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**GIVES ADDRESS ON PATRIOTISM**

**Father Cloran Shows Need in Peace as in War**

**Makes Three Suggestions For Improving Conditions and Stimulating Patriotism**

That patriotism was a virtue not confined to war time, but a duty owed to the country in time of peace, as well as in war, was the theme of a stirring address given before the Gyró Club at its luncheon in the Admiral Beatty hotel yesterday by Rev. James Cloran, C. S. R. He declared that it was not patriotic to abandon one's country in peace time and leave her for the enemy to enter and take possession. Allan Agar presided at the luncheon and hearty thanks was extended to the speaker.

**NEED IN PEACE TIME**

Father Cloran said that there was sad proof of the need of patriotism in peace time seen in the violation which was witnessed in the haste with which people left their country after the war in the quest for easier times and material gains, when they should have remained to help their own country over the times of hardship. They had protected the country with their lives in wartime and then they walked out in peace time and left it free gift for the enemy to come and take.

He blamed all Canadians alike for exodus from this country, saying that those who had not gone should have tried to make conditions better, so that those who had gone might not have been forced to do so.

Father Cloran declared that today Canadians were working in a vicious circle. Desiring more inhabitants for the country, they were ousting them by immigration and as soon as the new comers were educated and made capable of good citizenship in Canada, they left for another country. Canada was getting nowhere with its schemes for increasing population.

**REAL PATRIOTISM**

Real patriotism, Father Cloran described as love of country, of soil, and fellow citizens, attachment for the laws, institutions and customs of the country, and zeal to protect the principles of country which are based on liberty of conscience. Patriotism, he said, manifested itself in earnestness to defend the country even with life itself, in obedience and respect for law on the part of the citizen, in the disinterested administration of justice on the part of those in authority, in prayer for the inoculation of virtues and in prayer for the national welfare on the part of the priest.

**THREE SUGGESTIONS**

As a means of improving present conditions and stimulating patriotism in peace time, Father Cloran suggested three things, first that the citizenship should strive to live good lives, since only the good could be truly patriotic; second, that there should be more general knowledge about the country, its resources, its history and geography, and its great men and great events, and last, a more hearty celebration of national holidays as tending towards greater patriotism.

**SAY NOT GUILTY ON ROBBERY CHARGE**

**Case of George I. and Mrs. Collier This Afternoon in The Police Court**

Charged with the theft of \$2,000 from Mrs. James Levine, the case of Geo. I. and Margaret M. Collier was allowed to stand over until some time this afternoon on the request of Wm. J. Ryan, counsel for the defendants. They pleaded not guilty. They were arrested at Woodstock after Mrs. Levine reported missing the money from her house in Pond street.

**OTHER CASES**

Walter Hellem, 46, was this morning fined \$8 for drunkenness and \$20 for impeding pedestrians in Charlotte street about 12:30 last night. Detective Kilpatrick testified that he had seen the man take hold of a lady's arm and pull her around. The lady would not give her name. Hellem said he had taken the lady's arm in mistake, he having lost track for the moment of his companion who had been in a safe with him. He could not remember the companion's name. The fine was paid.

One man was fined \$8 for being drunk on Union street. The chief officer of his ship, which sailed at noon today, paid the fine.

William Smith, of England, was handed over to the chief officer of his ship this morning, he having been given in charge by Adjutant A. E. Ward of the Salvation Army Hotel last night for creating a disturbance in the hotel.

Two dog cases which had been allowed to stand over were taken up in Police Court this morning. The license fees were paid.

**Ferry Figures Slightly Lower**

The ferry figures for November show a falling off in the receipts from passengers and an increase in the revenue from teams, with a net loss of revenue of \$47.20, as compared with the same month of 1924. The falling off in the number of passengers fares for the 11 months of 1925 is 35,566. Following are the comparative figures for 1924 and 1925: Passengers: 1924, \$2,094.85; 1925, \$2,014.28; decrease in revenue, \$80.57. Teams: 1924, \$634.89; 1925, \$669.26; decrease in number of teams, 454; increase in revenue, \$33.37. Passengers carried to date: 1924, 1,860,660; 1925, 1,544,094.

**GOES TO CONFERENCE**

Rev. C. M. Morgan, pastor of St. Philip's church, left at noon today for Amherst to attend a meeting of the district conference of the A. M. E. church, of which he is president. The conference will be in session tomorrow and Friday.

**Local News**

**PLAY CARDS; PLAN DEBATE**

The St. John Baptist Society met last evening in their rooms, St. James street, with a large number of members present. After the meeting a card tournament was held at 21 tables. The first prize, a pair of chickens, was won by E. Garnett; 2nd, ham, won by LeBaron O'Neill; consolation, pipe, Frank Walsh. On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock a debate will be held in the rooms and will be open to the men of the parish.

