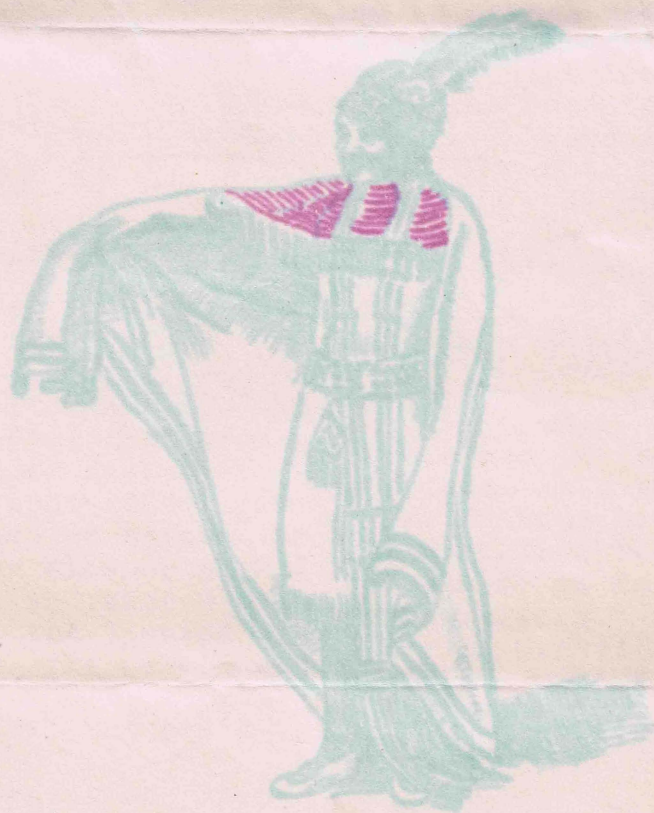


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SHEPHERDESS OF LOURDES presented by HISPANOLA PLAYERS:

Fr Brennan's Sodality of Espanola presented the sacred drama "The Shepherdess of Lourdes" here on May 15th. before the largest audience that has yet assembled in these parts. The drama was excellently staged and as it progressed the audience became more and more impressed by the ability of the young actresses and the predominant spiritual ascendancy that characterized the play throughout.

As a general rule plays that are rather heavy in character have flashes of humour to ease the tension and awaken any interest that may have flagged, but in this sacred play where wit was necessarily excluded the burden fell upon the ability of those taking part and they acquitted themselves most creditably. Miss F. Deguire as Bernadette was perfect. She won the audience at her first utterance and captivated it before the play ended. Miss Gagnon as Eleanor showed unique theatrical ability and Miss G. Deguire appeared beautiful as the Blessed Virgin in the apparitions. The remainder of the cast, especially Miss S. Wilson as the blind Rosabella, was all that could be desired.

The orchestra played selections from popular airs before the play commenced and generously too at each intermission. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience. Much unlooked for praise was given Fr Brennan under whose direction the cast was trained. Fr Superior thanked him publicly for his labour and generosity and we feel sure that Fr went back home assured that we were most appreciative of his kindness in allowing us to witness such a noble endeavour.



SCHOOL ENDS JULY 1st

The boys will leave for home on July 1st. The boat Garnier sails on that day for Wikwemikong

CLOSING EXERCISES OF MONTH OF MAY:

On Sunday evening, May 26th the children of both schools together with many parishoners gathered at our shrine dedicated to our Lady of Lourdes and there honored our Lady in a special way as a fitting tribute to the end of the month dedicated to Her.

Rev Fr Mery addressed the gathering in French and Rev Fr Devine spoke in English. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament took place at the altar which was recently built. The grounds were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The weather was ideal and the ceremony was most impressing. Many people came from the surrounding District.

VISITORS:

Rev Fr Papineau visited Spanish on May 25th and was one of the speakers at the entertainment here on that day.

Rev Fr Prud'homme paid us a visit last week when he passed by way of Espanola to go for the summer months to Wikwemikong.

Rev Fr Gravel spent an evening here with us at the beginning of the month.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

The annual Corpus Christi procession took place at Spanish on June 2nd. Rev Fr Superior officiated with Rev Fr Renaud as deacon and Fr Walsh as sub-deacon. The repositories were built in the same places as usual; one in front of the convent and the other at the grave yard. A large number of people were present. The Children of Mary of the convent walked as a unit wearing their special dress. The little girls wore crowns of flowers and the Sodality boys wore their badges. The road way was decorated with trees and flags.

Come at once
was a telegram calling for the missionary. As it was already late in the afternoon, and the regular train had gone through, it was necessary to obtain a permit to go on a freight train—a permit that was generously given. I must say to the honour of both C.P.R. and C.N.R. that they are very obliging to the priest on sick call; they give freely any permit to get off any train and at any station or village. Nepigon Station is 45 miles from the lake. I reached McDermott Lake at about 10 P.M. As a telegram said "At once", and that we had 63 miles to run over with a dog team, I got up at about 4 o'clock, said Mass and away I went. I reached Sand Point Indian settlement, where I thought I would meet my guide but he was at McDiarmid, 7 miles hence, where I had just passed to reach Sand Point. An Indian went to get the guide who though it was 8 o'clock already was yet snoring. Awakened he moved slowly looking for his breakfast and later reached Sand Point at about 9:30. As he had rushed to my great satisfaction, he told me that he had to go back to get his pail to feed his dogs on the trip. He went and returned at about noon, his dogs having 21 miles to their credit, before leaving for the 63 mile trip to be run over before night.

