

# SUPREME CHIEF RANGER OF I.O.F. WELCOMED TO OUR CITY LAST NIGHT

Gathering at Griffin's Opera House Last Night—Address of Welcome by Mayor Platt—Splendid Entertainment—Gratifying Progress of World's Greatest Insurance Organisation.

Barclay has a more insistent character than admission to Griffin's opera house than assembled here last night to do honor to W. H. Hunter, the recently appointed Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters. Reserve seats were allotted on Wednesday to those fortunate enough to apply in time. But there were not nearly enough of these to supply the demand. Many hundreds of others came last night at 7.30 to be on hand for the rush seats. As soon as the doors were opened the grand rush took place and soon the building was filled to the roof. The arrival of the flood last evening prevented the attendance of several hundreds from West Belleville. This misfortune however served to afford accommodation for another waiting multitude who would not otherwise have been privileged to hear the program.

The chair was occupied by Mr. W. C. Mikol, K.C., who is known throughout the district as one of the most gracious and capable of presiding officers. Mr. Mikol, delivered no formal address but merely kept everything moving with "pen" and enthusiasm. His Worship, Mayor (Dr.) Platt, on behalf of the city extended to Mr. Hunter a cordial welcome on this, his first official visit to Belleville. It was a most interesting and noteworthy historical review of the inception of Forestry in the memorable year of 1745. The real

origin of the Independent branch of Forestry was not organized until 1874 in Newark, N.J. After a few years of precarious existence, the order was taken in hand by Dr. Oronhyateka, the great organising genius of fraternal insurance. Its career since that time has been one of marvellous progress and a series of triumphs.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell, Assistant Chief Ranger, gave a brilliant address, telling more particularly of the present work and standing of the order. Independent Forestry was more than 100 per cent. financially sound.

Supreme Court officers were accompanied by a band of entertainers who provided a musical and miscellaneous program that has seldom been equalled in this city.

Miss Lina Craine, a most charming soprano, sang with remarkable vivacity and a voice of silvery tone, "Sing Sweet Bird" and was compelled to respond to a double encore.

Miss Marjorie Wilson, mezzo-soprano, a very pretty prima-donna with a delightful stage manner, sang most effectively the old favorite, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie, the Maid of Dundee," and received an enthusiastic encore.

Ald. Donald McGregor, of Toronto, is no stranger to Belleville audiences. His splendid, resonant voice has done much valuable work as a nurse to our dear boys. Her experience was for two whole years. She is, we hope, getting a well deserved rest.

Mr. Geo. Bingham, Montreal, is in town, the guest of Mr. William Smithers of the British Chemical Plant.

Harvey Lloyd, another favorite with the concert-going public won fresh triumphs last night with his irresistible funny character sketches and songs. Double encores greeted his every appearance.

The local committee, having the arrangements in charge were W. R. Gilbert, C.E., Robert Ellis, Y.C., C. C. Walters, financial secretary; S. S. Finkle, recording secretary; and J. O. Herby P.C.E.

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At three fifteen yesterday afternoon the ice jammed at the upper bridge and the water and ice swept over Mill St. The water flooded the shops on the east side of the river for a while.

West Belleville was tied up last night by water which made Coleman street and Main Street impassable. This water came from the Two Mile Pond across Coleman Flats. Autos were required to get all of the residents living north and west of Coleman St. over the upper bridge.

Ald. Chas. Hanna put a bus on Main Street last night.

Another shift in the Moira River at eleven thirty today relieved the condition at the upper bridge and in the river north of the lower bridge, but turned loose water and ice into the section south and east, flooding the city.

That part of Front Street, which has hitherto escaped. The rotting of ice below the lower bridge where a dam had been formed two days ago set in motion the huge field which extended from Bridge Street to above Lott's dam. The move sent the ice jam back to the lower bridge, where it bridged a little, but ice backed up high against the bridge work and turned north and east and west large volumes of water which poured over Front Street, flooding the market and ran in rapids down the main thoroughfare to the harbor.

The rear of the ice jam is now near Deacon's Street. Yesterday the water has lowered nearly three feet on both sides of the river to a point a little south of the lower bridge.

