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# THE WIGWAM

Monday-----rain  
Tuesday-----more rain  
Wednesday----all wet  
Thursday-----hot  
Friday-----very hot  
Saturday-----all hot  
Sunday-----snow

VOL I....#1.....Monday Nov.1st 1927.....Private Wire Service

## FAKE FIRE FUSSES FATHERS SPANISH SCHOOL NEARLY BURNED HAPPENS LATE AT NIGHT

Panic-stricken students flee to safety zone.

Building filled with smoke. Boots, shirts and other objects crached through windows to ground

The Residential School at Spanish has been visited by a series of false alarm fires, each year since its beginning but never was there one more realistic than the fire which took place Oct. 2nd.

The flames made their appearance when all were asleep. The volume of smoke was so violent that it filled the entire dormitory in a few minutes making it impossible for the boys to determine even the approximate point of the origin of the fire. Fr. Dwyer was first to sound the alarm and within a few seconds Frank Small followed closely by his brother Walter, reached the ground. All the older boys proved themselves heroes by standing aside to let the children go first. A touch of humour was added to the scene by boys throwing their valuables and clothing through the window. Teachers and Brothers being knocked unconscious by these fine articles as they came falling to the ground. One Ojibway even thought of saving his own brother. No one was injured and the only one that seemed to suffer was the fire maker, Br. Gagnon who filled the tin pail with straw in order to provide the required smoke to make this fire practice as realistic as possible. It was enjoyed by all the boys when Fr. Dwyer informed them that candy awaited them in the Recreation Hall and to go to bed as quickly as possible. Not one boy in the crowd realized that it was just a fire practice which had been ordered by the Government. Even some of the Fathers were fussed by this fake fire to the extent of trying to save their valuables. The whole thing was equal to an initiation.

### SPORTING NEWS

A full supply of sporting goods have been received from the Indian Dept; that was obtained through the kindness of Mr. Pheelan, Ass. Supt.

MINISTRAL SHOW in honor of Brothers

All welcomed

-----MOVING PICTURES-----

## BELIEVED BR. REISCHMAN WILL FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Will start next spring on first hop of flight

Weather being fairly favorable it is believed Br. Reischman will attempt to cross the Atlantic. This rumor has come about as a result of his recent visit to Manitoulin Island to order a new ship to replace the old Joan of Arc. Our reporter could get no definite details from him nor his Pilot Br. Gagnon, but it is understood the new ship will be ready next May.

### VISITORS

Mr. Bennet, School Inspector, visited us on Sept. 26th. Mr. Pheelan also paid us a visit on Sept. 27th.

### GAGNON'S SHOES

Never wear-----always tear  
Extra special prices for friends of SPANISH

Send orders early; you'll get them late  
BLARD BRICK FACTORY:

Bricks made to stick;  
last forever. Samples sent on request.  
BLARD & CO

### SOFT BALL LEAGUE

Sixteen teams have been organized and with the new equipment are playing games each noon hour.

### BR. MANSEAU'S RETURN

Br. Manseau who was injured on July 29th, returned to Spanish on Oct. 1st. He is in good health but still carries crutches.

### SIMON JAMAGAN'S DEAD

On Sept. 26th. at 1. a.m. Simon Jamagan passed away. He has been sick for about 2 days. His death was caused by a dry pleurisy.

### DWYER & CO

Peanuts---Popcorn---Kisses.....  
Gum---Fish Oil---BARGAIN PRICES  
HOURS-----any old time-----  
ITEMS OF INTEREST

The refectory has been painted white and is very bright new tables and a new system for waiting has been installed. All beds in the dormitory are now covered with white spreads.

### FORTY HOURS ON NOV. 1st.

### SPANISH MILLS CLOSED

The town of Spanish Mills is now a deserted village and nothing left but buildings. We visited it last week.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTIZERS.

Mission Library

JESUITS

Upper Canada Province

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN'S SOCIETY

On Sept.

25th. the first meeting of the St. John Berchman Society was held in the school chapel. Rev. Fr. Superior honored us with his presence and spoke to the members about the privilege of being permitted to be members of such an organization. On Monday Sep. 26th. an official meeting was held and officers were elected for the coming year. Fr. Walsh was chosen Moderator. On the 16th. Br. Manseau addressed the Society. He told us of different experiences he met with while in the hospital and also spoke to the boys about the privilege of serving Mass.