After dinner we set out. Everything went O.K. as but as the weather was rather mild, the dogs had not much pep. At 4 o'clock we were at a camping place Gros Cap, 25 miles. We made tea and on again we went always keeping down to the islands scattered along our way. Dark clouds were going up in the west and we were on a stretch of about 20 miles then and about 1 mile from Caribou Island, our destination, when all of a sudden came a whirling squall bitterly cold. The islands and all disappeared and we could not even see our dog leader. Naturally the dogs turned their backs to the wind to protect themselves and so we turned without noticing it and went astray. I called the attention of the Indian who was running behind the sleigh, but it was too late; we were lost. (see next column)

In our last
number we entered a plea that someone would be generous enough to aid our baseball team in equipping itself for the coming season. One kind reader was good enough to send us a bat, 2 regulation balls and an excellent glove. We wish to convey the thanks of the boys to this generous donor.

SICK CALL(continued)

The whirling of the wind prevented us from knowing its real direction. We pushed on for a while but our dogs did not want to go any farther; tired as they were, they had already run about 60 miles since morning. We had to decide what to do quickly because the bitter wind was getting worse and was without mercy to the dogs. They could hardly lie down but they were immediately covered with snow. We had to camp on the open ice and place the sleigh on its side as tarpaulin to shelter us. Having to untie my bag that contained my rabbit's skin sleeping bag my fingers became so frozen that I thought I would lose them. For fear of getting entirely frozen I did not dare to take off my overcoat and I tried to slide so into my sleeping bag, but uselessly. I went in to the waist only and I was just in a position to freeze the legs ~~when~~ I had no time to lose as the snow had already passed over the sleigh and was filling my place, and so I lay down. I prepared for death because I never thought that I could spend the night so exposed. I didn't want to sleep for fear of freezing and kept moving my arms, hands and feet to keep the circulation of the blood.

After about 2 hours, the weight of the snow over us gave us cramps, and I suffered about as well as I could till midnight. Then as I could not breathe any more I had to sit up but the wind blew a bank of snow into my bed so I had to spend the rest of the night lying on that heap of snow. All night I was wakening and speaking to my guide who seemed to sleep; I was afraid that I would find him frozen next morning.

At about 4 o'clock, the storm having gone down but not the bitter cold I dared to look up and saw in the darkness some thing like hills... (continued p.3)

... took refuge on Manitoulin Is. in the spring of 1650 but very few remained there, for on Sept. 26th 1651 news reached Quebec that 36 canoes of Hurons were on their way from the West to join the new settlement on the island of New Orleans, and their safe arrival is in the Relations of 1651 where they are described as Christian Indians coming from Ekeentoton and manning about 40 canoes. The ruin of Huronia being completed, (1650) the fierce Iroquois began the extermination of the Hurons' allies and Petuns and the Neutrals, which work of destruction was brought to an end within a very few years.

On July 3rd. 1652 the "Journal des Jesuites" records that one band of the Iroquois had been at Ekeentoton where they had made a capture and that "another has made a capture at Askikwannhe" this made it clear to the Algonquin tribes that they too were doomed to death. So, terror stricken, they fled wherever they could hope for safety; for the Iroquois was ubiquitous. Our Ottawas, too, left Manitoulin and fled with the remnant of the Huron to the island at the entrance of Green Bay where the Patawatomis, who had preceded the Ottawas and settled on the island, received the fugitives with open arms and granted them a home. However, their residence here was but temporary. As they moved westward a few years afterwards, a part going to Keweenaw Bay where they were found in 1660 by Fr Menard, while another part fled with a band of Hurons to the Mississippi, and settled on an island near the entrance to lake Pepin. Driven away by the Sioux whom they had unwisely attacked, they moved north to Black River, Wis. at the head of which the Hurons built a fort while the Ottawa pushed eastward and settled on the shores of Chagamegon Bay."

From 1651 to 1656 the whole land being filled with alarms and blood, nothing could be done for those poor date. At a later date Fr Gareau left Quebec and attempted to go to the refuge place of the Ottawas

(But it was only the bank of snow on the lake.) I woke my guide telling him with with joy that we were close to the shore. Immediately we got up, pulled the dogs out of the snow, and leaving everything there except the ax and our lunch, we hurried but in vain. As we came close we ran for about 2 hrs not knowing where we were going, but Divine Providence directed us, because when we reached the shore at about 7 o'clock, we were on our way to Gull Bay where was the supposed sick. After lunching we tried to look for orientation to find out where we were. After feeding the dogs that had not eaten anything for two nights, we went on. At about 11 o'clock the Indian settlement of Gull Bay appeared. Useless to say

that the sight of the houses though at least 8 miles away, raised our courage as well as well as that of the poor tired dogs who took to their heels, howling and barking, trying to outdo each other. At 3 o'clock we reached our destination. I

got off the sleigh at the school house and my Indian went home. To his great surprise he could not take off his moccasins. All moccasins, socks (3 or 4 pair) and feet were one block solidly frozen. After a great deal of suffering he succeeded in getting his moccasins off but he was for nearly a month without being able to walk without crutches.

