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MANY RESOLUTIONS MARK CLOSING OF I.O.D.E. CONVENTION

President's Report of Year's Work is Outstanding Feature of Session.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Convention Unanimous on Exchanging Prisoners Man for Man.

Business involving a good deal of detail was disposed of in the closing session of the Daughters of the Empire which took place yesterday. Resolutions and amendments which had formerly been submitted to the resolutions committee were presented, and the reports of the national secretary and treasurer were among the business items.

The report of the president, which was pronounced by many to have been simply wonderful, was given near the close of the afternoon, but regret was voiced by one of the delegates that it had not been given earlier as an inspiration to those present. The address summarized the scope and progress of the organization and asked for even greater patriotic effort on the part of the members, particular reference being made to the things that might be done to show sympathy with the wives and mothers, of whom the address spoke as follows:

"These brave and devoted mothers and wives living their secluded lives are also reminders to all of us that every high-minded woman must give her life in service to her nation and to her fellow-beings. Can we dare to have these mothers and wives looking on at a civilization that thinks nothing of the rights of others? They would be justified in believing that their sacrifices had been made in vain if we returned to the conditions that existed before the war, the unscrupulous pursuit of wealth, the selfish chase after unhealthy excitement and pleasure, the total disregard of the duties of citizenship and the petty political and social intriguing. Are we going to add bitterness to the sorrow of these women who can never be comforted? If not, Canada must develop a citizenship in which men show by their actions that they have a conception of the great truth that responsibility increases with opportunity. The Daughters of the Empire can be a mighty power in furnishing vital proof that Canada has found her soul in the war."

The address also spoke of the late Lady Mackenzie, one of the vice-presidents who had done so much in an unostentatious way for the order. To the members generally, the advice was given that there must be a mutual understanding of one another's motives, if they hoped to hold together.

Educational Work.

One of the outstanding features of the afternoon was the address on the educational work of the chapter by the convenor, Mrs. George H. Smith, of St. Catharines, who told of the distribution of libraries and historical pictures which are being supplied to schools public, separate, high and normal, thruout the Dominion, and just as fast as the funds will permit. The movement has the co-operation of the education department and has, thru the kindness of Mr. Doughty, at Ottawa, access to much that is helpful. A donation of patriotic pictures, valued at $2000, had been received from England. During the year 12,000 books had been distributed and between 600 and 700 pictures, the cost involving $4,258.39. The pictures are obtained from the financial proceeds of life memberships and the books thru many of the chapters.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Gooderham, seconded by Mrs. Colin Campbell, to Mrs. Smith. The names of three teachers who form her committee were included in the thanks to Mrs. Smith who expressed great admiration for the help that had been given her by her assistants. The report of the national organizing secretary, Mrs. Murray Clark, told of 104 new chapters being formed during the year. Miss McGaffin, in her report as secretary, told of the I. O. D. E. annex to the Maple Leaf Club in London, where an average of 250 men are provided with beds and comforts every night. Also of the LO.D.E. hospital in London, where a total of 575 men have been cared for, tho there are but 25 beds in the institution. The I. O. D. E. Club for nurses was also reported to be doing good work, the club membership being now 575. The financial statement read by Mrs. John Bruce, showed a wonderful distribution of funds, the total receipts for the year being $108,673.58, and the money raised by the order thruout the year amounted to $1,044,205.50, the whole amount raised since the war being $4,000,000.

Address on Soldiers' Comforts.

By special request Capt. Joan S. Arnoldi gave a short address on the things that are being done overseas in the department of soldiers' comforts, where she and Captain Mary Plummer, another Toronto woman, have charge. She told of the packing department, and warned the meeting not to send any consignment weighing over 56 pounds, this being the regulation weight for a box, anything heavier having to be detained for repacking. She also gave some idea of the marvelous methods of recording, where the man may be found overseas, when she stated that of 10,000 personal parcels that came in to the department from one consignment, no parcel had been sent out until the exact location of the man had been ascertained and that every man had been located inside of three weeks.

Mrs. Baker, of Caxton Chapter, presented a sample of a memorial volume which she asked that every chapter introduce into its records, the purpose being to keep an exact history with photographs of the men of their members who had gone on active service. The idea was strongly supported by Mrs. P. D. Crerar, of Hamilton, who at the same time paid eloquent tribute to the mothers of the men who had gone overseas, stating it as her conviction that if the Daughters of the Empire had not been founded eighteen years ago, at the time of the South African War, the sons would not have been as ready to answer the call as they had proved themselves to be.

JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON
[After Sam Hunter in The World]

While the resolutions were being presented to the meeting at the close of other business, Mrs. Sexton, of Halifax, was elected to the chair. A resolution to petition the Dominion Government to approve of the formation of a corps of women as an auxiliary to the army, navy, air and wherever else they might be of service, received the support of the meeting, Mrs. Colin Campbell telling of a similar organization which had proved its efficiency during the late strike in Winnipeg in telegraphic service, and which had 500 stenographers and 100 experts in many lines of domestic service.

Many Resolutions Passed.

