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MANITOULIN ISLAND (1600-1800)...ITS FIRST INHABITANTS AND ITS MISSIONARIES.

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The Odjibways and the Ottawas of our days called Manitoulin Island "Oda-wa-Minis" i.e. The isle of the Ottawas; and history bears out this appellation for as far back as we can go in the annals of the past we see the great Manitoulin inhabited by the Ottawas. In 1615, at a short distance from French R. Champlain had met an Algonquin tribe, with which he had entered in to friendly relations. They were the Ottawas, better known as the Cheveux-Relevés. (The Indians with their hair gathered up) because the peculiar manner in which the men did up their hair on the top of their head with an art which the French would have found difficult to imitate. Champlain said they had their hair more elegantly dressed than had the gentlemen of the French court. They were also wont to paint their faces in different colors, which gave them a very strange appearance. One of their customs consisted in having their nostrils bored and their ears fringed with beads. They also used to slash their bodies in various directions rubbing charcoal and other colours into the wounds, thus forming many colored stripes which lasted forever; it was their way of tattooing themselves (1). The women wore breech-clouts, but the men went stark naked. (2) Their weapons were bows, arrows and clubs while a round shield of moose-hide protected them against the missiles of the enemy. When Champlain made their acquaintance they were engaged in drying blueberries for their winter store.

They were a sedentary tribe and cultivated maize. Champlain has described with complacency their industry and uncommon neatness. They were great hunters great fishers, and great "Voyageurs". The Jesuit Relations for 1655 says of the Ottawas that they were better merchants than warriors. They did not live at French R. but according to Champlain map of 1632, in the country West of Pe-tun, or tobacco Nation, i.e. in Grey & Bruce counties of our days. They also inhabited Manitoulin Is, as is made evident by the testimony of Fr Vimont in the Jesuit Relation of 1640 (3) which says "To the South of the Lake (The Beaver Indians, who lived at or near modern Beaverstone) is an island in the fresh water Sea (i.e. Lake Huron) about thirty leagues long (to be continued p.2)



EASTER HOLIDAYS:

With the quick passing of Lent we were hurried into our Easter holidays so abruptly that it was difficult to realize that they were here. After the Holy Week services had been performed to the letter, the pendulum swung to joy and gladness, filling the house with the echoes of delighted boys who were jubilant in the sheer realization of "No school for t'ree days", and "with hark and whoop and wild halloo" they tore to the yard to execute their sweetest plans, concocted during the Sedium of school.

On Easter Sunday the boys and the girls enjoyed two splendid movies--- "Carry On" and "Charlie Chaplin in The Count"--During the feature picture the characteristic moods of the girls and the boys were plainly shown. The gentler sex was charmed at beautiful gowns and cooing babies, while the boys cheered at the fights and glowed with excitement as the watch dogs of the coast barked their defiance at the German Navy. One poor boy had the misfortune to resemble in looks a little girl in the picture, and now in disgrace he bears the name of Molly.

THE STORY OF OUR SCHOOL...continued

Our school in its history is very old, much older than most of us realize. It dates back to the 17th century, for in the year 1636 Fr Anthony Daniel opened at Sillery, near Quebec, a seminary for the education of youth. And number of Indian boys from the surrounding district were enrolled, and the Jesuit Relations tells us that the missionaries laboring among the Hurons near the present site of the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ont. frequently sent promising Huron boys to Quebec to be educated. Due however to numerous obstacles and the circumstances the school did not prosper and was abandoned about the year 1641. As far as we know no further attempt was made to ~~reopen~~ reopen the institution during Fr Daniel's life.

In 1773 the Society of Jesus was suppressed by the Holy See. As a result there were no new members to take up the missionary labour after the martyrdom of the early Jesuits, and the last of these intrepid warriors in Canada in 1800.

Some 40 years were to pass before a Jesuit black robe would again tramp the forest or paddle the stream with Huron, Algonquin or Odjibwa braves.

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Ottawas. These are people who have come from the Nation of the "raised hair". This information he received from Nicolet, who visited the Ottawas there in 1635. And Sagard who writes in 1636 is still more explicit and says that the Andataouats (Ottawas) or the people of the forest depended on the "raised hair Indians" and were with them like one of the same nation. And he adds that they were rather serious and uncourteous, like men who asked only to sell and buy at good bargains. He also states that they were at war with the Fire Nation. These, called, Mascoutins, were an Algonquin tribe that occupied the western shore of lake Michigan near lake Winnebago.

Sagard makes the strange remark that the Hurons and the other sedentary nations, were, so to speak, the nobility of the country. The Algonquin tribes represented the gentry; and the lower classes were made up of the Montagnais. The Huron appellation of our Indians was "Ondataouat" or Ondataouak whence the "Ottawas" the name by which all the upper Algonquins were afterwards designated. This Huron word *Ottawa* signifies "the people of the woods"

The word "Ottawa" being an infiltration from the Huron into the Ottawa language, it is clear that its etymology should be sought as Laverdiere has done in the Huron tongue. The Indians on our days, ignorant of this fact, connect their tribal name with a root meaning "EAR"; whence it is that the French Half-Breeds and the French Voyageurs call the Ottawa "Courtes-Oreilles" i.e. Short eared Indians.

As to the great Island which they have inhabited for three centuries, it has been known in history, first under its Huron name, Ekaentoton, or *Kaentoton* to be pronounced of course after the French fashion, and this name was handed down to us by the French Jesuits, the only Missionaries of those times and places. The Missionaries gave it the name "Isle Sainte-Marie" St Mary's Island. The ~~xxxxx~~ meaning of Ekaentoton" a Huron name, as has already been remarked... is, "Where there are very many things washed up and littering the shore, drift wood" etc. The relation of 1649 says "That the Island (St Mary's... i.e. Ekaentoton) abounds in fish; and the lands are good for culture, according to the reports made to us.

