

CITY SCHOOLS.

Semi-Annual Examination Exercises.

VERY INTERESTING AND LARGELY ATTENDED.

Governor's Silver Medal Presented to Miss Purdie.

WINNERS OF HONOR CERTIFICATES IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

The public schools of the city closed at noon today, and a well earned vacation of two weeks has been entered upon by both pupils and teachers. No city or town in the maritime provinces has a better school system than Fredericton, and no where in these provinces do the people contribute so generously to the support of the schools. It goes without saying that the citizens of Fredericton are proud of their schools and well they should be.

The public examinations were held this forenoon from ten to twelve o'clock, and as usual attracted a large number of interested visitors. Except in the primary grades no special programme was carried out, but the work consisted chiefly of a review of the term's work. Many of the school rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and presented a very attractive appearance.

THE MODEL SCHOOL.

The model school, as usual, had many visitors, among the number being noticed, Dr. G. C. Vanwart, Dr. E. W. Henry, Mr. A. W. Edgecombe, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. A. E. Massie, Mrs. J. H. Hawthorn, Mrs. W. A. Gibson, Miss Tibbitts, Miss Thompson, Miss Hazel Edgecombe, Mrs. Coles Kitchen, Prof. Cadwallader, Mrs. G. W. Adams, Mrs. T. A. Wilson, Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe.

The departments of the Model School are taught by Principal Page and Misses Harvey, Richardson and Nicholson. The primary department is taught by Miss Nicholson, and was of course the centre of attraction this morning. A short program, consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues was carried out by the pupils, all acquitting themselves remarkably well. At the close the visitors were given an opportunity to inspect the work of the pupils and were much pleased at the showing made.

In the departments taught by Misses Richardson and Harvey some splendid specimens of blackboard drawing were shown and greatly admired by the visitors.

The honor certificates won by the pupils of the Model school, were presented by Mr. Sampson at 12 o'clock.

CHARLOTTE STREET SCHOOL.

There was a large attendance at the examination of the various departments of the Charlotte Street school, which under the very efficient principalship of Mr. Horace G. Perry, continues to do excellent work.

The visitors in attendance included Dr. Atherton, chairman of the school board, Rev. Dr. Roberts, Inspector Bridges, Secretary Sampson, L. C. Macnutt, George Hazen, Mrs. W. Vanwart, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges, Mrs. Geo. H. Clarke, Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut, Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe, Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, Miss Prudie Babbitt, Miss Adams, Mrs. T. B. Winslow, Mrs. Frank I. Morrison and many others.

The chief attraction was in the primary department, Miss McAdam's where the little ones went through a variety of pleasing exercises, in singing, marching and recitations. Fifteen little tots in white sang and recited "Christmas snowflakes," in a very pleasing and effective manner.

In Principal Perry's and other departments, there was an interesting review of the work of the term, and all acquitted themselves well. The various rooms were neatly decorated with greenery, flags, etc.

YORK STREET SCHOOL.

The York Street school also had a great many visitors this morning, and all were well pleased with the efficiency shown by the pupils. The list included Dr. Atherton, chairman of the school board, Rev. Canon Roberts, Dr. Vanwart, J. T. Sharkey, Prof. Roberts, Chancellor Harrison, Inspector Bridges, and many ladies. In all the departments the pupils were examined on the subjects taught during the term and acquitted themselves well.

In the primary department, taught by Miss Burt, the pupils carried out a program of Christmas exercises, which was greatly enjoyed. A short program was also carried out in

the departments taught by Misses Currie, McCann, and Vandine. The school rooms were attractively decorated, and drawings by the pupils were shown on the blackboards. The decorations in Miss Vandine's room, included trimmed Christmas trees, prepared by the pupils.

For the first time in many years on examination day, Principal Foster was not at his post today on account of illness, and his place was filled by acting Principal McFarlane.

Secretary Sampson visited all the departments and presented the honor certificates won by the pupils during the term.

MEDAL PRESENTED.

A pleasing incident took place in the Assembly Hall of the High School at twelve o'clock, when the Lieutenant Governor's silver medal for the highest average made in the High School entrance examination was presented to Miss Alexandria Purdie, formerly of the Regent street school. The presentation was made by Dr. Atherton, chairman of the School Board, in the presence of the High School pupils and a few visitors.

