

Mr. Wm. Church, of Windsor, also Rev. and Mrs. Rogers, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peich.

Newmarket Era—Miss Mae Sanderson, of Richmond Hill, visited over the week-end with Miss Marjorie Heaslip.

A lengthy write-up of Woodbridge Short Course in Agriculture, and Banquet and other articles arrived too late for this week's insertion.

The March Lion was much in evidence on Sunday. May we all hope to see the proverbial Lamb as the month goes out.

Mr. Hartly Morden leaves to-day to take charge of the Standard Bank at Port Rowen, Ont. Everybody wishes Mr. Morden the best of success.

Miss Jean Hall, pupil of Miss Verdella Donner, passed her Elementary Piano examination with honors, at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Dr. G. Elmore Reaman, formerly Educational Director for Toronto Y.M.C.A. has been appointed Superintendent of the projected home for underprivileged boys at Bowmanville.

The Choir of the Presbyterian Church for the past few weeks have been working on the sacred cantata "Darkness and Dawn" by Fred W. Peace, and hope to present same to the public at Easter.

While the family of Mr. Frank Legge, Jefferson, was away from home Saturday evening, a sneak thief entered the house from the rear, lighted several matches, and tumbled things around. With the exception of a few articles of jewelry in Miss Legge's bed-room nothing else was missed.

Public Speaking Contest—The annual public speaking contest and election of officers held under the auspices of the York County Junior Farmers, will be held at Thornhill on March 12th at 2:30 p. m., in Victoria Hall. Excellent prizes are being offered for boys or girls competing, together with Championship Shield donated by Dr. J. L. Hughes, of Toronto. A good programme is being arranged.

Presbyterian Services

In the absence of the Minister, who is to preach to the King charge of which he is interim-moderator, services will be conducted as follows: 11 a. m. Rev. A. E. Armstrong, M.A., of Toronto. 7 p. m. Rev. A. McNab. Mr. Armstrong will also preach to the Thornhill Union Congregation at 2.30 p. m.

W. C. T. U. Concert

The concert under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. announced last week to be held in the public school will take place in the Masonic Hall to-morrow night, (Friday) at 8 o'clock. A good programme will be given by pupils of the High and Public Schools, assisted by Miss Cruickshank, Elocutionist; Miss Aileen Atkinson, Violinist; Mrs. Watson, Soloist, and Anderson's orchestra. Proceeds to be used for prizes for essay contests in the High and Public Schools. Your patronage is solicited. Admission adults 25c, children 15c.

IN MEMORIAM

ESPEY—In loving memory of Louisa Jones, beloved wife of Henry E. Spey, who passed away March 8th, 1924.

Peacefully sleeping, resting at last, The world's weary troubles and trials are past.

In silence she suffered, in patience she bore.

'Till God called her home to suffer no more.

—Sadly missed by husband and family.

Victoria Square

Our school No. 6 is closed for this week.

Frank Brumwell and Jack Frisby have the measles.

Mr. Jas. Smith spent the week-end in Toronto.

M. Mert. Brown was home over Sunday.

A number from here attended the Commencement Exercises of Richmond Hill High School on Friday evening Feb. 20, and report a fine programme.

Tuesday, 17th, a meeting of the Baseball Clubs was held. No business was transacted except to move for an oyster supper which was carried. The usual enthusiasm seemed lacking altho' there was a fair attendance. There was euchre afterwards.

Are you in the bean contest? If so use your bean to guess the number of beans. The beans are now covered by insurance according to Bill Freeland.

(Too late for last issue)

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Jane Davidson Johnson, of Maple, wish to thank their many friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, and the many beautiful floral tributes extended in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a loving mother.

W. C. T. U.

A very interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Hewison on Tuesday last, there being about forty members and friends present to hear the programme which was in charge of Mrs. Hewison, Superintendent of Missionary Work. Mrs. Phipps, President of the W. C. T. U., occupied the chair. Mrs. Hewison gave a very brief report of the work of the W. C. T. U. missionary in the Lumber camps, and Mrs. Western, Co. Pres., gave a short address, and solos were sung by Miss Olive Switzer and Mrs. Watson to the delight of all present. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of Co. Life Membership Pins to Mrs. E. A. Switzer and Mrs. J. H. Sanderson, two W. C. T. U. members who have belonged to the society since it was organized forty one years ago, and who have always taken keen interest in temperance work. The presentation was made by Mrs. T. F. McMahon, who gave a brief history of the organization and work of the W. C. T. U. and gave expression to the appreciation the W. C. T. U. felt for the faithful services of these two honored members. Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Switzer were quite taken by surprise and expressed their gratitude for being remembered by the society. An enjoyable social time was spent at the close of the meeting, and four new members were added to the roll.

