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THE PASSING AND CONSOLING OF OUR KING

God, our gracious King has taken The day is done, and the darkness Falls from the wings of night, He will awake no more, Oh, never more!

With life so filled, that when His summons came to join The innumerable caravan, which moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death.

Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch With an unfaltering trust, approach his grave From earth unto a high estate; where Soul of man is cast "From grief and groan, to a golden throne, by the King of Heaven." —Edwin H. Clark, Fredericton.

Prof. Abell on Art

Prof. Walter Abell, M.A., head of the art department of Acadia University at Wolfville, N.S., and resident of the Maritime Art Association, spoke Saturday evening at the Normal School auditorium, his lecture dealing with the appreciation of art. Prof. Abell is making a lecture tour of the Dominion under the auspices of the Canadian National Gallery as part of its educational program, with the purpose of stimulating art in Canada.

Prof. Abell opened his address with the remark that the dead arts do not receive the popularity in Canada that the living arts get. The speaker then proceeded to outline some of the difficulties attendant to the study and appreciation of art. The average person cannot take in the full beauties of an object of art because he does not know what the artist is trying to represent. He does, however, enjoy seeing a group of objects arranged neatly and harmoniously better than if they were merely a haphazard collection.

Illustrations of the architecture of the Gothic age were then shown on the silver screen the important points of each edifice explained by the lecturer.

The second half of Prof. Abell's address was a continuation of the showing of pictures relating to Italian art, many of them being landscapes by old Italian masters.

In this group also were various interior scenes, magnificent in their ornateness of display and color. Besides these many portraits of a religious nature were shown. A few examples of Maritime art also took their place among those of the earlier period.

At the conclusion of the address Dr. H. H. Hagerman, principal of the Normal school, thanked Prof. Abell on behalf of the large audience which filled the auditorium. Dr. Hagerman stated that the exhibitions of art which were on display at the Normal School recently had been a great benefit to the students and that he hoped more outsiders would come to view these specimens.

Fredericton Jct. News

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Jan. 27.—Fredericton Junction defeated Welsford-Hoyt at hockey here Saturday night, 25th instant, four to two, in the first period. Shearer and Palmer scored for the home team, and none for the visitors; in the second, Mersean scored for the Junction and Brown for the visitors; and in the last, Allen for the Junction and Brown again for Welsford-Hoyt. W. MacPherson refereed.

The lineup was:

Fredericton Junction: goal, Chas. Howe; defence, F. Hartt, L. Mersean; right wing, H. Tracy, Allan Stuart; centre, F. Palmer, C. Alexander; left wing, D. Alexander, G. Allen, J. Shearer.

Welsford-Hoyt—goal, R. Keirstead (W); defence, J. Brueton (W), A. Jones (W); right wing, R. Cassidy (W), R. Smith (H), F. MacLeod (H); centre, W. Brown (W), G. Smith (H); left wing, Stephen Clarke (W), R. Taylor (H).

IS POSTPONED

The meeting of the Home and School Association scheduled for tonight has been postponed out of respect to His late Majesty the King. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday evening, January 31 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hall. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting. The executive will meet at 7 p.m.

ATTENTION LEGION MEMBERS

In order that they may attend the Civic Memorial Service to be held at Wilmot United Church tomorrow in memory of His late Majesty King George V, all members of the Canadian Legion will meet at the Club Quarters at 10.30 tomorrow morning.

LONDON CALLING

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"Raise me up a little, How the wind is sobbing!

Yet, I surely heard them talking down below;

Some one seemed to whisper, 'It is London calling'."

Why is London calling? Daughter, let me know."

"Go to sleep, my father—let me smooth your pillow—

Ah, how loud the night wind whistles in the flue!

They are at the wireless: it is London calling—

Calling out the station, father—not to you."

"Ere I took my sick-bed, where they say I'm dying,

They were saying war clouds threatened us once more,

If the King is calling, I would rise to hear him—

I would rise to serve him, as I did before."

"Try to rest, dear father; you are old and weary.

You have served him truly, and his father, too,

Rest; the King is silent—it was London calling—

Calling out the station, father—not to you."

"Lay me down again, dear, now the light is falling,

Something in the night wind tells me it is so—

Tells me that the my summons came with London calling—

That the King may need me, and I have to go."

—JOSEPH GARVEY.

BROADWAY PLAYS, LINES ARE ALTERED ON KING'S DEATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The death of King George had its effects on Broadway today.

Two plays with British motifs—"Victoria Regina," Helen Hayes's historical drama, and "Libel," English court room play—were treated to slight alterations in the script.

In "Victoria Regina" a character scene in the scene in which young Victoria is informed of her accession to the throne: "Good old King George—such a large family—so many sons and not one of them what he should be." Although obviously the reference is to Victoria's grandfather, the name of "George" was eliminated.

In "Libel" a witness had the line: "Whom do you take me for—King George or Edward?" This was changed to—"Lloyd George or Mr. Baldwin."

