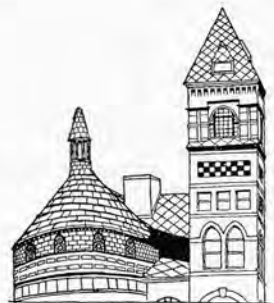


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COL. PERKINS AND FAMILY LEAVE SCHOOL

EVERYBODY AT INSTITUTION REGRETS DEPARTURE OF COMMANDANT

Col. Roy W. Perkins is no longer at St. John's School. Mrs. Perkins and he moved last week into a house at 128 E. Ellsworth Street, Salina. Their departure which was necessitated by the Colonel's breakdown in health caused great sorrow to all the members of St. John's School.

Col. Perkins has been connected with St. John's for many years. In 1916 he was here for three months carrying on outdoor military instruction. In 1921 he returned in capacity of quartermaster. Since 1922 he has been Commandant with the exception of the two years (1926 and 1927) he spent in Topeka as Assistant Adjutant General of Kansas.

Col. Perkins is a native Kansan, having been born in Lincoln, 34 miles northwest of Salina. At present he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (retired) in the National Guard and Reserve. During the World War Col. Perkins was gassed which was the cause of his failing health and ultimate breakdown.

CADET CORPS PARADES FOR GOV. WOODRING

During Governor Woodring's recent visit in Salina St. John's School had a part in receiving him and making his stay a pleasant one. The occasion of his visiting Salina was to participate in the Founder's Day exercises out at Wesleyan College.

The boys in the St. John's Bugle Corps were among the many hundreds at the station to meet the Executive and they marched in the parade which escorted him to town.

That afternoon the Battalion put on a parade for the Governor on the school parade grounds. Bishop Mize acted as host. Governor Woodring, State Chairman Guy Helvering of the Democratic Committee, Lt. Col. W. J. Cunningham, Major C. R. Cravens, Aide to the Governor, and Bishop Mize reviewed the companies in the parade.

LT. HOYNE TAKES OVER DUTIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Early this month when Col. Perkins decided to give up his position as Commandant of St. John's School, Lt. J. T. Hoyne of Salina was engaged to take over certain duties in the Military Department. Lt. Hoyne who has a commission of first lieutenant in the National Guard 130th Field Artillery and in the Reserve Officers Corps is a young man, only having left college a little over a year ago. He studied at college in Manhattan for the degree of Electrical Engineering. He is a native of Saline county, having finished his high school course in Bavaria, a town a very few miles from Salina.

Lt. Hoyne does not stay at St. John's but comes out to the school daily. His principal duties are taking charge of the drill period and giving instruction in target practice. He also will take the corps on its annual encampment next month.



LIEUT. COL. ROY W. PERKINS

A Farewell Message

To the Faculty and Cadet Corps of St. John's School:

With deep regret, I find it necessary to leave old St. John's. My associations and contacts with you all during my stay here have always been enjoyable and I shall always cherish their memory. I have rejoiced in the friendships and in the confidence we have had in each other. As we have lived so closely together, more like a large family than a school, we have become thoroughly acquainted with one another and formed undying attachments.

I have been happy during these years to be one with you in striving to carry on the fine traditions of the School. My great desire is to see this fine spirit maintained and carried on so that old St. John's may grow and become even more forceful in the lives of the present cadets and those who will come after them.

I shall always be interested in you and in what you are doing, but most of you I shall see next year when I am again able to be around, as I shall be a frequent visitor at the School.

It is my earnest hope that all of you who are undergraduates will return and bring others with you, thus demonstrating your loyalty to the school and your desire to have others share in the happy friendships we have found here.

For those who are graduating, my wish is that the same spirit which you have shown here will be carried away with you into college or into whatever business of life you may enter.

I wish you all a happy vacation and the fulfillment of all your ambitions.
ROY W. PERKINS.

INFORMAL DANCES HELD AFTER LENTEN SEASON

During the second week following Easter two delightful informal dances were held in the school dining room. The first was gotten up by the officers and seniors, and the second by the privates. No especial decorations were put up, though the electric lights were shaded by various colored tissue papers which gave a soft and dreamy effect. The music was furnished by a large victrola borrowed from the Jenkins Music Co. The member of the faculty chaperoned both occasions. Some of the faculty members preferred to play cards; others joined in the dancing.

