

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Successful Term's Work Brought to a Close Today—Large Number of Visitors in Attendance Who Complimented Teachers and Pupils on the Splendid Showing Made—The Term's Work Reviewed—Honor Certificates Presented to Pupils

The closing exercises at the schools of the city began after morning recess this morning. In nearly all of the schools, the classes, especially the junior ones, two or more grades combined to hold a closing entertainment.

The records of perfect attendance were slim in some cases due, it is thought, to the Scarlet Fever epidemic which kept some of the pupils away.

The closing exercises attracted many visitors and the work of the pupils came in for much well deserved praise.

CHARLOTTE STREET SCHOOL

At Charlotte Street School the perfect attendance lists register as follows:—For Miss Williamson's class, Grades 1 and 2—Gretchen Lowrie, Velma Jones, Hazel Twiner, Walter Haining, Charles Lowrie, Frank Smith, Francis Wandless.

The children of this grade presented a little play entitled "Mother Nature's Festival."

In Miss Alice Boyd's class, grades 1 and 2 the perfect attendance was—Douglas Grant, Dick Chestnut, Marion Ryan, Helen Clark.

Grades 2 and 3, Mrs. Pinder's class, Mes Hazel Dunphy.

Grades 3 and 4, Miss E. J. Thompson's class had the following never absent—Grace Phillips, Margaret Fowler, Maggie Chestnut, Myrtle Moffitt, Gladys Lindsay, Marion Thompson, Georgie Pringle, George Millican, Arthur Crowe.

The classes under Miss E. J. Thompson and Miss Pinder united after recess for a concert.

YORK STREET SCHOOL

Never absent lists in York Street School were as follows: Miss Strong, Grades 1 and 2—Gertrude Davis, Marguerite Greer, Doris Gunter, Willie Delong, Manzer Estabrook, Ena Lint, Berton Edney, Magdalene Scott.

Miss Everett, grades 1 and 2—Roy Alexander, James Donovan, Ruth Kolding, Geo. Harris, Helena O'Ree, Shirley Foster.

In the closing exercises the grades of Miss Strong and Miss Everett enjoyed a program together.

Miss Kinghorn's class, including grades 5 and 6—Donald Millican, Lorna Fenety, Mary Jones, Loraine Ryan, Frank Boyd had perfect records in attendance.

Miss S. L. Thompson, grades 7 and 8, never absent—Tinah Clark, George Walker, Jack McKenzie.

Some of the black board drawings in this class worthy of mention were done by Annie Baird, Jessie Porter and Willis Sloat.

Miss Cadwallader, grades 3 and 4—Borden Humble, Helen Gorman, Thurston Foster, Ernest McCordick, David Estabrook, Frank Clark, Nett Harvey.

Miss McCann, grades 3 and 4—F. B. Burden, Dorothy Burpee, William Duffy, Christine McCollum, Willard McNutt,

Donald Parsons, Gladys Smith, Jennie McConaghey, Laura Tims, Earl Hersey, Ralph Kitchen, Eva Lilley, Ethel Paynter.

Miss Carruthers, grades 5 and 6—Darrell Phillips, Marjorie Erb, Evelyn Humble, Mary Palmer, Lloyd Ingram, Florence Gorman, Muriel Monagle, Elsie Perkins, Della McConaghy, Kenneth Lawrie, Laura McMurtie.

Miss Betts, grades 5 and 6—Geo. Donovan, Lawrence Howard, Elvir Cummings, Nettie Fox, Percy Bowers, Lizzie Lynch, Burton Davis.

Miss Carruthers and Miss Betts classes united in the High School Assembly Hall for a closing floral concert.

Miss Taylor's class, grades 7 and 8—Hazel Harvey and Pearl Kitchen.

Worthy of interested notice also was the Manual Training and Sloyd Work Department, which is conducted by Miss McFarlane. This department exhibited some excellent pieces of sloyd work.

ST. DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL

Never absent lists at St. Dunstan's were, Sister Augustine's class—Elizabeth Colter, Kathleen Ivory, John O'Connor, Thomas Duffy, Victor Burns.

Some of those in this class who excelled in their class work were—Mary Shea, Kathleen Ivory, Victor Burns, Willie McLaughlin, Alfred Hopkins.

Miss Davis Class, grades 2 and 3—Anna Cohen, Mary McCarthy, Stella O'Connor, Thos. Rowan, John McDonald, Frank Carton, David Lifford, Alfonso Sears, Margaret Doohan, John Shannon, Marion McLennan.

