

SCOTCHMEN'S NIGHT

Members of St. Andrew's Society Honor
Memory of Patron Saint in Royal Style

Speeches, Songs, Choruses, Etc made up Fine Program

The Scotchmen of Fredericton and vicinity honored the memory of St. Andrew last evening by a grand smoking concert and re-union in the K. of P. Hall, York Street. It was a grand success in every particular, and the best traditions of the noble Society of St. Andrew, for hospitality, socialability, and good cheer were ably maintained. President James D. McKay was master of ceremonies, and there were upwards of two hundred present, including members of the society and their guests.

The A. O. H. was represented by President E. A. Barry, the Sons of England by Mr. A. D. Thomas and Dr. W. H. Irvine, and the C. M. B. A. by Mr. W. E. Farrell. The St. John Society was ably represented by Major Gordon, who was decked out in full Highland costume.

The guests assembled at eight of the clock and were entertained for the first half hour by inspiring selections on the bag pipes in the hands of the Veteran Hossack of Stanley and Piper Ross of St. John.

After all had become seated and has started in to burn out tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, President McKay spoke a few words of welcome and then proposed the health of His Majesty the King, which was drunk with musical honors, Hanlon's orchestra playing the accompaniment.

"Scots, Wha Hae" was sung in great spirit by a chorus of fifteen voices led by Mr. F. L. Cooper after which Mr. G. H. Winter rendered a euphonium solo in his usual finished style.

Major Gordon of St. John was next called upon and executed a Highland fling with pipe accompaniment in a manner that took the gathering by storm. The major is a perfect master of the game and had to repeat the performance before the audience would be satisfied.

Mr. C. H. Hatt, the well known tenor of Marysville was called upon for a solo and acquitted himself in a most pleasing manner.

Mr. Robert Watson of St. Mary's in a brief and snappy address, proposed the toast of the evening to "The Day an' a' Wha Honor it", and it was responded to with great enthusiasm.

MAYOR McLEOD'S ADDRESS.

His Worship the Mayor responded to the toast in a stirring address which created much enthusiasm. He said in part:

"I am honored tonight by being chosen to respond to the toast which is essentially the toast of this day not only in Scotland, the land of our fathers, but in every land where the kinship of Scotsmen draws men together this night. I am honored, but I feel the weight of the task that is upon me. Around me are sitting men who in years past have been charmed and thrilled on occasions such as this, by the inspiring and eloquent words of distinguished speakers. Around me too are some like my friends Mr. Tennant and Mr. Minto, who can look back through the years and see the dear old heather hills of their boyhood, watching the blue of the sky, men who have as boys seen the mists rise in glory from Loch Lomond, and have tread the ways made sacred by the immortal Burns.

"The Day and a' wha' honor it." What a flood of thought it suggests. What a marvelous thing it is that year after year Scots who remember Ben Lomond, and their sons who have never seen the blue hills of the North Country, gather to glory in the greatness of the past and revel in the song and story that in all ages have filled with sweet music the hills and meadows of Scotland.

"All through the centuries our fathers, the strong, sturdy men of old days, have risen up from their home fireside and gone on to be the pioneers of new lands. Into the frozen ice fields of the north they went, and they carried with them the pride of race and tradition: in the Isles of the Sea they made their abode but they remembered the homeland: in the great virgin forests of this dear land they have hewed out their little home plots, and the spruce and the pine trees echoed the songs of Bonnie Scotland.

"We are wont to be chaffed a bit by people of lesser breeds that on this night we gather to exult in the greatness of Scotland and Scottish achievement to the exclusion of all others. We do not deny the many fine characteristics of the English and the Irish and the others, but this is our night and the glorious page of Scottish history offers too wide a field to give room for any other. What a galaxy of wondrous fighting men have gone out from her rugged shores. Where's the boy that has not found his eyes moist as he read with all his soul of the heroic Wallace and the Bruce who followed him in gallant struggle to maintain the dear old liberties of a free people? That is a story centuries old, but it lives eternal and never forgotten. That burned in the Scottish heart Bridge the years and the same spirit then is found in our most modern battlefields. At Omdurman and Tel El Kebir, at Dargai Heights, where the Scottish piper still piped the advance, though his legs were shattered under him, and at Magersfontein where the Highland Brigade, the Black Watch, the Seaforth's and the Gordons left 300 dead and wounded in ten minutes and still advanced. From Wallace and Bruce through all generations to Wauchope and Hector MacDonald the breed has never changed. Wherever the flag has gone there have gone also the kilt and the tartan and the skirl of the pipes, always the same heroic courage and devotion that on every field have lent a halo of glory to British Arms.

"A canny hard headed people are the Scots, but the songs of Scotland are the songs of romance and chivalry. The wondrous verse of Scott tells the story of the patriotic devotion of a people, with all its glorious incident of personal achievement and Burns, the sweetest singer of the centuries, is heard to the ends of the earth as he warbles the songs of simple human life.

