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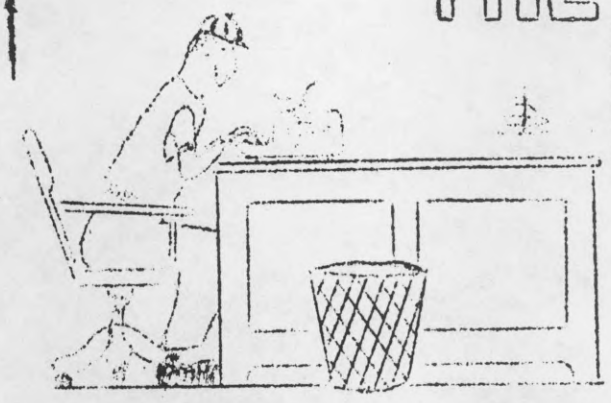

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

It is with great pleasure that we present the Assiniboia Highlights. The prime objective of this publication, I would say, is to bring to light the activities of your sons and daughters here at Assiniboia High School. Another objective is the derivation of responsibility and leadership, the latter of which the Indian is in great need today.

The Indian youth is reminded that present day leaders cannot always be there, hence he is expected to take over and assume the mantle of leadership when time arrives. Indian youth must open their eyes to the outside world, think in terms of being successful, and maintaining their Indian identity. Young Indians must realize that their future lies in working for the betterment of their people. For now, it is formation, for Indian youth leadership is in the "embryonic" stage, for the "umbilical cord" cannot be severed yet. It is of vital importance that parents and older Indians play an exemplary role for youth cannot grow into responsible adults without the proper guidelines.

It is legitimate to expect much from the young people but the expectation should be accompanied by good examples and advice which youth needs in his formation so as to fulfill what is expected of him.

Wishing you a bright Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Moses Okimaw

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students,

From north and south, east and west, you gathered here some three months ago. Some had come by boats and planes, some by trains and buses. Some had left for the first time the quiet stillness of their remote homes while some others were already accustomed to the boisterous life of our city.

And yet predominating this diversity of experience was one rallying force: the desire to better and to improve yourselves. You had come with the hope that your stay here would more than compensate for what you had left behind. Your immediate goal may have been to pass grades leading you to a profitable career. Your ultimate goal - possibly still somewhat obscure - was the full development of your personality making you successful members of your communities.

As you entered this institution you found more than a program of learning, you found also a program of life. More than countless hours in class and seemingly endless hours at study desks you found a way of life geared to develope self discipline and self expression. Instead of ready made schedules and pre-planned activities you found countless occasions of practicing responsibility and developing qualities of leadership. Even more than success in grades, Assiniboia wanted you to achieve success in life. More than a school for grades, Assiniboia is a school for success in life.

Along with this program was handed to you the formula for success. Short in form it was long in consequences. Unattractive in itself it promised soothing effects. And most of you, after trying out the formula of hard work and perseverance, have already achieved success. But sad to say, some stumbled over labour, or failed to multiply labour by perseverance and the result is that they will never achieve, that they will never know true success.

My dear students your ideal of three months ago need not die...there are difficulties in studies, there are difficulties in life. All can be conquered if you keep on applying the formula which was presented to you when you arrived in Assiniboia, "Labour, Pursue, Achieve".

My Christmas wish and prayer is that all of you may face these difficulties with courage and perseverance without ever giving up because the climbing would appear hard...through hard work and perseverance may you reach the goal you cherish, that of being useful and successful citizens in our society.

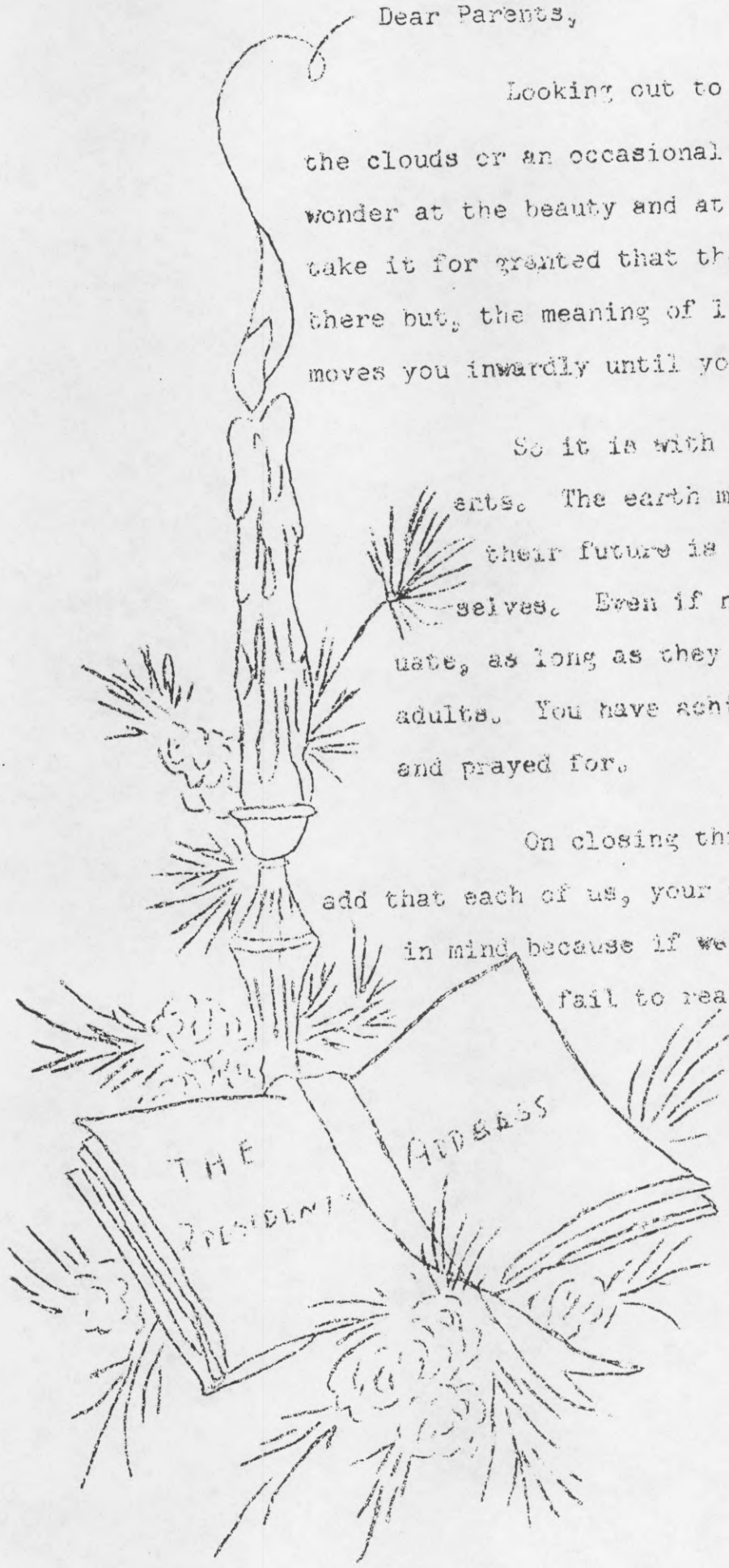
Roland Chaput, o.m.i.

