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The Frog Lake Massacre.
By WM HARRISON.

In the sketch given in last week's LIBERAL it was mentioned that when the police under General Strange and their reinforcements had reached Edmonton they there heard that Big Bear and his band had burned up Frog Lake Mission and killed the whites. We shall for a short time leave our soldier and describe the event of which the company had been into med. About thirty miles from Fort Pitt in the Alberta district is a beautiful sheet of water twelve miles long known as Frog Lake. From this lake runs a rivulet called Frog Creek. Here a few years ago there stood a picturesque village. The first building erected was by the Indian agent, Mr. Delaney. A few other buildings followed and the hamlet was known as Frog Lake settlement. The scenery around the little settlement is surpassingly beautiful so that it was not long before others were added to the small community. Among these were Mr. Gowlock of Toronto (brother to the Alderman), and wife, Mr. Quin, and Mr. Glicerist, a trader of the name of Dill, brother of J. W. Dill, member of the Local Legislature. Among the first arrivals in the history of the village were two priests, Father Marmad and Father. These formed a Catholic Mission and erected a small church in which service was regularly held. During all the intercourse of the people with the Indians the greatest kindnesses were extended to each other. The white people gave the Indians food and supplies whenever they requested them, and the Indians brought them fish, game and berries in return. The village was surrounded by two kinds of Indians—the Wood Crees and the Plain Crees. The Wood Crees about 200 in number lived on the reserve, were peaceful and industrious, seemed satisfied with their condition and continued so. Their other neighbors, the Plain Crees, were dissatisfied, revengeful and cruel. In their habits they were idle and worthless and under Big Bear were the cause of the subsequent trouble.

The first intimation that the settlers received of any disturbance among the Indians was on March 30th, when they heard of the massacre at Duck Lake. Word was immediately sent to the Gowlocks who lived a couple of miles from the Mission to go at once to Mr. Delaney's and set out for Fort Pitt for safety. On arriving at Delaney's they found Big Bear shaking hands with all and making himself particularly friendly, assuring them that the rumors in reference to Duck Lake were false, and that the villagers were quite safe. Their excitement was somewhat calmed. Next morning they found that all their horses had been stolen by the Indians. Their escape was cut off. In a few minutes Big Bear and his Indians dressed in war paint and yelling at every step took possession of the houses and went through all the cupboards in search of something to eat. They then made Mrs. Delaney get breakfast for them and during the meal kept telling the whites not to be afraid but to eat plenty. After breakfast they made a procession and escorted them over to the little church. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney and the others walking behind them. When the procession reached the church the priests were holding mass. Wandering Spirit—Big Bear's friend and really a worse man—sat on his knees at the door as they entered, his whole countenance covered with a fiendish look. The menacing look of the Indians and their contemptuous glances at the sacred surroundings alarmed the priests so that they could not continue the service. The Indians then ordered all to go out of the church, the whole gang escorting them to Mr. Delaney's house with yells and violent gestures, as many as possible of the noisy crew crowding into the building. An Indian then came and told them they were wanted outside. As they went along with fearful premonitions of evil they heard shots from behind. The first to fall were Quin, Dill and Glicerist. An old man of the name of Williscraft, seventy five years of age, while running received a shot that knocked off his hat. He cried out, "Oh! don't shoot!" The Indians fired again and he fell dead among the bushes. Mrs. Gowlock on seeing this began to cry. Her husband tried to comfort her saying "My wife be brave to the end," when an Indian from behind shot, and he fell dragging his wife with him to the ground. Mrs. Gowlock expecting every moment to share the same fate. When Gowlock fell Mr. and Mrs. Delaney were walking arm in arm just behind. As she was about to speak to her husband his arm dropped from hers and he exclaimed, "I am shot, too!" and fell. His wife raised his head upon her lap and beckoned for

Father Faferd to come over to them. Shots from the rifles were then flying all around them. The priest knelt down and spoke to the dying man. He said, "My poor brother I think that you are safe with God." As the words died upon his lips he received his death-wound and fell lifeless across the body of Delaney.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WANTED—Intelligent men with good education to whom \$600 and expenses for the first year would be an inducement. Write with full particulars. THE MANAGER, 49 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont.

Langstaff

On the evening of Friday, February the 26th, the Langstaff Chapter of the O. R. T. gave a farewell supper in honor of Mr. O. Appleton, who was about to leave for Kootenay, B.C. On that evening a goodly number of the members of the Order assembled at the home of Mr. D. James.

The supper prepared by the ladies of the order surpassed anything they had ever given before, as shown not only in the preparing of the oysters in many different dishes, but in the many delicacies placed on the table. The board being cleared, Mr. S. J. McKee called upon Miss E. Clubine, on behalf of the Chapter to read the following address, and Miss G. Darling to present Mr. Appleton with a Past Chief Sponsor Jewel:

DEAR SIR AND BRO,—Having heard with regret of your intended departure from our midst, we felt we could not let you leave us without some expression of the good-will and good fellowship which we feel towards you.

As "goodie knights" and "fayre ladies" we have learned to appreciate your usefulness in our midst and to respect you both in the Chapter room, where you were always faithful to your duties and in our every day comings together.

