

CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY

And Scholars Are Now Relieved of their Study---Pleasing Exercises Marked End of Term---Large Attendance at the High School and at St. Vincents.

Today ends the studies of the thousands of school children in St. John until 27th August next. There are nine solid weeks ahead of the young people in which to prepare for work again next August except in the case of those graduating. Some of these will probably continue their studies at colleges elsewhere, while some will enter into commercial life.

Even here today the white costumes of the girls and the dark clothes of the boys were in evidence as they went to and from the schools. In all the school buildings there were appropriate exercises and in all cases the young people acquitted themselves very creditably. There was a very large attendance at the High School, every seat in the auditorium being taken up and many visitors being compelled to stand. The exercises proved very interesting and the scholars were given generous applause. The assembly hall was very prettily decorated with flags, botanical specimens, pictures of class groups, potted plants, etc. The blackboard at the rear of the platform was nicely decorated with chalk drawings in honor of the city and the provincial coat of arms, while between them was the motto in Latin: "Finis Coronat Opus."

After the programme (as published in yesterday's Times), had been carried out, Rev. D. Hutchinson addressed the scholars. He referred to the value of education to young people and contrasted the difference between educated and uneducated people.

Dr. Bridges, in presenting the diplomas, made reference to the honors taken by students who had gone out from the High School in various colleges. He pointed out the necessity of careful study and work through life. His remarks were listened to with great attention.

The diplomas were then awarded to the graduates. The names of those in grade XI were published yesterday. The following is the grade XII graduating class: John Test, Edith Trearwin, Frank McDonald, Minerva Henderson, Jean Barr, Helen Fotheringham, Allison Cushing, Lillian Elliott, Gordon Milligan, Dorothy Manning, Robert Stalling, Clifford Wilson and Barbara Dobson.

The honor list of grade XI is as follows: Willard Molay, G. Kierstead, Mary Gilliland, Robin Johnston, Gertrude Hamilton, Blanche Geldart, Louise Perkins, Margaret Ross, Helen Camp and Gertrude Fowler.

One of the pleasing features of the programme at the High School was the playing of the orchestra under the leadership of Prof. W. C. Bowden.

At St. Vincent's

The closing exercises of St. Vincent's school were quite varied. Appropriate exercises were held in the different classrooms of the primary grades. The High School department as usual assembled in the music hall. At 9.30 a. m. Dr. H. S. Bridges presented graduating diplomas to

Misses M. Florence Reed, Mary Doherty, Frances Traynor, Mary T. McMenam, Annie Terry, B. Teresa Doyle, Grace H. Doherty, Teresa H. Abbott and Agnes Scully, after which the following programme was carried out:

Selection, "The old order changeth"

Cantata: Zeus... Miss A. Scully, Attendant God... Miss A. Terry, Shepherd... Miss T. Traynor, Ceres... Misses G. Doherty and T. Doyle, Vulcan... Miss M. McMenam, Mariner... Miss F. Reed, History... Miss M. Doherty, Poetry... Miss T. Abbott.

Valuedictory... Miss F. Reed, Chorus—"Rule Britannia." His Lordship Bishop Casey addressed the graduates, his words being listened to with great attention.

The following excellent programme was carried out in Leinster street school: Chorus—Men of the North. Recitation—John Seely, The Gem of the Collection. Piano solo—Clayton Teed. Chorus—My Own Canadian Home. Recitation—The Reason, Louis LeLauch.

Duet—Harold Alexander, Harry McFarland. Recitation—The Old Man Goes to School, Harold McCoy. Piano solo—Arthur Walker.

Piano solo—Clair Shaw, Harry McFarland, Percy Cosman, James Hyatt, Neddy Lynch, Stanley Rankine, Gordon Crawford, and Lloyd Campbell. Chorus—Land of Greatness. Mandolin solo—Chas Johnston. Recitation—The Defence of Lascow, Gordon Scott.