A resolution to ask for a bureau for the purpose of keeping statistics on child welfare was also presented and fully endorsed. The motion to petition the government to introduce thrift stamps was passed after some modification, it being pointed out that this was already being done to a limited degree.

A motion to cable Sir Edward Kemp to petition that Canadian prisoners be exchanged, man for man, as is now being done by the German and British prisoners, was moved by Mrs. Ambrose Small and seconded by Mrs. Milne, of the Sir Henry Pellatt Chapter, whose son is among the Canadian prisoners. The motion carried unanimously.

Still another resolution, which expressed love and devotion to Mrs. Murray Clarke, founder of the order, was presented and met with unanimous response. Regret and sympathy on the death of John Ross Robertson, an outstanding figure in the community, was moved by Mrs. Crawford Brown and seconded by Mrs. E. F. B. Johnston. Votes of thanks to Mr. Jenkins, who had shown many courtesies while the convention was in session; to the hostesses, the press and to many who had helped in making the convention a success were passed.

Montreal was decided upon by a standing vote as the place of the next annual meeting.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS TO BE UNCHANGED

There will be no changes in the public school text-book regulations for the next school year, 1918-19, and only one change in the high school text-books, it was announced at the department of education yesterday. The one change is in regard to the high school grammar, a revised edition having been completed which will be sold at the former price. There will be no change in any text-book prices.

Arrangements have been completed for the supplying of standard note books at a low figure for the secondary schools of the province, this action having become necessary owing to the constant increase in prices during the past two or three years. The new note books will be of the loose leaf type, and contain 128 pages, the price being much lower than current prices for such books.

Re-filling sheets will be supplied at less than half the price of the original book. It was announced that after July, 1919, no other note books will be used in the high schools, continuation schools or collegiate institutes. Further details will be given in the text-book circular to be issued soon by the department.

NORTHEAST EXECUTIVE MEETS HON. DR. CODY

June 24 is the date mentioned for the nominations in connection with the constituencies of Northeast Toronto and East York vacancies having been caused by the appointment of Hon. Dr. Cody as minister of education and Hon. George S. Henry as minister of agriculture in the cabinet. In some quarters it is thought there will not be a contest in either riding, but should this guess be wrong, the election day would be eight weeks after nomination day, according to the law passed at the last session of the legislature.

The executive committee of the Northeast Toronto Conservative Association was in conference with Sir William Hearst and Hon. Dr. Cody yesterday, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the new minister of education, and talking over the impending byelection. While the date was not fixed, it is understood the decision was reached to hold a convention immediately after the writs for the election have been issued.

OBITUARIES

MRS. FRANKLIN OTT DIES.

Mrs. Franklin Ott died at the home of her son-in-law Dr. E. E. King, 61 East Queen street, after an illness of two weeks. Mrs. Ott, who was in her eighty-fourth year, was stricken with apoplexy on May 16, and did not revive. She was the widow of Franklin Ott, Brantford, who died twenty-five years ago. Both she and her husband were among the pioneers of Brantford, where Mr. Ott and his brother conducted a leather business. Interment will take place in Brantford today, following a private service at Dr. King's house at 12.30 p.m.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Proprietor of Evening Telegram Had Been Ill About Two Weeks.

HAD MANY CHARITIES

Prominent in Varied Activities of Public Life in Toronto.

News of the death of John Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Evening Telegram, spread rapidly thruout the business section of Toronto when the announcement was made shortly after 10.30 yesterday morning, and on every hand it was received with expressions of deep regret.

It was during his return from the south, in April, that the late Mr. Robertson contracted a slight cold, but it was not severe enough to interfere with his activities. He attended the annual meeting of the American Publishers' Association in New York and later took an active part in the campaign to clear off the debt of the new Masonic Temple.

Two weeks ago yesterday, he complained of not feeling well and was taken home from his offices in The Telegram Building. The following day he discussed matters concerning the Hospital for Sick Children and the last cheque he signed was one for $111,000 to clear the debt from that institution.

On Sunday he was threatened with pneumonia and during the week it progressed until at 9.30 yesterday morning he died.

Interested in Children.

The late Mr. Robertson will be remembered for his deep and continual interest in children and especially the Hospital for Sick Children, of whose board of trustees he was the chairman. He visited it every day and at Christmas he was the genial and kindly Santa Claus. His gifts were not confined to that season, however, because for 35 years he aided that institution financially and otherwise. His gifts to it amounted to about $500,000 and in connection with it he founded the Lakeside Home for Little Children at the Island. As a memorial to his first wife, he built and equipped the nurses' residence and presented it to the hospital.

Mr. Robertson was born in Toronto, Dec. 28, 1841, and educated at Upper Canada College. He originated weekly papers while attending school and became a member of the staff of The Leader in 1861. He issued Robertson's Railway Guide for a year, the first of its kind in Canada, and in 1863 joined the staff of The Globe as city editor. Three years later he became one of the founders of The Daily Telegraph, which ceased publication in 1872. It was in 1876 that he founded The Telegram.