THE STORY OF OUR SCHOOL: (continued)

In the early summer of 1913 repeated trips of the good ship Jeanne d'Arc, trailing in her wake the famous Red Bug, affected a complete removal of all school paraphernalia and equipment from Wikwemikong to the newly chosen site at Spanish. Under the personal and able direction of Rev Fr Paquin S. J. the Indian Residential School soon became a reality and thus in another spot was raised on high the Cross as a sign of God's love for man and man's love for God.

Wikwemikong, an Indian village situated on the southern extremity of Manitoulin Island, was the sight chosen by the Jesuits Fathers, as the centre of the Indian Missions. There the first Jesuit house was established in Canada.

Fr John Peter Chone, S.J. arrived there in the summer of 1844. For a year he acted as curate to Rev J.B. Proulx. The following summer 1845, Fr Proulx left the mission and Fr Chone was joined by Fr Hannipeaux. With Fr Hannipeaux arrived Br John Veronneau the first Brother among the Indians.

There is a saying, which by force of repetition, has come to be believed by those who lived far from mission activities, namely, The Indian race is diminishing and will soon disappear. Nevertheless a recent census of the missions proved decidedly the contrary. Let us take Wikwemikong for an example. During the last ten years, 459 births 247 deaths have been registered, which is in round



numbers, 2 births to a death. Wikwemikong is, not by any means an exception. At present there, there are without counting the missions close by, 1257 souls. It is note worthy that the last census of Fr DuRanquet, gave only 500.

The education of the children has progressed. The government built fine schools. The two last built, one at Wikwemikong and the other at Boswa, are excellent. The construction and fittings of these schools cost ten thousand Dollars. There are about 200 children in the 5 classes in the reserve and about 50 attend the Indian Residential School at Spanish. Still there are nearly 100 who are unable to attend school because their homes are too far away.

In the village itself there is no congestion. Twenty years ago practically the whole population lived near the church; to day the village is little more than a collection of empty houses. (continued on p. 6)

finished that church, you've been at it long enough.

Joe Daillebout... Well if you want to do a good job you've got to take your time and our job is worth doing well.

Joe S... Your job is not any more important than mine!

Joe D... Hugh! You're just making BOOTS we're making a church! We're wor'ing i God, and you are only working for us fel lows.

Joe S... Aw go on! You'll wear the boots all right! but I'm not working for you.

Joe D... Well, who are you working for?

Voice from Fr Prefect... You are working for God arn't you Joe... Don't you remember what Fr Superiot said in last Sunday's sermon? It doesn't matter what you do, but how, and with what intention

you do it. Therefore if you both do your work for God, and do it as well as you can, you will be both equally rewarded.

Joe D... Well, anyhow, everybody can't saw strait enough to work on the Church!

Joe S... Yes, and everybody can't make good boots

WATER HIGHEST IN FORTY YEARS:

According to reports from old residents and government tests, the waters of the Georgian Bay have reached a height far beyond recent marks.

At our own port the entire wharf is surrounded and on several occasions the water has come up over the top road leading to the shrine. The boat house is surrounded with water and if the present conditions remain, we will no longer be able to make perfect landings with the red boat. Br Reischman is at present planning to refill the road leading to the wharf and refixing the wharf. The lower road at the shrine, is entirely covered and the children will be forced to swim up at the shrine itself where the water is just level with the rock work of the upper foard.

BOYS LEAVE SCHOOL:

Austin Pangowish, who came here in 1925, left with Fred Fine-day for home during the month.

... through your college attic or tell your neighbour what you are doing, just looking for useful articles for the mission house at Spanish. Anything useful... toys, clothes, wearable clothes, books, anything and everything even victrola records. Address your box to us and when it is on its way you will have a clear attic and a jewel in your crown. Tell everybody about what you're doing; start the ball rolling and see how big the shipment will grow.

WIKWEMIKONG (HOLY CROSS MISSION) cont.