In this room some of the drawings were by Lois Doohan, Helen Hughes, Nora Cowan, Joseph Hughes, Joe Broderick and Aurora Cornier.

Sister Astelle, grades 4 and 5—Joseph Lifford, Helen O'Connor, Bertha Sears, Francis McCarthy, Rita McCarthy, Lillian McLaughlin, Marguerite Murphy, Gertrude Farrell.

Sister Clarice, grades 5 and 6—Theodora Morris, Helen McGinnis, Anna Dever, Leo Cane, Lewis McGinn, Harry Lifford, Walter Logue, Thos. McGinnis.

MODEL SCHOOL.

At the Model School the closing day exercises were very interesting, a large number of parents and visitors being present and the presentation of certificates being accompanied in some of the classes by programs that were very interesting and entertaining.

In the exercises Miss MacDougall's class united with Miss Harvey's and two dramatic sketches were given by the children, by Miss MacDougall's class "Pandora's Box," and by Miss Harvey's class "The Birds of Killings worth."

The children of Miss Goulding's class presented a cantata called "The Dream of the Flowers." In all classes

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HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING

Exercises Were Held at the Opera House This Morning

An Interesting Program Carried Out—Medals and Prizes Were Presented

The closing exercises of the Fredericton High School were held at the Opera House this morning on which occasion a large number were present. Dr. G. Clowes Vanwart, chairman of the Trustees acted as chairman, those on the platform were: Dean Schofield, Canon Cowie, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, Dr. Jones, Dr. Foster, Dr. Bridges, Ex-Ald J. J. Weddall, Mr. J. W. Spurden and Mrs. P. M. McDonald, G. C. Vanwart, Mrs. L. Thorne, besides the students of the High School including the graduating class.

The exercises were very interesting every number on the program being followed by applause.

The High School orchestra rendered excellent music. The presentation to the prize winners was very interesting. Douglas Silver Medal for Classics, won by Miss Gladys Fitz Gerald. She also won the Governor General's Bronze Medal for English. They were presented by Right Rev. Dean Schofield.

The Coulthard Memorial Silver Medal for Science won by Miss Mary M. Chestnut was presented by Dr. G. C. Vanwart.

Miss Chestnut and Mr. Gregory Bridges won the prize for Mathematics, given by the senate of the University and presented by Dr. G. C. Jones.

Dr. Vanwart presented the prize for French given by the Class of 1913 to Miss Marion Anderson.

Miss Jessie A. Clark, won the prize for History, presented by Dr. H. V. Bridges.

The prize for Highest Standing, among those who have won no other prize was carried off by Miss F. Louis Scott, Dr. Foster making the presentation.

Prize for Highest Standard in Grade X was won by Miss Margaret Bald and presented by Mr. J. W. Spurden.

Canon Cowie presented Miss Margaret Hall with the prize for Highest Standing in Grade IX.

Miss Greta M. MacNutt won the prize for the best essay, presented by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Mrs. P. M. MacDonald made the presentation.

Mr. B. Willard Haines winner of the Cup presented by the Daughters of the Empire, for Competition in the Cadet Corps for best marksmanship was not present, being at Sussex in camp. Mrs. T. C. Vanwart who was to present the cup made an address. Dr. Foster expressed the wish that either camp Sussex would meet a little later in the season so that school would close a week early in order to allow all the boys to attend the closing exercises.

After the presentation of the different prizes Rev. A. F. Newcomb, addressed the Graduating Class, which brought the very interesting program to a close.

GRADUATING CLASS.

The graduating class this year numbers sixteen, as follows:

Students Taking Full Course.

First Division:—Mary M. Chestnut, Jessie H. Clark, Gladys Fitz Gerald, Louise F. Scott, Marian Anderson, Gregory Bridges, Geraldine Jago.
Second Division:—Lucy E. Inch, Marie Feeney, Campbell Carney.
Third Division:—Mildred Lawson.

Students Who Have Omitted Either Latin or Greek.

First Division:—Greta M. Macnutt, Mary V. Blanchard.
Second Division:—Carolyn BROWN, Alice Hoben, Grace A. Smith.
Third Division:—Trafford Donovan.

TO CONTINUE HERE.

The royal commission will adjourn this evening for Dominion Day and resume its sittings here on Thursday. On account of the Southampton Railway inquiry the commission is not likely to sit next week.