ADDITION TO THE SHOE SHOP IN POTENTIA

Rumor has it that Spanish's leading industry will soon enlarge its premises. Our Reporter called on the Manager but could not secure an interview. The next issue of the Wigwam should carry a full plan of this new addition to our school.

LAUNDRY.....WHITE AS SNOW.....

K-I-T-C-H-I-K-F-K-L-K

RECOMMENDS-----NO RUB

MISSION SOCIETY FORMED

A Canadian Jesuit Indian Mission Society has been organized at Spanish. This new organization will endeavour to collect funds for our Missions. At the end of this month a mite box campaign will start and it is realized that a considerable sum will be realized through this medium. The scholastics in our different colleges can do much to help on this worthy work. Very Rev. Fr. General in speaking to American and Canadian Jesuits said that this work together with Sodality work was more in the line of real Jesuit activity than any other.

SPANISH STARTLED BY WOLVES

Wolves have been seen in and around the town of Spanish. A section foreman of the CPR reports that on an inspection tour several days ago, his car ran into four real wild wolves; others report that they have seen them in droves. Why not come to Spanish?

PARISH RETREAT

The annual parish retreat was preached this by Rev. Fr. Comte. It started on Oct. 2nd. and ended Mass and Communion on Sunday Oct. 9th. The church was crowded at most of the services and it was indeed remarkable considering the weather, to see such large numbers coming from outlying sections.

LUMBER ROUGH PLANED OR BOTH  
BAGNON REISCHMAN LUMBER CO.

BR. ST. JEAN BOYS OUT STORE

Last week

the community was somewhat surprised to find that Br. St. Jean was not to be found in the refectory at the usual hour. Inquiries were made and after a little worry on the part of Br. Basiglio it was discovered that Br. St. Jean had gone to Massey. A reporter interviewed him upon his return and was informed that the reason for this excursion was to buy a new stock of clothing for Spanish citizens. As results of this trip Indian boys are now sporting beautiful new sweaters and made to fit overalls.

BR. VANDEMOOR TO RECEIVE HIS 1st. VOWS

On Nov. 3rd. Br. Vandemoor will journey to the novitiate at Guelph for his eight days' retreat prior to the feast of St. Stanislaus the day in which he will make his fiat.

SCHOOL FAIR IN SPANISH

The boys and girls of the both Residential Schools took part in the annual school fair which was held in the town of Spanish. A large number of citizens were present and all enjoyed the day.

BR. BASIGLIO TO TRAIN AN ASSISTANT

We are pleased to report that Mr. Arthur Solomon has been promoted to the position of assistant to Br. Cook

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60 PEOPLE 60  
CAR LOAD OF SCENERY  
WORLD'S GREATEST COLOURED COMEDIANS  
ALL FED ON PEP  
ADDED ATTRACTIONS....MOVING PICTURES  
IN HONOUR OF BROTHERS  
COME ONE.....COME ALL

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Wigwam is to be sent each month to friends of Spanish. The paper is published in order to keep interest in this great mission work at white heat. Those receiving this paper may consider themselves among the privileged view. We shall not publish any syndicated articles that reek 100% Claptrap; nor shall we ever venture into yellow journalism. Our reading matter will be entirely harmless; even the baby can read it, understand it and be no better off for having read it. You may pass it on to other members of the community. The more who read it the better. Success, yes we seek success and our formula for success is that every one who reads the Wigwam will say a prayer for the Indian Missions. The success we seek is of the kind like ever Preachers' sermons ends up in Heaven.

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FLYER..1st. Class only..Crack train... (Poverty..Chastity..Obedience)  
 DIRECT TRAIN..(1st. & 2nd. Class) (Piety..Devotion..Sacraments)  
 STAGES & BUSS..1st and 2nd..& 3rd.