Over the Santa Fe to Los Angeles

(Letter from the Durham's)

We left Chicago on the evening of February 19th, and were only two and three quarter days en route on the Santa Fe to Los Angeles. The speed made, sort of makes one feel that California is not so far away from home.

On the morning of the 20th, we awoke to find ourselves in the prairie like state of Kansas. If there had been any snow there, it was all gone, and sulky plows with five mules attached to each, were being used in the preparation of available land for spring crops. The corn stalks had been left standing in the fields after the corn of last season had been removed, and on those fields, the cattle and horses were feeding. They had apparently fed there all winter and sheltered in sheds (open to the south) that had been heaped with straw from the threshing-machine blower. Great herds of swine gorged themselves on yellow corn on the cob, that had been thrown to them in their correls. Is it any wonder that American ham and eggs tastes extra sweet?

Another days journey changed the scene to the semi-desert sands of New Mexico, sparsely covered with a scrubby growth of native cedar. Hills were climbed while the engine puffed over the hard work and the screeching of the wheels sounded like the creaking of frost on a Canadian winter's morning. Little, low homes, built of adobe, congregated in hamlets, broke the monotony of the sage growth (as the day advanced), in which the Mexican's seemingly live side by side for company. Their little bands of horses, cattle and sheep looked surprisingly well on what looked to be very poor fare.

More hills were climbed to an altitude of around seven thousand feet above sea level. The ground was covered with snow at that point, which of course made us feel very much at home.

It was a very sudden change that met our view, twelve hours later, when the orange orchards in the vicinity of Los Angeles loomed up.

Our trip to Los Angeles in 1920 was taken over the beautifully scenic (but long) Southern Route. It is a journey quite worth while for one who has extra time to spend.

The verdant hills in Pennsylvania dotted with oil wells and coal mines; the brick red soil of the Southern States in wonderful settings of green foliage, being prepared for the planting of cotton and the old homes of the planters; the low-lying rice fields in Louisiana, and the palmetto carpeted woods; the cow boys rounding up the bands of cattle on the great grazing tracts in Texas; the Spanish bayonet tree sprinkled sands in Arizona, and lastly the solitary places in California's cacti covered desert rejoicing in "blossom as the rose," each in turn is sufficient to hold the nature-lover spell-bound during the great picture.

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Anning-Baker

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the parsonage on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p. m. of Elsie Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Richmond Hill, to Mr. Edgar Anning, Richmond Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anning, Kettleby, Rev. H. S. Warren officiating. The bride, was charmingly attired in a gown of sandal wood satin crepe, with sand hat. She also wore the groom's gift, a pearl sunburst, and carried a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Baker, gowned in powder blue satin crepe and carrying Columbia roses. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Norman Anning. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold bar pin, to the groomsmen cuff links. The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Anning will reside in Richmond Hill.

MAPLE

The Busy Bees Mission Band will meet at the home of Mrs. John Keffer on Saturday, March 7th at 2:30 p. m.

Miss A. Walkington attended the Toronto Presbyterian W.M.S. eleventh annual meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto on Thursday and Friday, February 19th and 20th, and reports a splendid meeting.

The Lutheran W.M.S. held a splendid tea and entertainment and debate in the school room of Lutheran Church, on Friday, February 20th. Numbers from other congregations were present and enjoyed the evening.

The Merry Maids of Maple, class of the Methodist Church entertained the Sunshine Workers, on Friday evening, February 27th. The special feature of the evening was a debate. Resolved "That horse power is more useful than gas power." The negative side won out by a close margin. The judges were Rev. Christie, Miss Morrison and Mr. J. Rose.

On Tuesday of last week, Mrs. Johnson, relict of the late Wm. Johnson, passed away after one day's illness. Funeral Thursday afternoon. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of all.