The two affairs were such great successes that it is not unlikely that similar ones will be held frequently next year.

CHAPLAIN MIZE ENTERS ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

About Easter time Chaplain Mize entered St. John's Hospital for a number of weeks. He had had an attack of the "flu" which left a bad cough. The doctor decided absolute rest and care was necessary to get him back to normal.

Bishop Mize conducted the Chaplain's classes for a few days, but feeling that he could not do justice to them on account of his many other duties, he hired Mr. John Barker, of Salina, to act as substitute. Mr. Barker formerly was connected with St. John's and his return was welcome to all the old boys who knew him.

Chaplain Mize is now much better. However, it is not unlikely that Mr. Barker will remain at St. John's for the rest of the year.

CAMP TO START EARLY PART OF NEXT MONTH

LASTS TWO WEEKS; CORPS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO OUTDOOR LIFE

Hurrah for the old swimmin' hole and life in the open! Only a few more days—the first week in May to be exact—and the entire cadet corps will go on a two weeks encampment about twenty miles west of Salina. For a few days the boys will forget school books and will receive instruction in problems dealing with the military. Of course there will be many good times on the side—such as hiking, swimming and playing games.

The camp site this year is a new one and is known as Camp Arcola. It is not far from the town of Brookville and is on the property of a Mr. W. P. Waggoner. It has been used in the past as a camping place by many different organizations. There is a little lake fed by spring water in which the boys may swim. A substantial wooden building stands not far away which will serve as a kitchen and mess hall.

While in camp the cadets will be instructed in firing on the range. The National Rifle Association, of which St. John's is a member presents insignia of rifle qualification to everyone qualifying as Expert Rifleman, Sharpshooter, or Marksman.

SPECIAL PLANS MADE FOR COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement activities for 1931 will prove to be most colorful. They start Friday, May 22 and end Monday, May 25.

At 9 a. m. on the first day comes the annual Army-Navy track meet. That evening at 5 o'clock there will be the ceremony of Formal Guard Mount.

At 2 p. m. on May 23 Military Field Day exercises are held and that night at 9 o'clock comes the Senior Dance in the gymnasium.

On Sunday, May 24 at eleven o'clock the graduation exercises will be held in Christ Cathedral at which time the Commencement sermon will be delivered and diplomas will be presented. At 3:30 that afternoon on the parade grounds will be the competitive drill in manual of arms, buglers' contest, presentation of commissions and warrants, and last of all Battalion parade.

At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 25th athletic trophies and medals will be given out. At noon the Alumni Luncheon will take place in the gymnasium at which time the cups and scholastic prizes will be awarded. At 2 p. m. there is a final formation when the colors are lowered.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT TO COME FIRST OF JUNE

The Trustees of the School have made announcement of the election of the Rev. Jerome L. Fritsche of Denver, Colorado, as superintendent of St. John's School. Capt. Fritsche has had military experience and was overseas in the World War. He is a graduate in medicine and theology and has had much experience in management. He will take up his duties June 1. The next issue of the Skirmisher will make an extended statement regarding the new superintendent.

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THE HOME STRETCH

All things come to an end, and the end is in sight. Most of the school year is gone, and we are on the home stretch.

Spring is really here. The grass is green, the trees are coming out of their winter coats, and nest building is the order of the day. There seems to be a happy atmosphere all around. It must be the call of the woods and fishing time. We are all anxious to run away from school and get as close as we can to nature itself.

The old campus has taken on a decided appearance of work. All of us are getting busier and busier as times flies by. Everyone is looking forward to the spring encampment and finds it hard to apply himself.

School work is piling up and the instructors are "pouring" it on. So much has to be done in so short a time. Let us stretch every nerve, use every flying minute to the best advantage, and do our level best no matter what the circumstances may be.

We hope that when the last examinations have been taken, the last military duties performed, and all equipment has been turned in and checked, we shall be able to say with that soldier of another age:

"We have fought a good fight
We have finished the course
We have kept the faith."

COLONEL PERKINS

Announcement must be made of the retirement of Col. Perkins as Commandant of St. John's. Such an announcement is more than a formal statement. Back of it lies stirrings of the heart and keen regret.

