

**GATHERING OF THE CLANS.**

**Interesting Ceremony Held In St. Johns Behind Closed Doors.**

We begin by enquiring why an accredited representative of this journal was not accorded the privileges of the press on this occasion. To have to record by stealth such an epoch-making event in the city's history, reflects none too happily on the organiser of the cyclonic events of last Saturday night's Caledonian rally at the Windsor.

Mere chance—or was it fate?—brought us within the portals of that house, and with true journalistic sense, we 'smelt a rat' immediately on arrival. From within was heard many strange noises; predominant among which was the skirl of the pipes. Approaching within the 'danger zone', we traced the disturbance to a well known room on the ground floor, and assisted by a friendly keyhole saw a strange sight.

No less a personage than the redoubtable 'Barb-wire'—the undefeated champion of the Ypres front, and formerly the uncrowned king of the 'Scourinburn o' Dundee'—was holding a reception, assisted by such stalwarts as McIntyre—the demon tunneller,—the redoubtable Barr, a gentleman from the nervous corps, and by the second edition of the star performer of Hamelin town in Brunswick. The last named—be it known to all men—having refused any liquid refreshment, was strutting back and forth the limited confines of the room putting his very soul into the '72nd's Farewell to Gibraltar'.

The chairman—at any rate the man who had most glasses beside him—his eyes protruding from their sockets and riveted on the piper, for the moment forgot the horrors of war; and unashamed drew from his pocket a handkerchief, wiping away a sympathetic tear.

Events moved fast after this. Several of the less conspicuous members, anxious to show their appreciation of such hospitality demanded a strathspey; and McIntyre, who was occupying the chair until his friend got over his emotional 'jag' unburdened himself thus.—'Misther piper! we will now be havin' chust one more chune, and tat will pe—'Ta tiel among ta Tailor's!'

The piper gave a vigorous punch to his pipes, and having gone through the usual painful preliminaries, planted himself in one corner and motioned for the offensive to proceed.

Space does not permit the details

of what followed. A wonderful mix-up ensued and the 'Hoochin' could be heard for miles. The piper, who had exhibited such wonderful staying powers, at last sagged floorwards, his trusty pipes concluding the orgy fittingly by a series of spasmodic grunts; whereupon the two Maes drained a dipper and a half of Dewar's Special and became, once more, the perfect Scottish gentleman.

**Scourinburn o' Dundee.**

Editor's Note:—Our reporter arrived too late to find Sergt. Boyd in the gathering. Later reports however bring this to light. In the words of the Irishman himself, 'I couldn't stand it any longer' he expressed his state of being.

**THE PHILISTINES BE UPON THEE SAMSON.**

With maiden's charms, Delilah, in her prime

Bound in love's chains the Samson of our time.

In voice a power, but physically unfit

This sapper was declared. He had to quit.

With heartstrings strain'd, the parting came at last

Time winged its way, a week or so had passed;

When 'Knight-on' horseback wooed and won the maid;

And now her heart 'manharnessed' is, 'tis said.

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The Concert announced in last week's issue to be held in Victoria Hall on March 14th, has been cancelled.

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