Mr Edwards... Your dog has very short legs hasn't he Brother.

Br Gauthier... Well they reach the ground, don't they?

Frank Goodleaf... Was Adam ever a baby

Fr Walsh... God knows.

...dared the Society of Jesus... at the request of Archbishop Bourget of Montreal the Jesuits returned to Canada. In the following year at the request of Bishop Power of Toronto they took charge of the Indian Mission in Ontario, and Fr Chone chose as his headquarters the picturesque village of Wikwemikong on Manitoulin Island, founded in 1700 by a small group of Odjibways and Ottawas.

Twelve miles away in the village of Manitowaning a public school had been opened and a number of the boys of Wikwemikong had entered it. To combat this influence, and to protect the Indian youth against the enticements of Manitowaning, Fr Chone decided to build a school. In 1850 Br. Jennessaux arrived at Wikwemikong and to him was entrusted the direction of the new school. This zealous Brother became director, professor, and prefect, and for the remaining 34 years of his life, he guided the education of the youth of Wikwemikong.

In 1878 Fr DuRanquet, who was now Superior, built a new school and ushered a period of prosperity which lasted for 7 years. In 1885 a double disaster fell upon the Community; the old box stove in the boys' school exploded one fine morning and the whole building was burnt to the ground. Four days later a defective chimney brought about the same result in the girls' school. Nothing daunted Fr Du Ranquet made plans for new schools and the work of construction began immediately. Soon Indian boys and girls were back again at their desks, trying to keep their minds away from "the great outdoors" and, as the old song has it, learn something about "Reading and writing and arithmetic taught to the tune of a hickory stick".

On a February Sunday morning in 1911 while the Parish was assisting at Mass, a terrific fire broke out, in the girls' school and in a short time completely demolished the building. The foundations for a new school had been completed when the Indians went on strike. This, added to numerous other difficulties in the management and discipline of the schools, decided the Fathers to move the school.

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PREFECT... (Picking up small boy who had fallen) Don't cry it won't hurt to morrow.

SMALL BOY... No, I won't cry to morrow

Mr Edwards... (Prof.) What snake strikes lgs with mathematical precision?

Joe Goodleaf... An adder Sir.

Miss Fagin... Why is it, that at some Masses you see a Deacon and a subdeacon?

Clara... It represents Our Lord between two thieves.

ADVICE TO TOURISTS---See Spanish quick

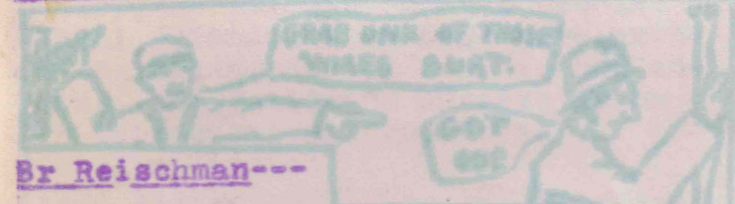
...this year at our schools have occurred quite an event and though he may be called on the solemnities of the feasts of our Lady. Annie Gabo died when the Church celebrated the feast of the Purification and now Norman has gone on the solemnity of the Annunciation, at the moment when the bell was ringing for the Regina Coeli.

Norman Kitchikekek came to Spanish School 3 years ago with his brother Vincent. Vincent who had spent several years at Spanish previous to 1926, returned home during the year 1927 and died a year later. Their home is at West Bay a small Indian settlement about 15 miles from Wikwemikong. Norman was in Junior Class and while with us became exceedingly popular among the younger set. He was 1 1/2 years of age.

This youth had been suffering for a month from a very severe form of consumption which finally brought on his death. All during his sickness he manifested that characteristic patient suffering of Indians and now we hope, he has gone to his reward after having atoned for many of the little misdemeanors of his life. He had a most peaceful death and showed every sign of contentment during his last few hours. On Monday morning, the day of his death, he asked Fr Prefect to bring him his clothes as he wished to go home to his mother. Fr Prefect was told by Br Laflamme that the little fellow would go home in a very short time. Br Laflamme who had cared for Norman for the last few months, knew how to satisfy such a desire and assured the boy that he would have his clothes. A few hours previous to his death he asked Br Laflamme to pray for him and just within the hour of his death while in the midst of a struggle he called for Holy Water. His funeral Mass was sung by Fr Superior while the choir chanted their petitions to God for the soul of their departed companion.

SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY:

On Low Sunday the children enjoyed a Sugar on Snow Party at about 3 P.M. the sweet food was served in the refectory. Br Gagnon at the same hour was at home to his guests in his office at the local boot factory. The Faculty of the house being among those present.



Br Reischman---
 Bert...BERT--Got one...Br Reischman...
 Feel anything?..BERT--Nepe..Br Reis...
 Don't touch the other;it's got 600 vl.
 in it.

...led the most unpopular man in the country, as far as the children are concerned, we are sure this year that our visiting Doctor from Coniston will be voted among the most popular. Dr Hinds arrived on Monday, Apr. 8th and spent 3 days at the convent. The rest of the week will be taken up with patients from our school.