First of all is the regret for the physical disability which has made it necessary, a disability which had its origin during his service in France and now recurrent because of too strenuous duties as Commandant and Assistant Superintendent of St. John's. As he gave himself to his Country so he gave himself in unselfish service to the School. He has always been willing to serve beyond his strength and to his own harm. As a period of rest following the World War brought restoration of health, so we hopefully believe another like period of rest will accomplish a like result.

With one accord, trustees, faculty and cadets, regret the great loss to the School which will follow the withdrawal of Col. Perkins from its life and work. He has given himself body, mind and soul to the inner life of the School and has worked enthusiastically and effectively in every department for its welfare. He has been a forceful commandant, a skillful manager, a pleasant companion from whom all who are at St. John's part with a deep sense of loss.

As Col. Perkins will make his home in Salina, his helpful advice will still be available, and with returning strength

his presence among us will bring its helpful influence.

We give him up unwillingly, but with the hope that it means the opportunity for restored strength. More than our own wish for the welfare of the School we wish for him long years of health and happiness.

Nor do we easily give up Mrs. Perkins from our immediate companionship. She has always been a gracious hostess who has made the Commandant's quarters a pleasant place of refuge.

Both Colonel and Mrs. Perkins go from us with our affectionate regard and with our deep appreciation of the fellowship we have had together and the good things they have done for the School. We shall continue to think of them as part of our St. John's family and we feel assured they will not forget us.

R. H. MIZE.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. S. E. Yeomans of Ottumwa, Iowa, was here the first week in April visiting her daughter Miss Elizabeth Yeomans.

While Col. Perkins was in the St. John's Hospital, the cadet corps took up a collection and sent him some beautiful flowers and a large basket of fruit.

Chester and Charlie, two of the school janitors, were in quite a serious automobile accident the other day. They were in the school truck, and Chester was driving. In order to avoid hitting some pedestrians he ran the truck into a telephone post. Charlie was in bed several days and still has some bad cuts and bruises on his body. The school truck is still in the repair shop.

Cadet Moore's father, Mr. Fred Moore, of Augusta, Kansas, was a recent visitor on the campus.

Five of the cadets—Schweiger, Plunkett, Tallchief II, Trees, and Bolte II—had the distinction of taking part in a play out at Wesleyan the night of April 9. All the boys had to do was to walk across the stage while some old lady dozed in an armchair by the fireside. Evidently they were supposed to represent a memory coming into her mind of the days of long ago. Just whether the St. John's boys were supposed to be the old lady's sons, brothers, or former sweethearts is a matter which was not clear to them nor to anyone else to whom they related the experience.

Mrs. Patterson of Winfield and Miss Kate Patterson of Scott City spent the week-end of April 19 with Cadet Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boone of Emporia were recent visitors to Cadet McCarty.

The Junior School gave a grade holiday early this month to the boys who had received a grade of 85 or over during the month of March. In Capt Parks' room the fortunate boys were Tallchief I, Tallchief II, Tinch, Grey, Bossmeyer, Parker, Leaf, Bolte II, and Allen. In Miss Yeomans' room the boys were Robinson, Tallchief III, and Irwin II.

Cadet Todhunter's mother, father, sisters, and grandmother of Denver, spent Easter in Salina.

William Conger of Denver recently enrolled in the Junior School.

Miss Margaret Mize of Kansas University spent Easter with her father Bishop Mize.

Miss Dorothy Perkins of Christian College, Columbia, Mo., spent Easter with her parents Col. and Mrs. Roy W. Perkins.



Coyle I (writing home): How do you spell "financially?"

Green: F-i-n-a-n-c-i-a-l-l-y, and there are two R's in "embarrassed."

Capt. Brown: "This is the third time you've looked at Marshall's paper."

David I: "Yes, sir, he doesn't write very plainly."

Firstenberger: "Ah, it certainly does seem good to be dancing."

Virginia: "Yes, I suppose there's nothing like the feel of a good toe under your foot again."

Capt. Simpson: "I wasn't going forty miles an hour, nor thirty, nor even twenty."

Judge: "Here, steady now, or you'll be backing into something!"

It (over the phone): "... and I'd love to go to that game with you."

Bagnall: "Sorry, sweetheart, you'll have to make me a better offer. I know three other girls willing to do just as much."