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the public would sooner have this magazine published in small form be sure to let us know; we might mention in passing that the Espanola Mill have assured us that they can supply the need for next month. They have started up 4 of their machines

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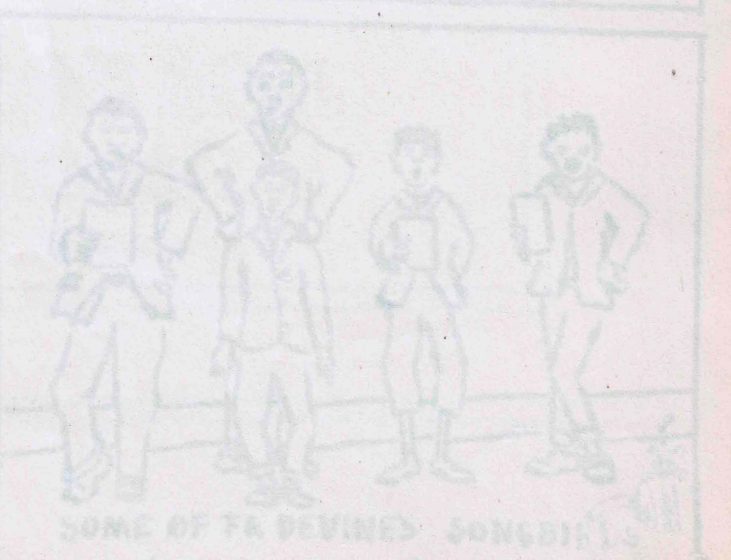
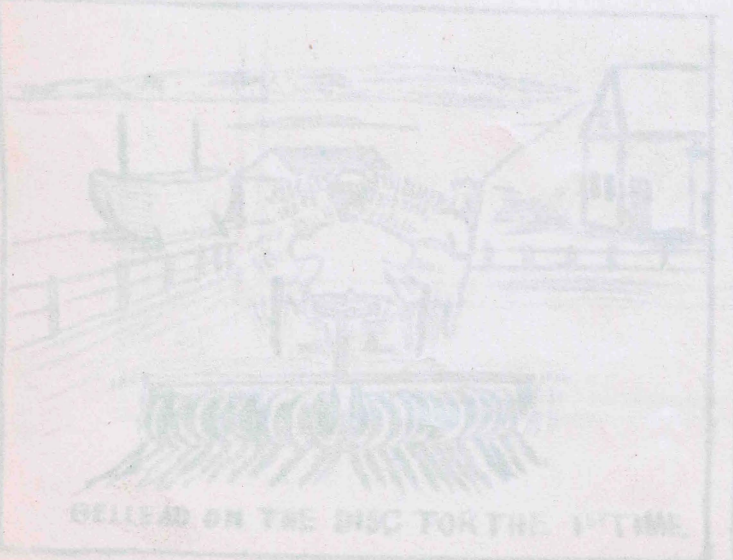
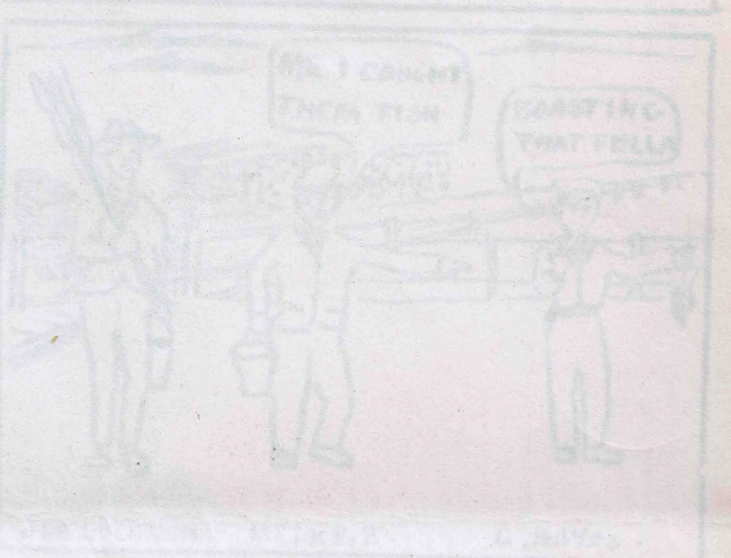
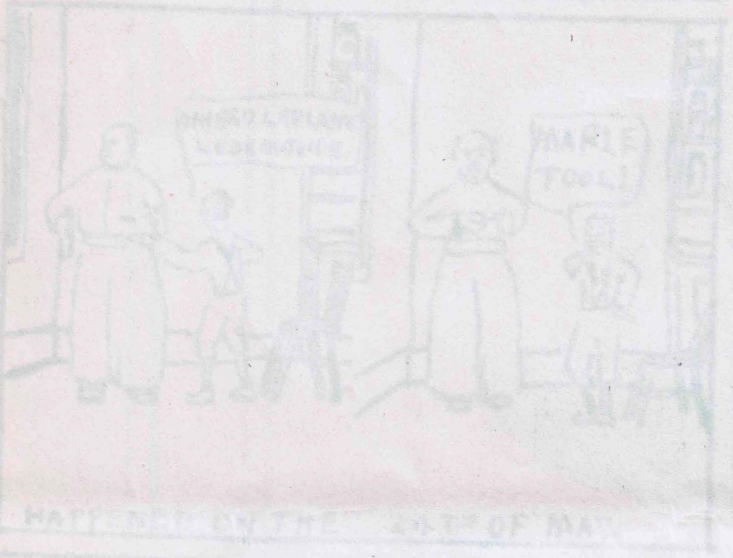
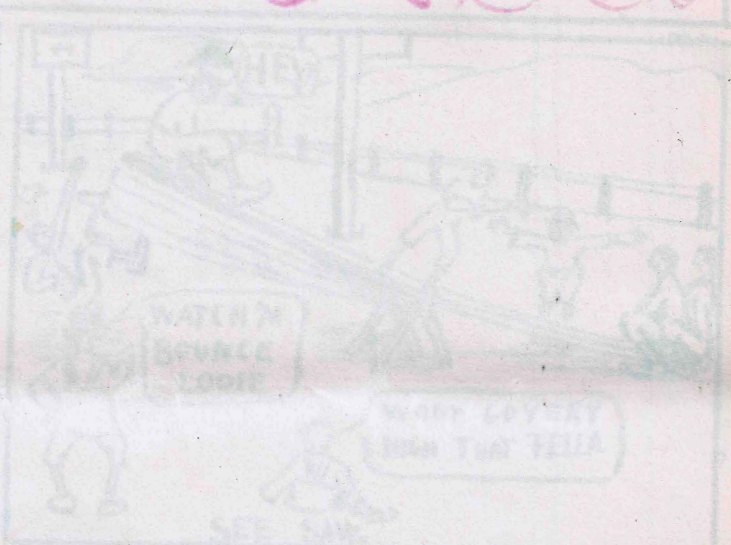
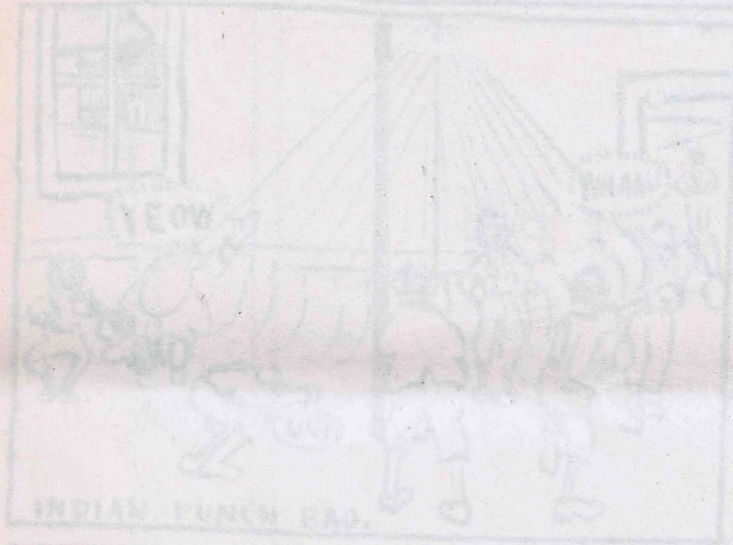
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NEWS OF THE WORLD.