Piano solo—Augustus McLeod. Chorus—Britannia Heroes. Recitation—The Motherless Turkey, Fred Manning. Gun drill—Willet Lobb, Herbert Parr, Willard Robb, Roy Robertson, Cedric Archibald, Ernest Thompson, Stewart Trentowsky, leader.

Solo—The March of the Army, Eric Titus. Recitation—Wreck of the Julie Plante, Edgar March. Chorus—Greeting to the King.

The closing of Miss Allen's Kindergarten yesterday in the rooms in the Orange Hall was attended by parents and friends of the little pupils. The school will re-open in September.

The closing exercises of the Pres Kindergarten in the school room of St. Mary's church were attended with much success and enjoyed by a large number. All kinds of kindergarten work was done by the children. Miss Z. Morton was in charge, assisted by Miss Miller, also other ladies, who had taken part in the work. The Misses Mabel McAvity, Kimball, Splane and Best. The kindergarten will re-open in September.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS

Pretty Bits of Silk or Bright Ribbon Wanted by Committee---How the Fund Grows.

The playgrounds committee would be grateful to ladies of the city for donations of bits of fancy silk, ends of ribbon, bits of gingham or other material suitable for children's patchwork. These should be sent in care of Mr. Hill, Centennial school, Brunswick street.

A letter from Miss Marshall Saunders states that the playgrounds committee in Halifax has secured through correspondence a school supervisor MacKay, the services of an expert in playground pastimes, for a period of five weeks.

The fund for the St. John playgrounds continues to grow. The committee have been offered several vacant lots of land for purchase, but at present it is felt that no steps can be taken in that direction.

THE FUND.

Previously Acknowledged \$1,145.25
Geo. Blaine, Montreal 10.00
Hirsch, Somerville & Co., Montreal 5.00

G. Leslie McCrae, Mont'l 10.00
J. Hirsch, Sons & Co., " 5.00
Mrs. (Dr.) McIntosh, 1.00

Total \$1,176.25

RISK WAS TOO HEAVY

NEW YORK, June 22.—Fire underwriters have cancelled every policy covering the \$200,000,000 of merchandise in the American Dock and Trust Company's stores at Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Three fires within three weeks from May 25 to June 11, destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of cotton, hemp and jute. The American Dock and Trust Company is one of the oldest and best known "stores" in this port.

PROBATE COURT

The hearing as to who should be administrator in the estate of Robert Willis and Caroline Willis was taken up in the probate court this morning. Judgment will be delivered on Monday.

H. A. McKewen appeared for Robert Willis, Jr., E. T. C. Knowles for Ellen Ellison.

STEWART SAYS STORY IS TRUE

Declares That Cave He Found Was Not the one Visited by Misgrove.

ANDOVER, June 22.—(Special)—John Stewart was seen today and told the substance of the despatch to this morning's Telegraph to the effect that the reporter visited the cave in Upper Kincardine in company with Musgrove, the guide, who went there with the Stewarts, and that they found no evidence that the cave had ever been entered.

Mr. Stewart admitted that he and his nephew had visited the cave with Musgrove, on Monday, and after firing two sticks of dynamite went away. He declared, however, that he knew a second cave in the district and it was in this, on Sunday, that the curious and bones were found. He declines to say where the cave is, but asserts positively that this story is true in every detail.

Mr. Stewart has left Bath and will not return for two or three days, when he was understood to say, further developments might be expected. His story with regard to the cave is not thoroughly credited here.

CHICAGO COMPANIES WANT TOO MUCH MONEY

Mayor Dunne Says the Price Put on Street Railway Property is Grossly Excessive.

CHICAGO, June 22.—The traction companies gave the council committee on local transportation yesterday the figures at which they would agree to sell to the city their present tangible properties. The figures are: Chicago City Railway Company, \$20,103,935; Union Traction Company, \$27,401,218. Total \$47,505,153.