**COMMANDMENTS**  
 Arriving when it pleases God.

**PRICES**  
 FLYER..Love of God and of the cross  
 DIR. TRAIN....Good wishes  
 STAGE & BUSS...Fear & Penance

- N-O-T-I-C-E----
- 1--No return Ticket
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  - 4--God's works are the only baggage allowed
  - 5--Trains may be flagged anywhere on the line..RECEIVER....St. Peter

**PATRONIZE...MOYLAN CONFECTIONARY ....**  
 Subscriptions to Wigwam have been nu-merous. The first two arrived from Re-gina. Fr Comte was the first to send money.

**WATCHES REPAIRED**  
**HARRY MAYOU & MIKE SKY**  
**EDITOR'S NOTE**

This is an early Christmas Greeting. It comes from the heart of 120 little Indian Boys. We are listen-ing to the winds as they moan through the woods to night and on the winds are thoughts winged towards Christmas time. Christmas..what would it mean to our little Indian children. Can they dream a blazing fire of tall bright Christmas trees, of a generous Santa Claus. No Christmas prospects are not so bright for our children but they will have the joy of a new born Christ and unalloyed Christmas happiness to be shared by all readers of their Wig-wam. You will have a place in 120 un-sullied virgin Indian hearts as they kneel before the Infant in Christmas day.

**GOD BLESS ALL THIS CHRISTMAS**

## CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

ST JOHN BERCHMAN SOCIETY BANQUET

On Tuesday night at 8 P.M. the members of the St. John Berchman Sodality gathered in the Boys' Refectory to partake of a spread in honour of their patron. A bewildering array of colour greeted the members as they entered. The tables were decorated for the occasion and in the corner of the room was a picture of the patron together with a statue of our Lady adorned with flowers. Among those present as invited guests were Rev. Fr. Comte, Rev. Fr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. Hudon, Mr. Kelly, Br. Manseau, St. Jean, Reischman, Gagnon, Gauthier and Vandemoor. After the guests and members had partaken of the different courses Mr. Hudon accompanied several soloists on the organ. Speeches were made by Fr. Comte, Fr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. Hudon, Br. Manseau, Br. St. Jean and the Director. Mr. Joan Jacobs presided. Among the features of the evening was the song "POLLY..." by Mitchel Skitter and a step dance by Herman McLeod. The evening ended by an hymn to our Lady.

On Nov. 18th. Rev. Fr. Comte addressed the boys of the Sodality. His topic was on the Presentation of our Lady in the Temple. The usual weekly meetings were held throughout the month.

FR. ALEX. McDONALD VISITS SPANISH

Rev. Fr. McDonald assistant curate to Fr. Grenier was with us for a week during the month of Nov. replacing Fr. Superior

FR. COMTE ON RETREAT

Fr. Comte made his retreat at Spanish on the week beginning Nov. 4th.

FR. SUPERIOR MAKES RETREAT AT 300

Rev. Fr. Superior spent the latter days of this month at Sault Ste. Marie making his annual retreat.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter received from one of ours on Nov. 3rd.

MR. EDITOR:

While in Spanish I saw a new addition being built to the shop owned by Br. Gagnon. There is nothing wrong in this but people would like to know where he is getting the money to pay. It is known that Jacobs Papineau & Leaf are charging a high price for lumber these days. Indeed some are beginning to suspect that Br. Gagnon will ask an outrageous price to repair shoes in the future. Now we, his patrons, protest against this we pay high enough already...

Truly yours,

A READER OF THE WIGWAM

MR. BIRNS LEAVES SPANISH

Mr. Birns who was replacing Br. Manseau, has left Spanish to go to another Indian School in St. Regis. While with us Mr. Birns enjoyed the friends in of the entire

MR. HUDON COMES TO SPANISH

Mr. Hudon has come to replace Br. St. Jean. He arrived on Nov. 18th. and took up his duties immediately. Mr. Hudon has had a great experience in the medical line being connected with the medical corps of the U.S. army during the last great war. He is a much travelled man having covered most of the world and his experiences are indeed those of a soldier of fortune. He was one time a member of the French Foreign Legion and fought in several foreign wars.

FR. PAPINEAU VISITS SPANISH

Rev. Fr. Papineau made a flying visit to Spanish on Nov. 29th. arriving in time for supper and leaving immediately after.

