, Mr. Justice Baxter did not arrive from Saint John. It is expected that he will be here tomorrow.

COMFORTABLE TODAY

The Victoria Public Hospital reported today Miss Myrtle Seymour, Nashwaaksis, was resting quite comfortably today, following an operation performed several days ago.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Schools of the City of Fredericton will re-open SEPT. 4th.

Beginning AUG 22, Permits for pupils to enter school will be issued at the Office of the School Board, High School Building, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. daily (Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon).

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