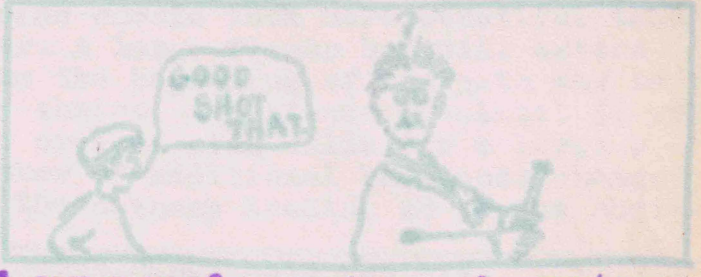
Br Manseau--Give the principal parts of the verb swim...Peter Papineau...swim, swam, swum...Br Manseau...Very good, now give the parts of the verb dim...Peter--Ah Brother, I'll rather not

MOVING PICTURES AT SPANISH:

On Thursday evening, April 4th, the children of the school and the public of Spanish enjoyed 16 reels of moving pictures. In the program was included 1 of Charlie Chaplin's best "The Count".

FR RENAUD ARRIVES:

Rev Fr Renaud arrived at Spanish School on Tuesday, Apr. 9th. He has received his appointment to the school as Spiritual Advisor to the boys. He will also teach catechism. Fr Renaud has come to us from Wikwemikong where he assisted Fr Artus during the past year. Previous to that he was for many years a missionary Father at Fort William.



PAT saw a professor in an observatory swinging the telescope and view one of the stars. Just then a shooting star fell. Faith, said Pat "and you're a good shot"

OUR BENEFACTORS:

Many kind friends sent gifts to make the Easter season most pleasant at our school. Among these we wish to thank in a very special way the following:--Mr T. J. Kelly, Spanish. Fr Prud'homme, I-C...Mrs Laroque, Spanish... Mrs Annie O'Donnell, London, Ont. Miss Bonot, Spanish...Mr Hawker, Walford...Mrs J. H. Walsh, Sherbrooke...Mr E. O'Brien, Montreal...Miss Devine, Renfrew...Mrs Beaudry, Massey...Mr Geo. Solomon, Spanish. Fr Dwyer, I-C. The Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Fr Comte will not sue Wigwag:

After some correspondence is now certain. 88888888

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WIGWAM PROGRESS:

For many months a

large staff of experts have been diligently at work attempting to give the public one of the finest magazines on the reading market. Many new readers come to us every month. We welcome them by giving them the very best magazine of information possible. Although millions of progressing men and women in Canada have not read the Wigwam it is our aim to introduce it quickly as a permanent guide to those ten of thousands who have not yet found it. The Wigwam makes no attempt to sway your mind one way or the other. Its sole purpose is to inform the public about Spanish. It is the only one of its character issued and it can only succeed with this ambition if its friends continue to talk it up.

T. EATON & CO. RECEIVE LARGE ORDERS:

The stock market report shows that a real bull movement has been going on for the last month over 20,000 marbles have exchanged hands. So interested have the children been in this great pastime that some have even attempted to corner the market by securing 10,000. The local store buys these marbles... back at 20 for 1¢ and the credit due the boys is now used for clothing purposes. The children are allowed to put in their own individual orders at T. Eaton Co. for useful articles as long as they are in good standing on the books. This has caused a great amount of business in Toronto.

GARDEN NEWS:

Fr Devine has full charge of the gardens at the shrine. He has already 2 splendid large hot beds under cultivation and if plans work out the shrine should look more beautiful than ever. A large flower bed will extend from the beginning of the path way to the shrine, a distance of almost 50 yd. The present plan calls for a large number of additional beds and a change in the pathway leading up to the shrine.

ST. JOHN BERCHEMAN'S SOCIETY:

On Sunday Evening, March 24th. Rev Fr Mery gave the boys a splendid talk on our Canadian Martyrs. Great interest was shown by the children and the speaker treated the subject from an angle that proved popular making our heroes stand out as men very human and easy of imitation.

YARD IN SPLENDID CONDITION:

The recreation grounds are in splendid condition due to a new drain built near the tool house by Fr Vandemoer. The fields no longer bring their waters into the yards and this has greatly helped for early conditioning the ground; the chief sport at the present time, being shot competition and arrow shooting. New rubber football have also arrived from France and help much.

is the finest place in the world for April Fool tricks and professors are generally the best subjects. This year as other years, the children had their little jokes on most of the members of the community but what could have been taken as an April Fool prank was an alarm that came from the home of Mrs... Frost, a neighbour of the school. It was just about 5 o'clock when a telephone call told Fr Superior that her house was threatened with fire. Our emergency Department led by Fr Reischman and Mr Beaudry, was soon on the spot but happily it turned out to be almost an April Fool joke. It was a chimney fire and was soon under control.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE:

Through the courtesy of the Maryknoll Seminary, of New York, the children enjoyed an illustrated lecture on Sang King. This little entertainment took place on the evening of our Martyrs' Feast and together with this lecture the children also enjoyed a brief talk with pictures on the life of Joan of Arc. The children of both schools were present.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS:

The automobile truck of Mr Geo. Solomon crashed through the small wooden drainway near the recreation hall which drains the water from the yard into the garden. The truck at the time was loaded with people who were coming to an entertainment. Fr Vandemoer has replaced this drainway with a large wooden structure 20 x 6". In the electric room a new partition has been built so that the batteries are in a separate room from the engine; this was necessary because of the chemical damage caused to the engines by the batteries.

A new room has been constructed in the new cellar for the incubation. This room is fitted up in a modern way and greatly aids those in charge of the chicken Department.

