

IT WAS CHILDREN'S DAY

HAPPY TIME IN QUEEN ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

The Sunday School Children Looked Charming—The Church Was Finely Decorated With Flowers.

Delightful weather favored the annual children's day festival of the Queen St. Methodist church, which was held on Sunday morning at the church, surrounded by the older people, and listened to a beautiful little sermonette by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Sparling, on the text, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes." He made the application that habits often become little foxes, destroying character. Among the foxes he enumerated were those of "By-and-by, I don't care, I forget, I can't." He exhorted and exhorted to be the portion of children in the future, then the foundation of good habits and good deeds had to be laid in the present time. Delightful Sunday school hymns were sung during the service.

In the afternoon the church was filled by the school parents and friends, and an exceptionally interesting programme was rendered consisting of choruses, recitations and special exercises. The latter were particularly fine, one called "A Dozen Daughters," being executed by twelve pretty little girls, who had been prepared by Miss Wills Chapman; and another, "A Garland of Flowers," by ten girls, trained by the Misses Adams, Mack and Mabel Millo. An anthem by the choir, with duet by Alice Merritt and Mabel Kemp, was very effective also. Two numbers, in which a very youthful musician, Miss Goldie Bartels, assisted with the violin, were very much enjoyed, the first being a solo, "The Palma," and the second an obligato on a sweet vocal solo by Irene Hoag. Among the reciters were Earl. Morecroft, Clifford Weiss, Kenneth Moncrief, Roy Watts and George Timms, and a "Hilde girl," Florence Sewell, Miss Brown and Ruby Quayle sang sweet songs. The superintendent welcomed the large company of parents and friends, who came to see and hear the children, and spoke of the encouragement which such enthusiastic backing by parents gives to the workers in the school.

An interesting event which took place in the afternoon, was the baptism of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Skinner. The primary and kindergarten department had their share in the programme with a very nicely rendered chorus, "The Church," which the whole school were very brightly decorated with accompaniment by Miss May Wornwith at the organ and W. Allen, cornetist. Prayer by the pastor opened the session, and one of the most successful children's festivals that the school has known in recent years was concluded with the benediction.

At Princess Street Church. Ideal weather favored the flower day services at Princess Street Methodist church, on Sunday. Two large congregations assembled, appropriate addresses were delivered, and a special programme of music was rendered. In the morning, Rev. F. H. Sproule preached to the officers and teachers of the Sabbath school and pointed out the importance of this branch of the church work. In addition to the fine anthem by the choir, Miss Gertrude Willey sang very sweetly, "The Sweet Story of Old."

The church was well filled in the afternoon, when the superintendent, Miss Emma Wilder presided. After the opening doxology, Rev. Barry Pierce led in prayer, and then followed a chorus by the primary school, and an excellent address by James Brown, who gave some practical advice to boys and girls of the school.

Rev. Pierce and Sproule also addressed the school and this interesting session was brought to a close, with recitations by Miss Quirt and Donald Robinson, a duet by Misses Rutherford and Timmerman, and choruses by the members of the school.

The flower decorations, consisting of peonies, daisies, ferns and palms, were beautifully arranged, and helped to make the occasion memorable to the children.

At the evening service, Rev. R. B. Nelson, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., delighted the large audience with his excellent discourse. His subject was "The Ideal Christian Life." In an edifying manner, he pictured the ideal life, as one of breadth, unity, selflessness and devotion. He urged young people to plan their lives, according to their ideals, and then to put forth every effort possible to attain them.

At this service, the choir again rendered several excellent selections, which were very much appreciated.

At St. Mary's Cathedral. The festival of Corpus Christi was observed in St. Mary's cathedral on Sunday, and the ceremonies were carried out with all the grandeur and solemnity of the ritual of the Roman Catholic church.

At an early mass over one hundred young people received holy communion for the first time. Rev. Father Harby officiating. Grand high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McDonald, assisted by deacon and subdeacon. The gospel read at the mass.

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ENTICED TWO BOYS

TO SMUGGLE CHINESE TO DETROIT.

Charge Against a Yankee Inspector—Death of a Young Woman—Her Body Unidentified—Was a Waitress at An Hotel.