Riley: "My big sister's got two doctors!"

Grey: "Huh, mine's got two lawyers."

Riley: "My big sister's gonna have an operation."

Grey: "Mine's gonna have a separation."

Actor: "My kingdom, my kingdom for a horse!"

Bivens (from the gallery): "Will a jack-ass do?"

Actor: "Sure, come right down."

The seniors have taken up playing marbles with the junior school boys and we wonder what will become of them when they get to college where marbles are not played.

Green: "Her niece is rather good looking, eh?"

Coyle I: "Don't say 'knees is,' say 'knees are'."

Wead has been receiving many mysterious letters. Ask him whom they are from.

Stranger: "Tell me, were any big men ever born in this city?"

Native: "Nope, only babies."

Have you heard the one about the Scotchman who crowned his wife because she rinsed out his shaving brush?

Ross: "What keeps the moon from falling?"

Mills: "It must be the beams."

Robinson: Hey, why do ducks and geese fly north in the springtime?

Noland II: Because it is too far for them to walk.

Cater: "I wonder why it is that fat men are always good-natured?"

Scott: "Probably because it takes them so long to get mad clear through."

We regret to announce that the boxing match arranged for today has been cancelled, as the two fighters have had a disagreement.

Bivens: "You know, I'm funny—always throw myself into anything I undertake."

Pretty Girl: "How splendid! Why don't you dig a well?"

Vandervelde: Why don't you try reducing, Fat?

VanCleve: How?

Vandervelde: You could try horse-back riding.

VanCleve: That won't work. It's me that needs reducing and not the horse.

Lloyd: "I wish to ask you a question concerning a great tragedy."

Mr. Barker: "Well?"

Lloyd: "What is my Spanish grade?"

Snair: "Are you the man that cut my hair last?"

Barber: "I don't think so, sir. I've only been here six months."

Skeff: "I've a notion to settle down and go in for raising chickens."

Wead: "Better try owls. Their hours would suit you better."

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ST. JOHN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP GIVES MINSTREL

The minstrel show put on April 8 by the St. John's Boy Scout Troop was a great success. For weeks the boys had been rehearsing and putting all that was in them into their work. The show was divided into the customary three parts—the circle with the interlocutor, end men, and chorus; the olio; and the afterpiece.

Tincher as interlocutor conducted himself very creditably. The eight black faced end men gave their jokes in a snappy manner, and the songs rendered by the end men and the chorus were melodious and catchy. The setting for the first part was of an oriental type. All the actors were clad in silk bloomers, and the members of the chorus in addition wore brocaded jackets, sashes, and flowing head gear. The end men wore white shirts upon which large ruffed collars had been attached. Wigs covered their heads, and in their hands they carried canes. The stage setting was gorgeous with a background of silver with gold fringes. Red velvet covered the chairs.

The olio consisted of two numbers—an accordion solo by Cadet Clark and a tap dance by Cadet Leaf.

The after piece—a farce comedy called "The Haunted House"—was presented most creditably. Galloway as the frightened negro boy and Austin and Todhunter as the two detectives did some fine acting.

The Scoutmaster and members of the troop owe special thanks to Mr. La Velle F. Hicks who directed the musical numbers and furnished the costumes and decorations, Prof. Ralph W. Reitz, who assisted with the chorus work, Capt. Simpson, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Jones who helped set up the stage and on the night of the show helped make up the boys, Miss Birchenough and Miss Yeomans who made the costumes for the farce, and Capt. and Mrs. Poggeman for many services.

The show was repeated on the evening of April 9 before the De Molays in the Masonic Temple.

BISHOP MIZE PERFORMS MARRIAGE IN CHAPEL

One evening two weeks ago several of the cadets had the pleasure of seeing Bishop Mize officiate at a marriage in the school chapel. Chaplain Mize was supposed to perform the ceremony, but on account of his illness the Bishop took his place. The bride and groom were old friends of the Bishop, the latter having been in the Bishop's Sunday School class when he was Rector of a church in Kansas City.

The cadets were interested onlookers, and perhaps the thoughts arose in their minds that they might some day be in a situation similar to that of the groom.

Not all the cadets were in chapel. A few were outside painting on the young couple's car the words "Just Married" and tying old shoes to the rear fenders. When the bride and groom left the school grounds, they were given a royal send off.

