Tete Morne In The News

MONDAY the 2nd instant was a red-letter-day for the inhabitants of Tete Morne when a great event in the history of Education took place—the opening of a school in the village.

At 9 a.m. the Education Officer accompanied by the Inspector of Schools, Mr. S.J. Lewis, arrived on the school premises; they were met by a large number of adults and school children.

The beautifully decorated arch which was put up at the junction of the road leading to the school and the public road was lovely to behold. Appropriate floral decorations added gaiety to the school building.

At 10.45 a.m. the programme for the day was set a-rolling when the parish priest performed the blessing ceremony.

Immediately after, the Hon. R. P. St. Luce opened the building, and declared to all that the Tete Morne school was publicly opened.

The children numbering 238 then entered the building while the adults remained outside. The Education officer addressed them on the advantages they would derive out of their new school. The children, save those for Stds. V - VI and VII then left the building in order to make room for the adults.

The Hon. R. P. St. Luce took the chair and said among other things how the people had been asking for a school, and they got it. He pointed out to them that failure on their part to send their children to school regularly, would render the school very little worth to them.

Rev. Father Joussemet then addressed the gathering in well chosen words quite befitting to the occasion.

Mr. Joseph Alexander, owner of the school building, who for this reason got many honours for the day, was the next to address the house. He surprised many with the very ably way in which his address was delivered.

Then came six speakers from the floor, something very rare in many a remote village. It is interesting to note that among them was a lady.

Mr. P.E. George who is in charge of the school and a native of Tete Morne, then spoke, and in his speech he appealed to the parents for their support and co-operation, and promised to do his best for the educational and social well-being of his native village.

The Inspector of Schools also said a few words. In his address he told the people he could see the justification for a school in their village owing to the large number of school children there.

Our popular Education Officer was the last to address the people. He said in this island there is more often than not a delay over matters which many people feel ought not to have been delayed. He also said that there exists a general feeling that conditions which were good fifty years ago are still good. He rejoiced with the people for their new school because of the difficulties their children had to face.

The National Anthem was then sung and after a few drinks were served to the people, many left for their homes to entertain friends.

The Education Officer and the Inspector of Schools were entertained at the teacher's home where they spent many hours, after which they said cheerio to Tete Morne.

May God bless the new school.

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News in Brief

AS Mr. C. G. Phillip, who has been for many years the live-wire of social recreations and amusements, has resigned the Chairmanship of the Carnival Improvement Committee, it was expected that the whole Carnival improvement scheme would collapse. But this was not to be so: Another Committee has been formed to tread in the wake of the old one Unfortunately, it has seen the light altogether too late to make suitable preparation and, in particular, to collect funds towards the prizes they intend to award.

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THAT is what a contributor to the CHRONICLE criticised in connection with a former Carnival. Said the writer: "The Carnival Improvement Committee has no time to improve the Carnival, if they work things on a spontaneous basis at the last moment. They ought to sit and plan the whole show as it ought to come off, otherwise things will plan themselves and fiasco-ishly."

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THE contributor continues: "To improve Carnival one might suggest more costumes with a historical and, if possible, an international touch, a real calypso contest and a Colony-wide interest in the show to be staged. The preparation for Carnival would require some deliberation, some planning, some training, some thinking, for the pur... it an educational... national outlook.

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