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MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS.

Some weeks ago the Herald strongly advocated the introduction of musical instruction in the schools of Fredericton, and since then we published an interview with Inspector O'Blencs with respect to the success and popularity of such instruction in the Moncton schools.

The question in Fredericton has reached a practical stage and is to be discussed at a conference of trustees and teachers this evening at which it is hoped an understanding will be reached that will result in the adoption of the system in this city.

It appears almost incredible, that while we provide for instruction in our public schools in almost every conceivable branch, some of them, utterly useless in the future life of a great majority of the children, the subject of music is absolutely neglected, and only in the primary grades is ever heard the sound of song which carries such an influence in the world.

The cost likely to be entailed by the adoption of musical instruction in the schools is put forward by the authorities as a bar to the enterprise, but that item would not be a large one. One teacher would be sufficient to serve all the schools in the city, and there is fair ground for assuming that the government will be prepared to bear its share of the teacher's salary, if a concerted effort is made by Moncton, Fredericton and other cities to press the matter on the attention of those in power.

We take it that it is hardly necessary to enter into an argument in favor of music in the schools. All will admit its utility, and the question comes down to one of dollars and cents, and is easily solvable on that ground.

The Herald trusts that the Fredericton trustees will give the matter their earnest attention, and will see their way clear to adopt the proposal, which we understand finds general favor among teachers and pupils.

As a reminder of what has been accomplished in the Moncton schools and the popularity of musical instruction there, we take pleasure in quoting the following from the Herald's recent interview with Inspector O'Blencs:

"It was with particular pride that Mr. O'Blencs made the boast that Moncton was the first place in New Brunswick to take up in earnest the duty of qualifying the school children with the ground work of musical education. While, however, by comparison the attitude of the school board there was unique, he said, that under the provisions of the Provincial Board of Education they were in fact merely administering the law. But the undertaking has proved the wisdom of the school regulations upon the subject. It was only about a year ago since arrangements were completed to have the work effectively done, and the results had really been little less than phenomenal.

To explain, said Mr. O'Blencs, we have all told 37 teachers in our three school buildings in Moncton, two of which buildings alone, perhaps you know cost \$100,000, the Aberdeen and the Victoria. There is a total register of 1865 pupils. It would be a small problem as it would be no small benefit, to adjust the machinery so that regularly and systematically there would be a daily drilling of these pupils of all grades in the rudiments of vocal music. But trustees and teachers went at it with a will and the working of the plan has gradually made it an integral and vital part of school routine.

It was at first thought that a provincial grant might be obtained to aid the enterprise, but, finding themselves alone in their request for this, the trustees resolved, although already saddled with quite a schedule of salaries, to fight out their battle alone, and to this end they made provision for a special teacher out of their own school funds for the present year, in the hope, however, that when other cities took the matter up the government would doubtless lend the project assistance. They secured a lady of exceptional qualifications, a regularly licensed teacher, and she has been working wonders in bringing the pupils along; her methods having won the hearts of the pupils. As the lady instructor has the natural advantage of being an excellent singer herself, her daily visits to every grade of the three schools are greatly appreciated by all. One fact quite noticeable is that the boys who could hardly be

induced to join where there was merely singing by rote, now take great interest in the instruction given, which, besides being a good mental discipline, is quite a factor in physical training and development, so that after each instruction the pupils all resume their routine work much refreshed. The progress made in the subject by the pupils has been most amazing. "In fact," said Mr. O'Blencs, "one of your teachers, an excellent judge, I may say, when visiting our schools a short time ago and watching a test of classes in vocal music, declared she had never witnessed an occasion when young pupils had done better."

The satisfactory experience of Moncton, is so popular, says Mr. O'Blencs, that there would be a general outcry if musical instructions were withdrawn, and it will no doubt be a stimulus to school boards elsewhere in New Brunswick to procure the same advantages without unnecessary delay."

The women voters of Toronto are being scolded by the clergymen for not voting in the recent civic election in which was involved a reduction of liquor licenses to the extent of forty. The proposition failed, but if even a fair proportion of 8,000 women voters had gone to the polls the result would have been different. "What is the use placing the ballot in the hands of women," the clergymen ask, "if they will not exercise their franchise in such an important election?"

Chipman is deservedly proud of its new school building, and it is to be congratulated on having a resident so public spirited and generous as Senator King, who offers to present the school with a manual training outfit as soon as the provincial authorities shall provide a teacher.

The wreck of the St. John ferry Ludlow seems to have been the result of gross carelessness on the part of somebody, and a rigid investigation is to be made.

BITS OF NEWS.

The deficit of the York County Loan and Savings Company is placed at \$1,000,000.

The C. P. R. intends to at once begin the construction of another trunk line from Winnipeg to Edmonton. They will spend six to seven millions in construction work this year.

The federal cabinet has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence passed on a Finlandian named Lahtinen, evidence not being conclusive. Lahtinen was to have been hanged at St. John's, Quebec, Friday.

Ten of the new engines built for the I. C. R. by the American and Kingston Locomotive Works, are at St. Charles' Junction ready to be delivered to the road. It is expected that the new locomotives will be shortly forwarded to Moncton.

Dr. Fisher, provincial health officer, has received a telephone message from Dr. Casswell of Gagetown, saying that the quarantine had been raised from the last of the houses in Queen's County infected by smallpox. There has not been a death in all the cases.

Sir L. H. Davies of the Dominion Supreme Court, Ottawa, Tuesday granted leave to appeal from the order of Judge McLeod ordering that the Cushing Sulphate Fibre Co. business be wound up. M. G. Teed for appellants, Messrs. Pugsley and Hazen, contra.