Henchman of Flemming's Got Rake-off on Tie Contract

All Graft Trails Appear to Lead to Carleton County These days --W. J. Scott Swears That He Paid G. F. Burt of Hartland the Sum of \$1500 out of Profits From Sale of Ties to Valley Railway and Bought Him Out--Flemming's Counsel Still at the Objecting Game

The royal commission resumed its sittings at ten o'clock this morning in the County Council Chamber of the Court House, the change from the Court Room being due to the sitting of the Court of King's Bench.

The first witness called by Mr. F. B. Carvell was Mr. William J. Scott, who was on the stand at the adjournment last evening.

The attendance at the hearing was very slim. The details of the evidence was very hard to follow and only those vitally interested put in an appearance.

The evidence was rather intricate and technical, comprising a long array of figures, which were designed to show what monies had been already paid out and what were yet to be paid out on the portions of the road under Mr. Scott's contract.

MR. BROWN RECALLED.

Mr. David W. Brown, who came next on the stand, was very hazy in giving evidence. He was examined by Mr. Stevens, who asked him to furnish a statement as to the amount of train haul required to finish the line. He estimated the amount at \$60,000.

When asked by Mr. Stevens on what he based his estimate, he said it was based on his judgment. Mr. Stevens then wanted a sample of his judgment. It was finally sifted down that Mr. Brown's estimate was in reality a guess. His further evidence, though not as clear cut as was Mr. Scott's, was directed to the same end, that of showing what had been and what was to be the cost of the road until it should be finished.

Item by item the accounts were reviewed by Mr. Stevens and the counsel was more than once annoyed at the uncertainty of the witness' answers.

Mr. Brown made frequent use of the phrases, "I don't know," "It might be" and "About." Even in producing his blue prints with reference to learning the distance between stations he was "not sure" that they were correct.

He did not know whether the distance between stations was affected by curves.

By reason of this the progress of inquiry during the morning was very slow.

WHERE BURTT CAME IN.

In examining Mr. Scott, Mr. Carvell was checked for a few moments when Mr. Teed objected strenuously to Mr. Scott's testimony as to his relations with Mr. G. F. Burtt.

"Did Mr. George F. Burtt have any interest in this contract?" asked Mr. Carvell.

Mr. Teed objected to the evidence being taken. He said he did not see its relation to the case.

Mr. Carvell—Well, I want to find where this money has gone to. That is what the inquiry is for.

Mr. Teed—That is not what the inquiry is for.

Mr. Carvell—I wonder why the opposing counsel objects so vigorously. If the evidence will not further the case it will do no harm.

Mr. Teed—There may have been dealings which were irregular but which does not affect the present case I do not know of any but I don't see the connection with the present case.

Mr. Carvell—Well, I do see it. I know something about this case. Do you want to know what I know?

Mr. Teed—No, I do not.

Mr. Carvell—You would be interested.

Mr. Teed—You had better give evidence yourself.

Mr. Carvell—It would be second hand. My witnesses will give it to you first hand.

It was then ruled that the evidence should be heard.

Witness—Mr. Burtt had a half share in the profits.

Mr. Carvell—So I thought. How long did this arrangement continue?

Mr. Teed objected again but was ruled out.

Witness—Two or three months.

Mr. Carvell—What amount of ties did he purchase?

Witness—He did not purchase ties. He gave contracts.

Mr. Carvell—How much did he re-

ceive?

Mr. Scott—About \$1,500 when I bought him out.

Mr. Carvell—Did he draw anything further while you were in partnership?

Mr. Scott—Yes.

Mr. Carvell—How much?

Mr. Scott—I have not that information by me. We allowed ourselves a salary and were to divide the profits above that. They were small and we decided to separate.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

None of the evidence given before the royal commission investigating the Valley Railway charges yesterday afternoon was of an unexpected or startling nature. The chief witness was Daniel MacDonald, chief clerk of Kennedy & MacDonald, the contractors upon the upper section of the St. John & Quebec Railway. His testimony was concise and clear, showing how much work had been done by his firm, and how much remained before the road was completed.

The contract between Kennedy & MacDonald and the St. John & Quebec Railway Company was placed in evidence and it was shown that the document was signed but not dated, work, however, being begun May 25 1912, and up to June 30 the net progress estimate was \$7,747. The total work done to the end of August was \$37,789; to September 30, \$64,485, and October 31, \$90,366.