The lower bridge is in a position. The footbridge sank back into its old position. At the upper bridge the water lowered some seven feet in a few minutes.

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Up the river in the rear of the Smith Hardware Company's building some man caused a fire. The fire was caused by the water in the road on Front St. near Harry's Avery. In the Belleville Creamery about one hundred dollars worth of butter was surrounded. From Orr's ivery horses had to be taken out and one man carried out a calf. Some places had prepared for the flood by removing goods beyond possible levels. The firemen at No. 1 got out their equipment. Water avoided this rear of the Ontario Office to the depth of about ten inches. From Finnacle St. to the bay bridge road north of the railway tracks, the land and river is a mass of ice and water. A telephone pole on the C. P. R. bridge was snapped by a cake of ice when the bank formed. The concrete wall at the foot of the park at the south of the hall was the base of a beautiful water fall.

On the west side of the city ice swept far up Dundas street and the water flooded the C. N. O. R. and C. P. R. tracks, washing out the ballast near the bay bridge. Yesterday a culvert had been cut in the bay bridge road but today this could not be done. The water was so high that it was not possible to get the ballast in place. The gravel ballast being swept away so that traffic on both sides had to be stopped. No train could cross the gap. The ballast is being carried to the scene this afternoon to fill up the washout.

Engineers of the Dominion Railway Commission are to be in the city this afternoon to go over the situation. Citizens are hoping that charge for demonstration.

## Busy Trenton

Mrs. Dr. B. Acon has returned from her months' visit in Montreal where her daughter, Miss Blanche Acon, had undergone an operation and is making rapid progress.

Dr. F. M. G. Johnston left for Quebec City, Thursday.

Mr. T. H. Johnston returned from his business trip in Toronto.

Mrs. Dr. T. S. Farncomb returned from Ottawa Friday evening where she had attended the conference, "Local Council for Women."

Mrs. E. George Smith, Hamilton is visiting with her niece, Mrs. Jeffrey Morton, who is staying here.

Mr. R. D. Foster, brother of the Rev. Mr. Foster, Presbyterian Church has left the commercial and industrial world to seek duties amongst the boys through the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Foster has been a resident here for a few months and has become popular. His friends regret to lose him but wish him success in his new sphere.

Mrs. G. A. Wilson, of New York City arrived in town Friday.

Mrs. Wilfred Galna left for Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to join her husband who is on a business trip.

It is really wonderful what theatregoers there are in Trenton. One need not wonder so when you see such eminent actors staged here such as Mr. Albert Brown who held his audience firmly Friday night.

Mr. Harry Demill has decided to sell off his estate since his irreparable loss recently sustained in that of his little boy. Wide spread sympathy is extended to him.

Mrs. Stewart Grimsaw was in town Thursday.

Many friends who assembled at the Rebecca Lodge Social last evening were greatly delighted to have with them Miss Dally who has just returned from overseas where she has done much valuable work as a nurse to our dear boys.

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On Tuesday, April 2nd, Doreen, wife of Mr. Doreen, of the Hotel Quinte, was taken to the hospital. She is now recovering.

## BEDRIDDEN WITH RHEUMATISM

Felt That He Would Never Walk Again "FRUIT-A-LIVES" Brought Relief.



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For a year, I suffered with Rheumatism. I was forced to stay in bed for five months. I tried all kinds of medicine but without getting better; and thought I would never be able to walk again.

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## Conscription For Farm Labor

Hastings County Organizes into Municipalities With Reeves as Chairman for Increased Production.

(From Daily Ontario of March 25.) At a special meeting of the Hastings county council yesterday afternoon the following resolutions were adopted:

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Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Silas that this council resolve itself into a many committees as there are municipalities in the county with the several different roles as convenors of the committees for the respective municipalities and that they have power to add to their numbers such men as they think wise and expedient and that they proceed to organize their municipalities with a view to increasing the food production. The resolution carried.

Mr. Embury moved, seconded by Mr. C. Rollins that in the opinion of this council it is desirable that he government conscript for work on farms those classes of men who have been conscripted for military service, namely, those placed in B. C. D. and E. categories, who are able for farm duty and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the government and that copies be also sent to the other county councils in Ontario for the next June session. Carried.