Charles I. Rogers, a native of Portland, Me., was stricken with sudden illness Tuesday night while waiting for his supper to be served in a restaurant on Green Street, Boston. An ambulance was summoned hurriedly, but Mr. Rogers was dead when the hospital was reached. He was 32 years old.

Two burglars entered the premises of the Bank of Montreal at Regina Monday morning and shot George Jackson, janitor and night watchman, through the leg, and then sandbagged him when he attempted to interrupt them. Jackson returned the fire, but failed to wound either of the burglars who made a hurried departure and escaped.

The exchequer court has condemned the deficit of the York County ranchers, of Milk River Co., Alberta, to pay \$6,000 to the customs department in settlements of the latter's claim upon 587 head of cattle that Messrs. Spencer are charged with having smuggled into Canada from Montana. The seizure was made after a round up of cattle in 1902. The Spencers have ranches on both sides of the boundary.

Hydrophobia resulting from the bite of a pet dog six weeks ago, caused the death of Miss Julia Curtin Tuesday at the home of her parents, in Philadelphia. Miss Curtin was 21 years of age. When all hope was gone and she and her family knew that death could not be far off, she bade them farewell in one of her lucid moments and was locked in her room with four physicians to meet her terrible end, beyond the gaze of her relatives, who could not bear to look upon her suffering.

Senator Fry, of Maine, acting in the interests of the lumberman on

the United States bank of the upper waters of the St. John river, has presented to the Senate of the United States a petition of the legislature of the State of Maine praying for the repeal of the law ordinarily known as the Pike law, which admits into the United States free of duty lumber manufactured in New Brunswick by American citizens from logs cut on United States territory. The petition was referred to the committee on finance and ordered to be printed in the record.

Fred McGillivray, second son of Judge McGillivray of Antigonish, employed on the surveying staff of the Halifax and Southwestern Railway, met with a terrible accident recently at Port Mouton, which will probably cost him his sight. He was engaged sawing out holes in a log that was filled with ice. In one of these holes unknown to the men, was a charge of dynamite. This exploded and young McGillivray was fearfully injured, particularly in his eyes. He was brought to Halifax and a consultation was held Tuesday evening. The doctors decided to remove one eye, and they have only slight hopes of being able to save the sight of the other.

MARYSVILLE NEWS

Jan. 9.—Misses Nellie and Florence Goodspeed returned yesterday from Stanley where they have been visiting for a few weeks with friends.

There was another game of curling at the rink last night for the Shute cup when the following rinks took part:

A. Tait	L. Merrithew
T. Kirkey	H. A. Gibson
J. Downing	C. White
J. Inch, skip 14	A. Barker, skip 16
E. Bird	E. Downing
H. Dunbar	Wm. Gray
G. Ward	Dan Pickard
J. Lowrie, skip 10	F. M. Merritt, skip 12

Joe Clair Wm Johnston
D Robinson J. Duncan
C. McLean W. Walker
Dr Fisher, skip 8 Geo Tapley, skip 15

THE RINKS' STANDING.

Tapley	100	Cochrane	00
Barker	100	Inch	00
Merritt	50	Lowrie	00
Fisher	50	Macpherson	to play

Next Thursday night a team from Fredericton to play the local team. Mr. Thomas Flanagan, the engineer of the cotton mill is wearing a broad grin these days over a domestic event. It's a girl.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Foster took place from her mother's residence yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.

HELD PLAYMATE UP TILL AID CAME.

Eight-Year-Old Clarence Osborne Held Alice Mullen's Hair When Ice Broke on Black Ball Pond.

Boston Herald—Clinging with all his strength to prevent a playmate sinking beneath the ice of Black Ball pond, Winchester, 8-year-old Clarence Osborne yesterday proved himself a hero. Clarence and Alice Mullen, the little daughter of Arthur J. Mullen, of 12 Winchester Place, were romping on the ice, when it suddenly gave way and the girl disappeared.

Clarence ran to the edge of the hole and managed to clutch his companion's hair. Then with the utmost difficulty he dragged her head up out of the water, threw himself on the cracking ice, with legs and feet over hanging the hole and supported her as best he could and shouted for help.

Jeremiah Breen of 3 Durham street and Michael J. McCarthy, of 21 Winchester place, heard the shrill appeal and, guessing some one's life was in jeopardy got a ladder and rushed to the pond. They found Clarence leaning over the hole, both arms around the apparently unconscious Alice. Clarence was almost exhausted and his frosty fingers were beginning to slip away from their burden.

As the men pushed the ladder on the ice and shouted words of encouragement Clarence hooked his feet under the girl's arms and threw his weight backward in an effort to lift her head higher.

Breen and McCarthy were none too soon, for the little girl was almost dead when they got her home. The prompt work by her parents undoubtedly saved her life.

Clarence is a son of George Osborne and lives at Winchester place.

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TENDERS.

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until January 23rd for Twenty Cords of four foot merchantable green hardwood, suitable for furnace, to be of mixed yellow birch, maple, and not more than one-eighth beech, to be delivered at the Parish Church and Church Hall as requested, not later than the 13th March. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

HARRIS G. FENETY,
Vestry Clerk.

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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

TENDER.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., and marked on the outside "Tender for Addition to Station and Freight Shed at Norton," will be received up to and including

FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1906.

for the construction of additions to the station and freight shed at Norton, N. B.

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D. POTTINGER,

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Railway Office,

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