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INTERESTING TALK ON ROBERT BURNS

Life of Scottish Poet Provides Rev. J. J. McCaskill with Theme for Excellent and Popular Address.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Robert Burns last evening at St. Matthew's Presbyterian church. A large audience was present and Har- old Crookshanks gave a capable selection. The Rev. J. J. McCaskill said in part:

"There is a certain alchemy in the head and heart of all just men that takes the sentiments of Burns and transmutates them into wholesome and happy life. We feel the emotion that Burns expresses, reflected in ourselves. It is a man's voice. He is the poet of human nature. He is too, the very incarnation of Scotland. His memory is celebrated universally than that of any other human being, and he reigns over a greater domain than any empire the world has ever seen."

"Scotchmen particularly are ready at any time to turn aside to try to understand the unusual sight of the first of his great passions falling to consume any of his glory. It is just possible that for a Scotchman, appreciation of Burns is not only a condition necessary to salvation, it is made a primary condition many of them would wish first places in the kingdom—places to which they could not so prosperously be elevated by the observance of the law and the Gospel."

By his direct, frank and masterly utterance he helped to change the course of literary history. His sympathy goes far beyond only to moon and mice, but the devil himself. It is bounded neither by race nor by climate nor by extra-terrestrial conditions. He thus extorted his fellow sinner to repentance:

But fare-you-weel, Auld Nickie-Ben
O, wad ye take a thought an' meen'
Ye shillins might ye dinna ken—
Still has a stake;
I'm wae to thing you den,
E'en for your sake!"

"Goethe things, it is going very far when he saves Faust, but here is a poet, who would save Faust's master, the German philosopher, and a very stupid person, and their legends contain so many accounts of ludicrous ways in which they invariably outwitted him, the Scots were one of the devil without laughing. His indefatigable industry has won for him a place in history, a large patrimony and following. He began too in a small way and his industry at least must be commended. Spots in his life he accused of hedging in his exhortation to his fellow-sinner, though no doubt he hoped that the country would be followed by the release of those whom the plots of his day consigned to the devil's tender care."

"Poetry as Burns' portion in his young days and this meagre foster-mother remained his close companion all through life. It was sometimes behind hand with its rent, but that hungry poverty that does not know where to look for its dinner. His father was as poor as a church mouse and as proud as a church dignitary. He was a level-headed, God-fearing, tenant farmer, who was often pressed for his rent, although strolling in his toil. Sows and kail and milk were their homely fare with little variation at the meals. The dinner table was a board except when a cow or sheep died of old age or infirmity. But plain living did not drive out high-thinking, and he was a man of high intellect. The "Cotter's Saturday Night," Burns has drawn a beautiful picture of his parents' household—the best that comes at the week-end. The family worship about the "Wee bit ingle blinkin' bonny."

Some try to defend and apologize for Burns. The man who defend him need more defence than he does. A big man should never be cheapened by a defence. Life is its own excuse for being, and every life is its own apology. The man who has never sinned, or never done a cowardly or mean thing belongs to another race than the Scotch, and is not interesting. We love men for their weaknesses no less than for their virtues. Burns would have been amused and bored if he heard himself represented other than he was. Were he perfect he would not be the popular hero he is today.

"The most perfect in song, in his sincerity and in his love of truth, Carlyle calls 'Scots who hae wi' Wallace bled' the best song that was ever written by any pen. Lowland Scotland came in with two warriors and went out with two birds. It came in with William Wallace and Robert Bruce, and went out with Robert Burns and Walter Scott. The first two made the history, the last two told the story and sang the song."

The bi-monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association was held in St. James' church hall last evening. Rev. G. A. Kubring presided, and there was a large attendance of teachers as well as a number of city clergymen. The subject of discussion was the "Lights and Shadows of a Teacher's Work." Among the speakers were Miss Barlow, Mrs. McAvilly, Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Scott, Miss W. Raymond, Miss Walker, Miss Patton, Mrs. Peterson and A. Coster. These speakers gave very interesting accounts of their experiences. Another matter dealt with was that of the Children's Day Service, and a number of changes in the observance next year were suggested. The gathering was one of the most interesting and practical the association has held for some time.

C.P.R. WILL PRESS CLAIM ON CITY

Railway Still Trying to Collect that \$8,000 on Account of Land Slide in Union Street.

The C. P. R. is pressing its claim against the city for losses which the company alleges it incurred as a consequence of the caving in of Union street some years ago. The railway company presented a bill for about \$8,000 for alleged damages in this connection some years ago, but nothing was done about it. Now the C. P. R. has revived its claim and threatens to bring a lawsuit against the city unless the bill is paid.

Some of the city fathers think the city should not be called upon to pay such a bill, as it already spent much money for the benefit of the C. P. R., as well as granting the company a considerable area of land.