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BAZAAR GREAT SUCCESS:

On the afternoon and evening of June 26th the Boys' School was the scene of much merry-making and amusements. For that day at least, all roads led to Spanish and people journeyed from far and near to make the first real bazaar at Spanish a huge success.

It was held under the auspices of the C...L. in aid of the new chapel. Much credit is to be given not only to the executive but also to all those who helped in the excellent organization and successful carrying out of all plans. All the old time favourite booths were running not forgetting the children's delight, the fish pond.

"The Hit the Nigger Booth" proved a decided attraction and Frank Leborgne, a very popular man, especially when someone is wanted whom you can hit, reported afterwards to the manager. He said he was hit only four times and he was none the worst for wear.

A beautiful gateway design stood at the entrance to the grounds and drew much favourable comments.

It is estimated that close to 500 people surrounded the booths. Every one had a wonderful time and the only question asked was: "How long must we wait for the next one?"

CLOCK RAFFLE

During the course of the evening the beautiful 400 day clock presented by Mr. George Solomon, in aid of the chapel fund, was raffled. All the Wigwam readers are doubtless very interested and eager to know the winner's name. We regret that there could be only one winner but such is the rule of the game. The Wigwam takes great pleasure in announcing that Mrs E desailieux held the lucky number. (continued p. 3)

BARNDOR and BAILHAY RINGLESS CIRCUS

On the evening of the bazaar the boys' Dramatic Club did their part to help along the evening success by staging very successfully a circus. No circus makes a hit without a parade so sharply at 8 o'clock the doors of the big tent flapped open and the great parade was on. Never was there such a parade as this. Never were there so many wild animals assembled together.

At the head of the procession marched the Royal Guard Band. Their Director in full dress swung a wicked stick, and the flutes responded bravely. In the procession were seen Mickey, the polar bear, Abe, the giraffe, a man-eating lion, a wild dog, a very stubborn mule, austriches, elephants, musical birds, the largest ape in the wildest Africa and the only "Hootus" in captivity.

Only one event marred the procession. The lions and elephants broke out of their cages and were captured only after a long chase. The large crowd was a scene of confusion and consternation; happily no one was injured. The circus manager reported later that he had counted on the band to keep the animals quiet but when it started to play it was impossible to hold the animals in check. He went so far as to say that had the band kept quiet all would have been well.