We are sorry that you are leaving us, for a time, but before you go, because we as a chapter, esteem you so highly and appreciate your past work, we ask you to accept this Past Chief Sponsor's Jewel, hoping that it may in some measure help to perpetuate the kindly feeling that has existed between us in the past. We are aware, though, that no gift which we could give would be prized by you as much as the assurance that, in your absence, you will be kindly remembered by each of us. Our gathering here this evening is a manifestation of that feeling. As you go to seek for yourself a home in the west we know that you leave behind many things that are dear because of their relations and associations. On these we will not dwell, but confer on you the honor of modern chivalrie and wish you farewell with that quaint and noble phrase, good-bye—God bless you

Signed by the members of Langstaff Chapter, No. 772, this sixth day, 26th, second month 1897.

In reply Mr. Appleton thanked the Chapter for this token of good will. He referred to the many pleasant evenings spent with the members of the Order and the benefit he had derived from such a connection.

On behalf of the Chapter Mr. D. Boyle made an excellent speech, in which he referred to the regrets felt by the members in saying farewell to their most highly esteemed Brother. Having known Mr. Appleton from his boyhood, he bespoke for him a successful career among the Rockies.

In replying to the toast of the host and hostess, Mr. D. James referred incidentally to his various connections with Mr. Appleton during the past two years, and in closing made mention of these three great temptations in that new country: Sabbath breaking, the card table, and violations of the principles of the Order.

Mr. J. Drury responding to the toast of the ladies made mention of the opportunities afforded them to make homes pleasant and happy.

The toasts being all concluded, games of various descriptions were indulged in until a reasonable hour. All returned home well pleased with the Knight's adventure.

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News Notes.

The receipts at the Montreal Star office for the Famine Fund has already reached \$36,000.

Mr. Geo. E. Reynolds has been appointed Bailiff for Division No. 6, in place of Mr. J. W. Crossley, resigned.

Mr. R. W. Capell, of Jefferson, has purchased the stock of Mr. J. C. Jenkins, of "Cheapside," Victoria Square, and purposes carrying on the business as a general store.

Maple

As no more market tickets are to be issued at the station here on Saturdays, it will pay the people to go out to Richmond Hill and go to the city by the electric railway.

A sacred concert is to be given in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening of next week.

Mr. H. Marsh had a horse killed in the woods on Monday by a tree falling on it.

Mr. W. G. Richardson of Toronto Normal School, was in the village over Sunday.

Quite a number of our villagers are on the sick list at present.

Rev. F. E. Fletcher, a former esteemed pastor of this place, passed away on Sunday morning at the residence of Rev. G. Browne, Markham St., Toronto.

Rev. Prof. McLaughlin of Victoria University, will preach in the Methodist Church next Sunday morning, and Rev. M. Chapman of Strange, will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

Rev. A. Bedford has received a call from Stouffville and has accepted it, subject to the approval of the stationing committee.

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Vellore.

Report of S. S. No. 9, Township of Vaughan, for the month of Feb'y:

Fourth Class—Alex. McNaughton, Geo. McDonald, Chas. Manning, Geo. Brownlee, Peter McNaughton, George Hunter, Dan Hart, Jas. Stanforth.

Senior Third—Willie Cameron, Beatrice Witty, Chas. Barr, Howard Watson, Nelson Jarrett.

Junior Third—Jas. Brownlee, Kate McNaughton, Annie Fenwick, Munson Brown, Lesly Espey, Wm. Snider, Herb. Farr.

Senior Second—Alex. Cameron, Louie Snider, Ollie Snider, Dave Julian, Ada Daker, Annie McDonald, Ella O'Connor.

Promoted to Senior Second—Kate Cameron, Gordon Jarrett.

Promoted to Junior Second—Minnie Bishop, Sam McDonald.

Average attendance for the month, 29.
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Board of Education

The full Board of twelve members held a meeting on Monday.

After a long discussion on school sites the following resolutions were carried:

Moved by Mr. McConaghy, seconded by Mr. Storey, that all former resolutions be rescinded as regards lots for building High School, and that the following be substituted in their place, and resolved that we build the High School on the old lot, to be placed where the Board approves.

Moved by Mr. McConaghy, seconded by Mr. McDonald, that the former resolution asking for \$3000 be rescinded, and that the Board now ask the Village Council for \$1500 to assist in building the High School.

Moved by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Clubine, that Messrs. McNair, Storey and Newton wait on Mr. John Harris relative to a plan for the new High School.

The Board adjourned.

Agricultural Meeting

The annual meeting of the R. H. & Y. S. Agricultural Society was held yesterday afternoon.

The auditors' report showed a cash balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$41,63.

Officers were elected as follows:—

President: W. H. Clubine; Vice-Presidents, T. Lloyd and W. H. Pugsley; Sec'y-Treas., H. A. Nicholls; Directors, J. Palmer, J. H. Sanderson, I. Crosby, P. G. Savage, T. F. McMahon, J. T. McElroy, T. Trench, G. Leek, D. C. Steele, R. Elliott, W. Eyer, D. Lynett, W. Scott, J. Slater, J. Clark, R. B. Elliott, A. Quantz, P. Boynton, G. W. High, J. Boyle, A. Cameron, T. Cook, J. H. Kirby, G. Dibb, C. Norman, J. Morgan.

An Executive Committee was also elected consisting of 13 members.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on the first Wednesday in April.