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BRITAIN'S PREMIER RECEIVES DEGREE

McMaster University Honors Statesman — Graduates Receive Parchments.

Castle Memorial Hall was filled to overflowing at the annual commencement of McMaster University Wednesday night, when various degrees were conferred and addresses delivered by prominent members of the Baptist body and by the minister of education. The opening prayer was said by Rev. J. A. Gordon, D.D., and the first to receive university honors were Manasse B. Parent and John Frederick Vichet, both of whom received the degree of doctor of divinity.

A feature of the evening was the bestowal of the degree of LL.D. upon David Lloyd George, whose name was presented by Rev. John McNeill, pastor of Bloor Street Baptist Church. Dr. McNeill spoke of the premier of Great Britain and Ireland as the most influential individual force in civilization at the present time. Lloyd George was described as diminutive in stature but intellectually towering above all men. He was a friend of small nations and small peoples and had won victory for democracy in England, and in 1916 the whole nation had turned to him as one man. In the belief of the speaker it is to Lloyd George more than to any other individual that the world owes its deliverance. Dr. McNeill considered that the university had been greatly honored by the acceptance of the degree by its recipient and hoped that some day he might meet the Baptists on this continent. The letters of the degree, LL.D., meant something more than ordinary in this case, they meant "Long live David."

The chancellor, in conferring the degree, said that it had been received in most appreciative terms and it was with unique pleasure that he conferred it. Life's Equipment. The address of the graduating class was delivered by Professor Gilmour, who pointed out that intelligence, Christianity, industry, sacrifice and a knowledge of one's place in the world were the equipment with which they should face the new life upon which they were entering. Short addresses were also made by Drs. Vichet and Parent.

The office of delivering the commencement address fell to the minister of education, Dr. Cody, who referred to a previous occasion, fourteen years before when he had delivered an address on modern theology. The speaker congratulated the school on its good work, saying that he found the graduates of McMaster in the position of head master of high schools in many parts of the province. Referring to the membership of the class he pointed out that one who had received the degree of D.D. was from across the line and said there were no international barriers between men and good will. Referring to some remarks of Dr. Parent, the minister asked him to tell his compatriots in Quebec that their fears of hatred from Ontario were unfounded and that they were mistaken. We do not seek to crush in Prussian fashion the glorious French tongue, said Dr. Cody, but we do feel that the children of Quebec would be handicapped if they did not learn the English tongue. If regulation 17 is viewed as administered it will give equal protection to the children and to the official tongue of the province. The minister of education also made a strong appeal for pure English, saying there was no excuse for the slavish use of the English tongue by any man or woman graduate of a university.

MORE DOPE FIENDS SINCE PROHIBITION

In answer to Alderman Sam Ryding, at the board of health yesterday, as to whether dope fiends had increased since prohibition, Dr. Hastings, M. O. H., said there had been somewhat of an increase, but this was only of a temporary character and would decrease in time.

Alderman Ryding: Then you are of opinion that if prohibition continues the number of dope fiends will be decreased in time?

Dr. Hastings, who had previously stated he intended dealing with this in the bulletin in the near future, replied: Absolutely, without the slightest doubt.

With reference to a question raised as to medical prescriptions and the kind of liquor supplied, Dr. Hastings stated, assuming there was sickness, he thought the vast majority of physicians would not write a prescription unless they feel that liquor was required. It was extremely important that liquor required for medicinal purposes should be pure. It was up to the government to see the public was properly protected.

The board approved the regulations suggested by Dr. Hastings that all bread be wrapped and a conference will be held with the bakers at an early date.

In connection with the monthly statistics the M. O. H. said Toronto had the lowest infantile death rate on the continent for cities of 300,000 or more.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

Edward T. Smith, a slater, who died in Toronto March 29, 1919, left his entire estate, valued at \$3200, to his widow, Mrs. Jane Johnston Smith. The will was filed for probate by the beneficiary yesterday.

William Lang, an agent, who died on March 12, left his estate, valued at \$2858, to be divided among his four daughters and sons.

Mrs. Lottie Thompson and six children are the beneficiaries under the will of Robert Thompson, a farmer, who died in Newmarket on March 6, 1919, leaving an estate valued at \$1863.

Cecil J. Worthington, a blacksmith, who was killed in north Russia, while on active service on Jan. 20, 1919, left his entire estate, valued at \$3229, to his widow, Mrs. Ellen Worthington.

Elizabeth Sommerville, who died on April 21, left an estate valued at \$630 to be divided among a number of relatives and friends.

Arthur N. Durrant, a conductor, who died March 28, left an estate valued at \$550 to his widow and son.

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OSGOODE HALL NEWS

First Appellate Court.
List of cases for Friday, May 9, at 11 a.m.:
Tanner v. Sutor.
Janisse v. Curry.
Lindsay v. Hogan.
Martin v. General Accident Insurance Company.
Brown v. Hossack.
Judges' chambers will be held at 11 a.m. before Mr. Justice Rose.

GIRL GUIDES' RALLY.