The parade over everyone turned towards the hall which was soon filled to capacity and here a number of acts were put on. So well was the acting done that Fr Rolland is now convinced that these animals possess intelligence. A miscue back stage allowed the lion and the ape to enter together. No sooner did the lion see the ape than he made for him. (cont. p. 3)



Fr Renaud spent two weeks at Sagameck preparing a class for 1st. Communion. He reports that 12 made their first Communion and that an average of 18 attended the catechism classes daily. The children knew their prayers very well and it was very consoling to see their enthusiasm for religious exercises. Much credit is due to the teacher who takes care of them during the year.

Fr MacGowan of Sasey, Fr Brennan from Espanola, Fr Dufresne of Blind River, Fr Richard, Spragge, called in to see us during the month.

Fr Boily, from Sudbury spent a week with us.

Two old boys, Louis Hall and Napoleon Montour on their way from Detroit could not pass the old school without calling, remained with us for a few days. They were quite impressed with the progress since they left in 1925.

FR MERY TAKES TRIP:

CONVENT NEWS:

Towards the close of the month fr Mery left us to enjoy a well-earned rest. At the present time he is Minister of vacations at Guelph. We are looking forward to his return in August.

PAINTERS...HELPERS...WANTED
for work at Sagameck
MUST BE BETWEEN AGES OF 6 & 95
Must hold diplomas from any recognized SPLASHING SCHOOL
APPLY TO...FR ROLLAND--Spanish

Miss Strain who was seriously ill and obliged to discontinue her work at Wikwemikong, has now completely recovered. Nearly all the Ladies have returned from

ARRIVAL OF SCHOLASTICS.

their missions and will spend the summer as usual at St Joseph's Convent.

Fr Dwyer was the first of the Spanish Regulars to arrive. He was preceded by Fr Barker who has been in Spokane, Wash. for the past 3 years and who is now having his first taste of missionary life. Fr Rolland arrived just in time for the bazaar. No one was surprised. Fr Moyland and Fr Hynes staged the race. Fr Moyland winning by a close shave. Fr Smeaton who is spending the holidays with us, arrived at the beginning of July and was duly initiated into the secrets of life at Spanish. It looks like a big summer ahead with plenty of work.

We note the arrival of Miss Leusch Miss Lutz, Miss La Victoire, Miss McKelwe, Miss Moffatt, Miss Fex.

The Rev Provincial of the Order arrived recently and is making her annual visitation.

VISIT FROM MR McDONALD:

NEW WHARF:

Mr McDonald, the Separate School Inspector, visited us about the 10th. of June and remained for 3 days. He was well satisfied with the progress made during the year.

The high water this year completely covered the old wharf and rendered it useless. Fr Reischman and Mr Beaudry, assisted by the boys have built a new one equipped with all modern conveniences including bumpers on the side. In all probability the boat house will have to be raised.

GARNIER IN FIRST CLASS CONDITION:

WORK AT SHORE:

Fr Reischman has been working for some days on the Garnier and reports that all is right to press the button and set sail for the annual trip to Wikwemikong. A brass plate with the name engraved, adorns the front of the cabin under the capable direction of Br. Gagnon, both the Garnier and the Red Bug received a new dress of paint.

Fr Dwyer and Fr Hynes have been toiling daily in an effort to clear the shore line of the hundred of logs which the high water has washed in. It looks like an all summer job as every west wind brings a new supply. We must say that Fr Hynes looks like at home in his rubber boots. Fr Dwyer has lost track of the number of cords of wood saved. He will sell to the highest bidder providing the price is high enough.

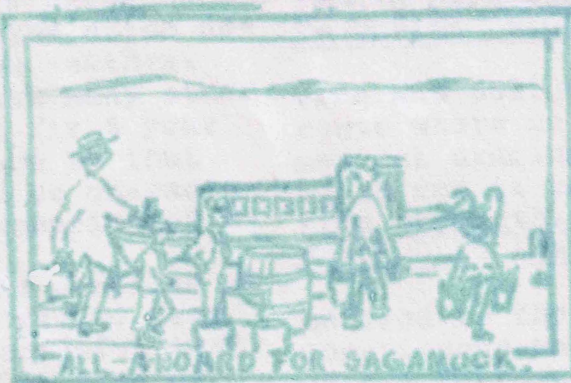
Because of the drift logs the bathing beach completed last year, has been destroyed; it is hoped however it will soon be as good as ever.

The next man to attempt to go to the rescue of the Western Indians was Fr Allouez, surnamed the Apostle of all the Ottawa nations, the word Ottawa meaning Upper Algonquins. In 1665 he reached Chesquamegon Bay where he founded a mission for the Hurons and the Ottawas dwelling there and also for many tribes who used to come here for the sake of commerce. The point where the missions stood has ever since been known under the name "La Pointe du Saint-Esprit", usually abridged to La Pointe. He laboured there for 3 years being joined in 1668 by Fr Marquette, known the world over as the discoverer of the Mississippi. In the same year Fr Dablon opened a mission at Sault Ste-Marie. In 1669 Fr Allouez founded the mission of St Francis Xavier at Green Bay on Lake Michigan.

