


Provincial I. O. D. E. Annual In Fredericton

Mrs. William Pugsley Again Honorary President—More Chapters to be Organized—Prize for Soldier Student

Fredericton, April 24.—The annual meeting of the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E., came to a close this evening. At the afternoon session officers were elected as follows:
Honorary president—Mrs. William Pugsley.
President—Mrs. R. FitzRandolph.
First vice-president—Mrs. W. C. Crockett.
Second vice-president—Mrs. G. K. McLeod.
Treasurer—Miss Jean Hodge.
Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Scott.
Assistant secretary—Miss Ellie Stopford.
Organizing secretary—Mrs. E. Atherton Smith.
Standard bearer—Miss L. Sterling.
Twenty-five councillors were elected as follows—Mrs. R. FitzRandolph, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Mrs. B. C. Foster, Mrs. G. W. Hodge, Mrs. E.

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Atherton Smith, Miss E. Stopford, Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Mrs. Freeman Lake, Miss Jean Hodge, Mrs. D. L. McLaren, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, Miss L. Sterling, Mrs. B. Pipes, Mrs. G. C. Vauvray, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. Fenton, Miss Jarvis, Miss Dorothy Dole, Mrs. Cortland T. Robinson, Miss G. Lawson, Mrs. Dugald, Mrs. M. G. Teed, Miss E. Miller, Mrs. Vroom.
Among the primary chapters which presented reports at the afternoon session were Royal Arms, Windsor, Bonar Law, Duke of Rothesay, Hampton Court.
Miss Warner, who served overseas as a nurse, gave a most interesting description of the experiences of a nurse at the front.
The educational report was read by Mrs. Foster and was followed by a lengthy discussion, the principal object of which was the provision of scholarships for the children of dead or disabled soldiers or sailors. A number of resolutions were presented the most important of which was as follows:
That the I. O. D. E. for the province of New Brunswick give a prize of one hundred dollars for the returned undergraduate soldier who makes the highest standing in the senior year at the University of New Brunswick, the prize to be given next year.
This was referred to the executive for consideration and will be further discussed at the next meeting.
Eighteen chapters of the provincial chapter, including the following, were represented: Governor, Carleton, Sir Howard Douglas, Victor Hatheway, Anagwakdo, Peadar, Loyalist, DeMonts, Brunswick, Valcartier, Royal Standard, Seven Seas, Windsor, Royal Arms, Lady Roberts, Duke of Rothesay, Hampton Court, Lord Sackville, Earl of Chatham.

Mrs. FitzRandolph, president, welcomed the delegates and said she was glad to see chapters represented who had not been here before, and gave an especially warm greeting to the four chapters organized this year, also to the municipal chapter of St. John, the first chapter in New Brunswick. She said the meeting was particularly honored in having as guests four Canadian nurses who have had vital experiences overseas and been decorated for their services. She also made reference to the heavy cloud of anxiety under which the I. O. D. E. met a year ago and compared it with the relief and hopefulness of the armistice. Today hopes are fixed on a just and lasting peace, with the thought that with great blessings comes the consciousness of personal responsibility. Her report showed that hearty support had been given every appeal sent by the national chapter, also of the national service in St. John in receiving the wives and children of our returned men. Her report also referred to the work of education, the exercise of the franchise, housing problems and employment.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge, treasurer, read her report, which showed that during the year \$2,981.77 had been raised by the provincial chapter, and at the close of the year there was a balance in bank of \$245.21.

Mrs. B. C. Foster read her report on education, and Mrs. W. J. Scott read the secretary's report. Mrs. H. F. McLeod gave an interesting report on Child Welfare and had some well prepared statistics showing the death rate among children.

In the absence of Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, provincial organizer, Mrs. H. A. McKenna read her report which showed that during the year five primary chapters and the St. John municipal chapter were organized. The work of organizing was very much interfered with by the influenza epidemic last fall, but during the coming year it is hoped that many more chapters will be organized, so that the great chain of home and national effort which is now being so strongly welcomed by the women of Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic and whose primary object is to bind Canada with a tie more dear to the mother country, may be achieved.

Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Echo secretary, gave a report of her work in connection with the Echo magazine, reported 88 subscribers and commended the action of the national executive in presenting a life membership to Mrs. Hamilton Burns in recognition of her ten years' faithful service on the Echo committee. A discussion on life membership in the national council was taken part in by many of the delegates.