ST. JOHN'S TO ENTER STATE MUSIC CONTEST

In the State Music Contest to be held in Hays in the very near future St. John's School will be well represented. On April 30 Prof. Reitz expects to enter Cadet Hight in a tenor solo and Cadet Phillips in a baritone solo. Hight's song is "If I Were a Rose" and Phillips' song is "At the Close of Another Day."

On May 2 the St. John's Glee Club will sing at Hays the number "Indian Dawn."

CADETS TAKE KANSAS EVERY PUPIL TESTS

St. John's School participated again this year in the Every Pupil Scholarship Contest sponsored by the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia. The tests were held on March 25, and the tests here at St. John's covered all terms of English, Physics, Chemistry, American History, first and second years of Latin, and first and second years of Spanish.

Last year over 850,000 pupils in 41 different states took part in similar tests of this kind. The fundamental purpose of the tests according to the Kansas State Teachers College is the promotion of scholarship. They are a wholesome agency for stimulating scholastic endeavor on the part of the pupils. They stimulate good teaching as well as the application to better learning. They vitalize education and make school more worthwhile in the lives of the pupils.

Each of the St. John's teachers supervised his own tests. The results were forwarded to Emporia and a summary report on the contest later will be issued by that institution. From the summary the achievement of each pupil and of each class may be compared with the achievement of other schools both in this state and in others.

The highest scores were made by the following: English 9, Michelson; English 10, Boatright; English 11, Lindley, and McClure; English 12, Cater; Algebra 1, Van Cleve; Plane Geometry, Boatright; Physics, Phillips and Cater; Chemistry, Davlin; U. S. History, Radetsky; Latin 1, Todhunter; Latin 2, Boatright; Spanish 1 and 2, Marshall.

CANTATA TO BE GIVEN DURING MUSIC WEEK

Prof. Reitz says that the cantata "The Mound Builders" is coming along nicely and that he expects to give it on the evening of April 27 in Memorial Hall during music week. The eighteen members of the St. John's Glee Club together with eighteen Salina young ladies have been working on this production for the past few weeks.

The cantata which has an Indian theme interprets many moods of the aboriginal people. It is not unlikely that the production will be given in the St. John's gymnasium an evening or two prior to its presentation down town.

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SPORTS

NAVY DEFEATS ARMY IN BASKETBALL GAMES

In the Army and Navy basketball tournament the Navy met only one defeat. Captain Green showed some very good coaching with his fine material. Captain Bivens lacked the usual good material, but coached his teams to the best of advantage.

The first class game was very exciting the entire period, the Army leading the first half 11-9. During the third and fourth periods the Navy players took the lead except for a tie in the last thirty seconds of the game at 16 all. Due to Marshall's lucky field goal the Army was nosed out to the tune of 18-16.

The second class game was an overwhelming victory for the Army. The Navy was unable to stop the fast floor work and shots of Arman and Wead. The game was forfeited at the half by the Navy and the score remained 26-1.

The third class game was a spectacular affair. The Army led by a score of 6-5 at the half. The game was very close, although the Army was leading the scoring up until the last minute of play when Patterson dropped in the winning basket making the score 9-8 in the Navy's favor.

The fourth class game which produced more interest than any other due to the size of the teams showed great prospects for the future athletic teams at school. The Navy was the winner by a score of 7-0.

JUNIOR TRACK TEAM DEFEATED BY SALINA

The Salina Junior Hi track squad rolled up an easy victory over St. John's Juniors sweeping ten successive firsts to win 77½ to 8½ and making clean sweeps in four of the events. The meet was held on April 17 on the Wesleyan Athletic Field.

Boatright got the highest rating for St. John's all day with a second in the quarter-mile run.

The Results

Low Hurdles—Won by Cannon, Salina; Templin, Salina, second; Weed, St. John's, third. Time 15.4 seconds.

High Jump—Won by Buell, Salina; Corlin, Salina, Altman, Salina, Plunket, St. John's and Tincher, St. John's, tied for second.

Shot Put—Won by Buell, Salina; Doud, Salina, second; Skeff, St. John's, third. Distance, 42 feet, 8½ inches.

440-yard Dash—Won by Kathary, Salina; Boatright, St. John's, second; Mills, St. John's, third. Time, 64 seconds.