CONTRACT NEVER SIGNED.

The witness gave an estimate of the amount necessary to complete the road, which agreed very closely with that of Divisional Engineer Hill.

He gave the details of another contract of two and a half miles on the work of the Hibbard Construction Company, but, he said, the contract was direct with the St. John & Quebec Railway Company and was made in June, 1913. It was never signed, however, but they went on with the

work at a price ten per cent, lower and give his evidence. than the Hibbard Company received. Up to March 31, 1914, they had earned (net) upon this contract \$10,456, and since April 8, \$11,715. It would take about 6,000 yards of train rail to complete, costing \$1,800 and \$64 for ballasting.

W. J. SCOTT.

William J. Scott was the next witness, and it transpired that while he supplied about \$160,000 worth of material, he never received a contract, mainly because he did not put up the necessary deposit. Still he went ahead with the contract and furnished 61,021 fence posts, 8 feet long and inches at the top, at ten cents each; 2,429 9-foot posts at fourteen cents each; 3,229 braces, 12x5, at fifteen cents each; 292 braces, 15x5, at twenty cents each; 693 braces, 22 x5, at forty cents each; 4,983 telegraph poles, 25 feet, at \$1 each; 82 poles, 32 feet long, at \$1.65 each, and 13 poles, 35 feet long, at \$1.75 each. There were also 362,095 sleepers at forty cents each, making a total gross estimate of \$159,759. In addition to this Scott supplied piling, valued at \$3,026; temporary bridge material and mud sills, \$2,216; crossing planks, \$1,481; hard pine, \$10,246, and pine guard rails, \$258. Mr. Scott promised to bring some additional information tomorrow and the hearing adjourned shortly before six o'clock.

One of the principal witnesses in the railway inquiry, James H. Corbett, is in the United States. He has a large contract upon the Welland Canal in Ontario. A special messenger bearing a subpoena for him was sent as far as St. Catherine, but he could not be found and he has not since returned to Canada. It is said that he is in Pennsylvania. He is one of the chief contractors on the Valley Railway and it is in the interests of the people of New Brunswick that he should obey the mandate of the royal commission and be present

WHITNEY GOVERNMENT SUS-TAINED BY VOTERS OF ONTARIO

Toronto, June 29—The elections for the legislature held throughout the province today resulted in the return of the Whitney Government to power with a comparatively slight decreased majority.

In the last house the opposition mustered eighteen. In the new house the straight Liberals will number twenty-five, with three independents—Labor, Temperance and Independent Liberals. The composition of the new house will be as follows:

Conservatives23
Liberals85
Labor1
Temperance1
Independent-Liberal1
Total seats111

The gains are not altogether easy to compute owing to the distribution but counting new seats the Conservatives have made gains of nine and Liberals thirteen.

Two constituencies may be said to be still in doubt, namely, North Bruce and North Wentworth. Late reports were to the fact that the Conservatives had a majority of four in the latter riding and that the Liberals retained the former by a majority of seven.

ONE MINISTER DEFEATED

All the ministers, with the exception of Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works, were re-elected with large majorities. Dr. Reaume, who ran in the new constituency at Windsor as an independent, having failed to capture the party convention, was

defeated by J. C. Tomie, Liberal, by a majority of about 400.

Mr. Rowell, who was opposed by a strong candidate, R. E. Butler, in North Oxford, was returned, but with a decreased majority; his majority last election was 560.

A peculiar feature of the election was the return in Prescott of G. Banturel, who was practically tabooed by the Liberal party and forced to resign his seat in the legislature on account of the exposure of his offer to assist the liquor favor to obtain legislation in their favor for a money consideration. The contest was a four-cornered one, there being two straight party nominees, an Independent-Conservative and Mr. Evan turel.

TEN TEMPERANCE CANDIDATES DEFEATED.

Of the eleven men who ran on the straight temperance ticket only one survived, namely Sam Carter in South Wellington.

In London, Sir Adam Beck received a majority of over 1,500 and in Hamilton, Allan Stadhorn again carried the Labor banner to victory by a majority of over 1,000.

All the Toronto seats, increased by the re-distribution bill, from eight to ten, were captured by the Conservatives.

In Centre Huron, W. Proudfoot, who made the charges in connection with government contracts against Mr. Hanna, which led to an inquiry, was returned by a slightly increased

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YORK STREET SCHOOL BUILDING.