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Events in Churches at South Porcupine

Thanksgiving, Harvest Home and Other Events, No Police Court Tuesday at South End. Other News of South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, October 11th, 1932. Special to The Advance.

Many from here enjoyed the wintry weather of Thanksgiving by going partridge or rabbit hunting. They claim there were as many hunters as partridge. It was really dangerous in some of the green woods south of here.

Mrs. Olive Monahan, of Aldermac, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Monahan, Sr., of Matheson, visited at Golden City over the holiday.

Born—At Pottsville, on Saturday, October 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Mason,—a son.

The bridge club has renewed its social activities for the winter. Mrs. H. M. Martin was hostess at the Bluebird Tea Room for the opening entertainment.

There is a beautiful Easter lily in blossom in the garden of Mr. W. D. Pearce here and it has wintered outside right in the location where it is now growing.

Messrs G. Newman and Rasleigh were week-end visitors at Kirkland Lake.

Saturday, October 15th, is the last day on which taxes may be paid without the added penalty.

The teachers of the public schools at both Dome and South Porcupine attended the teachers' convention being held at Kirkland Lake on Thursday and Friday of last week.

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Report of Cochrane Teachers' Institute

Annual Gathering of School Teachers from This Inspectorate. Paid Visit to Mooseonee. Business Session at Cochrane.

In past years the Cochrane District Teachers' Institute has had a press secretary who has furnished the newspapers of the district with a report of the annual convention of the teachers.

"In 1930 nearly two hundred teachers of the Cochrane District Institute journeyed northward on a beautiful October day to view the Abitibi Canyon in its early stages of development.

"Many teachers then visualized a convention 'On to the Bay,' but little did they realize that in the short space of two years, the same happy throng would be boarding pullmans at Cochrane for an all-night ride to Mooseonee, the end of the steel and Ontario's alluring seaport.

"In the fond hope of securing ideal weather for the excursion the early date of September 28th was chosen. Great was the anxiety therefore when that day witnessed the season's first snow storm.

"In the morning when we arrived at Mooseonee station, the snow had vanished but the weather remained cold and damp. Even this seemed to have no effect on the eager company who hurried down the long board walk to James Bay Inn where the genial host, Mr. Kingston welcomed us with an appetizing breakfast.

"Besides the new townsite of Mooseonee there were two other points of interest to be visited namely, 'Ship's Sands,' the harbour at the mouth of the Moose River, eight miles distant from Mooseonee, where ocean vessels landed their cargoes before the advent of the steel and secondly the old Hudson's Bay Post at Moose Factory.

"A houseboat was provided to take the teachers to these places and owing to the large number, two trips were necessary.

"Moose Factory, which is situated on an island three miles from Mooseonee, proved to be a veritable treasure land for those interested in the old and historical and the Anglican missionary, the Rev. Mr. Blackburn was an able guide and informant. A few interesting points of interest besides the old post itself were the Anglican church, a rather quaintly attractive structure whose stained glass windows and other fittings had been sent from England.

"The floor of the church is fitted with many wooden pegs which can be removed during the spring floods allowing the water to come up through the floor and thus the church is prevented from floating away. Nearby stood the old forge, reputed to be Ontario's oldest building. Here we found the venerable smith, Mr. Moore, who informed us that since there is only one horse on the island, his time is not occupied with the shoeing but with making the steel parts for boats.

"The Indian mission and school were visited and found very interesting, especially the children's singing of the hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' in English and then in Cree and Eskimo languages.

"By 5.30 p.m. we were all back in the spacious lounge of the Inn at Mooseonee, eagerly awaiting the call to supper and meanwhile enthusiastically chatting about the day's tour.

"After we had done full justice to the beautiful chicken dinner which was provided we again repaired to the lounge for a sing-song and dance. Mr. W. R. MacVittie, Public School Inspector, took charge of this in his sparkling and inimitable manner and the whole crowd joined in with real zest. A special feature was the French songs by some of the Separate School teachers.

"Alas! the time was all too short because 9.30 p.m. must find us all en-trained for Cochrane. So after giving three lusty cheers for the inspectors who had planned the trip for our host at Mooseonee and for the far-flung North Land, we hurried to the station. The weather was still cold but unimpaired by the warmly enthusiastic teachers who voted the Northern excursion as eminently successful.

"The Friday sessions of the institute were held in the high school auditorium with Miss Everett, vice-presi-

dent, occupying the chair. "The morning meeting was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Father LaRocque and Rev. Mr. O'Kell.

"Mayor Mitchell conveyed the greetings of the citizens of Cochrane to the assembled teachers and hoped that the deliberations would prove highly beneficial. Mr. W. K. Wylie, assistant principal, Schumacher public school, responded fittingly to the mayor's address of welcome.

"A delightful musical number by the pupils of the Cochrane public schools under the direction of Miss Isobel Nelson was received with hearty applause.

"At 11.00 a.m. the teachers adjourned to central public school where for an hour they met in the various grade meetings. Here problems, methods and plans for next year's programme were discussed. These grade meetings, instituted a year ago, have become one of the most popular and beneficial features of the convention.

"At the afternoon session the teachers were privileged to hear two very fine piano solos given by Mr. Eugene Demers of Cochrane.

"The report of the O.E.A. delegate, Mr. F. A. Boyce, of Schumacher, was delightfully unusual. Mr. Boyce deviated from the usual procedure of reading a report, giving the teachers instead an interesting talk on the outstanding events of the Easter convention, enlivened by his own witty observations of the same.

"The convention was fortunate to have as a special feature an address by Miss Edna Moore, Chief Public Health Nurse for Ontario. Miss Moore chose as her topic 'Health Education in public schools.' In a clear-cut manner the speaker pointed out many ways in which the health of the pupils might be improved. Reference was made by Miss Moore to the splendid work being done by the district health nurses, handicapped as they are by great distances, inadequate equipment and often by adverse weather conditions.

"Mr. McVittie, Public School Inspector, briefly addressed the convention. He asked the teachers to especially stress composition throughout the school in order that the pupils when they leave the public school might have a better knowledge of our language.

"The closing feature of the convention was an address on 'Government' by A. V. Waters, M.L.A. Mr. Waters in a very logical and interesting manner traced the growth of government

from its earliest beginnings to our own times. "The address was especially valuable in that it furnished the teachers with the nucleus of several lessons on 'Civics.'

"The officers appointed for the ensuing year are as follows:— Honorary Presidents—Mr. Gascon, B. A. and Mr. McVittie, B.A.

President—Miss Jean Everett, Timmins. Vice-president—Mr. Begin, Timmins. Secretary—Miss Coleman, Schumacher.

Treasurer—W. R. McVittie, B.A. Librarian—Miss Tackaberry, Timmins.

Executive—Miss Durak, Cochrane; Miss Edwardson, Cochrane; Mr. J. McLeod, Frederickhouse; Miss Pauline, Timmins; Miss V. Smith, Timmins.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Next Sunday is 'Children's Day,' when the moral and spiritual needs and claims of the children will be specially emphasized in St. Matthew's Church. An earnest invitation is extended to parents and all concerned with children's welfare to attend.

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