Dear Parents,

Looking out to the blue sky and seeing the clouds or an occasional flock of birds makes you wonder at the beauty and at the meaning of life. You take it for granted that the beauty will always be there but, the meaning of life is something that moves you inwardly until you are at peace with it.

So it is with your children, dear parents. The earth makes them beautiful but their future is something out of themselves. Even if not all of them will graduate, as long as they grow up to be responsible adults. You have achieved what you have hoped and prayed for.

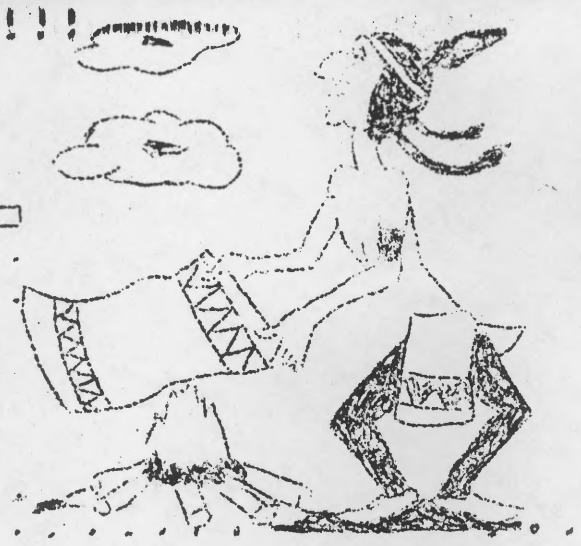
On closing this message, I would like to add that each of us, your children, must have a goal in mind because if we do not foresee, we will fail to realise what our elders are expecting of us.



MERRY X-MAS TO ALL!!!

Leonard McKay Sr.

GENERAL NEWS



GRADUATION - OFFICIAL OPENING OF GYM AND CHAPEL

On Saturday October 22nd at 5 p.m., the official opening and blessing of the Gym and Chapel began. The ribbon was cut by Mr. R.H. Connelly, Regional Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Manitoba and by the Honourable J.B.Carroll, Minister of Welfare for Manitoba. The key to the gym and chapel was presented to Father Chaput, our new principal and to Mr. J.B.Taubensee, the contractor. The gym and chapel were blessed by the Most Reverend G.B.Flahiff, Archbishop of Winnipeg.

After the lunch, the guests and visitors were guided around the school by the students.

The graduation exercises began at 7:30 with our national anthem. An invocation was said by Father Chaput. He was also asked to address the graduates. The graduates, Agnes Nanowin, Rita Nanowin, Edwin Bruyere, Richard Couchene, and Billy Flett, were introduced by the grade XII students. The parents message was given by Wilfred Rousseau, a former student of Assiniboia. Agnes Nanowin who was believed to have the highest average gave the Valedictory. During the exercises, songs were sung by the choir of Sandy Bay School and Assiniboia; certificates, rings, awards of merit, and school pins were presented to the graduates and other students by the guests. His Excellency, Archbishop Flahiff, who was the guest speaker, gave a very excellent speech.

There were other guests present, such as Bud Sherman, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South; Verna Kirkness; Mr. Slabodzian and our former principal, Father Robidoux.

The theme of Mr. Connelly's address may be summed up by the words: "The school is here to help you become what you want to be."

"We want you (Indians) to let us share your culture," said Mr. Carroll, "because it is so much better than the white man's."

NEW PRINCIPAL

This year we have a new principal, Father Roland Chaput. He has replaced Father Robidoux, who was principal since the school opened

in 1958. Father Robidoux worked very hard during the eight years he was principal of this school. "It was the greatest task of my life" he commented. He is now working at St. Norbert. There was a farewell party for him on September 16, with some members of his family and members of the staff.present.

Father Chaput said he did not intend to make changes in the school because, as he said,"the best way to run a school that is running smoothly is to let it run the way it is."

I WAS A PRISONER IN RED CHINA

Father Arden McGratt came to this school to talk to the students. He was accompanied by Mary Kennedy of the Legion of Mary. Father McGratt was once a prisoner of the Red Chinese. "The cell I was in wasn't any wider than my out stretched arms and about seven feet long. At no time could I close my eyes unless I was given explicit permission," he recalled. This is only one example of the atrocities committed by the communists that he related to us.

LONG WEEKENDS

To start the school year off, we had a long weekend which included Labour day, on that day we went to the Assiniboia Park to have some beans at the picnic.

Nearing the middle of October we had two long weekends with only two days of classes separating them. The first weekend was from Sat. Oct.8 to Monda · Oct.10, because Monday was Thanksgiving. The second long weekend , from Thursday Oct.13 to Sunday Oct.16, resulted from the Teacher's Conventions which started on Thursday. During this weekend the boys went camping to the west, six miles east of Portage La Prairie. It was sponsored by the Army. Army equipment such as tents, a truck, a bus, uniforms and frying pans, were used. The activities were organized by the boys themselves and everyone had a jolly good time.

"When you deserve to be praised, you are praised," Mr. Cardinal said while talking to the boys at the end of camp, "and during this camp you certainly showed me that you deserve praise."

The girls went on a picnic to St. Malo

General News Continued.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

On September 27, this school held for the first time a "Pep Rally" The school football team players were introduced one at a time by William Merasty. Each player ran around the gym. along a row made by the student body, while the students clapped, cheered and encouraged them. It was intended to rouse school spirit in the school. It worked.

On Sunday the boys and girls can eat together. This is a sort of an experiment and if it proves to be good, maybe, the boys and girls will be able to eat together everyday. The boys and girls are also able to mix in the chapel when going to mass. This is another new step for the school.

Another new activity we have this year is the selling of school sweat-shirts. These are all in one color, green. The front of these shirts have an Indian chief's head on it with "Assiniboia High" written around the head. They are sold at $2.50 per shirt.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Mr. Luc Marchildon, the former boys' supervisor is not with us this year. He is now the sports director at St. Pauls college. Mr. Toupin is taking his place and from the looks of things Mr. Toupin is capable of helping the boys.

Father Leroux, our former senior teacher is not with us this year. Mr. Leon Joubert is our new senior teacher. Father Chatelain is our new teacher who takes Father Leroux's place in teaching mathematics.

Another new figure is Mr. Joubert's nephew. He is taking Roger Robidoux's place in supervising the boys' study period during the evenings. He also acts as supervisor at times, especially on Friday nights.

