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THE VALUE OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS TO A TOWN

The Part Played by Recreation in the Making of Better Citizens.

For many years past The Advance has been emphasizing the need and advantage to the community of parks and playgrounds. Years ago this paper advocated the policy of the Town securing park space while the same was easily available. The securing of a park at a place convenient for the people of the town is more difficult now than it would have been some years ago, but it is no use regretting the past. Only the present and the future hold out hope for advantage. To those who can travel a few miles away from town, the charms of Golden City.—(Beg pardon! of Porcupine!)—have always been available. For those who need some place of recreation nearer the town there is at present good hopes on the horizon. There is a probability that Mr. James Brosseau, who owns some land to the northeast of the town, may donate a part of this property for park purposes. Mr. Brosseau has been figuring on practical ways to make such a gift effective, and those who know him will be certain that he will do it well if he proceeds with his plan. New Liskeard is one of the North Land towns that has a real park and recreation place for the public. New Liskeard Beach may now be safely referred to as famous for its benefits and advantages. The people of New Liskeard are entitled to respectful hearing when they speak of parks, playgrounds and recreation. In last week's issue of The New Liskeard Speaker, Mr. Wesley McKnight, Mayor of New Liskeard, has an article on the parks and playgrounds question that has so much of interest and information that The Advance is reproducing it practically in full. Mayor McKnight says:—

"The business man who has no time for recreation is like the carpenter who has no time to sharpen his chisel. The carpenter may use his chisel constantly but his work will not be as good as if he took time to sharpen it.

"But while grown up people can look after themselves, I claim that one duty of every municipal council and school board is to supply playground space and equipment for the children. If they are to grow up to be good citizens, they must first of all, be healthy, and playing is an absolute necessity to children's health.

"But much more is obtained from playgrounds, and even moral activity is due to proper games properly played.

"The boy or girl who does not play good games and play them fairly, will not grow up to be good citizens.

"Supervision is necessary to get the best out of a play-ground, as well as good equipment, for boys and girls must be taught what to play and how to play, for without supervision play may be harmful, and they may not learn 'to play the game.'

What a Play-Ground Means to a Community

"It keeps the children off the street, and saves destruction of property, trees, windows, etc. It has been proven to be the alternative for the juvenile court.

"It gives children happiness that they could not have had otherwise.

"It gives some people a worth while work to do who find it a pleasure as well as duty to help the boys and girls learn how to play the game.

"New Liskeard and vicinity is fortunate, indeed that nature has provided such wonderful possibilities as we have at Liskeard Beach.

"It is very much to the credit of the Fire Brigade and Athletic Association the way they are taking hold of the work this year to improve our Park and Play-Ground, and, in providing more equipment for athletic events, and swimming amusements. With this in view the Athletic Association has organized for all kinds

HONOUR ROLL FOR MAY FOR SCHUMACHER SCHOOL

Standing of Pupils in the Various Classes. Names in Order of Merit.

The following is the honour roll for Schumacher Public School for the month of May:—

Names in order of merit.
Room VI.—John A. Bush, Principal
Sr. Fourth Class—Gladys Elley, Maisie Muskett, Elsie Henderson, Nellie Cornell, Helen Lark, Margaret Elley, Douglas Craig, Frank Gerovich, Willie Mair, George Cousineau, Myrtle Ritchie.

Senior Third Class—Sadie Aide, George Tennyson, Kenneth Hope, Hugh Calverley, Francis Gilbert, Edward Dorfman, Lucy Cowan.

Room V.—Clarice Sullivan, Teacher.

Jr. III.—Marguerite McKay, Christie Murphy, Mary Jacksie, Roy Hamilton, Beatrice Leck, Evelyn Leck, Jennie McLeod, Barbara McGary, Grant Barron, Therese Hope, Dorothy Heath, Percy Aide, Marion Leng, Geo. Proux, Walter Finkelman.

Sr. II.—Gordon Uttley, Thos. Uttley, Edith Williams, Maurice Miller, Albert Hope, Billy Keeley and Fannie Finkelman, equal, Laurie Mikkola, Kathleen Barron.

Room IV.—Victoria Malkin, Teacher.

Sr. Second Class—Armand Boulet, Doris Bowden, Quinta Baldwin, Norma Taylor, Leo Boutet, Fernande Boutet, Robert Carlyle, Leonard Briden, Ruth Lark, Willa Robar.

Jr. Second Class—Edward Sheelski, Jimmie Heath, Harvey Laine, Tom Leck, Antoinette Augustinawski, Dorothy Carey, Mary Walko, Edna Gannon, Walter Staples and Bertha Bonnell, equal, Loretta Proux.

Room III.—Olive W. White, Teacher.

Senior First Class—Mary Miro, Lee Kucheran, Basil McDonald, Margaret Miller, Reggie McDonald, Daisy Miller, Elia Zuliani, Annie Kranevich, Madeline McKinnon, Alex Gregulski.

Junior First Class—Mary Hickey, Violet Innes, Gertrude Furlong, Ernest Brown, Mike Kuly, Ambrose Beaudin, Mary Kucheran, Wanda Smith, Elsie Robar, Fred Sheelski, Clifford McDonald, Madeline Hoigovich, Wilfred Prest, Guanta Baldwin.

Senior Primer Class—Marjorie Sampson, Roland Nilson, Mike Ostovich, William Martin, Sam Finkelman, Jim Gregulski.

Room II.—L. E. McKay, Teacher.

Jr. Primer—A Class—Honours—Rosy Okliek, Caroline Baldwin, Kate Kranevich, Gladys Gannon, Hazel Gilbert. Pass Standing—Walter Craig, Eva Prest, Elsie Martin, Steve Chrystian, Ethel McKinnon, Florence Dillan Allan Tario, Rosa Wong, Randolph Humphrey, Minnie Bobinski, Sybal Laughren.

B. Class—Honours—Russell Farr, Gerald McDonald, William Hartling, Steve Ruebec. Pass Standing—Pearl McLean, Fred Villeneuve, Helen Luchan, Howard Cowan, Stanley Laing, Joe Popovitch.

Room I.—Irene Murphy, Teacher.

A. Class—Elmer Nikula, Gertrude Smith, Frank Augustynowski, Mike Popovich, Jennie Smith, Arthur Simms.

B. Class—Madeline Rubec, Louis Montigny, Mary Okliek, John Lark.

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