MR EDGE WRITES FROM CHINA:

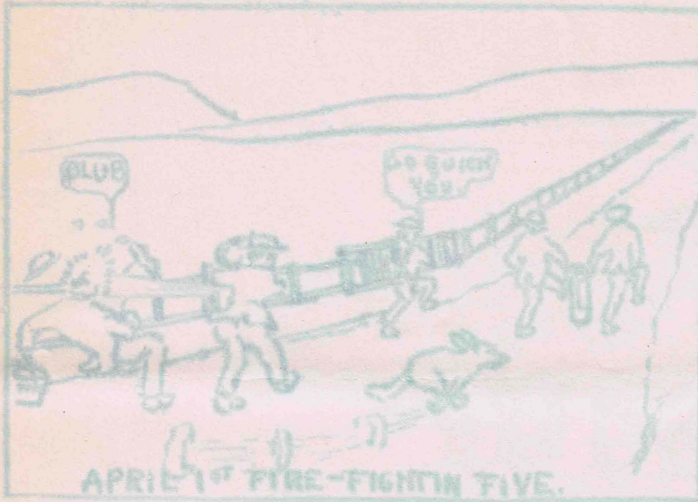
Several weeks ago a letter received by one of our readers was forwarded to us. Mr Edge may yet return to America to study for the priesthood. In the course of his letter he tells of his experiences in China and states that he likes the country, the climate and the people. Several friends of Mr Edge have written the Wigwam asking for his new address... the following address is on this latest letter from China:

Catholic Mission
Saying via.....Swatow....China.....

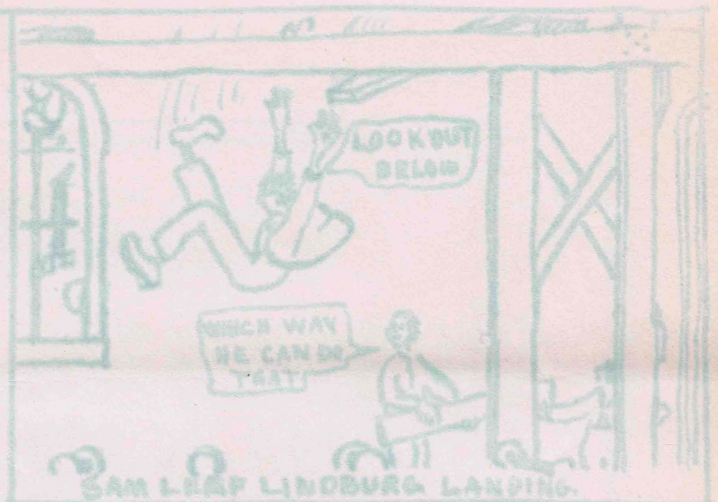
CHICKENS ARRIVING:

Some 300 chicks have already arrived and reports from the management in charge informs us that this time last year there were no settings out, so we may conclude that this department will show greater results than last year.

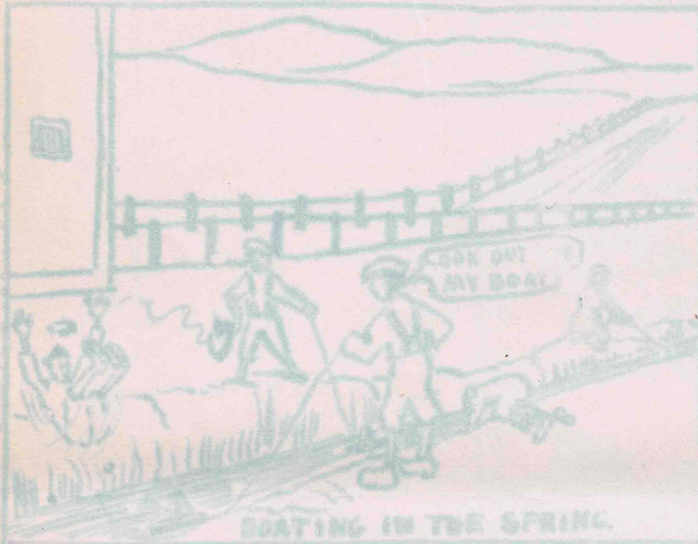
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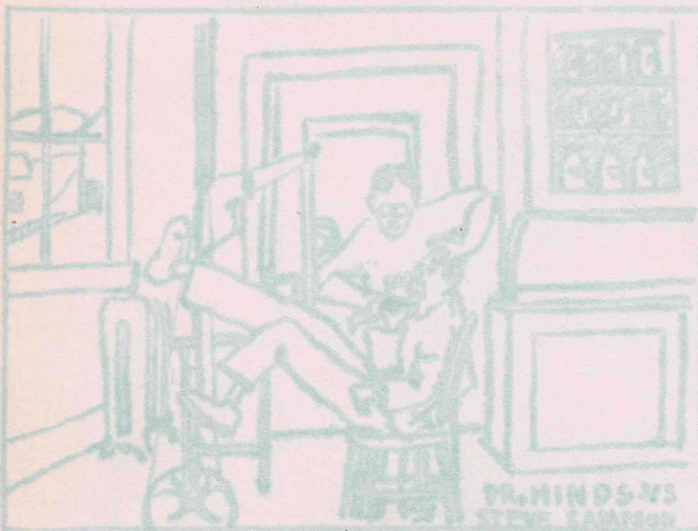
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DR. HINDS VS STEVE SAMSON



(LOVE US - SOME OF THE VICTIMS.



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THE STORY OF OUR SCHOOL(continued)

In 1911, Feb 4th a new costly installation had been completed in the Girls' school, and on the 5th. a conflagration took place. While Rev. Fr Belanger, Superior, and Principal was preaching at High Mass, Indians came to tell Miss Rose Kintz, the Superioress, that their school was on fire. Rev Fr Desautels then parish priest, was officiating.

It is good here to remark how God yields to our desires. For years the prevailing idea among Indian missionaries was that the Residential Schools should be taken out of the Reserve, as there was no chance to make any improvements. On the 5th day of Feb. came the realisation of this idea but the puzzling part of it is that the 5 of Feb. is a feast of St Agatha to whom a monthly Mass was recommended by the Ladies of the Girls' School, to be protected against fire.

The conflagration was sad but the results are happy.