OTHER ARTICLES

This year we have a school bus. This is the first time this school had a school bus. In the previous years we used to take taxis or a chartered bus to go places. The bus was first used on Dec. first when it took our Juvenile hockey team to St. Boniface College where we defeated them 3-0. Our new bus holds forty seats and is very capacious, our bus driver is Mr. Fillion.

Although this is a boarding school, this school keeps some day-scholars. These students go to the other schools of Tec-Voc, Daniel MacIntyre, And Gordon Bell. They sleep and do most of their activities, here, at the school and they go to classes to the other schools.

Christmas exams began on Tuesday, Nov. 29 for the grade ten's and eleven's. The grade twelve's began theirs the following Wednesday. All grades finished all their exams on Friday, Dec. 2nd.

Joe E. Wood

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On S..tember 12th, 1966, at 1:30 p.m., elections were held in the school cafeteria. The members of the Student Council were to be elected.

The senior teacher, Mr. Joubert, opened the meeting with a prayer and passed the ballots. The voting was done in silence which was maintained till the ballots were counted and the winners for the different positions were announced.

Leonard McKay, of Norway House, was elected. For first vice president was Robert Houle, William Merasty won the election for second vice-president, and Brenda Balfour for position of Secretary-Treasurer. Loretta Ironstand and Melvin Jourdain were elected "social directors". Lillian Mason and Clarence Nepinak won the position of "sports directors" Marilynne Fontaine and Cameron Wood won the majority of votes for "work-directors".

The elections were ended by 3:00 o'clock.

September 21, 1966: The first meeting of the Student Council was held in the cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the Initiation of the new members of the student body and the staff. The business was soon taken care of and the floor was opened for new-business.

Moses Okimow suggested and volunteered to organize a Pep Rally for the foot-ball players. All were in favor, September 23rd, Friday at 8:15 p.m.

September 26th, 1966: The object of the Student Council meeting was to prepare a schedule of M.A.M.I. meetings and socials till Christmas.

The next meeting was to be held on September 28th at 4:15 p.m.

September 28th, 1966: The Student Council again, met at the appointed time and place. The senior teacher, Mr. Joubert was present.

Some [illegible] events, Sadie Hawkins, Cadet Night and the Christmas Party were added to the schedule prepared on the 26th. The schedule was then completed.

Robert Houle brought up the matter of school sweaters. (con't)

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: (continued)

This would promote pride and school spirit. It was agreed that Robert investigate the matter.

The business of Student Fee was discussed. It was decided that in August, a circular stating a fee of two dollars would be sent to the students.

October 4th, 1966: At the Executive meeting it was decided that football games would be left out of the schedule which was prepared in September, because a schedule for the games was already established we decided that mail be sent out regularly and posted by the person who puts up the flag.

The student fee was divided into $1.50 for the Yearbook, and 50¢ for a student card. Two students were appointed to sell the student cards and the Yearbooks. The Yearbook is being sold on the "buy now, see later" plan.

October 20th, 1966: Our new principal, Father Chaput was present and the Executive was introduced to him.

Graduation was discussed and people appointed to prepare the Gym.

It was also decided that students would be free to stay in the Cafeteria for Sunday meals.

Robert Houle was granted permission to form his own committee concerning the school sweaters. Leonard McKay, Kathleen Scribe and William Berassy volunteered for the committee.

November 4th, 1966: The objective of the meeting was to discuss school sweaters.

Proof was given that action was taking place in the school-sweater committee. Samples of sweaters were shown and examined by the executive. Dark green was the color chosen, pluscar kalin lead to accompany the lettering on the front of the sweater.

It was discussed and decided that new student cards replace the old ones. The color is to be changed and a picture given to the student at the purchase of a card.

November 18th, 1966 Sister Cherette and Mr. Cardinal were present at the meeting.

Mr. Cardinal was given the floor and he stressed the fact that there are some boys and girls who exaggerate togetherness. He concluded that there is a time and a place for everything.

Sister Cherette was then given the floor and she asked for a solution to the problem of too much "togetherness. The student Council accepted the responsibility of finding a solution.

The solution decided upon was that a General Assembly be held and the students be given a general warning. If not needed, further action which would be a private interview would be taken.

The "trouble areas" were discovered to be the rinks, the yard, the gym, and the hallway at the school-block where there was too much loitering in the hallways.

"Under Night" was discussed and taken care of.

It was decided that "toboggons" for the proposed slide would be

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: (continued)

This wraps up the meetings that the Student Council Executive has had since the beginning of the school term, and gives you a good idea of what it is doing to better the school.

