

OBITUARY.

The grim reaper took away a bright and promising child from Mr. and Mrs. George Moorehead of this town when their little son Harry, 5 years old, passed away on Monday night. The sympathy of the community was demonstrated in the large procession of adults and school children which followed the remains. The address of Pastor Jensen at the Lutheran church where the funeral service was conducted was most appropriate and touching. This paper extends its condolences to the bereaved parents and children.

A CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moorehead beg to thank all friends and acquaintances who showed them sympathy and attention in their sad bereavement caused by the death of their little son Harry.

EDITORIAL.

The question involving Parade Ground and who have rights there and who haven't appears to have some people in a quandary. One side essays to claim that the Svitzers are the owners of Parade Ground while others are perfectly satisfied that it is the property of Saint Croix Colonial Treasury. It is fairly well agreed, however, that the land was acquired by this municipality by exchange with the earlier owners of Mt. Welcome who were allowed to retain grazing rights. It is also undisputed that the plot of ground was required by the government for military purposes and for this reason came to be officially termed *eksercerplads* (drill-ground). In all probability it suited the Danish government at the time to extend the grazing rights to the ex-owners since this was a means of keeping the turf in the right condition for the purpose the government wanted the land; this should not be lost sight of. For rolling years Parade Ground was used by the garrison for military exercises, by Mr. Svitzer for grazing, and the public for field sports, picnics, etc., and nobody ever considered it a favor that the public was allowed access to it since everybody was of the understanding, a logical one as it would appear, that the land was open to the public for the purpose it was being used. In recent years bickerings began to arise between the Svitzers and the public and people have been ordered off the ground when playing cricket which was the chief outdoor game prior to the American occupation. Sometimes the players have left the field and at other times Mr. Svitzer has been derided and nothing more

was heard of the matter. A suit instituted by Lawyer Lemming to preserve public right to Parade Ground was never carried out, the reason for dropping it not being made public. Since the American occupation the ground is no longer used for military purposes, the marines having used at one time, Est. Shoys, then Granard, and now Judith's Fancy the owners of these places being only too pleased to let the government have the use of land which is not otherwise disposed of. It is advanced that the Svitzers have the right to graze their stock on Parade Ground and the government to use the land for military drill, but that the land is not to be used for any other purposes. The question naturally arises as to who decides this. If the land is the property of the Colonial Treasury and not the Svitzers, they only having certain privileges there, then it is plain that it is not left to them to eject people off the land any more than the government. Besides, since the land is to be used for military purposes and grazing only, why are the marines allowed to play baseball there? This is a pertinent question we know; it may be answered in a local slang: "monkeys know what es to climb on; they never climb on sand-box trees". Furthermore, the right to graze any kind of stock on Parade Ground in its present condition is but a fallacy since there is nothing there to graze on, big patches being absolutely destitute of any growth whatever. Yet it is the few small boys who play football on this public piece of ground that must be driven off by the chivalrous watchmen of Mrs. Svitzer. We have read official correspondence on the subject dating back to January 1918 in which the American administration at that time took the position that the question should be settled by the court if the public were being being dispossessed of their right. The sooner this is done the better for all concerned. Why don't the Svitzers sue people for trespassing on Parade Ground? Each day numbers of people drive and walk over the ground going and returning from work? Why do they not wire it up? Of course we all know what a kindhearted, sympathetic man Mr. Svitzer was but we are hard to believe that he would have allowed his "private property" to lie open to public usurpation for the last forty years. The government will do the community a lasting favor to have this matter adjusted once for all. As for our part we have little doubt as to how such an issue will close.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Parima" from New York is due at St. Thomas this morning, and will sail for Frederiksted at 10 a. m.

What promises to be an exceptionally

entertaining programme is on for tonight at the Christiansted Theatre. The Wonder Man has been shown in St. Thomas with marked success; see advertisement with interesting summary of the drama on previous page.

The show at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday night was really a good one that should have had a full house. The theme of the drama was in harmony with the name, "Rent Free", and the two reel comic with which the evening closed created many a hearty laugh.

Would it not be a good idea to install a power-plant at Kingshill for supplying current to the government institutions there, the Poor Farm, the Police Station and the Telephone Central? It would be more convenient and safer than oil lamps, and the cost of maintenance would probably not be much more.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

St. John, April 14th.—That Mr. Lloyd George will probably visit Canada early in September, was the news given out this morning by Mr. McCarthy, controller of Toronto, who arrived here on the C. P. R. steamship Montclare.

Moscow, April 15th.—The trial of Archbishop Tikhon, former head of the all-Russian Church, on charges similar to those on which Archbishop Zepliak Monsignor Butchkavitch and other Catholic prelates were recently convicted, has been definitely fixed to begin on April 23rd. Commissioner of Justice Kurski has informed the Associated Press.

London, April 15th.—Enough tobacco to keep all the smokers in the United Kingdom supplied for several weeks was burned in a fire at the Port of London's bonded warehouse on the Victoria docks yesterday. It is estimated that some 6,000 tons were destroyed and huge quantities damaged. The monetary loss is not known, but the minimum estimate is 1,000,000 pounds.

Paris, April 15th.—Ireland succumbed to France yesterday in the last International rugby football game of the season, when the Frenchmen emerged victorious by the score of fourteen points to eight.

New York, April 15th.—The Government yesterday took two steps which reveal its course of action in its investigation of the high price of sugar. An agent of the Department of Justice visited the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange and invited several members to call on United States Attorney Hayward next Monday. By letter members were asked for detailed information regarding transactions from January to April 1st.

Rawal Pindi, B. I., April 15th.—Awakened at night by the howling of his dogs Major Ellis, temporary Commander at