In the afternoon of the 5th, Rev Fr Superior and Desautels looked for a place and organized an Indian House where the Ladies and girls could spend the night. The next day the Boys' School down the hill, a house of 50 x 70' was cleared for the Ladies and the girls, 115 in all, where they lived until Sep. 1913. Here they had their play room, refectory, class room, dormitory, kitchen, wardrobe and chapel.

As for the boys, they had their dormitory at the Fathers' Residence, their classes and recreation Halls in a two storey chicken house, refectory and study Hall in the old residence, their yard was the chicken yard. It is remarkable how, with all these privations, such a good spirit reigned in both schools.

In April began the clearing of the remains of the fire, under the care of Br Sheehy, who was supposed to supervise the construction. When everything was ready for the foundations one cement ^{was} called from Montreal to help precipitate the exode. Speaking to those Indians he persuaded them that they were not paid enough and that a strike was the best way to an increase of wages.

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Joe Daillebout...Fr Walsh, how do you sleep with such a noisy watch under your pillow?"...Fr Walsh... "I sleep between the ticks."

MANITOULIN ISLAND(continued)

Such then was the Huron name of our island, and the meaning thereof. As to its second name, an Algonquin one, which, save for the trifling difference in spelling and pronunciation, is a modern appellation, its 1st mention occurs in the Relations of 1678. It is spelled "Manitoualain" and "Manitoulain". This was surely a corruption of "Manitowaning or Manitowaning, which means "at the Manitou's den" or perhaps more simply, "where the Manitou dwells". Manitowaning is the name of a little farming town on Manitoulin. Whether the Indians of old had an abode there and whether the Manitou lived there or elsewhere, I never could ascertain. There seems to be no tradition on the first point: of the second, a myth of course, there are perhaps as many explanations as there are Indians. An old Ottawa told the present writer one day that between Manitowaning Bay and South Bay there existed a subterranean passage the northern opening of which was in a den at the head of Manitowaning Bay. There it was that the Manitou went and made his way from one bay to the other. Whence the name Manitowaning i.e. "At the Manitou's Den. In 1648, the French Jesuit sta-



tioned at Ste. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Marie about 3 miles south east of modern Midland, founded the mission of St Pierre. It was intended for those Algonquins who dwelt along the shores of Lake Huron, but soon took in also those who made their homes on Manitoulin Is. This mission had no fixed residence, the missionary going from place to place and evangelizing the Indians wherever he found them. Fr Joseph Antoine Poncet S.J. the first missionary intrusted with this work, wintered on Manitoulin Is. with the Ottawas, staying there from Oct. 1648 to the 17th. of May 1649. For some years passed those poor Indians had been urging the missionaries to come and instruct them. It is not stated at what precise spot Fr Poncet passed the winter. Alas as he was his sufferings during these long months of intercourse with those rude savages, can well be imagined. In a letter dated May 18th 1649 he writes incidentally: "It was God's will to make me do penance for my sins during night on to 7 months among these savages, companions of the life I was leading."

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Hingston visited Spanish Residential School on April the 30th. He remained a day with us and then proceeded to the See returning again to Spanish on Monday, April 22nd. He officiated at the boys' Mass, Tuesday morning and remained a day with us leaving on the Toronto train at 7 P.M.. A committee of boys called on him and obtained a picnic as well as holiday. The boys will enjoy this Provincial picnic and holiday sometime during the month of May.

NEW BOYS ARRIVED:

Michael and Joseph Lazere, brothers of Tom Lazere arrived from St Regis, at the beginning of April. These children are 6 and 9 years of age

BAZAAR AT WALFORD:

On Saturday afternoon May 4th will take place a bazaar in aid of the C.W.L. at Walford. The same evening the young people Dramatic Society of the parish church will present a play for the benefit of the parish.

The ladies of the W.C.L. of Walford are to be congratulated for the new improvements at the Mission Church. The priest's quarters are now equipped in a splendid way and the women have gone to no little expense in order to beautify their church.

It is understood that considerable improvements are to be made during the coming season when new stairs and exterior wall work will be constructed.

GARDEN WORK:

Fr Devine has started to improve the premises with beautiful trees. The front part of the Boys' School in the triangle will now be shaded off with lovely pine and fir trees

Hot beds have been producing since the beginning of April and the garden Department reports that some 5,000 asters as well as many other varieties will be ready for the gardens about the middle of this month. A landscape artist of the Agricultural Department McDonald College, has been consulted and the shrine should look beautiful this year with the new scheme that is now being followed out. The noviciate at Guelph as well as prominent florists at Guelph, are shipping large quantities of bulbs, so visitors may expect to find a real Spanish atmosphere at Spanish this summer.

MR BEAUDRY BUYS AUTO:

In the springtime old men's fancies generally turn to autos at least we might draw this conclusion from the number of new cars seen around the District. Few young men have also gone in for the prevailing luxury. Beautiful car is now the property of Mr Beaudry and we hope it will aid him to travel more frequently to Massey.

a cable brought the sad news of the passing of the father of Rev Fr Mery at his home in Belgium. Mr Mery who died on March 25th. after a long illness, was an outstanding authority in law as well as a business leader in his community. He died in his 86th yr from heart trouble. Holy Mass was offered by the children of both schools on the 29th. for the repose of the soul of this worthy Catholic and distinguished citizen of Belgium. The W.C.L. of Spanish paid their feelings of respect and condolence by a High Mass which was sung in the parish church. April 7th.

FR BRENNAN PRESENTS "THE SHEPHERDESS OF LOURDES AT SPANISH ON MAY 15th.