At 12:45 o'clock the visiting delegates were entered at luncheon by the local chapter. Mrs. FitzRandolph, the president, having on her right Mrs. Pugsley and on her left Miss Agnes Warner. Miss Lindsay, matron of the N. B. Military Hospital, Miss Hyatt and Miss Marion Crockett were also guests at the lunch. The ladies' aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian church furnished the luncheon and the tables were prettily decorated with cut flowers and plants.

The following delegates were in attendance from outside Fredericton: Mrs. Travers, Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, Mrs. P. P. Johnston, Mrs. Vroom, Miss J. White, Miss M. Sadler, Mrs. G. K. McLeod, Mrs. A. W. Adams, Mrs. M. G. Teed, Mrs. F. U. Thomas, Mrs. Keaton, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. H. Wetmore, Mrs. J. K. Scammell, Miss Tilton, Mrs. J. Barbour, Mrs. D. L. McLaren, Miss A. Armstrong, Mrs. McKenna, Miss E. Jarvis, Mrs. E. H. Bowman, Mrs. A. Bowman, Miss D. Jones, Miss Wilson, Miss I. Ganter, Mrs. Salmon, Miss J. Lawson, Miss W. Lemon, Mrs. T. H. Carter, Mrs. F. Z. Fowler, Mrs. H. R. Gregory, Mrs. Wigmore, Mrs. M. Robertson, Miss A. Hazen, Mrs. Parlee, Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Freeman-Lake, Mrs. E. Hazen, Mrs. Brunkley.

LUDLOW STREET CONCERT.

A literary and musical entertainment was held in the Ludlow street Baptist church last evening under the auspices of the E. C. Gaunce young ladies' auxiliary. There was a very large attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Rev. W. R. Robinson, the pastor of the church, presided. The programme consisted of the following numbers: Piano solo, Viola McLeod; vocal solo, Clyde Parsons; reading, Miss Pearl Wayne; vocal solo, Samuel Holder; duet, Mrs. Murray Long and Miss Long; violin solo, Clarence Rupert; vocal solo, Mrs. Murray Long; reading, Miss Tilley Ross; vocal solo, Mrs. Frank Mitchell; quartette, Mrs. Murray Long, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Osborne; reading, Mrs. E. A. Westmoreland and vocal solo by Miss Breen. Miss Mullin acted as pianist. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

The health authorities report two cases of smallpox in Middle Sackville. Dr. Desmond, of Newswick, district medical health officer, has inspected several suspicious cases in Sackville town and finds that there is no smallpox there.

CHURCH SERVICES, SPEECHES, FIREWORKS WHEN P.E. COMES

Whether or not the provincial or federal governments take action in the matter, this city will observe a public holiday on the day peace is declared. This was the conclusion arrived at yesterday afternoon when a representative gathering of citizens conferred with Mayor Hayes on the question of the day's celebration.

Among those present at the conference in the mayor's office were his worship, Commissioner John B. Jones, Commissioner John Thornton, Senator Thorne, Archdeacon Crowfoot, Rev. F. S. Dowling, Rev. D. J. McPherson and Rev. Neil McLaughlin, representing pretty well the religious denominations of the city.

A free and informal discussion took place. At the outset it was agreed that the historic occasion should be marked by a public holiday. Great demonstrations were not considered with favor as it was the consensus of opinion that such a display should be deferred until the soldiers are all home. There was some reference made as to how the soldiers should be received, but this question was dismissed for the time being.

There was little difference of opinion among those present as to how the day should be observed. It was agreed that the forenoon should be set aside for special religious services of the nature of a thanksgiving. Details in connection with these services are to be left with the various churches. There may be individual services, or congregations and denominations may unite for the purpose.

In the afternoon the civic authorities are to take charge of the celebration and it is planned at present to have a stand erected in some central place, probably King square, and there have brief orations by prominent public men.

In the evening it is planned to have band concerts and there is the possibility of a fireworks display. The night is to be given over largely to the citizens and no doubt it will be a gala night. Details of the afternoon and evening programmes are to be left with the mayor and city commissioners and will be announced in due time.



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A meeting of the retail clerks was to have been held in the Moose Hall, Charlotte street, last evening, but owing to the fact that there were not enough present to carry on successfully, it was thought advisable to postpone the meeting until next week.

The first fatal hunting accident in the province this season was reported yesterday by trainmen of the Maritime express who stated that a returned soldier named Jacob Damien Gotreau was drowned a few days ago in Shediac harbor. Gotreau and a companion were hunting wild fowl from a canoe, which was overturned. Gotreau went to the bottom, but his companion was able to climb onto a cake of ice and was rescued.

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