Mr. Robertson was a prominent Mason, and held high honors in the craft. He was one of the oldest Orangemen in Toronto, and last July 12 celebrated his 57th parade. For many years he was president of the Canadian Copyright Association, was vice-president and president of the Canadian Associated Press, and honorary president of the Toronto Press Club. He is the author of many Masonic works, and the author and compiler of Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto, as well as several other important volumes.

Many Gifts to City.

His gifts to the city have been many, among others being a collection of 4,000 Canadian historical pictures to the Toronto Public Library. His presentation of a modern ambulance to the city marked a new era in this branch of humane work.

An All-Round Athlete.

He was president of the Ontario Hockey Association, 1899-1905, was an all-round amateur athlete, and founded cups for the promotion of cricket, hockey and bowling. From 1896 to 1900 he represented East Toronto in the house of commons, and in February, 1917, he was offered a knighthood and a senatorship, both of which he declined.

Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife, and two sons by his first wife, John S. Robertson and Irving Earle Robertson, nine nephews and nieces, one grandson and one grandnephew.

Men in the public life of Toronto who have known the late Mr. Robertson for many years, paid tributes to his life yesterday.

Following Mr. Robertson's desire, the funeral will be strictly private, and only the imediate relatives will be present. No announcement will be made in regard to it.

FRESH AIR WORK OF CITY MISSION

The Toronto City Mission Fresh Air Home at Bronte is now occupied by the first needy company of the season. On Wednesday a group of 31 sickly children and 18 mothers needing a rest and a little while in the country were taken out by the missionaries for a free two weeks' holiday, and are enjoying it immensely.

At the two weeks' end these will return to the city and make room for and other company now being selected to take their places, and these two week trips will continue till the close of the summer.

Applications for free outings should be made, and donations for this work should be sent to Rev. Robt. Hall, 87 Howard street.

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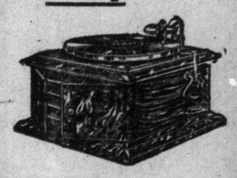

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NAVY LEAGUE MUSICAL.

The Commodore Jarvis branch of and did not revive. She was the musical evening last night in the Prince George Hotel parlors. The program, which was arranged by Mrs. Hartley Bell, was well received. Those taking part included Mrs. W. J. Street, Misses Evans, Mavis Berry, Myrtle Pascoe, and Messrs. Hamilton, Bell, Gordon and Winberg. The president, Mrs. C. A. Simmons, was in the chair.

PROVINCIAL BOARD TO ENFORCE ACT

New Regulations for Control of Venereal Diseases Announced.

PENALTIES PROVIDED

Hospitals Must Provide Treatment or Forfeit Grant.

Druggists will not be permitted to sell patent medicines for venereal diseases and the only persons who may prescribe either drugs, medicines or appliances will be legally qualified medical practitioners, according to an announcement made by Hon. W. D. McPherson, provincial secretary, yesterday. Any person who attempts to do so will be liable to a fine of from $100 to $500.

This will be one of the important points in the regulations for the prevention of venereal diseases thruout the province. A similar penalty with the addition of 12 months' imprisonment in default of payment is to be imposed upon any person, who, knowing or having reason to suspect that he or she is infected, does any act by which another person is liable to become infected.

The act is to come into force July 1 and the diseases included are syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid. General administration of the act will be in the hands of the provincial board of health and the medical officers of health will see to the carrying out of the act in their respective municipalities. The act, it was pointed out, is applicable to the general public as well as persons held under detention for some breach of law.

Powers of Officer.

The medical officer of health may demand treatment and due authority is given him to see that his directions are carried out. He has authority to enter any house in the daytime for the purposes of making an investigation. He may order any person affected to a hospital or other place of treatment and give directions to prevent others in the house becoming diseased.

Hospitals are obliged to provide treatment and in the event of refusal to do so, the provincial grant will be witheld.

It is provided that if a person disagrees with the decision of the local board of health, he may appeal to the provincial board by giving due notice in writing, but the decision of the provincial board will be final.

TOLL IS LOWER.

During the month of May there were 22 violent or sudden deaths in Toronto, as compared with 25 in April and 31 in March. Of this number 3 were killed by automobiles, 9 suddenly stricken or found dead.

NEWS OF LABOR

ORGANIZED LABOR EXTENDS SYMPATHY

The Labor Day committee of the organized labor movement in Toronto, being the largest representation of the workers meeting this week, moved last night to extend to the family of the late John Ross Robertson the sympathy of the working men and women of Toronto in the loss of so noble a husband and father, and further the loss is one that may take years to fill, in fact may never be filled so ably to the benefit of the children of Toronto. Happiness and comfort has been brought to thousands of homes owing to the generosity and self-sacrificing life work of John Ross Robertson.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Following an inquiry at the morgue last night into the death of James Fynn, of Davenport road, who was killed when his head became caught in an automatic elevator door in the factory of the Hinde and Dauch paper company's factory, Thursday, the coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the case returned with a verdict of accidental death. They were of the opinion, however, that the accident could have been averted had there been an elevator attendant.

SOO MAN WINS CROSS.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 31. — Lieut. Clive Boucher of this city, a member of the motor boat patrol, has won the D. S. O. for sinking a super-submarine in the Mediterranean.