The "Shepherdess of Lourdes" or Blind Princess... Drama in 5 Acts... by Very Rev Fr Felix. O.S.B... D.D. author of Walburga... Pontia and Patricia... will be presented by the young ladies of Espanola at Spanish Boys' school on Wednesday evening May 15th. at 8 P.M. The famous shrine of our Lady of Lourdes continues to attract the attention of the Christian world. The faithful have in both hemispheres erected grottoes, similar to the grand original in France, in veneration of the Virgin Immaculate who there deigned to manifest herself to the poor shepherdess Bernadette Soubirou, in 1850. A drama therefore representing the first days of that wonderful sanctuary cannot fail to interest and please.

Rev. Fr Brennan with his entire entertainment including 5 piece orchestra and a cast of characters made up of 30 young ladies of Espanola, have kindly offered this fitting performance as a gift towards the chapel of our school. The Hall at Spanish School will hardly be large enough for the great crowd expected from Blind River, Spragge, Espanola, Massey, Cutler, Walford and the vicinity, so it is understood that arrangements are planned to have the performance in some part of the school more fitting; however nothing definite has been decided upon. This is a beautiful play for the month of May and it is expected that many will take... this opportunity of honoring our Lady

RENOVATION:

Renovation of vows will take place on May 10th. The triduum is to be preached by Rev Fr Mery

GIFTS FROM GIRLS OF ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Girls of St. Joseph's School have collected a considerable fund and have placed the proceeds at the disposal of the shrine workers. It is understood that beautiful climbing roses and other valuable flowers are to be bought with this money and placed at our Lady's Shrine as a fitting gift from her children of the Mission.

OUR SCHOOL(continued)

After one week's work they went on strike; the leader was a young man who, with his family, had been fed throughout the winter by both schools. Not succeeding in having them return to work Rev Fr Superior and Desautel thought that the occasion was favorable to launch the idea of getting the school out of the reserve, in spite of the heavy loss that this decision would entail, because then the foundations of the girls' school were finished at great expense and the Fathers were giving out a cut stone building valued at \$70,000.00. The good of the Indians only was considered. These dissenters were aware that one of their own was responsible for the withdrawal of the school and therefore did not place the onus on the Fathers. They cried at the impending departure of the children, but threw all the blame on themselves.

Immediately the two Fathers wrote to Rev Fr Leconte then Provincial, who after consultation granted the permission. When the Indians saw that the material which had been brought for the construction was being taken away, they realized their mistake, but it was too late. They sent a deputation after deputation to beg us to remain, telling of their poverty in the future, because all the poor of the place were daily fed by the two schools, and so after meals were seen many Indians with baskets in hand leaving the home of their benefactors.

These Institutions were their only market for hay, grain, wood, potatoes, meat etc. All was cut by this departure.

Rev. Fr Superior not considering himself competent to oversee such a tremendous construction asked the Rev. Provincial to send one man and Rev. Fr R.J. Paquin S.J. then parish priest of Scribber, was appointed. Before the erection of the two buildings, a suitable site was to be chosen. Fr Desautels and Paquin were given this difficult task. That they succeeded our present establishment bears eloquent testimony. In the fall of 1911 R.J. Paquin began his work alone with only the help of Fr Sauve. (to be continued)

ATTENTION MISSIONARIES --- ATTENTION

The Missionary Fathers are kindly invited to send items of interest concerning themselves and their fields of labour to "THE WIGWAM". We would be most grateful if this information reached us before the 25th. of each month.

THE EDITORS.

OUR BENEFACTORS:

We acknowledge with gratitude gifts from the following kind benefactors:

Mr Hacker, Walford... Mr H. Decarie Montreal... The Girls of St Joseph Sch. Mrs Berthiaume... Montreal... Mr T.J. Kelly, Spanish... Sporting goods from the Department of Indian Affairs... Mr Beaudry, Massey... Mr Rolland S.J... I.C.

KIND FRIENDS:

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF SPANISH ESPECIALLY FOR CLOTHING SO IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD CLOTHES OF ANY DESCRIPTION REMEMBER THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOMED AT THIS MISSION AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INTENTION IN THE PRAYERS OF OUR LITTLE CHILDREN.

WE CAN MAKE USE OF PRACTICALLY ANYTHING TIES, COLLARS, AUTOMOBILE TIRES OLD RAGS? JUST CLEAN OUT YOUR ATTIC AND MARK ON THE PARCEL... PERFECT IN CHARGE OF WARDROBE... BOYS' SCHOOL... SPANISH.

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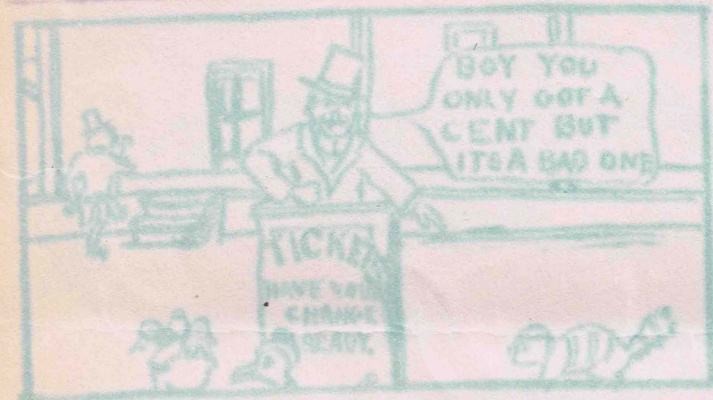
and then me the consolation of sending them to heaven." It was while he was there wintering on Manitoulin that his cousin Fr Charles Lalemant suffered a most cruel and heroic martyrdom at the hands of the Iroquois on March 17 1649; on the preceding day, but in the same village Fr de Breboeuf had met the same fate. They were tortured at St Ignace about 3 miles southwest of Wabaushe. On the 4th of July of the previous year Fr Daniel with part of his flock had been massacred at St Joseph about 1 1/2 mile south of the modern village of Mount St. Louis.