The next winter Fr Marquette founded the mission of Mikilimikinack more commonly known as Mackinac. All these... facts had to be recorded in order to understand the migrations of our Indians and the way they were ministered to by the missionaries.

Our Ottawas remained then at La Pointe till the spring of 1771 when they were able to return to the land of their fathers for which they never ceased to sigh. A certain number of them had arrived the previous year.

There were 3 clans of Ottawas; the Kiskagons, the Siganos, and the Keenoshe or pikes. The Siganos were nearly annihilated by the Sioux in 1671. The Kiskagons embraced the faith at La Pointe in 1669 and they seem to have migrated to Sault Ste Marie where they are found in 1672-73; when all the Indians fled from the Soo in 1674 the Kiskagons likely took up their abode at Makinac where we find them in 1677-78. Only 1 clan then, the Pikes, seemed to have returned to Manitoulin. They were at that time about the worst set of Indians. Their very brethren, the Kiskagons refused to go and dwell with them. (cont. p.4)



The winner well deserved her success for it was a case where the widow's mite of the Gospel story gained the prize.

BARB DOOR CIRCUS: (continued)

As there was no ring the ape jumped into the crowd and began... scrambling over the benches. The people scattered to the 4 corners of the hall. The ape managed to save himself by climbing a post. Sambo, the ever popular negro, showed his dexterity in quieting the lion and leading him back. The circus then went on to a glorious finish. A 10 reel movie followed and everybody went home happy. The following evening the circus and the movies were repeated for the sake of the large number who were unable to get a seat in the hall the previous night.

WORK AT SAGAMOCK:-----

The Fathers and the boys are eagerly looking forward to a trip to Sagamock and a short... stay there. There is a good deal of work to be done on the church of which the most important is the painting. We are asked to announce that all those taking the trip bring their bathing

suit in case of accident as we believe that Fr Gagnon will be the official pilot.

CHAPEL NOTES:

Work on the new chapel is still in progress. At present the roof is being painted and the carpenters are busy putting the finishing touches to the rocess above the chapel. These will enable us to care for visitors in a style becoming to Spanish hospitality.

The new brass plates with the names of those who so generously donated windows for the new chapel, engraved thereon are now on each of the windows.

Fr Dufrane's Jubilee:

As announced previously the Golden Jubilee of Fr Dufrane, parish priest at Garden River, will be celebrated on the 7th. of August. At the time of going to press it was undecided whether the celebration will be held in Garden R. or in Spanish.

in 1913 the good ship Jeanne d'Arc... heavily loaded with vegetables and provisions, was being towed to Spanish by the mail boat. So heavily loaded was the Jeanne d'Arc that the waves were steadily washing its sides and they finally succeeded in swamping her. As a result the tow rope broke. The mail boat immediately turned, but on coming close to the Jeanne d'Arc rammed her and she went down to remain under the waters for 6 years. She had served the school for many years and certainly deserved a rest after her very successful transportation of life and... property from Wikwemikong to Spanish only a few months previously. This was a heavy loss for the boat is a very important factor in life at Spanish, and in fact the whole order of the day during the summer months often depends on the boat and the weather. Needless to say there were many other difficulties during that first year but they were all overcome by that indomitable trust in God so characteristic of Catholic missionaries of every age and nation.

Ninty-six pupils were enrolled at the commencement of the second year and a prosperous and successful term was looked forward to. The time of trial however was not yet over; fire, the old enemy of Wikwemikong, was... still to be subdued, for in October it broke out in the saw mill and before it could be extinguished not only the saw mill but also the carpenter's shop, the shoe shop and the lumber shed were completely demolished and the financial loss was an exceedingly heavy burden on the young school. Spanish had well proved its right to be the home of the new school for the difficulties which had been overcome were both heavy and numerous and it was now to enjoy a brief respite from the attacks of misfortune.

On the 11th. of June 1915 his Lordship, bishop Scollard, blessed the school and the following year he returned to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to a class of 112 boys and girls. (cont. p.5)

of the missionaries of the Society of Jesus attending to the wants of the Indians in Northern Ontario, will be held here on August the 6th. It is hoped... that all will be able to attend. At the same time will take place the blessing of the new chapel.

CLOSE OF SCHOOL TERM:

The end of June meant the end of classes and books were packed away. On the 1st. of July the Garnier and Red Bug set sail for Wikwemikong with a large crowd of boys and girls on board who were returning home for the summer months. The Wigwam hopes to publish a full account of this trip in the next issue and takes this occasion to wish all a very happy vacation. Fr Prefect reports that 53 boys will remain here for the summer.

FR DEVINE SICK:

During the month Fr Devine was obliged to make a trip to Toronto where he underwent a complete medical examination. He is back with us again and is rapidly recovering his old time strength.