Merry Christmas

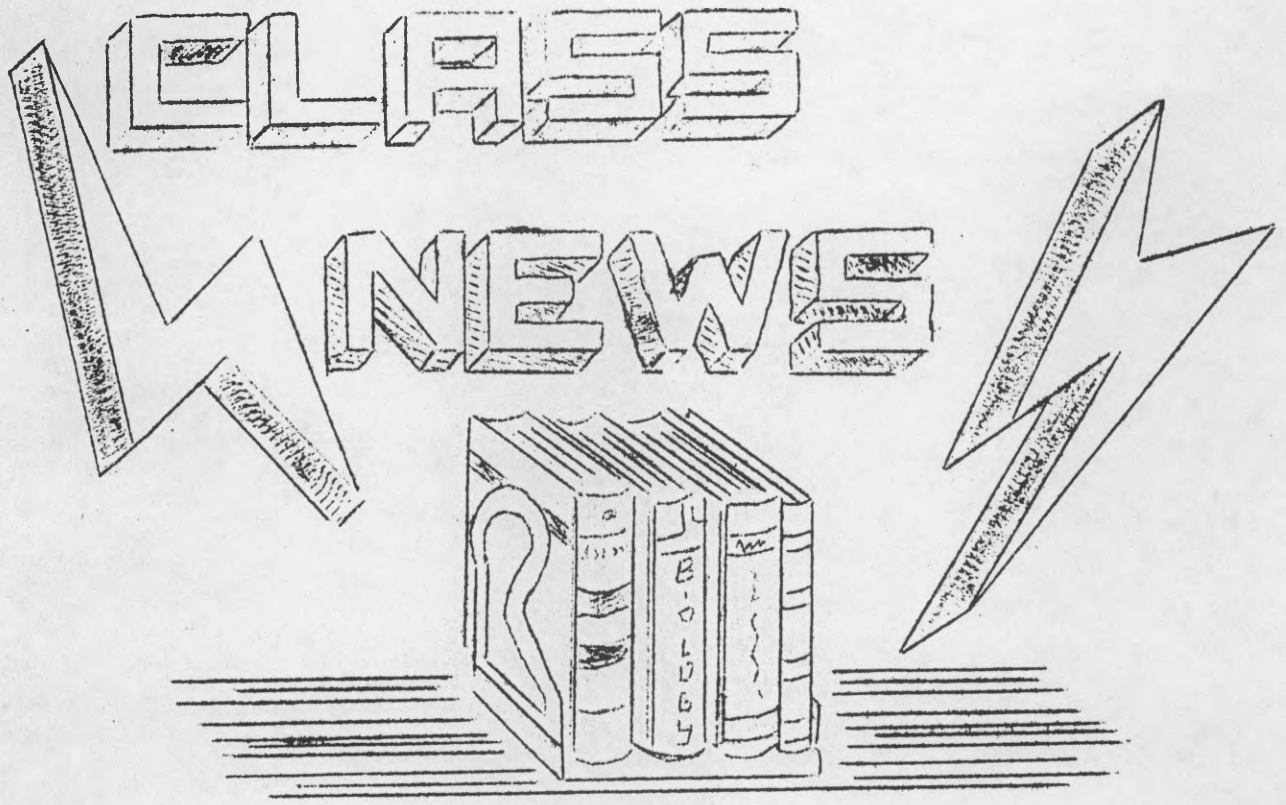
Eileen Nanowin

Today, silver flames of Grace from Heaven's dome
Kindled the spirits of Might to master.
Smothered, flaws were made unknown,
And dreams were roused up faster.

Yesterday, miseries had prevailed,
And every error seemed conceited.
Hopes for emancipation sailed,
But bondage of duties succeeded.

Now-yesterday's discontent is gone
And my soul soars on high,
And my heart sings a song,
Of the Manitou in the sky!

Brenda Balfour



GRADE 12

Once again another year is well on its way for the grade 12 class which consists of twenty-three students. Out of these twenty-three, twelve are taking the complete course. In our course we take five subjects; Chemistry, Biology, Maths, English, and French.

Our chemistry teacher Mr. Tartaryn has introduced us to the many divisions of chemistry. Up to now we have encountered such topics as "The Nature of Matter, Atoms, Chemical bonds, Stoichiometry and Gases." Although at times the lesson is difficult to grasp, it proves to be interesting and beneficial.

Mr. Joubert is our Biology teacher. So far we have taken "Diversity among animals", a belief that all the animals in a single phylum have evolved from a common ancestor. We have also covered digestion, transporation, respiration, excretion coordination in multicellular animals, animal support and locomotion.

In Maths this term we have looked into several sections which deal with algebra, trigonometry and logarithms.

In our English course we have already taken Pride and Prejudice, Juno and the Haycock, several essays and short stories and a few poems.

Sister Brisebois helps us in our French language which is extremely capricious. We have trained to conjugate such verbs as "craindre, vivie and pouvoir" in different terms and moods.

Several interesting events have occurred in our class this term. One of these events was the election of class president, when Delores Nanie was elected . Two days later we went to the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium to attend a solemn Mass commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversayy of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. On October 7, we were asked to be ushers and usherettes for the social that was held at the gymnasium, by the Indian Eskimo Association. Sunday evening Dec. 10 we had our

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banquet with Mr. Carlson Flett as guest speaker. Mr. Flett, a former student of Assiniboia is from Island Lake. He is presently working on Community Development.

A most unfortunate incident occurred on November 23. Our home-room teacher Sister Tougas fell and fractured her wrist while teaching in the Grade Eleven Girls classroom. Her accident caused the suspension of her classes for a week.

There is also a change in our religion class procedure. Last year the teacher used the lecture method. Now we have groups that are assigned certain subjects on which they research. Then they bring their findings to the whole class and we discuss their reports. One student from each group leads the discussion while our teacher, Father Chatelain listens and makes apporpiate comments. There are four groups in all. One group deals with Youth Problems, another with Indian Affairs, still another with Guidance and the last deals with Bible and Litargy.

I hope that this report has given you an idea of what we have been striving to accomplish during the first term.

Emma Jane Ross

GRADE ELEVEN GIRLS

Here is the latest on the activites of the grade eleven girls class.

First of all, we are all slowly pushing our way through a very complex world of Chemistry. Our teacher, Mr. Tartaryn, is a very good teacher but there is still a huge question mark hanging over our heads.

Sister Tougas teaches us English and Religion. In Literature we have had a bird's eyeview of the Shakespearean play "Macbeth" and we have completed "Huckleberry Finn". We are also trying to understand poetry. Unfortunately Sister had to leave us just before the exams due to the fractured wrist she attained when she met trouble in our class. We certainly admire her for she had the greatest ambition of returning to help us review but that was quite impossible. However she took up her duties again immediately after the examinations.

For Biology and Guidance we have the senior teacher, Mr. Joubert. He always informs us on interesting subjects.

We have one mixed period of French and typing. Miss Freynet a very patient teacher, is for French and the typists have Sister Brisbois, who is also our home room teacher. She also teaches us History. She shares with us her vast knowledge on explorers, fur-traders, the opening of the west and the steps leading to Democracy.

Brother Lavallee comes in once a school day and gets our voices to fill the room with music. Some of us are now trying our ability in composing a song.

Our top student for September and October is Shirley Beaulieu. She really sets up a good example of studying and many of us try to follow her footsteps. Good work Shirley! Now we are patiently awaiting the results of our exams and we all hope to proudly take home some pleasing reports to our parents.

GRADE 11 BOYS

Here is my first report to inform you readers about the activvties of the Grade 11 boys classroom. It is my pleasure to have the honor of bringing you up-to-date on our classroom events.

First of all, I would like to introduce to you our teachers. Mr Tartaryn specializes in Chemistry and Physics, and he is also our homeroom teacher. Father Chatelain instructs us in our Mathematics. In Literature, Composition, and Religion, Sister Tougas is our educator. Miss Freynet assumes the task of teaching us a second language, namely French. Sister Brisebois teaches History and Typing. Our Senior Teacher, Mr. Joubert, supplies us with guidance. He also teaches Biology.

At the beginning of the year, we had an election for class-president. The unanimous choice was Daniel Highway who proves himself to be efficient in his job. He reports all the meetings of the Student Council to our class of twenty-five men. Since the beginning of the year, we've lost only one student.

One thing which deserves special mention is the outcome of our October term tests. Gordon McKay, a classmate of ours ranked first place with an average of 74.8%. Ranking third was Joe E. Wood with an average of 72.3% To these fellow students we extend our congratulations.

With our Christmas exams finished it is my hope that the class of Grade 11 boys will succeed in passing the examinations.

Philip Mason

GRADE X REPORT

This year, I take great pleasure to report the grade X classroom activities for the Highlights of '66 and '67 and I certainly hope the news of our classroom will be of interest to you.

The school has seem many new faces this year. Many of the new students are in our class which has an enrolment of 32.

Since this is our first edition of this term, I wish to introduce our trachers to you.

Mr. Leon Joubert, Senior teacher, helps us solve our problems in Maths and teaches Health, Guidance and Indain History. This hard-working gentleman is also in charge of Drafting.