TWO NEW BOYS

Joseph Taylor of Caughnawaga and Joseph Debossige of Little Current arrived during the month

CLASS SPECIMENS

On Holyween afternoon Junior Class under the direction of Mr. Kelly gave a Class specimen which consisted of songs, recitations and one Act Comedy. The invited guests included. Rev. Fr. Superior, Fr. Comte, Fr. Dwyer, Fr. Walsh. The boys performed their parts in a very creditable way.

EXTRA New boat finished EXTRA  
News come to us at this late hour that the new boat to replace the famous Joan of Arc is ready to be shipped. Fr. Papineau brought us the news that the manufacture of this gorgeous new whip had to be enlarged in order to have space for it. If we are to believe reports it is bigger than the Rex Bug the Red Bug having a capacity for about 300 boys. We wish to correct the rumour that Br. Reischman had ambition to attempt to cross the Atlantic. The boat is not an air going vessel

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Fr. Dwyer wishes the Wigwam to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of 2 boxes of clothes from Loyola and 1 box from Guelph.

FR. DEVINE'S DEATH

The sad news of Fr. Devine's death arrived at Spanish just before high mass the day after his death. Rev. Fr. Superior made a beautiful reference to Fr. Devine's mission work in his sermon and told of the devotion this great Jesuit had to the Sacred Heart. He asked all the faithful present to offer their mass in union with him for the beloved soul of Fr. Devine

AGAIN MERRY CHRISTMAS

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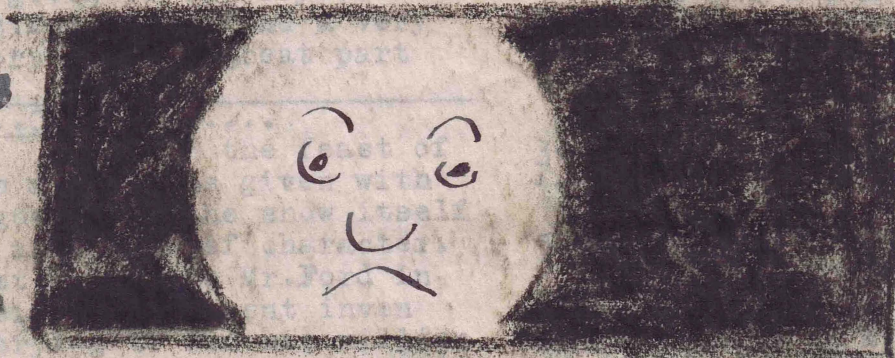
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- 5--Trains may be flagged anywhere on the line.. **RECEIVER.**.. St. Peter.....

**PATRONIZE... MOYLAN CONFECTIONARY.....**

Subscriptions to Wigwam have been numerous. The first two arrived from Regina. Fr. Comte was the first to send money.

**WATCHES REPAIRED**

**HARRY MAYOU & MIKE SKY**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

This is an early Christmas Greeting. It comes from the heart of 120 little Indian boys. We are listening to the winds as they moan through the woods to night and on the winds are thoughts winged towards Christmas. Christmas.. what would it mean to our little Indian children. Can they dream a blazing fire of tall bright Christmas trees, of a generous Santa Claus. No Christmas prospects are not so bright for our children but they will have the joy of a new born Christ and unalloyed Christmas happiness to be shared by all readers of their Wigwam. You will have a place in 120 unsullied virgin Indian hearts as they kneel before the Infant in Christmas Day.

**GOD BLESS ALL THIS CHRISTMAS**



ST. JOHN BERCHMAN SOCIETY BANQUET

On Tuesday night at 8 P.M. the members of the St. John Berchman's Society gathered in the Boys' Refectory to partake of a spread in honour of their patron. A bewildering array of colour greeted the members as they entered. The tables were decorated for the occasion and in the corner of the room was a picture of the patron together with a statue of our Lady adorned with flowers. Among those present as invited guests, were Rev. Fr. Comte, Rev. Fr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. Hudon, Mr. Kelly, Br. Manseau, Br. St. Jean, Reischman Gagnon, Gauthier and Vandemoor. After the guests and members had partaken of the different courses Mr. Hudon accompanied several soloists on the organ. Speeches were made by Fr. Comte, Fr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. Hudon, Br. Manseau, Br. St. Jean and the Director. Mr. Jh. Jacobs presided. Among the features of the evening was the song "POLLY..." by Mitchel Skitter and a step dance by Herman McLeod. The evening ended by an hymn "Now our Lady".

