

I. O. D. E. at Saint John Pays Tribute to Order's Founders

THE thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the first chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire in New Brunswick is being observed in Saint John today at a social gathering of members at the residence of the regent of the Municipal Chapter, Mrs. Walter W. White, Sidney street. It is with pride the members look back over the splendid record of the achievements of the Order in New Brunswick and Saint John.

The late Mrs. Clark Murray, while residing in Montreal at the outbreak of the South African war, conceived the idea of organizing the women of the Empire for patriotic service. She appealed to the mayors of the capital cities of the provinces of Canada, and Harry Beckwith, then mayor of Fredericton, called the meeting of women in that city which formed the first chapter of the I.O.D.E. in this province and elected Mrs. John Black as the first regent.

There was some hitch in the proceedings in Montreal and a telegram came to Fredericton saying not to proceed with organization. On a reply being sent that Fredericton women had already organized there came back the historic telegram stating that "owing to the magnificent example of Fredericton the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire" had become an accomplished fact.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

His Honor Col. the Hon. Murray MacLaren, C.M.G., will entertain tomorrow night at a State Dinner at Acadia Grove the gubernatorial residence for the session. The list of invitations issued by Major I. C. Barker, A.D.C., the Lieutenant Governor's official secretary, is as follows: His Grace the Archbishop of Fredericton, Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C., Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, P.C., K.C., LL.D., Chief Justice of New Brunswick; Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K.C., LL.B., Prime Minister of New Brunswick; Hon. J. H. Barry, Chief Justice of the King's Bench; Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, LL.D.; Hon. Charles D. Richards, K.C., LL.D.; Hon. A. T. LeBlanc, LL.D.; Lt. Col. the Hon. W. H. Harrison, D. S. O., K. C., LL. B., V. D., Attorney General; Hon. Hon. A. J. Leger, K. C., Provincial Secretary-Treasurer; Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works; Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. H. I. Taylor, M. B., C. M., LL. D., Minister of Health and Labor; Hon. G. H. I. Cockburn, LL. B., President of the Executive Council; Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C.; Hon. F. C. Squires, LL.B. Speaker; A. A. Dysart, K. C.; Brigadier J. L. R. Parsons, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding M. D. No 7; Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate, Chaplain of Provincial Legislature; His Worship the Mayor of Fredericton, W. G. Clark; Dr. C. C. Jones, President of U.N.B.; J. W. McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health; Frederick C. Johnson, U. S. Vice-Consul; J. G. Harrison, Major T. C. Barker, A.D.C.

At the conclusion of the State Dinner, the Governor and Mrs. MacLaren will hold a reception for the wives and daughters of the guests at the dinner. Those invited include Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Mrs. R. B. Hanson, Miss Hanson, Mrs. J. B. M. Baxter, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. J. H. Barry, Miss Barry, Mrs. C. D. Richards, Miss Richards, Mrs. A. T. LeBlanc, Miss LeBlanc, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Miss Harrison, Madame A. J. Leger, Mrs. D. A. Stewart, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. H. G. I. Cockburn, Mrs. E. A. Reilly, Miss Reilly, Mrs. F. C. Squires, Miss Squires, Mrs. A. A. Dysart, Miss Dysart, Mrs. J. L. R. Parsons, Miss Parsons, Mrs. A. F. Bate, The Misses MacLaren, Mrs. W. G. Clark, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs. T. C. Barker, Mrs. A. A. James and Mrs. Frederick C. Johnson.

Mrs. D. W. Griffiths entertained charmingly at bridge yesterday at her home in honor of Mrs. Frank A. MacDonald, of St. John, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harold McMurray. Mrs. MacDonald was the winner of the prize.

In commemoration of Founder's Day the various Chapters of the city are holding a tea today at the home of Mrs. J. H. Malcolm which she has graciously thrown open for the occasion.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Cathedral Men's Club, held last evening in the Memorial Hall, the members of the Woman's Aid were guests of the Club and took charge of the Educational Period. After opening the meeting the President of the Mens Club extended a warm welcome to the ladies and turned the meeting over to them. Mrs. Richardson, Diocesan President of the W.A., graciously replied to the welcome extended and explained that the entertainment provided was a series of slides illustrative of the various phases of missionary and educational endeavor fostered and maintained by the combined W. A. of the Church of England in Canada. The showing of the particularly clear and well taken pictures together with the concurrent lecture and apt description as given by Mrs. H. W. Woods, showed in a very interesting way the amazing missionary work being accomplished both in Canada and overseas by the combined efforts of this body of women now ninety thousand strong. Of particular interest to the audience were several views taken in the interior of China in which Miss Peters, a member of the Cathedral congregation, appeared. Miss Peters, who visited her sisters in Fredericton last summer, returned to her missionary work in China in the autumn. At the conclusion of the lecture, a very sincere resolution of thanks was extended to the Woman's Aid for the splendid evening's entertainment provided. It was really astonishing to realize the results accomplished by the efforts of this body of women, efforts not onerous to the individual but the combined result properly administered making a mighty force in the advancement of Christian civilization. Play was then resumed in the cumulative card tournaments and results showed Ernest Ryan to be the leader for the evening at forty-fives, and R. K. Nevers head man among the contract players. The usual light refreshments brought to a close still another instructive and pleasant evening for the Cathedral Men's Club.