The girl guides are looking forward to a great rally when Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell, who arrived on the Baltic on Wednesday, will be in Toronto. The rally has been arranged for Tuesday, May 27, and will be held at Casa Loma, the home of the chief commissioner for Canada, Lady Pellatt. A reception will be held on the evening previously at which Lady Pellatt will be the hostess.

COUNCIL TO AGAIN TACKLE HOUSING BILL

The city council holds another special meeting at noon today to consider the housing bill. This follows the fiasco of Wednesday, when, owing to the criticism the bill was encountering and particularly the amendment that the commission consist of seven instead of five members, the mayor read a lecture to those who had seen "playing football" with the legislation, informing the council that the five prominent gentlemen on the commission could not be expected to act if such interference were to be allowed, and carried a motion that the committee rise, thus bringing the discussion to an end. The mayor also blamed aldermen who favored the amendment for "killing the bill." It is not expected that there will be so much talk today.

In an interview yesterday Sir James Woods, one of the members of the commission, stated that that body was in full sympathy with the returned soldiers and the labor classes. "A commission stands," said Sir James, "is as large as it should be to make it workable. To make it larger would have a tendency to make it unwieldy."

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GUILTY OF WOUNDING RUSSIAN SOLDIER

Pte. George Serenko, a returned Russian soldier, was yesterday found guilty by a jury in the assizes of having wounded Vasil Nezbertyky, another returned Russian soldier, on February 14, 1919, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The original indictment had read with intent to murder, but the jury thought there was not sufficient evidence in the case to warrant this heading, and Serenko was found guilty on the less serious charge. Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, who heard the case, postponed sentence.

According to the evidence the accused in company with another man had entered a restaurant on York street, and after ordering a meal proceeded to find fault with the soup. Nezbertyky attempted to remonstrate with Serenko, but the latter, who had evidently been drinking, headed nothing, and pulling his army knife stabbed Nezbertyky with such force that for a long while after his life was despaired of.

In the box yesterday Serenko, who is a huge six-footer, and who was dressed in his army uniform, stated that he did not remember anything that occurred that day in the restaurant. He stated he had been drinking some vile concoction of alcohol which had for the time being poisoned him. It had made him sick, stated the accused. Serenko told of being at the front for some 15 months while a military authorities representative gave character evidence for the accused.

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ROTARIANS DROP LUNCH.

Owing to the fact that 75 per cent. of the membership of the Rotary Club is actively engaged in assisting in the collecting in the "Big Four" campaign, the directors have decided to call off the luncheon for this week. The room will be used on Friday.

CENTRAL RATEPAYERS EXPRESS STRONG VIEWS

Say Municipal and Government Housing Schemes Are Opposed to Canadian Ideals.

The annual meeting and election of officers in connection with the Central Council of Ratepayers was held Wednesday night in the council chamber, city hall, and the following were elected: President, Geo. Shields; honorary president, J. M. Skelton; first vice-president, Clifford Blackburn; second vice-president, L. W. Mulock; recording secretary, William Farquhar; treasurer, Mrs. McIver; corresponding secretary, Ald. R. Honeyford; recording secretary, Sydenham Thompson; treasurer, E. Cook.

The housing question was the principal subject discussed and a resolution was unanimously adopted, which was moved by J. M. Skelton and seconded by W. Bullock: "That we beseech it to be contrary to Canadian ideals and customs for the municipality or the government to involve itself financially to provide homes for the individual citizen, but that it is their first duty to bring about conditions thru which it would be not only possible but easy for the individual to build and own his own home."

"I am not in favor of the Ontario government or the city council financing the building of houses," said J. M. Skelton, the mover of the resolution. "The Ontario government would like to make the city council responsible, but the most logical solution is the establishment of a home building department by the civic authorities, and a report of this kind should be brought in for consideration by the city council. The average thrifty workman has a home of his own, and what right has the government to take portion of his taxes to build a home for another man?" said Mr. Skelton, who added that the subject of the housing problem has been talked around and an undesirable condition at present exists.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF BROTHER-IN-LAW

John Turner appeared before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock in the assizes yesterday charged with wounding with intent to murder Benjamin Pringle. According to the indictment Turner had let himself into the cellar of a house at 525 East Queen street on March 14, and had been discovered by Pringle, who was his brother-in-law.

Turner, after discovery, was alleged to have thrown a bottle at the head of Pringle, and when that missed, he closed with him and used a knife. Pringle, in the box, stated that he had been stabbed in the stomach. He was wearing the clothes that he wore on the night of the affray, and his sweater coat showed a gash on the left side where the knife had entered. The case will continue today.

City Death Rate Lower Than This Time Last Year

The city's death rate in April was lower than that of the same month last year, the figures being 13 per 1000 per annum and 15.6 respectively. Deaths registered, exclusive of still births, were 564 last month, including 107 infants under one year. Deaths from pneumonia in April, 1918, numbered 181, while from pneumonia and influenza together last month they were 128.

BENEFITS FOR THE SIGHTLESS.

In view of the fact that May 15 is the day set apart for a public appeal in Toronto on behalf of work for the blind, it is interesting to note the benefits the blind are deriving from this work. In a word it is aimed to bring independence to every able-bodied and self-respecting blind person and in this and every other possible way better conditions among the blind.

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