On Nov. 18th Rev. Fr. Comte addressed the boys of the Sodality. His topic was "On the Presentation of our Lady on the Temple." The usual weekly meetings were held throughout the month.

FR. ALEX. MCDONALD VISITS SPANISH

Rev. Fr. McDonald, assistant curate to Fr. Grenier, was with us for a week during the month of Nov. replacing Fr. Superior.

FR. COMTE ON RETREAT

Rev. Fr. Comte made his retreat at Spanish on the week beginning Nov. 4th.

FR. SUPERIOR MAKES RETREAT AT SOO

Rev. Fr. Superior spent the latter days of this month at Sault Ste. Marie making his annual retreat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter received from one of ours on Nov. 3rd.  
Mr. Editor:

While in Spanish I saw a new ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ addition being built to the shop owned by Br. Gagnon. There is nothing wrong in this but people would like to know where he is getting the money to pay. It is a known fact that Jacobs, Papineau & Leaf are charging a high price for lumber these days. Indeed some are beginning to suspect that Br. Gagnon will ask an outrageous price to repair shoes in the future. Now we, his patrons, protest against this; we pay high enough already... Truly yours...

A READER OF THE WIGWAM

MR. BIRNS LEAVES SPANISH

Mr. Birns, who was replacing Br. Manseau, has left Spanish to go to another Indian School in St. Regis. While with us Mr. Birns enjoyed the friendship of the entire house. A cultured young gentleman and one all hoped to see succeed.

MR HUDON COMES TO SPANISH

Mr Hudon has come to replace Br. St. Jean. He arrived on Nov. 18th. and took up his duties immediately. Mr Hudon has had a great experience in the medical line being connected with the medical corps of the U.S. army during the last great war. He is a much travelled man having covered most of the world and his experiences are indeed those of a soldier of fortune. He was one time a member of the French Foreign Legion and fought in several foreign wars.

FR. PAPINEAU VISITS SPANISH

Rev. Fr. Papineau made a flying visit to Spanish on Nov. 29th. arriving in time for supper and leaving immediately after.

TWO NEW BOYS

Joseph Taylor from Caughnawaga, Joseph Debossige from Little Current arrived during the month.

CLASS SPECIMENS

On Holyween afternoon Jugior Class under the direction of Mr Kelly gave a Class specimen which consisted of songs, recitations and one Act comedy. The invited guests included Rev. Fr. Superior, Fr. Comte, Fr. Dwyer, Fr. Walsh. The boys performed their parts in a very creditable way.

EXTRA

EXTRA

New boat finished  
News come to us at this late hour that the new boat to replace the famous Joan of Arc is ready to be shipped. Fr. Papineau brought us the news that the manufacture of this gorgeous new ship had to enlarge his factory in order to have space for it. If we are to believe reports it is bigger than the Red Bug; the Red Bug having a capacity for about 300 boys. We wish to correct the rumour that Br. Reischman had ambitions to attempt the Atlantis. The boat is not an air going vessel.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Fr. Dwyer wishes the Wigwam to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt --2 boxes of clothes from Loyola and 1 box from Guelph---

FR. DEVINE'S DEATH

The sad news of Fr. Devine's Death arrived at Spanish just before high mass the day after his death. Rev. Fr. Superior made a beautiful reference to Fr. Devine's great mission work in his sermon and told of the devotion this great Jesuit had to the Sacred Heart; he asked all the faithful present to offer their mass in union with him for the beloved soul of Fr. Devine.

AGAIN MERRY CHRISTMAS

Do not forget our Indians in your prayers. The Wigwam is signing off for this month with the hope that the new year will see a bigger and better Wigwam.

**FR DUGAS VERY ILL**

Removed to Sudbury Hospital and latest reports gives little hope of recovery.