DETROIT, Mich., June 22.—John A. Clarke, United States commissioner of immigration at Montreal, is in the city for the purpose of investigating the charge against Adam Hoffman, one of the local inspectors. The charge is based on the affidavit of two Windsor young men, Deane and Callie, who are in jail on a charge of smuggling Chinese into this country from Windsor, and who say that Hoffman gave them \$25 and promised immunity from arrest for each Chinese that he delivered here in such a way that Hoffman could nab them and thus make a name for efficient work as an inspector. The boys are not only self-confessed smugglers, but self-confessed swindlers, for they admit that on one occasion when it was so dark the inspector could not see, they delivered to Hoffman a couple of boys who were not Chinese at all, but white boys, and got Hoffman's money for the boys. Hoffman makes denial of the claims, but the young men have presented such seemingly explicit evidence that an investigation is necessary.

The body of a comely young woman about twenty-three years of age, lies in Maney's morgue unidentified, and unless claimants of the body appear it will be buried in the Potter's field. Her friends and relatives' addresses are unknown here. She was employed for a short time at the Grand Union hotel, under the name of Leticia Holmes, which is believed to have been an assumed name. She was taken seriously ill a few days ago, and was removed to Grace hospital, where she died Saturday night. Several letters were found among her effects from a Hamilton, Ont., man, but enquiries of him by telegraph brought the reply that he was only slightly acquainted with her, and knew nothing about her family or her home address. The girl once told Miss Horseman, of the Grand Union, that she was estranged from her family.

A PRACTICAL JOKE. Night Operator's Nerve Was Real—Elegy Suffered.

Tweed, June 22.—George W. Thompson, night operator at Kalamazoo, had a little experience with a supposed tramp one night during the week which was somewhat thrilling. Shortly after making his bed on the desk a suspicious-looking person, as he tells it, came up to the window, and he being able to discern anyone within, proceeded on tiptoe to try the waiting-room door. At this juncture George grew a little more nervous, and decided to prepare for action. He therefore dressed, and, taking his thirty-eight, proceeded to open the door, and fired seven shots into what he supposed was the would-be robber, who stood the battle and the breeze well, never coming to the ground. Having no more lead, George seized him and yanked him all over the yard, the tinkle awakening the watchman, who came to the window to learn what was wrong. The next morning there was enough hay around to winter a cow. It happened to be some of the boys with their little scheme on to see what George was made of.

PRINCE ARTHUR TO WED. Difficulties in Way of His Marriage Overcome.

LONDON, June 22.—The difficulties in the way of the marriage of Prince Arthur of Connaught and Lady Marjorie Manning, daughter of the Duke of Rutland, and one of the most photographed girls in society, have been overcome. The difficulties probably did not arise from the fact that Arthur is a British prince, but owing to the fact that he is a Duke of Saxony, his father and himself being direct heirs to the throne of Saxony and Gotha. If the reigning duke died without an heir there would be much opposition in the various branches of the house before such a marriage would be regarded otherwise than as a morganatic from the German standpoint.

MCCART RETAINS SEAT. Recount in Stormont Gives Liberal Majority.

Cornwall, Ont., June 22.—W. J. McCart has been confirmed in his seat, Stormont, by the recount before Judge O'Reilly, which was concluded on Saturday. There were a few changes in various polls, but these broke even, leaving McCart with a majority of eight. There were a couple of poll where the deputy returning officers had neglected to remove the stub, but these ballots were allowed.

Has Resigned Office. Pembroke, Ont., June 22.—R. G. Scott, inspector of public schools in Renfrew county, being incapacitated by paralysis, tendered his resignation at the session of the county council. He received a retiring allowance of \$500 per annum.

Mr. Scott, it will be remembered, attacked the educational policy of the Whitney government in most scathing terms, and the result of one of his reports, was the passing of a condemnatory resolution by the county council.

Mr. Scott has been inspector for thirty-one years and ten months. His successor was E. T. White, assistant principal of the Pembroke high school.