Mr. Tartaryn gradually imparts his knowledge of Science and Geography to us. He is probably saving some of it for the next seven months.

Miss Freynet has given evidence of her proficiency in teaching French and Literiture. She apparently finds amusement in reading our French compositions. Our latest book in Literiture, "English One Act Plays of Today" is a very interesting book.

Sister Tougas teaches us Religion. Her aim is to guide us and show us that living a good Catholic life is the greatest possession anyone could want.

Once every six school days, Mrs Anderson comes to our school to

Grade X Report Continued.

teach us Composition all Afternoon.

Mrs. Foran teaches our girls their course of Home Economics and all of us boys are having high hopes that at least half of the girls will succeed in becoming good cooks.

Brother Lavallee is teaching us our liturgical music which consists of hymns and songs for other services.

Sister Brisbois gives typing lessons to the students who are not taking French. She has many students, too.

Next in line comes our supervisor. Mr. John Cardinal, who is the Physical Education instructor for the boys and Miss Cecilia York handles the girls training.

On September 13, our classroom had an election in which we elected Campbell Hunter from Nelson House, as President of the class and Joe Malcolm of Sandy Bay, as our Vice-President. A girl from Oxford House, by the name of Eliza Grieves, received the classroom nod and won the secretary ship.

On Thurs. afternoon, December 8, we took another field trip this time to the Canada Packers' factory. There, we were guided by three commissionaires, who took us around the various rooms. We all saw the meat canned, Cattle being skinned and other interesting procedures. After our tour we were served some doughnuts and coffee. I Know that the students will agree with me that the field trip was educational as well as interesting.

On Friday afternoon, December 2, we visited the Winnipeg Art Gallery. We found the museum most interesting as there were many Indian relics preserved there. After our visit in the gallery, we were transferred to the St. Boniface Cathedral. The Cathedral is a very impressive building. We saw the different parts of the church including the room the dead bishops of the district are buried. We enjoyed ourselves very much and learned more about local history.

Matthew Mason

Grade Eleven Report Continued.

As president of the grade eleven girls class and on their behalf, I wish each and every one of you a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Kathy Scribe

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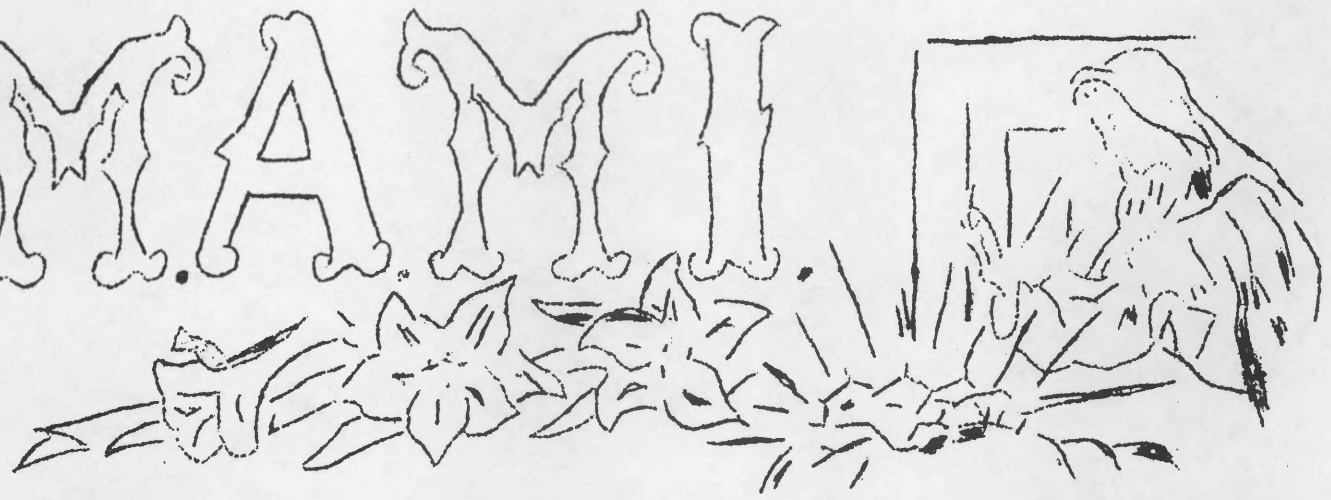

On November 13, 1966, the students assembled in the gymnasium for the first M.A.M.I meeting of the 66/67 school year. The president, Robert Houle, presided over the meeting. The structure of the meeting was the same as previous years. The heads of sections acted as Consultants whenever the opportunity arose.

The topic of the meeting was "Why Am I at Assiniboia?" and was prepared by the M.A.M.I. executive. A story, clearly illustrating the difficulties encountered by Indian students, today served as a handle. One of the questions that appeared in the questionnaire was, "What does Assiniboia mean to you in regard to reserve life and modern society?" The Consensus seemed to be that Assiniboia is a place of preparation, a stepping stone from reserve to modern society which on learns to adapt himself. Naturally, there was some dissention, namely, that Assiniboia does not adapt us to modern society; that we lose contact with the outside world. This, of course, was dismissed as unjustified because of the extracurricular activities and individual outings.

Another question was "Do you prefer Assiniboia or a public school?" The ones who preferred Assiniboia stated that they are at ease with the teachers and feel more free to talk and question. The students who preferred a public school, were those who attended one. And the reasons they gave were that the schools offered better facilities and teaching methods.

The second meeting took place November 29, 1966, The bulletin entitled, "What do Parents Mean To Us?", was prepared by Pauline Martin, Cameron Wood and their groups. Our former principal, Rev. C. Robidoux attended the meeting. His presence certainly revived some old memories.

You are about to read what the sons and daughters think of their parents. They thought that parents are everything. They are God's representatives and best laymen in the service of God. "They are our love, our hope and the foundation of our lives." Parents are always willing to help us and ready to impose untold sacrifices on themselves for the sake of their children.

These are the only two meetings we had so far and one more is scheduled for December 11. Our discussion will be about Christmas and we are hopefully looking forward to this meeting.

Moses Okimaw

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The following is a report of the main activities which have been sponsored by the Social Committee.

DEMONSTRATION

On September 18, all students gathered for our first get together of the new School year of 66-67. Dancing Lessons were demonstrated by the Senior students for the Junior High students. All the dancing steps shown, were easily learned by the new-comers. By the end of the evening everyone was moving to the lively music.

INITIATION

Our annual Initiation for all new students was held on Oct. 2nd. Each initiate had something most unusual to perform. For instance, measuring the gym floor with only one's thumb, feeding ice-cream blind-folded and looking for a coin in a pan of flour with one's hands behind one's back. The evening was very hilarious and was topped off by a very delicious lunch.

THREE-EVENT EVENING

Oct.8th. Because the gym was being used at the time, a three-event evening was organized. Two events took place in the cafeteria, dancing in one half of the room and card playing in the other half. The third event was bowling. In order that everyone have a chance at each event, the rotation system was used.