Mayor Dunne at once pronounced the figures to be grossly excessive, and the committee referred them to two experts for analysis, and a report.

PROMINENT BANKER DEAD

NEW YORK, June 22.—William Brock Shoemaker, of this city, a member of the banking firm of Shoemaker and Bates, died last night from injuries received yesterday from the elevator in the building in which the firm had its office.

KING HAakon AND HIS QUEEN WERE CROWNED WITH MUCH POMP TODAY

Ceremony at Trondhjem Was Carried Out Successfully in the Presence of Representatives of the World's Powers. ---A Gorgeous and Impressive Scene Not Soon to be Forgotten.

TRONDHJEM, June 22, 12.35 p. m. — King Haakon and Queen Maud were today crowned respectively King and Queen of Norway in the cathedral here. The royal party entered the cathedral at 11.10 a. m. The coronation ceremony began almost immediately after their arrival. The crowning of his majesty was complete at 12.15. The coronation of the queen began at 12.20 and was completed at 12.35 p. m. At 12.55 their majesties left the cathedral and arrived at the palace at 1 p. m.

Coronation day opened with a glowing sunshine. A chill wind came off the fjord, making it necessary to wear overcoats and winter clothing. The normal temperature in the cathedral previous to the ceremony was under fifty degrees and it was feared that many of those present would carry away a painful, lasting remembrance of the coronation of King Haakon and Queen Maud, although the Norwegian court had relaxed the rules governing dress. The city was alive at an early hour and by eight o'clock the avenues reaching to the cathedral were filled with straggling lines of people making for the points of vantage from which to see the members of the royal family and the distinguished guests entering the cathedral. The doors of the latter were opened at ten a. m., and soon afterwards three bishops, robed in black and white drove up in a phaeton. The crowd uncovered when the bishops entered the cathedral.

The cathedral filled rapidly. By 10.25 the majority of the spectators had arrived and were seated, the women in evening costumes and many of the men in bright uniforms and wearing orders. The effect was imposing in spite of the half light in the interior of the old cathedral. Long rows of seats extended along the entire both sides of the building, rising tier upon tier. The centre of the nave was unoccupied except by the throne seats and a few chairs back of the columns.

The priests, robed in white, formed a semi-circle about the altar, and with uncovered heads offered up prayer for the king. Their chanting silenced the crowd. In the meantime lines of soldiers and sailors from a specially constructed landing place past the palace to the cathedral entrance formed a line to the cathedral entrance.

The visiting princes and princesses were hailed with cheers as they drove along the line of troops and a band, stationed opposite the canopied portal of the cathedral, played the national anthem respectively of each country represented by the arriving embassy and at the same time the troops presented arms.

The Prince and Princess of Wales drove past at 10.55 a. m., and their party was still in the street when peals of bells from the city churches announced that King Haakon was preparing to leave the palace. By this time the dense crowds were ed behind the line of troops extended from below the palace into the bisecting streets and into the cathedral, where, near the entrance, stood the tribune which had



Queen Maud of Norway. Photo by Alexander.

been erected for the public. The king and queen, after a brief delay in arriving the carriage and cavalry escort, started for the cathedral, preceded by their suites. A great cheer announced the departure of the royal party. Their majesties, who rode in a closed state coach, both wore ermine robes and were headed. The king smiled and saluted in reply to the salutations of the people.

When approaching the cathedral their majesties faced a half dozen photographic machines and a score of cameras. The procession moved slowly. Handkerchiefs were waved, but the crowd seemingly was impressed by the coming religious ceremony and the people generally were silent. Occasionally, however, there was an outbreak of cheers. The royal coach, drawn by four handsome bays, led by footmen, reached the cathedral at 11.10 a. m., where their majesties were received by the clergy.

When the royal party entered all present in the cathedral arose and the ceremonial began immediately. The completion of the coronation of King Haakon was communicated by two army signalers wig-wagging, across the city, from the cathedral to the hill batteries. The first gun announcing the tidings boomed forth instantly, and then there was a roar of guns from the ships and land batteries and the bells of all the city churches began ringing.

