MUSIC LOVERS OF ST. JOHNS HEAR E. T. D. BAND IN SPLENDID PROGRAM.

Warm Commendation From Large And Appreciative Audience.

An event of unusual importance to music lovers was carried to a successful issue on Thursday evening last (4th inst.) when the Band of the Canadian Engineers made their debut before a large audience at the Town Hall, St. Johns. The position of Chairman was occupied by Major Milne who opened the proceedings with a few well chosen remarks.

The initial effort of the Band was evidentally a success, for they were called upon to repeat, and instead of doing so gave, what was humorously described by the Chairman as "Love", wherein the Bass horn displayed great skill. The next item was by way of showing the variety they are capable of, and introduced Sapper Jamison as a vocalist of merit. With "The Red Crossed Flag", this singer who already has great popularity outside his connection with the Band, was at his best, and deserves great credit for his contributions. Bandsman Orr, who hails from New York, figuratively speaking brought down the house with his Cornet solo, "The Perfect Day", and it was not until he replied with another item that the audience were satisfied.

The "American Patrol" as played under the direction of Bandmaster Sergt. Cook, takes on a distinction for itself which places it on a par with the world famous "Turkish Patrol" so popular several years since, and which was played by most of the leading bands in Europe.

The Mounted Section of the Cnadian Engineers were not neglected, and we look to them to take for their own, the "March past" which was dedicated to them on this particular evening.

The slight tendency of the Chairman to lean towards anything that hails from "North beyond the Tweed" was evident at the introduction of Piper Cooper, and the noise emitted by that wonderful instrument, the Bagpipes, was thoroughly enjoyed by those whose taste lies in that direction. We have to thank that part of the audience for calling the Piper back again, this time to give us an exhibition of his skill as a dancer, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all sections of the company present. We might here parenthetically remark the addition of a little lace to the piper's lingerie would be a distinctive novelty.

The "Hunting Chorus" as a band piece, introduced to us the vocal, as well as the instrumental ability of the performers and is deservedly popular. The introduction, at this point, of a novelty by way of change, was a happy inspiration of the management, and the performance of Sapper Frith who juggled with balls, knives, plates, etc., was nothing short of marvelous and reminded us of Paul Cinquyelli of international fame. The Clown was well sustained by Sapper Jamison (of the rubicond countenance). To dilate upon the many splendid items, would occupy more space that is at our disposal, but we cannot let such enjoyable performances passs without attempting to pay them the tribute which is their due. "Gems of the Opera" always recalls to our mind the pleasure experienced in listening to the complete masterpieces from which these gems are taken. The "Trombone Sneeze" was of that delightful humoresque variety which always produces a good laugh.

The "Down South" item showed us (in an imaginative picture) the darkie in his happy eccentricity. And the Honolulu Quartett was fine. Bandsman Fanstone did ample justice to that fine and stirring song, "Long live the King", wherein he proved himself possessed of a well trained voice.

Altogether one of the most pleasant and profitable evenings was spent, and we trust the successful performance of our Band may be repeated in the near future. The profits of the concert were devoted to that worthy and useful Society known as the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

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The City Hall, in which the concert was held, was fairly well filled, though we cannot pass without commenting upon the lack of military support; we were glad to see so many of our old friends who never fail to turn up when support for a worth cause is requested. Montreal, St. Johns and Iberville were all represented.

At time of going to press, the amount realized was not definitely known. Let us ask, however, that another time a little more interest, —particularly from the military population,—be shown. You didn't all go to Quebec, you know.

Send "Knots and Lashings" to the Folks back home. You may be sure they will be glad to hear from their boys on active service.

A joke, like an egg, is never the same after it has been cracked.

THANKS FOR RED CROSS COLLECTION

At Good Friday Church Parade.

St. Johns, P.Q., Mch. 30, 1918 To the Rev. A. H. Moore, M.A., Rector of St. James' Church,

St. Johns, Que. Dear Mr. Moore,—

Please accept my most sincere thanks for the splendid donation of \$25.00 for our Red Cross Circle. I think it was a fine collection for the Engineers Parade on Good Friday, and it would be a satisfaction to them I am sure to know what a help it will be towards the buying of material for the garments we send overseas for the Red

Cross Hospitals.
Yours gratefully,

M. B. Sugden Evans, Representative

OYEZ! OYEZ!! OYEZ!!! W.O.R.; C.O.R.; MACHINE GUN CORPS;—SHUN!!!

"Knots and Lashings" extends to you all, collectively and individually, a hearty welcome to St. Johns. We also remind you that, during your sojourn in our midst, we would like you to consider that "Knots and Lashings" is YOUR paper. Moreover we welcome all contributions on "current topics" of the day. Tell us how you like St. Johns, confide in us your troubles whether they are due to Mulligan or Love. "Personal notes" and "poetry" will find a ready acceptance. GET BUSY!!

AND HE BELONGED TO THE C.O.R. AT THAT.

Last Tuesday morning a well known Sergeant of the C.O.R. was entering the E. T. D. Barracks. As he passed through the gate the Sentry saluted evidently under the impression that he was an officer. The Sergeant, not be outdone, promptly returned the salute, not being aware that the O.C. was an interested spectator. Next morning the Sergeant had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the O.C. in the Orderly Room. When asked why he had returned a salute to which he was not entitled the Sergeant replied, "Sir, I always make a point of returning everything to which I am not entitled."

And the case was dismissed.

Mother. — Remember, Robert, that a penny saved is a penny earned!

Son — Is that all? Really, mamma, the remuneration is too small for the effort involved!



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