Last Saturday night Mrs. C. Norman entertained her class of girls at her home. At the same time the girls held a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Gertie Putebaugh prior to her marriage with Mr. Morley Kinnee.

In Community Hall St. Stephen's Church cleared \$31 at their entertainment.

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"I'll Be Home Soon, Mother," Writes Sammy

Sammy is a keen little lad. He looks much younger than he is—only sixteen—and he has much more wisdom than is usual at his age. For two years he worked in a foundry doing a man's work. His father worked beside him and helped him master the art of pouring molten metal. One day Sammy complained of a sore side but his people didn't worry much. "It'll be all right in the morning," mother said; "go and take a rest." But it wasn't all right in the morning, nor the morning after, nor a week after. It was then time for a doctor to examine Sammy. The doctor looked him over several times, then took him to a specialist. Both medical men agreed that Sammy was consumptive and both held out some hope if he "took the cure" at once.

Sammy is quite a favorite up in the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives. He keeps the other patients in good humor with his pleasant smile and his quaint stories of French Quebec where he spent his boyhood days. "Tell the folks I'll be home soon," he wrote in his last letter; and he probably will be, for he is making splendid progress.

The Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives, the Haven of the poor afflicted with tuberculosis, is in a large measure reliant upon public generosity for its funds to carry on its work. Contributions may be sent to Hon. W. A. Charlton, President, 223 College Street, Toronto, Ontario.

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Standard Bank of Canada Makes Good Annual Report

First Statement of Combined Bank Shows Total Assets of \$83,520,820—Profits Well Maintained—Capital Now Stands at \$4,823,400 and Reserve Fund Has Been Increased to \$2,900,030.

The Standard Bank of Canada, with which the Sterling Bank of Canada was recently amalgamated, is forwarding to shareholders the first annual report containing the combined resources of the two banks. The statement, which is for the fiscal year ended January 31st, reveals many features of strength and shows that with the more ample resources a larger volume of bigger business can readily be handled.

This will be a matter of satisfaction to the shareholders and at the same time be of great advantage to the trade and commerce of the country.

Profits have been well maintained and after the payment of all charges and dividends, have permitted of \$150,000 being transferred to Reserve Fund, leaving an amount of \$151,000 to be carried forward to Profit and Loss.

Strong Liquid Position

The general statement of assets and liabilities shows that the total assets of the combined banks amount to \$83,520,820. Of this amount as much as \$40,000,000 is in liquid, or immediately available, assets, equal to over 53% of liabilities to the public. In addition, these liquid assets include cash, as represented by current coin, Dominion notes and deposit in central gold reserves of over \$10,000,000, being more than 25% of liquid assets.

The principal accounts included in liquid assets are a very large proportion of holdings of high grade securities. Dominion and Provincial Government securities amount to \$14,382,293; Canadian Municipal and British, Foreign and Colonial Public securities, \$3,148,197; Railway and other bonds,

\$450,475, and total call and short loans, \$6,769,330, making the total in this department \$24,750,296. Indicating the large amount of general business being handled are current loans and discounts entirely in Canada of \$36,077,030, and loans to cities, towns and municipalities, \$1,798,201.

The confidence enjoyed by the Bank among a very large number of depositors is reflected by total deposits of \$63,432,377. These include deposits bearing interest of \$52,048,439 and deposits not bearing interest \$11,383,938. The Bank's paid-up capital now stands at \$4,823,400, and the Reserve Fund, to which has been added the sum of \$150,000, totals \$2,900,000.

\$150,000 added to Reserve

The Profit and Loss statement shows that earnings, after providing for all charges and dividends, permitted of a liberal amount being added to the balance carried forward. Profits for the year, after deducting expenses, interest accrued on deposits and rebate on unmatured bills, Provincial taxes, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, was \$688,682. This, added to the amount carried forward from the previous year, brought the total amount available for distribution up to \$904,314, which was appropriated as follows: Dividends, \$488,231; War taxes on note circulation, \$40,000; Reserve for Dominion Income Taxes, \$50,000; contributed to Officers' Pension Fund, \$25,000; transferred to Reserve Fund, \$150,000, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$151,110.

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