LONG WEEKEND MOVIES

During the long weekend, on Oct.10th a movie, "The Gladatiors" was shown to us. The next weekend the 18th, Another movie was given. The star was none other than Fabian, starring in "Hound Dog Man." Many thanks to the Authorities for getting the films.

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MASQUERADE

The night of Oct. 29th was the scene of our masquerade party, sponsored by Crest. The first half of the program was devoted to games, the second to dancing. During the dance prizes were given. Following the dance a lunch was served.

SADIE HAWKIN'S DANCE

Nov. 5- This was the boys' special night. The girls were completely under the boys' wishes. The boys had to do but one thing, that was to wear a corsage. The boys had fun ordering their dates around, especially during the lunch.

Social Director

Melvin Garnett Jourdain

Christ, My God

Christ, my God, You are so good,
You give me strength and joy;
You teach me right, you love me so,
watch over me till I go Home.

From far and near I see your works
They make me worship you;
The birds that sing, the flowers that bloom,
All show your love devine.

Oh keep me Lord, from now till then,
I want to be with you;
I pray to God, to be like you,
And join you when it's time.

Kathy Scribe
Age 16
Grade 11

GIRLS' SPORTS

Since the beginning of the year, we have been kept busy by one of our favorite activities, namely sports. As participation in sport is fundamental to our physical health, we have been encouraged to develop an interest in it, although it has been a favorite for most of us.

From the beginning of September to the present, we have had a chance to try our abilities in five different types of sports, soccer, volleyball, skating, basketball, and bowling.

Before the winter weather set in, soccer was our favorite pastime. Under the instructions of the boys' supervisor, Mr. J. Cardinal, we learned that there can be a variety of interesting games that can be played with the soccer ball. At every free-time, we had two teams challenging each other in one of the games they had picked.

When Soccerball season was over, we turned to volleyball. We had a volleyball team of nine girls, under the coaching of Cecilia York, to represent the school in the tournaments with other schools in town. Our team put in many hours of practice. The first tournament took place on November 5 at St. Mary's Academy. With high hopes, the girls left for a whole afternoon. They came back in the evening announcing that they came 4th out of seven teams. The second tournament took place on November 19 at M.B.C.I. in which our girls retained 4th place out of seven.

Now that winter is here, the girls are on their skates again. Every recreation they have, we see them whirling around the skating rink, stopping sometimes to do the fancy figure skating. They are unaware that they are being watched and selected for a drill which will be performed on our Annual Ice Carnival for 1967.

Besides skating, we have basketball and bowling which we practice for our Annual Tournaments. These tournaments are held in the spring. This leaves the girls sufficient time to give a

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finishing touch to their teams' abilities.

All these different activities we have in sports are performed by the seven teams of girls under the names of Shadows, Safaris, Senaritas, Roncettes, Vendettas, Clippers, and Rainbows. By switching around, every team gets a chance to compete with all the other teams in the different types of sports.

We are now anxiously waiting for our curling rink to be completed so as to have one more sport added to our list. We hope it will be ready when we come back from our holidays. It is a very interesting sport and I am quite sure that every girl will enjoy it.

To conclude, I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to inform you on the girls' sports activities in this school.

Lillian Mason

Today's topics: Psychologists believe that no person should keep too much to himself, and so does the tax collector.

Parents spend the first part of a child's life getting him to walk and talk, and the rest of his childhood getting him to sit down and shut up.

Autumn is the time when children go back to the little red school house and to the little read books.

Premier Alexei Kosygin of the Soviet Union stopped at Warsaw to meet with Polish leader Gomulka and other communist bloc heads.

HomeEc.

We are very delighted to inform you, from Assiniboia High, on the latest news in Home Economics. It is part of the Girls' course in Grade X. So it is our privilege to let you know about the latest happenings in the classes we have had.

Although we missed about two weeks of class, we are doing fine, and were very fortunate to acquire such a talented woman as Mrs. Foran to help us out in Home Economics.

First of all we would like to explain this course of Home Ec. to you. We are taught how to select foods as well as materials. We also learn how to prepare and cook foods. Concerning materials, the girls first study the weaving and learn from there how to cut and sew the pieces together. This part is important to most of us. In this class, we are divided into two groups. Half of the girls do the cooking and the other half do the sewing because there is not enough room in the kitchen. After Christmas the two groups will be exchanging places.

Since this is the first issue, we sincerely hope you engoyed reading the "Highlights" of Assiniboia. On behalf of the grade X, I send our best regards and with our best wishes.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Doreen McKay

BOY'S SPORTS

In Assiniboia, sports play a important part in the student's daily life. Since September we have participated mostly in football, volleyball and hockey.

In football this season we have played against the same teams as in previous years namely; Teulon, Stonewall and Warren. At the close of the season we finished third and had to go against second place Teulon in the semi-finals. Unfortunately we couldn't hold their offence back so we lost by a score of 30-18.

In intramural football we started our semi-finals on October the 25 with the Rams going against the Tigercats. The Rams won 12-6. On Oct. the 26th the Hilltops clashed with the Rods and were defeated 12-6. Two days later on Oct. 28th the Tigercats again met the Rams for a deciding game. The Tigercats overpowered the Rams 26-12. On the same day the Hilltops met the Rods and crushed them 20-0. This placed the Tigercats and the Hilltops as contenders in a sudden death final game for the 66' championship. After a hard-hitting game of four quarters the score was a tie, 19-19. With twenty minutes of overtime the Tigercats finally came up with a victory of 25-19. This gave them possession of the trophy and the title "Champs." Mr. Cardinal, our supervisor presented to Leonard McKay Sr. captain of the Tigercats the trophy signifying the Intramural Football Championship

Now that the football equipment is stored away we have set up three rinks and by November 10, we were already skating. Before we started any hockey we were first divided into the different teams of Junior "B", Juveniles and Midgets, according to our ability and age. The Junior B have already had one exhibition game against Sacred Heart which they won, and are scheduled for two more exhibition games.

The Juveniles have already started their schedule with two victories against St. Boniface College and the Juniorate.

The Midgets haven't had any games yet.

In volleyball, a team of ten boys were selected to represent Assiniboia and on the 19th of November they went to St. Paul's College to play in a tournament. After a hard day, they finished 3rd out of six

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teams with 10 points.

In Intramural volleyball we haven't finished our semi-finals yet but hope to do so this coming weekend.

This has been a brief rundown of the sports scene here at Assiniboia.