On Dec 7th. 1649 it was Fr Garnier's turn to crown by a glorious martyrdom a life of exceptional holiness, which was celebrated with unreserved praise by Parkman, a protestant historian. The next day the Huron Mission was sending to heaven the last of its martyrs, Fr Chabanel, dastardly put to death by a Huron apostate. To return to Fr Poncet the inconceivable tortures inflicted upon his fellow missionaries in no way shook his courage, and he was wintered again on Manitoulin Is. on 1649-50. After the destruction by the Iroquois of part of the Huron Missions, the remaining missionaries resolved to transfer the Missions' Centre from Ste Marie to some safer and more advantageous site. Ekaentoton was first considered as most promising. However the island of St. Joseph (now Christian Is.) was finally determined upon. But even this post had to be abandoned in 1650 on account of famine, and shelter had to be sought from utter destruction under the very walls of Quebec. (to be continued)

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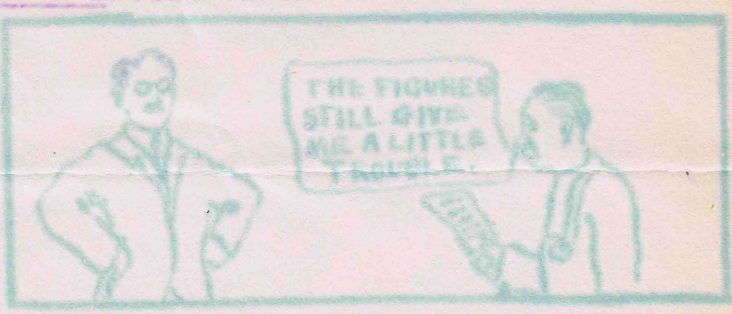
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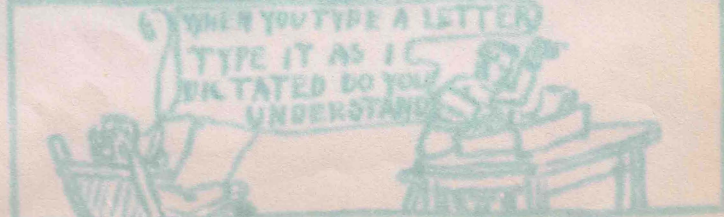
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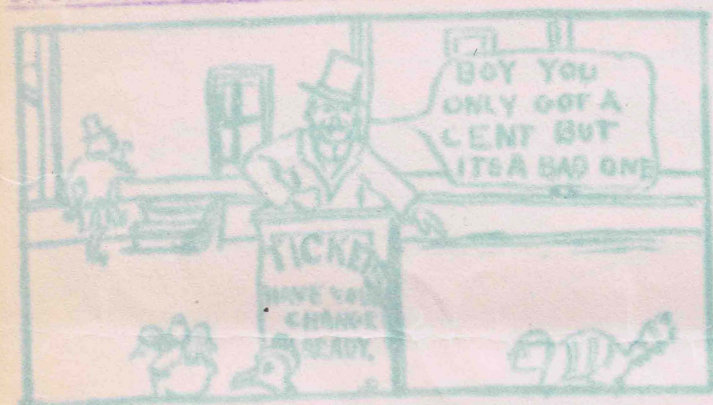
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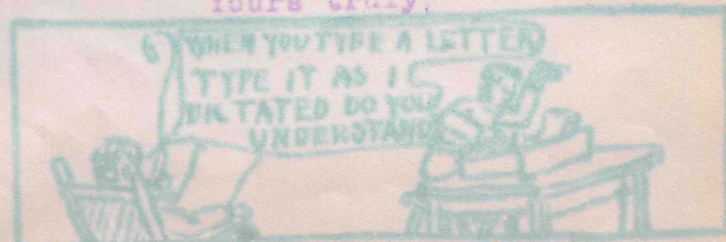
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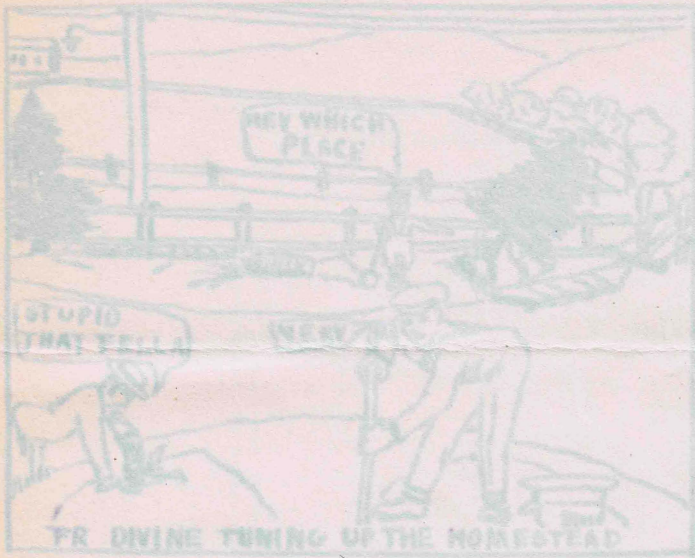
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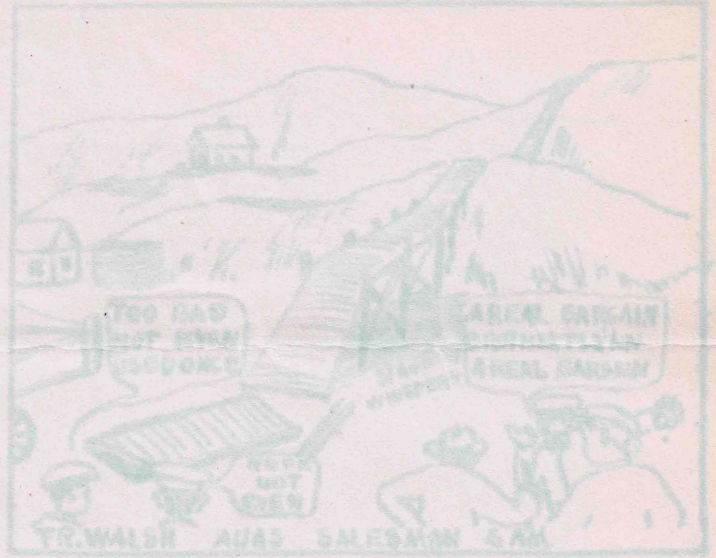
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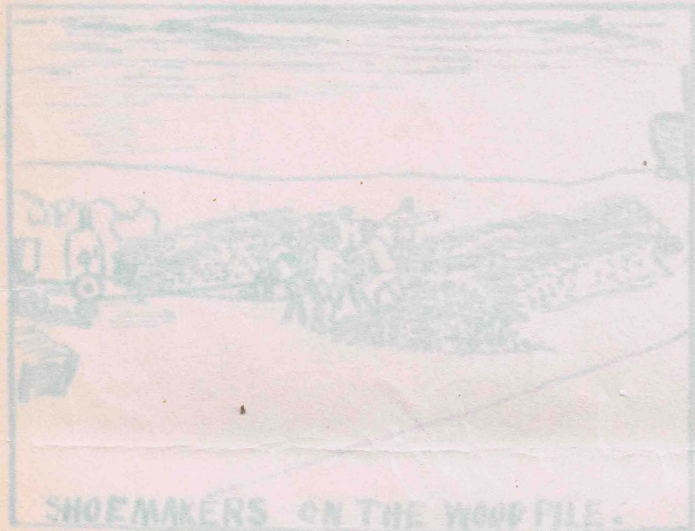
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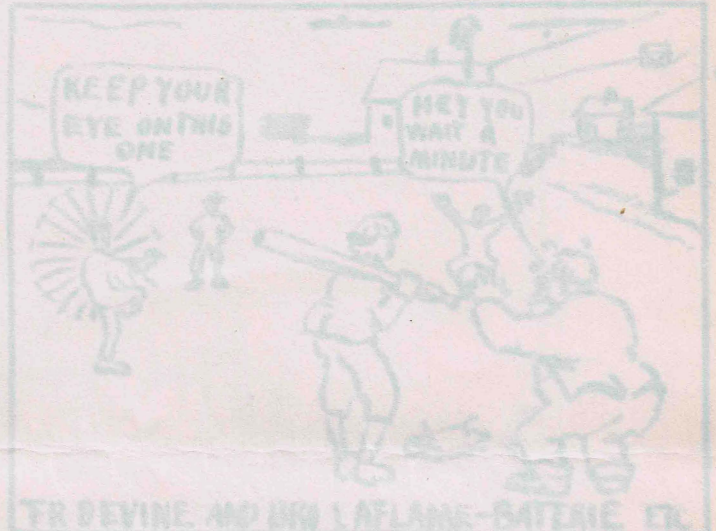
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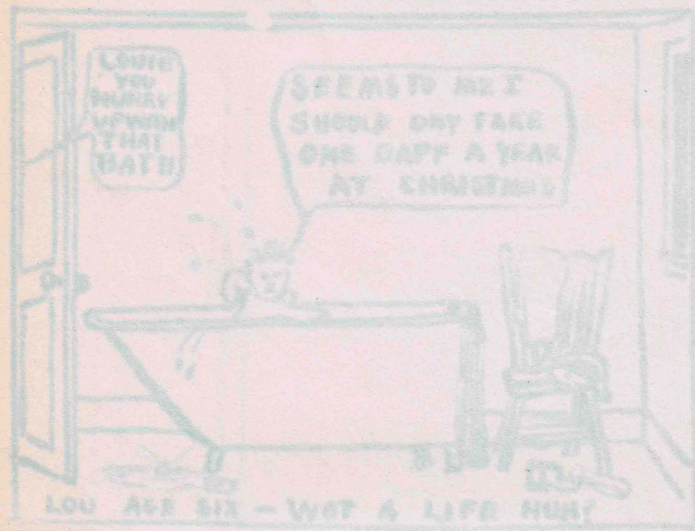
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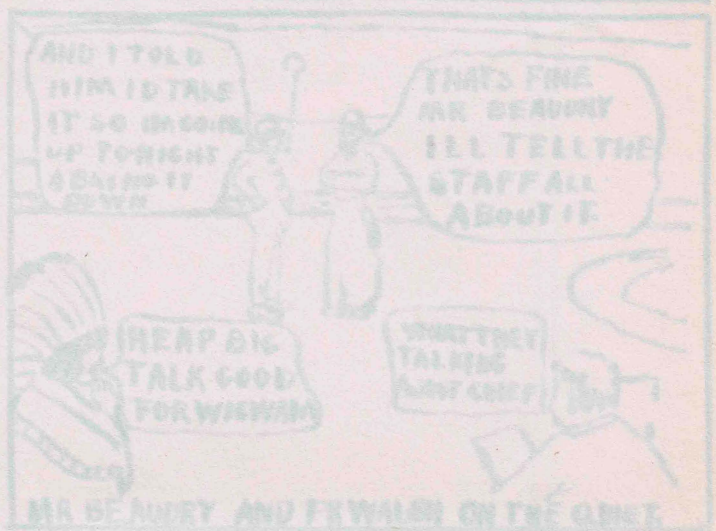
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