Fr Napoleon Dugas' well remembered voice in the halls of the St.Peter Claver's school is missed. His absence is felt by all. This well known missionary like many another hero of his race has spent most of his life in the wilds of Northern Canada among the Indians. Rev.Fr.Dugas was born at St.Jacques l'Achigan and is the 12th child in a family that has furnished many noted figures to religious orders and political life. Fr Dugas was in charge of the Lake Superior District during the flu epidemic of 1918. After spending himself on the Indians who were sick he took up the flu and for 4 weeks was alone in the woods without doctor or medicine. The fever from which he suffered at the time was so terrible that often while he struggled to reach aid he would fall unconscious for hours. This sickness left him a broken man and though he has at all times given his best since that day he has never been the healthy modern Breboeuf who often walked 53 miles at a stretch to bring aid to dying Indian or a soul in need. We all hope and pray that he will return to us but if God calls him we know that his reward will be great and we turn our prayers in that direction with gratitude for the example that he has given all.

**NEW YEAR'S CONCERT BIG SUCCESS**

The whole of Spanish together with many from

Cutler and Walford were present on Jan 2nd. to witness Speak, Spook, Speak..and 12 moving pictures presented by the boys. The price was 50¢ and a considerable amount was received..About 400 being present.

**MR KELLY CALLED TO DEATH BED OF FATHER**  
On Dec.26th. Mr.John Kelly of Osgode Ont. passed to his reward.He was the father of Mr.Dominic Kelly and a well known citizen of the Ottawa District. We all extend to Mr Kelly and other members of his heart broken family our sincere sympathy and prayers.

**RUMOURS FROM PORT ARTHUR**

Special through Spanish Radio

Some time ago while returning from a sick call late at night Rev.Fr.Lafortune had a mishap by running his car into the ditch and as the mud was a couple of feet deep he was obliged to spend the night on the lonesome road side. Further details will be given later as the reception that night was very poor on the Radio. We would not be surprised that Fr.Lafortune will return to Spanish and be content with little Pitou.

**BR. VANDEMOOR RECOVERS**

In the beginning of December Br.Vandemoor met with might have been a severe accident. Two ribs were broken and he was laid up for a time.The cause being due to a piece of wood falling upon him.He is now better and working.

**SEMI ANNUAL TRIDUUM**

Rev.Fr.Richard preached the triduum this year. It commenced on Dec.19th. and ended in time for Christmas.

PASSENGERS MAIL EXPRESS or ANYTHING ELSE EXCEPT EGGS...

(No want omlet)

Br. Elard's Express Wagon

**CATECHISM CONTEST**

The pupils of 3rd and 4th.Book held a Catechism competition.The judging took place on Dec.22nd. and the following won prizes. Michael Hill...\$5.00..Sam Leaf silver watch---John Stacey...\$1.50 James Thibault and Peter Francis a class outfit. The average mark of the

THE WIGWAG EXTENDS TO ALL READERS ITS THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE KINDNESS AND ENCOURAGEMENT RECEIVED DURING 1927.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. A NEW YEAR FULL OF GOD'S BLESSINGS AND CONTAINING A GOOD MEASURE OF HEALTH and happiness for all. whole class was close to 90%.The boys deserve praise for the splendid result

**NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION**

At 9.30 P.M. the eve of new year, Rev.Fr.Superior and the community gathered in the priests recreation room.Fr.Superior gave his blessing to all, greetings for the new year were exchanged and light refreshments served.

**ICE VERY THICK**

The ice this year is 16 in. thick and very plentiful.The whole Georgian Bay offering its aid.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN SOCIETY

8th of Dec. Reception Day. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception 24 candidates were received into the Sanctuary Society. In the morning a ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ High Mass (solemn) was sung by Rev. Fr. Superior with Rev. Fr. Comte as deacon and Fr. Walsh sub-deacon. Sermon was given on the Queenship of our Lady. In the afternoon, at 5.30, the reception took place in the parish church. Fr. Comte officiating. He addressed the boys in a manner appropriate to the occasion and told them of their obligations. The 24 candidates kneeling at the altar rail recited their act of consecration and were duly received. At 6.0'clock the members partook of a small feast.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN'S PICNIC TO CUTLER

The annual winter picnic took the form of a sleigh drive and great was the anticipation of it and happy the realisation. About 64 assembled in the recreation hall and with words of cheer jumped into two teams prettily decorated for the occasion. In real old fashion style happy with song and play, Queen, Beauty, Fan and Pearl drove their team leads to Cutler. (we don't mean to say that the horses were happy but they did not seem to grumble under their heavy burden)...arriving at Cutler about 2 o'clock the party immediately went to Mrs Burnett's home where a lunch with appropriate dainties was enjoyed. After singing and story telling the journey continued to the Indian church. A visit was made to the crib, prayers were recited and a song. At about 6 o'clock P.M. the boys returned to Spanish feeling that it was the end of a real perfect day.