Firebug Is Captured. Victoria, B.C., June 22.—C. B. Bratton, local agent of the Metropolitan Life insurance company, was arrested Saturday charged with incendiarism. He was caught coming from the Board of Trade building basement, from which flames were bursting. He is thought to be responsible for fifteen fires which have broken out since Thursday, one of which did \$50,000 damages.

Bratton was formerly in the employ of the United States secret service department, and has been here two years, coming from Salt Lake City.

Three Boxes For A Quarter. And some smaller strawberries still lower in price Tuesday-morning at Carnovsky's.

"Swimming wings," new caps, at Gibson's Red Cross drug store.

QUEBEC'S GREAT PAGEANT.

UMBRELLA HIS HUT

He Took to the Woods Twenty Years Ago—He is Never Ill—People Provide Him With Food.

In a wood about 30 miles from London lives an old man who for 20 years has known no other roof than an umbrella. A newspaper reporter found him seated under a large carriage umbrella amid the pine trees, making ready for his tea. Close by was a perambulator packed with miscellaneous goods, including several umbrellas, clothing, etc. The old man, who is an ex-soldier, looked in excellent health. "Twenty years ago I took to the woods," he said. "During the great snowstorm a few weeks ago I slept soundly, and when I woke up in the morning I was covered with snow many inches deep. But I am never ill. I have not had a day's illness in my life. I have lived a simple, single life, and I have no more worry than that tree has. I have no rates and taxes to pay, I have no wife to bother me, and I have plenty of friends. How do I live? Well, all the village people know me, and they provide me with tea and bread. A man does not want much to live on, you know. I am quite happy under my old umbrella, and of the families of the French and English generals who met there in mortal combat a century and a half ago."

The spectacle will be given in the presence of the heir to the British crown, the vice-president of the United States and the representatives of the President of the French republic and of the families of the French and English generals who met there in mortal combat a century and a half ago. Mr. Lascelles has been asked to explain what the coming pageant will be like, what historic scenes are to be portrayed and how they are to be represented in the great open air drama. This in part is what he said: "From the foot of his statue, where stands for all time the bronze figure of the great Champlain, stepping ashore, as it were, as he did so long ago to take possession of this new country of the west, the Prince of Wales and Mr. Fairbanks, with other illustrious guests, will see pass in procession before them all the great men and women who have made Canada what it is, and later on, on the Plains of Abraham, they will see the living pictures of the great events of those early days."

On the banks of that river this summer we shall see again, as Cartier saw nearly 400 years ago, a cluster of wigwags set beneath the trees. Away on the broad waters of the river many boats will come, the boatsmen with Cartier and his crew, their canoes still preserved and their descendants impersonating them. Then we are transported to the court of France, the gardens at Pontenabou, and high on the cliff a charger, trapped with cloth of gold, rides the proud figure of Francis I, as we see him in pictures painted when he lived. Around him, clad in rich colored velvets and brocades, are the illustrious gentlemen of the court, some hundreds on horse and on foot, and Cartier, with three of the Indians from which he has come.

So on through many scenes the floating clouds of the past which accompany the ecclesiastical pomp and ceremony of the great and dignified Archbishop Montmorency de Laval, the booming cannon, the gorgeous attendants of the representatives of the King, the Marquis de Tracy, the brilliant uniforms of the soldiery, the quaint costumes of the habitants, the fierce battle of the Iroquois, the flying arrows and the burning forts, the war dances of the savages and the May-poles of the children, the powder and patches of the ladies of France, the curled ironing locks of the cavaliers, pass on and pass away.

Then in a final scene will march the armies of two brave nations, side by side, the one the scarlet and blue and gold of the British and the blue and white of the French, headed by four noble generals—Montcalm and Wolfe, Lewis and Murray. The flags wave, the drums rattle, the trumpets blast, and the great host is over, and we see only the wonder of the present and the infinite possibilities of the future.

British Columbia Notes. Settlers are rapidly taking up land in the Similkameen Valley, in the southern part of British Columbia. The land is fertile and exceedingly well adapted to fruit growing. Apples, pears, peaches, and grapes flourish. As a general thing irrigation is needed, but abundant water is available, and it seems that the Similkameen valley will soon rival the famous Okanagan Valley.