100-yard Dash—Won by Doud, Salina; Meadows, Salina, second; Scroggins, Salina, third. Time, 11.6 seconds.

Pole Vault—Won by Kathary, Salina; Corlin, Salina, second; McCall, Salina and Plunket, St. John's, tied for third. Height 9 feet 10 inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Buell, Salina; Corlin, Salina, second; Cost, Salina, third. Distance, 18 feet 3¾ inches.

220-yard Dash—Won by Doud, Salina; Meadows, Salina, second; Scroggins, Salina, third. Time, 27.4 seconds.

50-yard Dash—Won by Cannon, Salina; Wilson, Salina, second; McCall, Salina, third. Time 6.5 seconds.

440-yard Relay—Won by Salina (Scroggins, Meadows, Cannon, Doud). Time, 49 seconds.

SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS ARE IN FINE SHAPE

The tennis courts are in fine condition for use. Some of the cadets have given a great deal of their time to work on them. The nets are practically new and the court equipment is in good condition. A tennis tournament is being played in order to get the cadets interested in the game. There will be two prizes awarded at

Commencement, for the first and second places. After camp is over an Army and Navy tournament will be played.

ELEVEN BOYS CONFIRMED AT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

The service held in Christ Cathedral on Palm Sunday evening was a most beautiful one at which time Bishop Mize administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. There was a full choir which rendered sweet music.

The Confirmation service itself was most impressive. Dean Strong and Chaplain Mize stood on either side of the Bishop's chair and each presented his candidates who knelt before the Bishop in turn and received the great spiritual blessing.

The St. John's cadets who were confirmed were Bolte I, Bolte II, Leaf, Tallchief I, Allen, McLeod, Galloway, Smith, Keraus, Norcross, and Richards.

In his sermon which was especially addressed to the candidates Bishop Mize emphasized the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SEVERAL BOYS ATTEND PLAY AT MARYMOUNT

The juniors and seniors of St. John's were invited to Marymount College, Thursday night, April 16, to see a play given by the students of St. Mary's College, St. Marys, Kansas. The play was a farce entitled "The Whole Town's Talking." The outstanding players were: Henry Simmons, played by Paul Johnson; Harriet Simmons, his wife, played by Winifred Mithner; Chester Binney, played by Frank E. Smith; and Donald Swift, played by Frank Staat. The theme of the play was centered upon the fact that things travel fast in a small town, especially if they are personal. A very large crowd attended the production.

TARGET PRACTICE HELD ON NEW RIFLE RANGE

The basement under the barracks has recently been made into a rifle range. Lieut. Hoyne is in charge of the target practice.

A group of four boys shoots each afternoon after school and contests are now being carried on. The range is rather short, being only about thirty-five feet long. New 22 caliber rifles were obtained to be used on the range.

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ST. JOHN'S GYMNASIUM IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

On the evening of April 6th a fire broke out in the school gymnasium. The exact cause was not determined, but it is believed that the furnace in the basement of the building got too warm and ignited a mat which was lying close to the register.

Only by the prompt action of a lady residing nearby was the fire checked, as she immediately called the fire department when she noticed smoke pouring out of the outer entrance to the basement. It happened when everyone was in the dining room eating and most of the cadets did not know of the fire until after dinner.

The fire department arrived promptly and put out the blaze before much damage had been done. Only a big hole in the north of the gym and a small place on the lower wall resulted from the disaster.

The next morning carpenters were busy doing repair work and finished on the

following day. The damage was covered by insurance.

CAPT. SIMPSON ACTIVE IN PLANTING FLOWERS

"The Man with the Hoe!" This is a famous poem dear to the hearts of many people. It is also the title of a famous painting by Millet. But Edwin Markham, the author, and Millet, the painter, have not a monopoly on this title. St. John's School can boast of a man with a hoe, who is none other than Capt. Simpson.

Within the past few weeks Capt. Simpson has turned gardener. After school he often may be seen usually with several helpers, hoeing up the soil and planting seeds and bulbs. The circumference of the "bullring" (where the cadets walk off their demerits) and along the sides of the main building are the places where most of the planting has been done.

Before long tiny plants will be shooting forth soon to be followed by myriads of flowers. St. John's will indeed be amid regions beautiful.

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