These sounds carried the tidings over the city and harbor and the echoes were carried up and down the fjord. The coronation of Queen Maud commenced immediately afterwards. Her Majesty, who is of a naturally timid and retiring disposition, bravely faced the ceremony. She looked dainty and attractive.

LONDON, June 22.—All the British naval and military stations today celebrated the coronation of King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway by the firing of salutes. In addition the warships "dressed ship" and the bells of Windsor were rung.

LOSS \$700,000 IN NICOLET FIRE

The Conflagration Raged All Night---One Life Was Lost.

NICOLET, Que., June 22.—(Special)—Shortly after six o'clock this morning, the fire which has raged all night in this village, and which has done in all damage estimated at \$700,000, and as a result of which one man is dead, was finally extinguished, largely through the exertions of the St. Hyacinthe fire brigade, which was rushed here by a special train at 9.30 o'clock last evening.

The cathedral, parish church, residence of Mons. Suor, convent and outhouse of the Assumption nuns, besides the residence of the Richard family, were totally destroyed.

MUST PAY THE PENALTY

OX BOW, Sask., June 22 (Special)—Vincent Magyar, a Hungarian farm laborer, who shot his employer, Donald Campbell at Froebier last March, was yesterday found guilty of murder and sentenced to hang in Regina on September 6th.

PRINCESS ALICE

LEAVES LONDON
LONDON, June 22.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Longworth left London for Kiel this morning.

PARLIAMENT ON GRAIN AND HAY

The Hay Inspection and Labeling Bill Goes Over For The Present.

OTTAWA Ont June 22.—(Special)—The commons this morning had Hon. Mr. Fischer's Manitoba grain bill under consideration. The minister announced that a commission would be appointed shortly to investigate and make a report upon the whole subject.

The agricultural committee today considered a bill providing for the inspection and labelling of pressed hay. The committee reported that on account of the diversity of conditions and views in regard to the hay trade in Canada it was inexpedient at this season to proceed further with the bill.

THE GUATEMALAN TROUBLE

MEXICO CITY, June 22.—Guatemalan regulars are said to have crossed over into the territory of Salvador, thereby committing an act of war. One Salvadorian, General Fuentes Rivero, who joined the revolution was killed and there is little doubt that the detention of General Barillas on this side of the frontier by the Mexican officials was instrumental in bringing up the revolutionary plan of campaign in Northern Guatemala. The revolutionists continue hopeful.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

COL. TUCKER'S MISTAKE.
ST. MARTINS June 22.—(Special)—No where did Col. Tucker's sea-serpent story create a greater sensation than in this lovely village by the sea, with its glorious beach surpassing that of Naples, its sea-view caves and beetling cliffs and famous Lighthouse Point. The reverberations of the shock still lingers over McCumber Hill and along the West Quay ledges.

For in times past St. Martins has sworn by Col. Tucker and has watched his journeys to the capital with eager solicitude, and a lively sense of anticipated wharves and breakwaters.

The check of the sea-serpent story was most deeply felt by Mr. W. E. Skillen, who went off in a dead faint when he read it in the morning paper. "Et tu Brute!" he was understood to murmur as consciousness left him. On his recovery he talked freely to this effect:—

"This is another case of the Colonel's awful memory. He is the worst memory of any man I ever saw. I told him that sea-serpent story. It was solemnly agreed between us that he would wait till the summer tourist season began and then run down here, go back to St. John and tell the story, locating the incident at St. Martins. He has forgotten as usual and sprung it at the wrong time in the wrong place. Now I suppose I must dig up some other story and counter-act the effect of my misplaced faith in the colonel's memory."