Mr. D. V. Sinclair headed a deputation representing the International Y. M. C. A. council and addressed the county council, asking for a grant of \$10,000 towards the Y. M. C. A. overseas comforts for the men.

Warden Montgomery and Reeve Chas. Rollins supported the work of the Y. M. C. A. Both favored direct taxation.

Mr. Silas said he could support a ten thousand grant, but would favor a substantial grant.

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## Obituary

MRS. ELLEN SLAVIN Mrs. Ellen Slavin, widow of the late John Slavin, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, Robert Slavin, 40 Strachan St. Deceased was born in Cayuga County, Ireland, in the year 1829. She came here when a girl and has been a resident here ever since. Mrs. Slavin has been in poor health since Christmas, in religion she was a member of St. Michael's Church.

The surviving members of the family are: Thos. Slavin, Los Angeles; Robert Slavin, Los Angeles; R. W. Slavin, Los Angeles; Mrs. Edward Adams, Los Angeles; Mrs. Henry Johnston City.

From Shobek the Arabs advanced to Telle, which they also captured and held. On January 26th the Turks sent a force against the place from El Kerak. The Arabs tried to meet it and at the 50th of El Kerak drove it back in disorder with the loss of many prisoners and much booty. As a result of these operations, it may be said that the right flank of the British communications is secure up to the Dead Sea.

HEAVY CROP OF OATS IN THE NECHAKO VALLEY Winnipeg, Mar. 22.—That Central British Columbia will be the future become famous as a seed producing territory is the opinion expressed here by experts, who have had an opportunity to watch the results of recent experiments.

Mr. W. C. Lampitt, on his farm south of the Town of Vanderhoof, B.C., on the Grand Trunk Pacific line, sowed oats of the "New Industrial Variety" last year on about ten acres of new breaking. He obtained one hundred and twenty-seven bushels per acre after the oats had been cleaned, and the crop averaged 67 pounds to the bushel, and his grain is in demand for seedling purposes.

Col. W. N. Ponton delivered a most impressive and eloquent five minute address last night at the Foresters' concert in connection with the local speaker, program of the war. Lecture Bureau, Col. Ponton quoted from a letter of Lieut. Frank Lynn a stirring message of confidence and courage great enthusiasm in the audience. The noble record of Lieut. Lynn should be an inspiration to all.

The theatres of war in Palestine and in Mesopotamia, and especially these lines of communication—from Egypt in the former case, and from the Persian Gulf in the latter—are separated by Arabia, the home of countless Arab tribes. Over Arabia the Turks claim suzerainty, which varies from the definite occupation of such places as Medina, to somewhat shadowy claims over the centre. But the land communications between Turkey and Arabia have always been extremely primitive, consisting mainly of caravan routes across the desert; and to improve these communications, the Hedjaz and Bagdad railways have been constructed.

Consequently, when the Arabs of the Hedjaz revolted against the Turks, their main objective was to cut the Hedjaz Railway and so prevent the reinforcement of the Turkish detachments in and about Medina. The railway appears to have been held by a succession of Turkish posts from Deraa to Medina, of which the most important were at Maan and El Kerak, which latter place, although not upon the railway itself, is a convenient centre for protective posts.

Besides the importance of the Hedjaz Railway as a means of reinforcing the Turks in the Hedjaz, it has a direct bearing upon the British operations in Palestine. The main British communications, as pointed out by General Allenby in his recent despatch, consist of the railway from Kantara to Beersheva, and the road from Beersheva to the coast, which latter place, although not upon the railway itself, is a convenient centre for protective posts.

Attacked by Asthma. The first awful sensation is of suffocation, which hour by hour becomes more desperate and hopeless. To such a case the relief afforded by Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy seems nothing less than miraculous. Its help is quickly apparent and soon the dreadful attack is mastered. The asthmatic who has found out the dependability of this sterling remedy will never be without it. It is sold everywhere.

Mr. A. D. McIntosh, district representative at Surling, put himself at the service of the county. Some central organization is required. What is left to everybody nobody does. We must learn what crop is best suited.

Mr. Chas. Vandewater thought farmers in Sidney were doing their utmost. One farmer he knew thought he was doing his duty if he grew barley.