The circumstances in which the C. P. R. bill originated are no doubt well known to the citizens of St. John. The C. P. R. asked that the wharf be lengthened, and the city council persuaded that its own engineer, the late Mr. Peters, could not do the job, employed a C. P. R. engineer from Montreal. The engineer prepared plans which Mr. Peters condemned, declaring that if they were carried out the wharf would slide into the harbor. The city council, however, accepted Mr. Peters' resignation, and proceeded to carry out the plans of the imported engineer.

When the work was nearly completed the wharf slid into the harbor, and an expenditure of \$125,000 was lost. At the same time a considerable portion of Union street caved in.

The council thereupon reappointed Mr. Peters, who rebuilt the wharf and the city council, however, accepted yesterday that it cost nearly \$100,000 to rebuild Union street, a work which was undertaken almost wholly for the benefit of the C. P. R.

AUDIENCE DELIGHTED WITH GRACE GEORGE

"Just to Get Married" Scores Big Hit at Opera House - Clever Comedy Played to Perfection.

Smiles and tears; a comedy with just sufficient serious trends to lift it into that class of plays which sometimes make men and women think; the old story of the marriage de convenience in a modern setting—such is "Just to Get Married," admirably staged and delightfully acted by Grace George, Lyn Harding and a very capable company at the Opera House last evening.

The story is soon told. Emeline Vicary, by her Aunt Lady Catherine Grayle's decree and with the connivance of the family, must find a husband. Portionless, but pretty she is a problem in her aunt's household. When the play opens the long sought-after person is Adam Lankester, wealthy and good looking, is on hand. He is a visitor in the house and has shown by the usual signs that he is not indifferent. But Adam is absurdly bashful and it is Emeline's duty, and not an unwilling duty, to bring him to his senses. In the first act Miss George in the role of Emeline showed that her powers as a comedienne had not been over-rated. Her scenes with Adam in which she struggled with ambition, were delightful. Finally came the proposal and Adam, the bashful, is transformed into the devoted lover. "We are engaged."

The second act is the eye of the wedding and with it comes the breaking down of Lady Catherine. Adam is devoted to her Emeline breaks down. "It is a farce," she cries. "I did not care for you." Her true womanly nature reasserts itself. "When I said I cared for you I lied," she tells him, "just to get married." The engagement is broken and Adam leaves after first upbraiding her and then seeming to realize that she has done right.

In a scene full of rich comedy the news is broken to Lady Catherine by her hen-pecked husband and her son. Her reproaches drive Emeline to leave the fact that she has been in London. Miss George's treatment of the trying scene with Adam in this act was perfect and Mr. Harding with his manly bearing and unexcelled grief gave her excellent support.

The closing act takes place at the railway station. Emeline arrives wet and refuses all inducements to return. Adam, who is catching the same train to town, appears unexpectedly. The engagement is broken and she never proposes again, plucks up heart of grace and asks him to marry her. A happy ending.

It is a pretty comedy abounding in clever phrases and in the hands of such an excellent company was presented in a most admirable manner. The fact that Mr. Baxter lived within a few feet of the county line removed any objection there might be to him on account of the fact that he was not a county man.

Councillor Dean, the next speaker, pledged his support to the candidate and spoke of the great popularity of the local government throughout the county.

In closing the proceedings, Mr. Maxwell spoke of the action of the Max government in making steps to prevent the removal of the Simms industry from St. John and the negotiations in which he took part to secure the company a site in Lancaster. He announced that the plans for the new bridge were complete, and were being examined by Mr. Sprad, chief engineer of the Quebec bridge, and that if nothing happened a contract to build the bridge would be signed within six months.

List of Delegates.

The delegates selected to attend the convention were as follows:

St. John—Mr. J. P. Mosher, F. D. Brown, Dr. Bailey, William Smith, George Patterson, Samuel Osborn, Albert White, Samuel McGowan, Robert Carson, James A. Curry, Roland Graves, Robert Merrill, Coun. C. F. Black.

Substitutes—James Fowkes, William Brander, Manfred Schoales, J. P. Whitney.

Simonds No. 1.

Delegates—Oliver A. Gibson, W. B. Tennant, E. Graham, Frank Joscelyn, Edward Shillington, Harry Shillington.

Substitutes—Oliver Gibson, E. J. Young, J. Barrett, Edward Shillington, E. Graham, Fred Poole.

Simonds No. 2.

Delegates—Thomas B. Carson, Andrew R. Moore, Wm. Cunningham.

Substitutes—John R. Wallace, Thomas Mair, William Thrope.

Simonds No. 3.

Delegates—James W. Willis, Fred Stephenson, Joseph Jones.

Substitutes—Wm. McPate, Wm. J. Johnson.

PARISH OF LANCASTER.

Fairville.

Delegates—Alfred H. Clarke, Robert Catherwood, William Golding, Thomas Barnes, James E. Bryant, Jeremiah Stout.

Substitutes—Fred Milton, J. W. Stevens, Harry Cole.

Beaufield.