The Rev. Dr. George E. Ross and Mrs. Ross announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carol Graham Ross, to Dr. G. N. Paterson-Smyth, son of Mrs. J. Paterson-Smyth of Westmount, and the late Rev. Dr. J. Paterson Smyth, former rector of St. George's Church, Montreal.

Mrs. Sterling, wife of Doctor Alan Sterling entertained at a delightful Bridge party last night. Cards were played at three tables with the prizes going to Mrs. G. I. Nugent and Mrs. James Coy. Valentine favors were used for decorations and the hostess was assisted in serving by some of the guests.

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Mrs. John Black Tells of the First Meeting of I.O.D.E.

IT is impossible to celebrate the founders' day of the I. O. D. E. without remembering the active part which Mrs. John Black played in the matter of its organization. She was the first Regent of the Order.

At the request of Mrs. Clark Murray, Mayor Harry Beckwith called a meeting in the Council Chamber to make plans for some organization for the purpose of bringing relief to the wounded soldiers from the Boer War. Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria at the close of her life, deeply grieving over the sufferings of so many of her subjects, the thought came to Mrs. Murray to try to get the support of all capital cities in the Dominion. There were no type-writers in those days and all correspondence had to be done in long-hand. After a time there were many things to discourage Mrs. Murray; opposition from Ottawa and others who wanted headquarters in their city retarded the progress of the Order, until finally Mrs. Murray became disheartened and, but for the admirable courage and perseverance of Mrs. Black, who reported progress in Fredericton and urged Mrs. Murray to keep up the good work, it is probable that the I. O. D. E. never would have been realized.

Mrs. Black has been a singer of note. She came from Boston to sing in the Messiah with the Listerman Sextette in Saint John and was called one of the leading sopranos in Canada. She is the daughter of Dr. James Robb, who arranged the coat-of-arms for Fredericton. She was born at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black's two sons, J. Douglas Black and Harold Medley Black, have passed away. Her husband, John Black, barrister, is registrar of the Divorce Court. The Daily Mail extends congratulations to Mrs. Black and extends to her and her husband many more years of happiness.

In addition to Mrs. John Black, the first Regent, other members of the first executive included Mrs. Geo. W. Hodge, Treasurer; Mrs. E. J. Payson, Secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Vice-President. Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Crockett are still living in Fredericton and Mrs. Payson died at Brockville, Ontario a couple of years ago.

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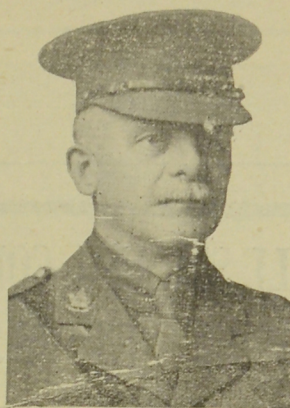
We find out we're wrong and the old bit of doggerel about girls being made of "sugar and spice and everything nice" is not backed up by science. For Albany Medical College students have found out that the average female of the species contains chlorine enough to sanitize five swimming pools, 1,400 cubic feet of oxygen, 30 teaspoons of salt, 10 gallons of water, five gallons of lime, 31 pounds of carbon, glycerine enough for the bursting charge of a heavy navy shell, enough gluten for 10 pounds of glue, magnesium enough for 10 flashlight photos fat enough for 10 bars of soap, enough iron for a six-penny nail, sulphur enough to rid a dog of fleas and . . . only one-quarter pound of sugar. Awful to think that a beautiful girl is composed of that mess of stuff . . . There are times when we think science students go a little too far with their research.

Former Gagetown Rector Retires

GAGETOWN, Queens County, Feb. 13—Friends in the province will regret to learn that the Rev. R. MacNamara, a former rector of St. John's Church Gagetown, who has been for 17 years rector of St. John's Church, West Toronto, has been obliged to retire, owing to ill-health. During his work in Toronto, Mr. MacNamara, has seen his parish grow to an important congregation, and the old church of St. John's replaced by a substantial edifice located in a commanding situation in the western section of Toronto.

Mr. MacNamara whose home was in Collingwood, Ontario, was rector of Gagetown from 1899 to 1902, and afterward returned to Ontario. He served overseas during the Great War and was awarded the Military Cross. At a congregational social held recently in Toronto, with the clergy of all the various churches in the district attending, Mr. MacNamara was presented with a purse of money as a parting gift, and Mrs. MacNamara with a bouquet of roses. Mrs. MacNamara received a wrist watch from the members of her Bible Class at a previous farewell party.