In closing, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

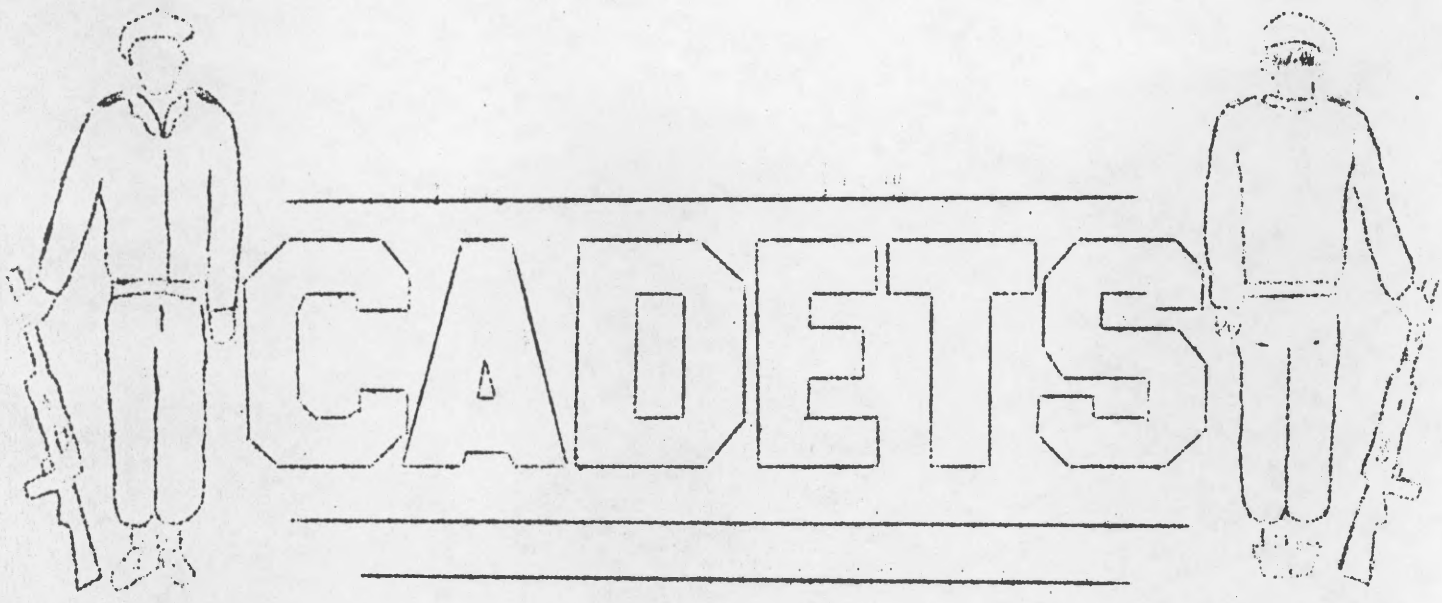
Clarence Nepinak

There are many Western shows running on television now that , according to Bob Hope, you can switch from channel to channel without interfering with the action. "The other night" he says, "I saw a cowboy dismount on channel 3, fire a shot on channel 5, drill a man on channel 6, jump on a horse on channel 9, by the time I got to channel 2 he was standing up in the audience on the Ed Sullivan Show taking a bow."

There was this man who was walking down the road one day, a car came along and knocked the daylight out of him. The poor man landed fifty feet away. On top of that the police charged him for leaving the scene of an accident.

Oh Man, Oh Women! The trouble with many women who read their husbands like books is that they feel they must furnish outsiders with reviews.

Funny when a girl's old enough for her parents to let her go out, she doesn't.



Every Saturday morning, the cadets march to the Fort Osborne Barracks, where they either go shooting or go through the drills. The first year cadets, learn the basic drills such as the turns at the halt and the march past. The second and third year cadets review all the drill that they have been taught in the previous years. After the drill session, the first year cadets attend lectures on first aid and the 303 rifle. In first aid, they are taught how to tie bandages and what to do after an accident has occurred. They are given lectures on how to strip and clean a rifle. They also learn the precautionary procedures of loading it. Lectures are given on the radio, also.

On October 14-15-16 the boys, mostly cadets, donned army attire and went camping at Norquay Beach. There were various activities such as a centennial project, hikes and a treasure hunt. The boys cooked or rather burned their own meals for a change.

Assiniboia School Auditorium was the scene of "Cadet Night", which was organized by the cadets. The evening was for the presentation of trophies and certificates to cadets who had made notable achievements during the cadet summer camp. Cadet Captain Alphius Wilson, on behalf of the Corps, accepted the Strathcona Shield, which was presented by Captain Wright. The shield is emblematic of the best cadet corps in Manitoba. The other trophy, for the best gymnastic display was presented to Raymond Mason, who w s leader of the gymnastic team. Joe E. Wood received the "Driver Mechanics Course" certificate. Danny Highway, Donnie Kematch and Lloyd Flett were awarded their "Cadet Leader certificates. Marcel Bittern, a new comer, who attended Clear Lake Cadet Camp was also given one for Junior Cadet Leader. The presentation were made by Rev. O. Robidoux, the former principal. These achievements certainly add to the prestige of Assiniboia.
Furthermore it is not the first time that our cadets have won these trophies and they certainly will strive to retain them.

Cadets (continued)

There is a possibility that a few cadets from our Corps will go to Expo 67 in Montreal, Quebec during the summer holidays. The conditions are that a cadet must complete his grade fully; understand drill commands in French and master the drills. We certainly hope, some of our own cadets will meet these requirements, and represent the school at Expo 67. Good Luck, boys.

Charles Nelson

The New Life

Up in the hills not far away
Is where I want to go and stay
For there we shall hear our men
Singing of a life we shall begin:
"The sun shall rise and shine its light
And Make our world so warm and bright,
The way of life shall be retold,
Our life is free from ills of cold;"

And this new life they told about
Would last forever in and out
When one man dies the other lives,
When one man loses the other gives.
What the old Indians had believed
Is now today, it's been retrieved
Our tribal love and our teepee
Shall glow today for you and me.

Matthew Mason

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Centennial Tour

I was one of the four thousand fortunate students from all parts of Canada to be selected as a participant in the 1966 Student Exchange Program, co-sponsored by the Manitoba Centennial Corporation and National Centennial Commission. Besides being a participant I was a representative of Assiniboia Indian Residential School.

I was assigned to Unit 69 leaving Winnipeg July 10th for Montreal in "la province de Quebec". The day before my departure, I met my escorts, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers from Kicepawa, and twenty-three other boys and girls who were to be my companions. At the meeting the exact time of departure and other details concerning the trip were forwarded to us. Among those present at the meeting were our parents. We were given our "Centennial Traveller" bags, tam o'shanters, and Red River Carts to give to our French parents in Montreal. We also had to pay a small fee of one dollar per student, to cover for Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Blanket Accidental Medical Reimbursement.

After a sleepless night because of my excitement my aunt and uncle drove me to the C.N.R. Station at six-thirty Sunday morning. As usual the train was late and while waiting for it, I started to know some of the boys and girls and found them to be very friendly. Being the only Indian in the group, I was at first lost but I soon got acquainted to them and looked forward to knowing them better. Finally the train arrived; since we were all in the same coach we got familiar with another quite quickly. An hour on the train broke the ice and soon we started singing and playing games.