Although all news received from the gold placers in the valley of the Findlay river in northeastern British Columbia is very favorable, any rush into the district is deprecated for the present. The mouth of the Findlay is 140 miles north of the proposed location of the Grand Trunk Pacific across British Columbia.

It is announced that the Dominion Department of Mines is about to undertake a very thorough exploration of British Columbia by its geologists. It is also announced that a special report on the iron ore deposits of the province will soon be issued.

Marrriages in Manitoba. A number of marriage ceremonies have been solemnized in Manitoba by visiting clergymen from the United States. When his fact was brought to the attention of Attorney-General Campbell he stated that marriage ceremonies performed in Manitoba by a visiting clergyman from across the line are illegal. United States clergymen have no legal status in Manitoba, and have, therefore, not the right to perform marriage ceremonies. They are liable to the penalties provided by statute. He pointed out, however, that all marriages performed in the province by unauthorized persons become legal after the expiration of two years, provided the two parties have lived together as man and wife during that time and the validity of the marriage had not been questioned by any suit or action.

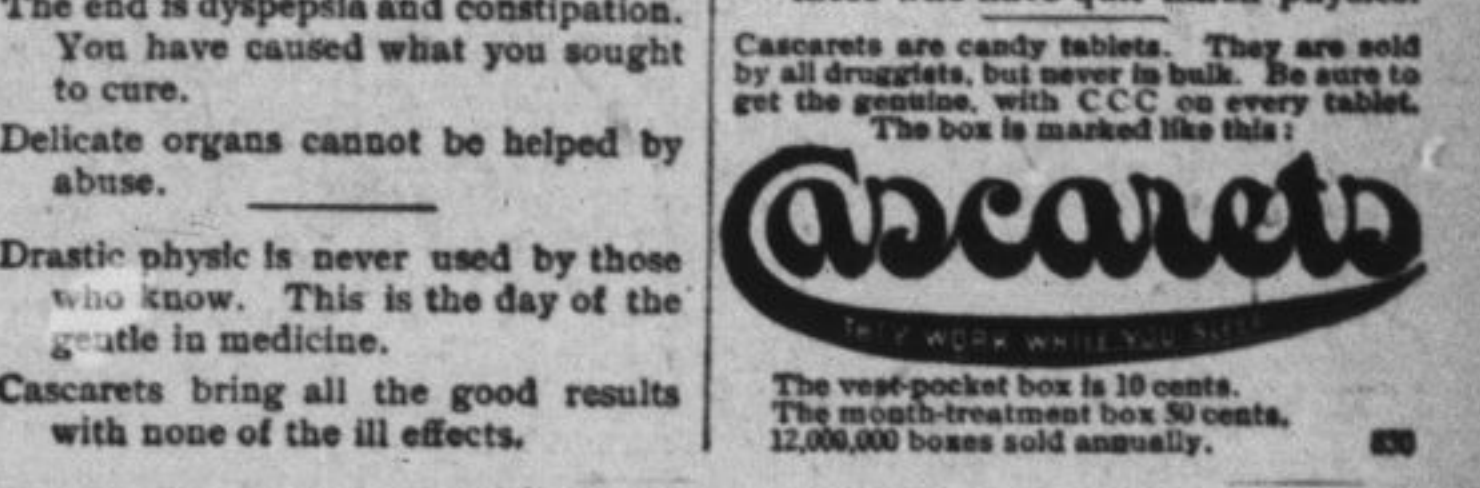
Blaze At Sidney Crossing. Trenton, Ont., June 22.—The residence at Sidney Crossing occupied by Mr. Rupert and owned by Mr. Duffin, Belleville, was burned to the ground, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert lost all of their effects, including pictures, gold watch, new furniture, clothes, etc., nothing being saved but their working clothes. There was no insurance on the contents. The cause of the fire is unknown. Neighbors in the vicinity have presented Mr. and Mrs. Rupert with a purse of over \$100.

Poisoned By Grass. Prescott, June 22.—While walking through the Fort field at Prescott, boy, John Dow, picked up a blade of grass and put it in his mouth, and in some manner it lacerated the tongue. Dr. Featherston pronounced it blood-poisoning and an operation was necessary in order to save the boy's life.

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