Old Times Recalled



LT.-COL. W. J. OSBORNE

Col. Osborne was one of Fredericton's most prominent citizens and was also one of our outstanding military figures. He died, June 18, 1924 as a result of overseas service.

Lieutenant-Colonel Osborne was born in Hastings County, Ontario in 1865. He was of Loyalist descent. About forty years ago he came to Fredericton and founded the present Fredericton Business College, now conducted by his son, F. P. Osborne. Students were immediately attracted to this splendid institution from all over the Province. Many men and women, who today hold prominent positions in the business world were graduated from this college.

His military career shows that he started as a Captain in an Ontario Militia Company, a Major in the old Seventy-first Regiment here and a Lieutenant-Colonel on active service in France, Belgium, England and Canada. During active service Col. Os-

borne had a narrow escape from death, a bullet passing through his coat. He was stricken with a serious illness as a result of war service and spent some time in the hospital. In fact he never fully recovered from this illness. It ultimately caused his death.

He was president of the Board of Trade; President of the Great War Veterans' Association; a member of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church; A.D.C. to the Lieutenant-Governor; a member of the Advisory Board of Royal Military College, Kingston. He was at one time a candidate for the House of Commons, and also for the Provincial Legislature, and also contested the election for the Mayor. He was a former president of the Y. M. C. A., president of the Fredericton Tourist Association, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School; a member of the Masonic Order; of the A & B Club, and of Fredericton City Club. In 1894 he married Miss Evelyn Beatrice Phippen. He is survived by two sons, James Osborne, of Toronto and F. P. Osborne, the present proprietor of the Fredericton Business College. One daughter, Mrs. Fred Pearson resides in England. A third son, Captain Hubert Osborne was killed in action in Belgium.

Col. Osborne was one of the adopted citizens of Fredericton, who did his part to promote her interests. He took a leading interest in everything that made for the benefit of the city. He spent several years as an alderman at the City Council and his work on behalf of the Board of Trade and of the Tourist Association was most valuable.

A few months prior to his death he succeeded Thomas H. Colter as Registrar of Deeds for York County. He occupied this position at the time of his death. Mrs. Osborne still resides at the family homestead on Church St., and takes an active interest in community affairs. She is prominently identified with the I. O. D. E.

The Daily Mail Foreman Completes 25 Years' Service

Twenty-five years ago today, Frank VanStone, then a mere boy, arrived in this city from Chatham, N. B., and struck a job as printer's devil in the office of The Daily Mail. Since that day without a break, Mr. VanStone has continued on the staff of this paper, except for the space of a few months when he went to Boston to perfect himself in the knowledge of linotype work and also to gain general experience which may be obtained from connection with a large paper. Returning to Fredericton, Mr. VanStone continued with The Daily Mail up to the present time. Today he is foreman of the paper which he has watched and aided through its ups-and-downs, good fortune and ill. Mr. VanStone has been a conscientious worker and in all the twenty-five years he has been connected with this paper he has had very few holidays in which to take a well-earned rest.

Mr. VanStone was married about 17 years ago to Miss Annie Lindsay, of this city. He has a nice home, a good wife and two interesting children, Barbara and Robert.

He is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias and different fraternal organizations and is a teacher at St. Paul's United Church Sunday School. He is well-known in dramatic circles and his talents in this line are in great demand by those who wish to put on amateur theatricals.

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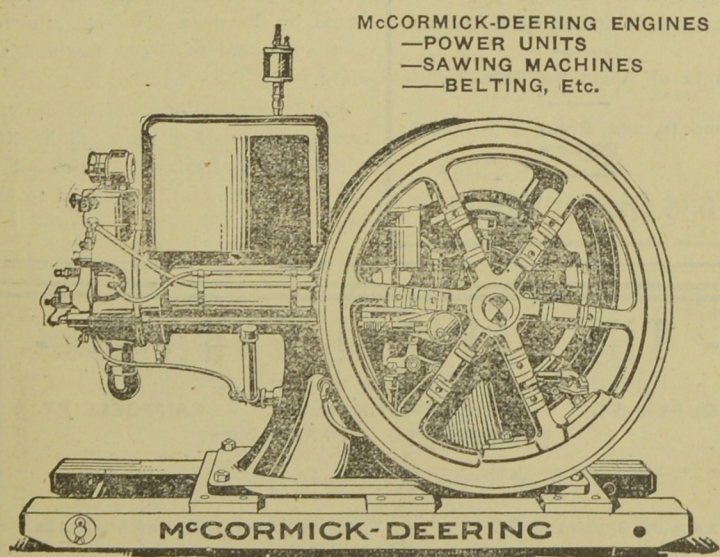
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