Acting Principal McFarlane occupied the chair, and made a brief address, in which he expressed regret at the absence through illness of Principal Foster. He warmly complimented the winner of the medal on her success as a student.

In presenting the medal, Dr. Atherton heartily congratulated Miss Purdie and hoped that she would win further honors. He remarked that all felt grateful to the Lieut. Governor for the kindly interest he had shown in the work of the schools. The doctor also presented Miss Purdie with a handsome bouquet of carnations, the gift of Mrs. Timothy Lynch.

Dr. Harrison, on being called upon, delivered a pleasing address to the students. He had visited the different rooms and was much pleased with the showing made. The High School, he said, had been a great feeder to the University, having sent some of the brightest pupils to that institution. In the recent examination it was found that a former High School pupil had made full marks in her sophomore year. The doctor was pleased to see among the visitors Prof. Roberts, who was a distinguished graduate of the U. N. B., and was known far and wide as a poet and man of letters. He wished all the pupils a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Prof. Roberts, on being called upon, to address the gathering, was heartily applauded by the students. He said he had received his education in Fredericton, first at the Collegiate School and afterwards at the U. N. B., and whatever success he had achieved in literature was in a large measure due to Dr. Harrison, who had been his instructor in that branch of knowledge. He thought the pupils of the High School could not value too highly the opportunities which they had. Fredericton is the educational centre of the province, and has furnished to the country more than its share of brains and power. He believed that Fredericton had produced more brains to the square inch than any other city on the continent, therefore he thought the pupils before him need not be afraid of selling their ideas too high. No matter in what part of the world he was in, he never wrote the word Fredericton, N. B. after his name without feeling a thrill of pride. Fredericton was the most remarkable city on the continent, and they were all justly proud of it. (Applause).

The singing of Auld Lang Syne by the pupils brought the gathering to a close.

REGENT STREET SCHOOL.

There was a large attendance of visitors at the different departments of the Regent Street school today. Among those present were Rev. Father Carney, Dr. Atherton, J. T. Sharkey, Judge Barry, Mrs. H. O'Neill, Mrs. T. Lynch, Mrs. J. H. Barry, Mrs. Phelan, Mrs. M. E. Doohan, Mrs. Gallagher, Miss Fannie Fraser, Miss Mary Doohan, and others.

In Principal Hughes' room the pupils were put through a review of the term's work and displayed careful efficiency showing the result of careful training on the part of the teacher.

There was some very pretty blackboard work from the crayons of Misses Florence Murray, Emily Magee, Nellie Burns, Eva Carten, and Josephine Lynch.

Historical essays were read by Misses Martha O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Josephine Lynch and Master Charles Barry. These essays were as neatly written as they were carefully prepared and well read.

The pupils in this department who were never absent or tardy during the term were:

Vincent Kelley, Mary O'Neill, Martha O'Neill, Nellie Higgins, Nellie Burns, Kathleen McCluskey and Florrie O'Brien.

Never absent—Gregory Feeney. At the conclusion of the morning's exercises the visitors congratulated the teachers and pupils on the good showing which they had made.

Mr. Hughes addressed the pupils referring to the term's work, and in conclusion presented each pupil with a box of chocolates.

In the departments presided over by Sister Constance and Sister Estelle, the pupils were examined in the work of the term just closed, and acquitted themselves most creditably. Recitations also formed a

part of the morning's exercises. In both departments some excellent blackboard work was noticed and the school rooms were tastily decorated.

In the primary department, which is being supplied by Miss Hughes of St. Marys, the room and blackboard was appropriately decorated. The little tots looked neat and happy over the approaching festive season. They were examined in reading, spelling, arithmetic and writing. Recitations were given by Mabel Carten, Frank Gallagher, Annie Crannen, Marguerite Shea, Wilfrid Roberts, Sadie Toner, Walter Ryan, Leo Kelley, Marie Feeney, Harold Rowan, Josie O'Brien, Harry Myhrall, and a song by Flossie O'Leary.

Dialogue—"Three Little Chaps," Leo Carten, Campbell Carney and Frank Gallagher.

BRUNSWICK STREET SCHOOL.

At the Brunswick street school the little pupils were examined in their work and created a favorable impression.

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