CONFINED TO HIS HOME

M. A. Johns, manager of two Bank of Montreal, is confined to his home today with illness.

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I.O.D.E.

members attending the Civic Memorial Service for His late Majesty King George V Tuesday will please meet in the vestry Wilmot United Church not later than 2.40 p.m.

CANADIAN LEGION B.E.S.L.

NOTICE

Members of the Legion and all returned men are asked to meet at the Club Quarters on Tuesday afternoon, January 28th at 2.30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the Civic Memorial Service at Wilmot Church.

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Old Times Recalled

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REMINISCENCES OF EARLY ST. MARYS

(Continued)

The Rum Business in St. Marys

It was a bad business when I first remember which was before the Scott Act was passed. One of my earliest recollections is of waking up and of hearing the drunken bushmen fighting and howling in the street in the middle of the night. The men used to come in from the country to the taverns and hotels waiting to be hired by the boss lumbermen and taken into the woods for the winter. They usually had an uproarious time before they left and again in the spring after they came out. Some of them would hang around the taverns until they had spent all their winter's wages. More than a quarter of the stores from Tilley's corner to the river sold or had sold liquor. There was one den up the street from us with a verandah roof out over the plank sidewalk and there was generally a row of half-drunken loafers in front of it sitting with chairs tipped back squirting tobacco juice over the sidewalk.

A woman usually had to cross the street before she got to the house. The smell that came out of the bar-room door was almost enough to make a sober person drunk and some people would like to see "the good old times" back. The most of the places were licensed and there were others which were not licensed. After the Scott Act was passed the respectable men who did not wish to be lawbreakers went out of the business. The rest moved their bottles into a hidden hole known only to the initiated. The business had its usual accompaniment of crime and death. One half-crazed fellow drank carbolic acid one day. The doctors worked over him half the night with stomach pumps but it was no use. Another night a man had the top blown off of his head. An old colored man had started a little barber shop. What did not come out in the trial which was held later was that he had been making some sort of homebrew as a sideline. He had been soaking grain in a rainwater barrel down in the backyard behind our buildings. Then we saw the grain on two bags sprouting and fermenting in the sunshine. We could only come to one conclusion. He had sold some of his brew to two men who were making trouble for him. They wanted more so they kept rattling his door and calling him names until he told his callow, half-grown son to go out and shoot them. The boy did as he was bidden and killed one of the men. At first the old man stamped up and down the sidewalk declaring that he would shoot Queen Victoria if she interfered with his business. After the police arrived and pulled the boy out from under the bed, the old man began to realize the consequences and then he howled, "O my boy, my boy."

I never saw but one man with delirium tremens. He was an old British soldier named George Little. He lived in a shack at the end of the bridge and did for himself. He must have had a small pension for he never worked. He had spent part of his life in India, perhaps that accounted for his queer appetite for it was told as a fact that he ate small pink mice with salt and vinegar on them and said they were as good as oysters. One day he was on the sidewalk in front of the store clear crazy. A circle of horsewhips were hanging up in the store window and he thought they were snakes. It was not long before he thought the snakes were crawling around his feet. His eyes had the most terrible look one could imagine.

The Wooden Bridge

Some of the newspapers called it Blair's paper bridge but when it materialized they had nothing more to say. It was a great convenience to a great many people so the lesser number of people whom it nearly ruined did not count. The trade which had stopped in St. Marys all went straight across the river even if people paid just as much for the articles which they purchased. The bridge was built by the firm of Simmons and Burpee. It provided work for a great many men. There were men in St. Marys who had worked for Whitman Haines and his son Alred at bridge building so they already knew something of the work. Everyone who owned horses had work, for rocks and timber all had to be hauled by horses. People with old stone piles on their farms, sold them. The piles were made of hewn timbers fitted closely together and filled with stones. The front of the piers were sloped to above the highest water level and covered with iron to resist the ice. The sides of the piers were cased with hard wood and the first floor was of softwood planks which did not last long. All of the superstructure was pitch pine imported from the Southern States. The jam piers were upriver from the main piers and set at an angle to meet the full sweep of the ice from Government House point to the St. Marys end of the bridge. It was built in 1884 and 1885. By October 1885 it was all done but the draw span. Another girl and myself crossed the bridge the first day that the public were allowed to do so. It was a Sunday afternoon and the ferry boat had practically gone on strike. When we came to the draw span the place was empty. We went down a ladder to their pier. Wooden horses were driven in the bed of the river every ten feet to the draw pier and from that to the approach pier on the city side. A wide plank with a pitch pine timber on each side of it reached from horse to horse and on the shore end we climbed another ladder to the floor of the bridge. Only one person could make the trip from pier to pier at a time and it needed a steady head for the water was running very swiftly not so far below but dozens of people crossed. We were quite well satisfied to go home from Sunday school on the ferry boat. The bridge was finished that winter.

(To be Continued)

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