Upon our arrival in Montreal at four fifteen in the afternoon (4:15) our escorts from "la province de Quebec" were awaiting. After an exchange of introductions and greetings my new French parents and Jean Yves Bisson, my billeting student took me to their six-room apartment. The funny thing about these apartments is that they have stairs outside-right down from the side walk. (There are no stairs inside).

After supper Johnny's (Jean Yves Bisson) brother, Jacques, and his sister, Ginette, took me for a ride in their convertable. We drove through the city of Westmount (a residential area) to get to the top of Mount Royal. From there, we had an excellent view of Montreal at night. I was awe-struck at the sight of the tall skyscrapers and super-highways in the heart of the city.

The following day, July 12th, Tuesday, Jean Yves and I joined the other students at a school in Christopher Columbus Street. First we visited "l'Ile Ste Helene" where Expo 67 is to be held. Unfortunately, none of the pavilions were completed. After that, we watched the locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway at work. The guide told us that the traffic is never stopped when ships are passing through the locks. There are two bridges, their names I forget, one would elevate a portion of the bridge and let the ships pass by, while the second one keeps the traffic going. When the ship is nearing the other bridge it operates like the first one, thus allowing the ship to pass by; the first one closes letting the traffic continue.

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Towards noon we were taken to the 'l'Oratoire Saint-Joseph du Mont-Royal' where we had a delicious lunch. After visiting the huge basilica we left for the Dorval International Airport - What a huge place! It is almost a city by itself. Being so near to the airport, we visited Air Canada's headquarters.

On July 14th, Wednesday, we left for Quebec City where we spent two days at a retreat house called Ville St. Vincent. After having had dinner at the new Laval University, my friend, Brian, and I played pool in the men's residence. Later in the afternoon, we visited the Art Gallery, Ste-Anne-de-Beaupre, Chateau Frontenac, Notre-Dame-des-Victories, and the St. Louis Gate. The latter forms part of the enclosing wall of a total length of a mile and a half, encircling the Old Quebec. Towards evening we witnessed the colourful ceremonies which was the retreat or tatoo (9 p.m.) by the Royal 22e Regiment at 'La Citadelle'. We did not see the changing of the guards because it is done in the morning. We were allowed to visit the Old Quebec where the streets are narrow and you find hundreds of painters with their paint brushes ready to paint any customer. The following day, we visited the Parliament Buildings; the guide showed us the two houses of the government and explained everything. You see Quebec is the only province in the Dominion that has a bicameral government. We were delighted at the sight of such beautiful art at the Quebec Museum. After a short ride on the ferry Louise-Jolict, to the city of Levis we visited the 'le Centre de biologie de la Province' where we had lunch and towards sundown we crossed the near-by Quebec Bridge and headed back for Montreal.

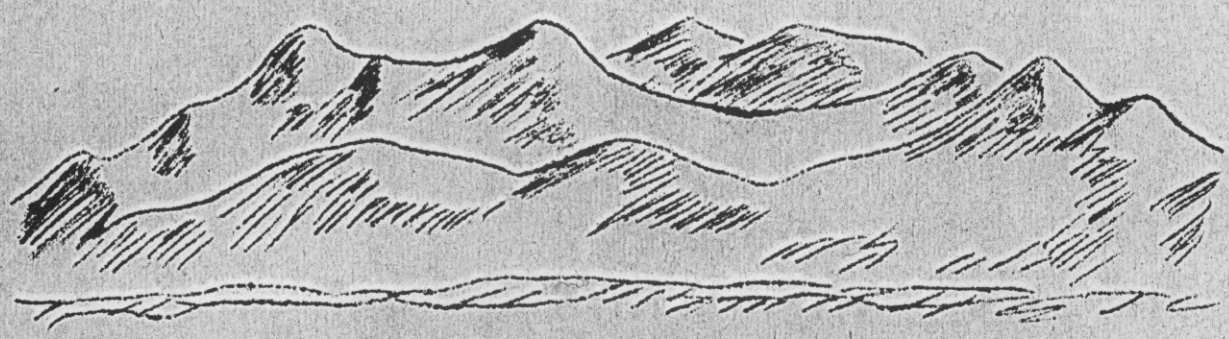
On Friday, July 15th, we visited Place des Arts, University of Montreal, Chateau Ramsey, the city hall and Place Ville Marie. The latter is much similar to Winnipeg's Polo Park, only it must be close to three times as large - and all underground! Right above this shopping centre are forty to forty-seven storey buildings such as the Royal Bank Building.

Nevertheless, Saturday and Sunday were left to us. The Sissons took me to Belmont Park Saturday night - an amusement park. We attended a dance there and I was spellbounded that most of songs sung by the band were in English. Then, on Sunday afternoon right after dinner, we went for a ride. We visited an Indian reserve, Caughnawaya, population of about seven thousand. I was surprised to find that the Indians there were quite advanced. It had paved roads; it had its own elementary and high schools; and it also had its own hospital and fire department. We visited the Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha which means 'Lily of the Mohawks'. Later, after talking to a few Indians I found out that most of them spoke English and French besides their native dialect which is Iroquois.

At last the final day of our centennial travel came to an end. It was hard to say 'adieu' to the friendly French students whom I had quickly learned to love and respect, also to my French (Cont't)

parents and most of all Jacques Yves Bisson! I have learned that the French Canadians are not like what you read about in the newspaper, but they are the warmest and most hospitable people one can ever meet. Also, being able to talk over the problems with French-Canadians has helped to eradicate many false illusions and ignorant ideas about "la province de Quebec". I now realize that the residents of Quebec are fellow Canadians; and for Canada to remain one happy nation, there is greater need for understanding between the people of different provinces.

However, our centennial voyage was not quite yet over for, on July 19th, we arrived in the nation's capital, Ottawa. We all agreed that our visit to Ottawa was too short though we were very fortunate to make a twelve hour stop. This allowed us to visit the Parliament Building and climb up the Peace Tower and observe the city from there. Also, at the Parliament Buildings we visited one of the most important rooms - the Confederation Hall where all the important meetings are held. We also had the opportunity to visit the National Art Gallery, City Hall, Rideau Canal, Ottawa University, Carlton University, Laurier's House, and Chateau Laurier where we swam for two hours in an indoor swimming pool. At 7:15 P.M. we said goodbye to our guides and headed for Winnipeg. Thus the end of the most memorable trip of my life came to an end, but the close friendship I had made with my companions will never come to an end.

In conclusion I can only say that words are insufficent to express my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Robidoux, Manitoba Centennial Corporation, National Centennial Commission, Department of Indian Affairs, and last but not least my beloved parents, for having let me have the opportunity of seeing part of our great country, Canada, and for having a wonderful summer.

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