Delegates—E. J. Neve, Enslay Belton, William Ruddock.

Substitutes—John Whipple, Milford.

Delegates—Thomas Boyce, John Irvine, John Carrier.

Substitutes—Mr. Savage, Mr. Melan.

LORENEVILLE.

Delegates—Milton McAllister, Jas. McAfee, Alex. H. McAllister.

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The call from one of the fire departments have been notified by Chief Kerr to attend at the chamberlain's office on Thursday the 16th inst., to receive their year's allowance. The chamberlain's office opens at 10 o'clock. Between \$14,000 and \$15,000 will be distributed among the call firemen.

For Stationary Engineers.

The provincial act providing that all stationary engineers must have certificates of competency, comes into force before long, and Factory Inspector John Kenney requests that all engineers intending to take the examinations should send in their applications as soon as possible. Every application must be accompanied by \$1.00, and recommendations from employers showing the candidate's period of service and general qualifications. Arrangements are being made to hold examinations in different parts of the province and the places and dates will be announced later. Every candidate successfully passing the examinations will be given a certificate on the payment of \$3.

Thanked Mr. Hazen.

A meeting of the machinists' association was held last evening, about 60 members being present. A communication was read from Hon. J. D. Hazen stating that he would bring the matter of having the St. John machinists' place under the provisions of the fair wage act before the minister of labor, and a resolution was passed endorsing the thanks of the association to the minister for his good offices. An open meeting of the union will be held next Tuesday when addresses will be delivered by a number of labor speakers.

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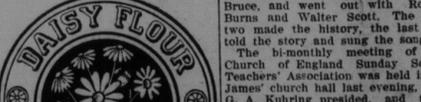
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TWAITES—In this city on the 14th inst., after a long illness, Lydia J. Twaites, daughter of the late George and Lyza Twaites, leaving one brother and two sisters to mourn.
Funeral on Thursday the 16th inst., from the residence of Robert J. Cox, 274 King street east. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock.

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A Successful Operation.
Miss Shay who was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital a few days ago, is improving rapidly.

PORTLAND Y.M.A. ANNUAL BANQUET

Very Pleasant Function was Held Last Evening as Feature of Anniversary Celebration of Church.

The banquet held by the Y. M. A. of the Portland Methodist church in the Grand Hotel last evening was a very pleasant and interesting programme of speeches and music was enjoyed.

When the work was opened by an address by President Frank Whelpley after which the Every Day Club or orchestra rendered a selection. After the dinner the toast to the King was given by Frank Whelpley and responded to by the customary music. Our Country was sung by a Y. M. A. quartet and responded to by D. J. Lingler. Our Association was proposed by T. A. Armour and responded to by Y. M. A. members.

Proposed by Ald. R. T. Hayes and responded to by His Worship Mayor Frank Ours. Guest of honor, Dr. M. Pratt and responded to by Ald. R. W. Wigmore. Our Church was proposed by F. S. Thomas and responded to by the Rev. Charles Flanders, D. D. and the Rev. H. D. Marr, pastor of the Portland Methodist church. The Ladies were proposed by Percy Steel and responded to by the Rev. H. D. Marr.

After the toasts, Miss Clara Leach gave a reading and Messrs. Estey and Daly a comedy sketch. A selection by the orchestra was the final number on the programme.

J. B. M. BAXTER IS THE CANDIDATE

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J. P. Mosher also spoke, pledging support to the candidate. He thought the fact that Mr. Baxter lived within a few feet of the county line removed any objection there might be to him on account of the fact that he was not a county man.

LATE SHIPPING.

Quebec, Nov 14—Arrived—Sts Corinthian, Renzie, Liverpool; Ionian, Gastaway; Glasgow; Roystad; (Norwegian); Sydney; Helvetia, Connell, Sydney.

Paraburo, Nov 14—Arrived—Tug Chester, Windsor, towing barge No. 23, Pratt.

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Portsmouth, N.H.—Schr Adline, New York, for St. John, N.B.
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Rally Day at Silver Falls.
A very successful rally day service was held in the Methodist church at Silver Falls, on Sunday morning last. A. E. Hamilton, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided, while a large and interested gathering enjoyed the proceedings. The Robert Parker programme was followed by the choir and congregation, Scriptural readings, prayer and addresses by the superintendent of the school and pastor of the church, Rev. J. J. Pinkerton. An especially enjoyable feature of the service was the extant music by eight members of the Centenary orchestra led by Morton L. Harrison, who kindly came out from the city to assist in the exercises.

The school was shown to be in a healthy condition and plans for the organization of a home department and a credit roll were announced by the superintendent.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 13—The Supreme Court of appeal today denied the petition for a writ of error by Henry Clay Beattie Jr., convicted of murdering his young wife, last July. This decision on the appeal from the judgment of the Chesterfield court, which sentenced him to the chair November 24, is final. Clemency or reprieve by Governor Mann only can save the condemned man.