MANITOULIN ISLAND..(continued)

However in 1671, once settled in their new colony the most conspicuous men among them asked for 1 of the Fathers to come and plant the faith there. The mission of St Simon was then founded; it comprises the Ottawa of Manitoulin, the Mississaugas, and the Nipissings. To Fr Louis Andre then attached to the mission at Sault Ste Marie, was entrusted the care of these tribes and to them he made several missionary tours with fruit equal to the hardships he had to undergo. Speaking of the Manitoulin Indians he said: "I know not what my predecessors may have suffered in that country but I proved well enough by experience how far one can go without dying from hunger. My daily allowance of food was not given me until after sunset and was so small in quantity as hardly to suffice for sustaining life. To such straits were we reduced by illsuccess in fishing and hunting that year."

(To be continued)

deadly epidemic known as the Spanish Influenza, swept over Canada and Spanish was not immune from its attack. Only one lay brother and one boy did not take sick. Words fail to tell of the difficulties of this period and of the heroic efforts of the Brother and his boy-assistants to halt the... march of the disease. Friends of the school living near by came to the rescue nobly and gave generously of their time and their help. Before the attack was over 10 boys and 8 girls succumbed to the dread disease and their bodies were laid to rest in the little cemetery which crowns the brow of the hill at the entrance to the school grounds.

No further disaster menaced the new school and progress became the order of the day. The temporary wooden chapel which was also to serve as parish church was completed and was blessed on the feast of Pentecost, and in the following September the statue of St. Peter Claver, the patron of the school, was installed on the main altar.

ON THE FARM:

Br Vandemoor in a conversation with a Wigwam reporter remarked that his 3 acre of corn and 4 of potatoes are doing nicely; his main worry at the moment is the potato bug. We understand however that Fr Dwyer and Fr Hynes contracted to relieve him of this. From our office window we noticed yesterday swarm of boys in a potato patch but no sign of Fr Dwyer or Fr Hynes. We presume they were busy elsewhere. Br Vandemoor is also experimenting with sun flowers; something new in Spanish.

UPDOAR AT THE BARN:

Confusion prevailed recently when shouts, cries and yells of every description were heard in the barn. Everybody thought it was fire and rushed over to help. However they were not needed; it was only one of our friendly rats that was playing hide and seek, up and down Angus Paul pant legs. Neither the rat nor Angus were hurt., so no inquest will be held

that Fr Howitt who is already well known along the shores of Lake Nepigon is to arrive here soon. He has spent the past year at Port Townsend, Wash. We welcome him back to the missions and hope he will stay with us for a while.

PAINTERS ARRIVE:

Two expert painters have arrived from Montreal and will begin to splash brushes and paint here, there, and everywhere very soon. They are not new to Spanish as Fr Superior reports that they managed to get rid of a... great deal of paint last summer. Br Gagnon and his crew have already begun to paint the roof and have let it be known that they are out to compete... with the experts; it looks like war ahead. Br Gagnon's crew have a great advantage. The roof is so large that no matter where they splash it counts.

BENEFACTORS:

The Wigwam is asked to thank the following for their very generous contribution during the past month.

Mr O'Brien, Montreal... The Catholic Women's League of Spanish.. Loyola College, Montreal.. Mr T.J. Kelly of Spanish Mr Edwards, Junior Professor of the school.

DORMITORY SCRUBBED:

Fr Barker got a real taste of Spanish activity when he captained the crew to scrub the dormitory. It is rumoured that he directed operations from a bed in the centre of the room.

N.B....scrubbing will take place soon.

EARLY RISING:

During the trip to Wikwemikong Fr Moylan took over the duty of the First Prefect. His first morning rising was at 4.30 much to the dissatisfaction of those he called. All who heard about it were at a loss to understand it for Fr Moylan has no reputation as an early riser.

FETE-DIEU PROCESSION AT GANABOTCH:

It is quite possible that other missions might have had a larger turnout at the annual procession on Corpus... Christi Sunday but Ganabotch surpassed for true devotion and piety. Mrs Burnet was the organizer and deserves praise for the commendable results.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

FATHER RECTOR
WANTS THE BEST
WAY TO DRIVE A
NAIL AND NOT
HIT YOUR
FINGERS?

WELL I
THINK THE
BEST WAY
IS TO USE
SOMETHING
ON THE
HAMMER.

JOE DILBERT - RECTOR.

SAY! DAVE I
THINK THERE IS
ANOTHER HAMMER
DOWN HERE
SOMEWHERE.

ALL RIGHT
TAKING THIS
ONE'S FIRST
HUNT?

DAVE BECOMES A SPECIALIST - WIRE-CAT.

HEY COME BACK
HERE WITH THAT
GOAT!

RED RUB A FLAT IN THE GEORGIAN BAY.

WE DON'T PART
EACH OTHER
YOU KNOW THAT?

COURSE WE
DO!

HEY BE CAREFUL
THEY'RE
STEPPING!

HEY!

BROCKING'S CREW IN THE KITCHEN.

FR WALSH, AND HIS BARN-DOOR AND BALKY CIRCUS FIRST APPEARANCE