The next time the colonel comes down here he will not be received with the cordiality extended to him in the past. The village is quite worked up over this affair.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam has refused a fine offer for an old horse that has outlived his usefulness and is spending his last days in the back-field pasture. Hiram says he has reason to believe the purchaser wants to convert the venerable roadster's carcass into potted meat for picnic parties this summer.

The little dash of Halifax weather that floated around last evening was not altogether welcome. It spoiled several outing plans.

ALL ABOARD FOR CARLETON FERRY

First Street Car to Be Run Over New Carleton Line Tomorrow Afternoon ---Can Now Ride from City to Head of Rodney Wharf

General Manager Earle, of the St. John Railway Co. told the Times this morning that the company would run a trial trip on the new Carleton line to-morrow afternoon about 3 o'clock. The work has been practically completed from the former terminal at the city line down to the head of Rodney wharf. It is also altogether likely that on Sunday the cars will run over the new portion regularly.

It has not yet been decided whether the tracks down Rodney wharf to the ferry will be laid on the outer edge of the wharf or on piling alongside the wharf.

The line into Fairville is about completed and the company is awaiting per-

mission to put in the diamond so that they can cross the C. P. R. tracks. The big diamond was made in Montreal, and weighs about three tons. It is necessary to receive permission from the railway commission before the C. P. R. tracks can be crossed.

The new cars, which were ordered recently are expected to arrive here very shortly and will be fitted with new motors. They are the same style as the open cars now in use by the company.

The enclosed are lamps, which are to be installed in Carleton, have arrived and will be hung up very soon. The use of the Carleton station as a power house will then be discontinued.

STABBED WITH AN UMBRELLA

Peculiar Crime in New Ontario by Which Lester Young Was Killed.

PORT ARTHUR, June 22.—(Special)—During a drunken row between William Slater and Lester Young in their room on the steamer Monarch while en route here from the Soo, Lester received a wound in the forehead from the effects of which he died shortly afterwards. A postmortem examination revealed the fact that the wound had been inflicted with an umbrella, which had penetrated the brain. Slater is under arrest.

ST. JOHN'S SUIT CASE MYSTERY

No Owner Has Yet Appeared for Parcels Held at Police Headquarters.

The little son of Ald. Sprout had a peculiar experience yesterday afternoon, when an elderly woman, laden with parcels and a suit case offered him a quarter to take them in his hand, and to King square. He had accepted, the bundles piled in the cart and the little fellow started out, the old woman bringing up the rear. When near his destination he missed her, and as she failed to re-appear he took the parcels home and later they were landed to the police, who, up to one o'clock today, had not located the owner.

One parcel, according to the police, was a bag of candy, and the other two packages were found to contain a woman's clothing, not new but of good quality and appearance.

In the suit case was a suit of men's clothing, an empty whiskey bottle, and articles of female dress. All of the goods were placed in Brussels street lockup.

THEIR CHANCES ARE GOOD

Toronto Oarsmen Show Splendid Form in Training at Henley.

HENLEY, Eng., June 22.—The Argonaut crew of Toronto, Canada, entered for the grand challenge cup, did half the course this morning in three minutes 22 seconds. This is considered extraordinarily fast time during the training period, and the Canadian chances of capturing the cup are regarded as second to none.

TWO DEATHS IN KINGS COUNTY

SUSSEX, N. B., June 22.—(Special)—Today at 12 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. George White, Jr. Mrs. White had been sick with heart trouble nearly two weeks. She was a daughter of Gordon Kelly of Fredericton, and 82 years of age.

Mrs. Boyle, wife of James Boyle, died this morning at her home, Anagnone. A husband and four children survive.

THE ARTIC COMMITTEE

OTTAWA Ont June 22.—(Special)—The Artic committee decided today to take no more evidence. It meets on Tuesday to make a report.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Henry McKinney took place this morning at 8 o'clock from her late residence. The remains were taken to Brown's Flats by the river steamer. Rev. A. J. Prosser preached a funeral sermon at the Baptist church at that place.