FR. RICHARD SPEAKS TO BOYS.

On Dec. 19th Rev. Fr. Richard addressed the St. John Berchman's Society. He took as his subject Xmas and the meaning of the day. His talk was greatly enjoyed.

SKATING CONDITIONS ON RIVER

For a number of years the North Channel of the Georgian Bay has not been altogether ideal for skating but this year the ice has been perfect and on several occasions the boys have been able to skate for distances of 12 miles and more. Early in the winter the road from Spanish to Cutler took the form of a skating race track. The boys made the distance at about a mile a minute.

VISITORS:

Rev. Fr. Richard, missionary at Sudbury, was with us for about a week. Dr. Kennedy, eye Specialist, from Sudbury spent 2 weekends at the school during December. The parents of Fr. Walsh paid us a visit on Dec. 12th.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The number of Wigwam subscribers is increasing; since our last issue we have received many new ones but not all have paid up in full. We publish in this issue those who have paid their full subscription. Rev. Fr. Comte....Fr. Lafortune...Fr. Sutton Mr. Edge...Fr. Odette...Fr. Delauriers.

Others desiring to be favoured by this paper are requested to send a Dollar as soon as possible. The cost of paper production and the demand of labour is beginning to tell and we are forced to ask the public if they desire such a paper to please support it.

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HOCKEY STICK FACTORY IN POTENTIA

An increase in demand necessarily means that the supply must come from a source that can provide what is required. Hockey sticks are being used this year perhaps more than ever before and those interested in the future of Spanish are seriously discussing the advisability of starting a local factory. The matter has been inquired into and it is believed that rock elm can be supplied from the woods near by. The carpenters claim that all necessary machinery is on hand so it looks like the new factory will be in existence this time next year.

SHOE FACTORY IN FULL BLAST

With roarin engines, smoking chimneys and dirty windows the new shoe factory has been producing shoes at the rate of a 1000 stitches a day. A new gasoline engine was installed which mends while you wait. Nice blinds lace trimmed at the bottom have also been secured; the management believes that the modern conditions of labour demand such delicatesses these days.

GORE BAY BOAT COMING TO PORTAGE

A new wharf was built at Portage and the boat from Gore Bay comes each day. It is rumoured that next year a wharf will be built at Spanish; this means that the Board of Trade and other local community activities will be soon

It is the month of December, dear  
lovely December that comes with its  
trees, icy roads, white flurries and  
many days that bring Christmas.

Washing dishes pots and pans, wiping  
floors and dusting shelves is the  
disagreeable work that Spanish boys en-  
dured for 11 months of the year but  
with Christmas, with the coming of our  
Lord and Saviour, Spanish becomes a  
castle. The boys learn to decorate. It  
was the eve of the great feast. Recrea-  
tion, refectory, study hall and chapel  
were being decorated. Let us not use  
up space telling about the fun and the  
pleasure of this Christmas eve festoon-  
ing game. It is enough to say that all  
rooms were draped with green and red  
paper together with cedar and ever-  
green festoonings. First let us men-  
tion the beautiful chapel with its  
magnificent crib and lighted altar.  
Br. Gagnon deserves the hearty congratu-  
lations of the whole community. Un-  
ceasingly did he work and the specta-  
cle which greeted our eyes Midnight  
Mass was a sight equal almost to hea-  
ven. Class stopped Dec. 23rd. A whole  
week of holidays was enjoyed by the  
boys. Every day was a full day. The  
boys made every day a holiday.

Christmas coming but once a  
year and when it comes it brings good  
cheer.