"And so where the sturdy Scot has hewn out the way of the pioneer in the wilderness of many lands, the schoolmaster has followed the smoke of his cabin and many a proud system of education has been the result. Then here's to the day, and here's to those in Canada wha' honor it. May they be worthy ones, loving this sturdy young land with the same strong love, with the same devotion that has always been so freely given to the land of the heather." (Applause.)

At the conclusion of Mayor McLeod's address President McKay read the fraternal greetings which had been exchanged with sister societies. These will be found on another page of this issue. Mr. W. A. Walsh, Fredericton's talented elocutionist, gave a reading from "The Habitant," which made a great hit, and he was compelled to give an encore number.

Mr. Holder treated the gathering to a banjo solo, after which Major Gordon executed another dance with Piper Hossack playing the accompaniment.

Mr. T. B. Kidner rendered a vocal solo which was followed by a cornet selection by Mr. J. A. Perkins. Both members were well received. Judge Wilson called upon by the chairman, responded with a characteristic address, which was punctuated with applause and laughter. He spoke of the great pleasure he had always derived from being present at the reunion of St. Andrew's Society, and proceeded to remind his hearers that there were other people in the world besides Scotchmen and Irishmen. He told amusing anecdotes, several of which were gathered from his own experience during political campaigns. He easily sustained his reputation as Fredericton's foremost story teller and after-dinner speaker.

Mr. P. C. Johnson, of Chatham, express agent of the I. C. R., was next called upon and gave a harmonica solo, rendered in an exceedingly clever manner.

Principal Bridges' splendid voice was heard to excellent advantage in that stirring Scotch song, "The March of the Cameron Men," and he came in for great applause. For an encore he sang "Bonnie Prince Charlie."

Mr. F. P. Robinson gave a reading from "The Habitant" and for an encore gave a vocal solo.

The whole company joined in singing "Annie Laurie." Major Gordon gave a superb exhibition of the famous Scottish sword dance. A quartette composed of Messrs. Cooper, Thomas, Holder and Edney treated the gathering to a choice selection after which Mr. Walsh gave another reading from "The Habitant." He was given a triple encore and in response gave an original selection.

Mr. F. L. Cooper sang a very clever parody on "The Old Apple Tree" after which "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" was rendered in chorus.

Messrs. Thorburn, Fraser, Gordon and Ross then took the floor and executed a Highland reel, in a manner which aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

The very enjoyable gathering broke up shortly after one o'clock with the company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Upon leaving the hall the company formed in procession and escorted President McKay to his home on George street.

They afterwards escorted President the president of the A. O. H. to his ing house on Regent street, and would up the festivities by rousing cheers for the King, and the different societies.

While the company were escorting the president of the A. O. H. to his home and incidentally giving vent to their feelings in Scottish song, Police Officer King came along and threw consternation into the ranks by threatening to arrest the whole bunch. Several of the younger members of the party were inclined to go the sturdy guardian of the peace for his over zealousness, but happily the incident ended in smoke. While it is well that members of the police force should be vigilant at all times, there are occasions in Fredericton when the business is over done and occasions when the efforts of the officers are misdirected. There was no need for a policeman to become unduly excited over the grand finale of the St. Andrew's celebration.

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING

Important Changes to be made in the Constitution--Expenditure Heavy during past Month.

A meeting of the Victoria Hospital Trustees was held yesterday, with T. Carleton Allen, vice president, in the chair. The other gentlemen present were: Mr. Barry, Mr. Tennant and Dr. G. J. McNally. Senator Thompson and Mr. Willard Kitchen were absent from the province, and the others were unable to attend.

From the treasurer's statement it was shown that the expenditure for the past month was heavy, and several large amounts belong to the capital account. Large amounts have been expended upon the Dow wing, to make it more accessible for contagious diseases. Contracts for sewerage, plumbing, and a new system of heating have now about been completed.

According to the matron's report twenty-four patients were treated during the month, and one of these was a young lady with typhoid fever, the first case admitted since June. A case of scarlet fever is in the Dow wing, and a case of diphtheria was refused admission, owing to lack of proper isolation.

It is proposed to change the constitution of the hospital, including membership of trustees, as well as the membership of the medical staff, and this, with other matters, was deferred for an adjourned meeting to be held in a week.

CURLING MEETING.

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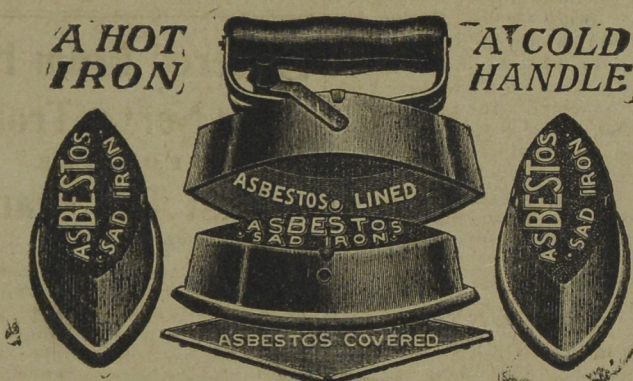
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