The plans for the new Y. M. C. A. building have been received by L. P. D. Tilley and several changes from the original drawings have been suggested. These are being worked upon and will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the near future.

A dull thud, followed by the crash of breaking glass, caused considerable excitement in Bissett's barber shop yesterday afternoon, when a young man, who happened to be passing, slipped and fell through the aperture between the sidewalk and the window fronting on Prince Wm. street, the young man having put his shoulder through the glass, sustaining slight injuries about the back of the neck. He got out without much difficulty and the cuts were quickly attended to.

TO INCREASE OPERATIONS

Calais Tanning Co.'s Plant to be Enlarged---Shoe Factory May be Reopened.

ST. STEPHEN, June 22.—(Special)—The steamer Tanke, Captain Berggreen, arrived today from Mabou with a cargo of coal for the cotton mill. Pilot Joseph Boyd brought the line vessel in from the bay.

It is stated today that the plant of the Calais Tanning Co., of which J. M. Johnson is manager, is to be enlarged and its operations increased.

Two shoe manufacturers from Massachusetts were in Calais yesterday inspecting the plant of the St. Croix Shoe Mfg. Co., which has been closed for over a year. It is stated that they were favorably impressed with the property and with the proposition made them for its lease and hope is renewed that the factory will be reopened at an early date.

ANOTHER CAMERA PARTY AFTER GAME

Moving Picture Operator to Beat the Miramichi for Snaps.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 22.—(Special).—The case of the Petrie Manufacturing Company vs. Jacob Estey, an action for slander, is being tried at the circuit court here today. C. J. Coster and J. H. Fairweather for the plaintiff, J. H. Barry and R. B. Hanson for the defendant.

Arthur Robinson, a wealthy New York stock broker, and a party of friends will arrive here tomorrow, en route to the Southwest. Miramichi on a fishing trip. Mr. Robinson is an annual visitor to the Miramichi, where he owns a large tract of land and several splendid camps. He will bring a moving picture machine and an operator along to take pictures of big game.

Mrs. Gordon Kelly went to Sussex this morning in response to a telegram announcing the critical illness of her daughter, Mrs. George H. White.

A BAD PAIR

Peter Fally and John L. McDonald, who were arrested recently at Sussex in connection with the Sussex Mercantile Co. burglary, will be tried at Hampton on Monday next, under the speedy trials act.

It is expected that both men will plead guilty and say they were drunk. Chief of Police McLeod, of Sussex, says that the men had been drinking when arrested, but he did not believe them to be drunk. He communicated with Chief of Police David A. Mackenzie, of Pictou, who informed him that Peter Fally had left there with a bad record and under suspended sentence.

THE KAISER AT THE WHEEL

KIEL, Germany, June 22.—Emperor William today is sailing his yacht Meteor against the German yacht Hamburg and the British yacht Clara in the first of the large schooner races. A fresh breeze was blowing. The Meteor is 63 miles.

Edward Fitzgerald and John McDonald were before the police magistrate today to answer charges of cruelty to a horse on City Road yesterday morning. The charge was preferred by Secretary Welmore of the S. P. C. A., Fitzgerald who was driving said the horse was balky and that the whip used was of the cheapest kind and not strong enough to produce marks. His honor after reviewing the case allowed Fitzgerald to go on suspended sentence, McDonald was also permitted to go.

D. McNichol, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, arrived at noon today on his semi-annual inspection trip. He inspected the C. P. R. facilities at Sand Point and Bay Shore. Assistant Manager Leonard accompanied him.

Shortly after one o'clock today Stanley McGuire while at work in James Ready's bottling house, Peel street caught his arm in the cog-wheel of a bottling machine lacerating the member. He was taken to his home on Wentworth street. Dr. Barry was in attendance.

Owing to the wreck of a freight train on the Maine Central railway, the Boston express this morning was 3 3/4 hours late.

There is no marked change in the strike situation today and Hilyard's mill is still running.