#### MIDNIGHT MASS

The boys' choir singing Christmas  
hymns, bearing lighted candles arou-  
sed the house at 11.30 P.M. They mar-  
ched through the corridors and halls  
into the chapel. Rev. Fr. Superior off-  
iciated at Mass assisted by Fr. Comte  
and Fr. Walsh. The choir was at its  
best. It had practised for weeks and  
the music and singing was equal to  
anything that the writer has heard in  
that line. Indian hymns were sung dur-  
ing the Second Mass. A lunch was ser-  
ved. The boys after mass and a glo-  
rious sleep until 8.30 A.M.  
Christmas afternoon a sleigh drive  
was the event. The boys returned in ti-  
me for supper.

#### CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Coming of Santa Claus.

Who would be Santa Claus? This was  
the question all were asking. A con-  
test had been held to guess the Santa  
Claus. Fr. Dwyer said it might be any  
one from Fr. Lamarche to Kitchikekek.  
The margin was quite considerable. At  
7<sup>30</sup> P.M. Rev. Fr. Superior, the Fathers,  
Brothers and some invited guests ente-  
red the recreation hall. The curtain  
went up; the stage was a glitter; four  
large Christmas trees beautifully de-  
corated and gifts around and about  
them. As the evening progressed telegrams  
were read from Santa Claus; he might  
not come to Spanish but Lo!!! a great  
noise; the sound of hoofs.. lights go  
out;; behold Santa Claus.. Harry Mayou.  
Many thought that it would be Fr. Comte  
or Br. Reischman but only one guessed.

...the boys... a Christmas stock-  
ing filled with candy overflowing  
and valuable articles, mitts, caps,  
watches, belts together with a hockey  
stick for all.

CHRISTMAS MONDAY--A contest of some  
kind was held each day. A sealer of  
marbles was placed in the Recreation  
hall to day; the boys were asked to  
guess the number. Isidore won... At  
9.30 a hockey match between 2nd Year  
Senior and 3rd. Year Junior. At 1.30  
the opening of an indoor tennis tour-  
nament. At 7 P.M. a sacred concert.  
It was the finest, as was remarked,  
that was ever given in the school.  
Mr Hudon performed and his act was  
greatly enjoyed.

TUESDAY---Guess the weight of a bag  
of small irons. We all marked our  
guess on a paper, put it in a box;  
money was the prize; even some of the  
Fathers wanted to win. Geo. Hays won.  
At 7.15 P.M. indoor sports. Rev. Fr.  
Superior was present; Fr. Comte and  
Br. Reischman acted as judges. Fr. Dwyer  
official starter; Br. Manseau time  
keeper; Br. Gagnon & Vandemoor Con-  
trollers; Fr. Walsh announcer.

A roped off race track was made in  
the recreation hall; the floor mar-  
ked off and great was the competition.

EVENTS: obstacle race.. paper  
race.. string race... candy race.. don-  
key's tail contest... face making con-  
test... Kikchekekek winning for the  
funniest face. This latter event cau-  
sed great laughter.

WEDNESDAY---How many yards of string?  
this was the fondest to day. Br. Gagnon  
gave his guest.. Br. Reischman measu-  
red every inch but Fr. Skitter won  
the prize. The afternoon saw a hockey  
match outdoors with an indoor tennis  
tournament and other games within  
the recreation hall. At 7.15 an il-  
lustrated lecture appropriate to  
Christmas; it was greatly enjoyed.  
The slides were obtained from Toron.

THURSDAY---A big box was placed in  
the Recreation Hall; guess was is in-  
side the box. A riddle written on  
the outside told the contents ...  
Br. Reischman won the prize; it was an  
alarm clock; most of the boys gues-  
sed that it was a squirrel. In the  
afternoon a tramp through the woods  
was made. The boys had licorice whis-  
tles and horns and enough noise was  
made to make Spanish people believe  
we were out in a scalping tour. At  
night a Radio Concert.

FRIDAY---Skating on Georgian Bay.  
Boys skated for miles; 2.30 a shinney  
game.. 7.15 moving pictures.. Lorna  
Doon, Bobby Bumps and other comics  
made up the program.

SATURDAY--General communion at 7.AM  
It might be mentioned that all the  
boys without exception received on  
Christmas night as well as to day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY moving pictures