**HAVE STAG CARD PARTY**

About 250 guests attended a stag and party at St. Peter's parish hall last night under the auspices of the Holy Name Society. A prize of a pair of chickens was given for the best card at each table. During the game, an interesting event took place—a broadcast reception of the hockey game between the Boston and Canadian teams was provided. After the games some twelve or more turkeys were disposed of. The evening was a decided success. The next one will be held on Dec. 22nd.

**DE MONTS CHAPTER MEETS.**

The monthly meeting of De Monts Chapter, I. O. O. E., was held in the Government Rooms this morning, with Mrs. J. Walter Holly, first vice regent, in the chair. The following donations towards Christmas cheer were made: Goodfellows Fund \$25; The Children's Ward in the County Hospital \$5; The gift to an I. O. O. E. Bursary Holder \$5. In accordance with a request from the Municipal Chapter the members decided to give their share to help place a tablet on the oldest house in Saint John.

**CONCERT MUCH ENJOYED**

A concert was given in St. Philip's Church last night under the auspices of the Helping Hand Society. The pastor, Rev. C. M. Morgan, presided, and a musical and literary program proved delightful to a large audience. Solos were sung by Wm. Carthy, Mrs. A. Leve, Mrs. L. Ford, readings given by Mrs. M. Davis, Mrs. E. Dixon; piano selections by Mrs. C. M. Morgan, Mrs. L. Ford and the two Carthy boys. Two dialogues, "Almost a Mormon," and "Changed Housewife," were well put on and enjoyed. The proceeds were for the aid of the church. The pleasant evening closed with a brief address by the pastor.

**WILL MEET HERE**

L. W. Simms, of this city, chairman of the General Board of the Maritime Religious Education Council who is also prominent in international circles of the same work, has issued a circular communication to a body of clergymen and laymen advising them that the National Secretary, Dr. Taylor, of the National Religious Education Council of Canada is to be the principal speaker at a supper gathering at the Admiral Beatty Hotel next Monday. It is expected the meeting will pave the way for more intensive effort on the part of local forces for an increase in the efficiency and extent of religious education, especially among boys and young men.

**NEW Y. P. A. FORMED.**

Three of the young people's classes in the Victoria street Baptist church were united last night under the name of the Young People's Association of Victoria street Baptist church. The classes were the Philanthropia, Pioneer and Gold Chain and were attached to the Sunday school. While uniting in the Y. P. A. they still retain their identity. The new officers are, President, Stanley Clark, first vice president, Mrs. Harold Flower, second vice president, Miss Rae Curry, third vice president, Wm. McKenzie, secretary, Mrs. Russell Short, treasurer, Roy Beckett, social committee, Misses Mary Mawry, Fox Smith, Emma Robertson, Carman McDonald and Bert McAuley. The new association will meet each Tuesday evening.

**RETIRE WITH GOOD RECORD.**

The esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hurley are held by the people of St. Peter's parish was shown last evening when a delegation composed of teachers and pupils of St. Peter's Boys' School called at their residence in Magazine street and presented to them a valuable gift. Principal Shea, on behalf of the teachers and pupils, made the presentation. Mr. Hurley is retiring from the position of janitor of St. Peter's school, a post he has held for more than 25 years. During this long period he has been a valued and faithful employee, never missing a day from the school until he was taken ill for a short time in last June. Mr. Hurley heartily thanked the teachers and pupils for their kindness and spoke of his regret at parting from them, but said that ill health alone would cause him to leave their school.

**As Hiram Sees It**

CLEVELAND.—Well, Mr. here I be in Yankeland. I jist run down from Ontario to see if they'd count me fer another returned-exodan when I go back next week. Yesterday was Thanks-givin' Day here, an' I was jist in time. On account of the day they didn't kill nobody with an ottomobee—but bein' as the school was closed, I guess skippin' a day now an' agin won't make the record too Year's. You orto see Hiram on the corners on Euclid avenoo. He never leads the procession—he follows—for he wants to git back to The Settlement fer Christmas without losin' life or limb. Well, sir—I met three fellers at lunch at the City Club today that hed all been down as far as Saint John last summer—an' they said we hed a great country an' they'd like to go agin. They used me fine. I told 'em we'd make 'em all welcome to old Noo Brunswick—an' so we orto—fer they're nice fells to meet—yes, sir.

HIRAM.

**KIDDIES CALL TO ST. MALACHI'S**

**All Ready for City Cornet Band Fair Tomorrow Night**

**Fair Continued to Swell Empty Stocking Fund—Merchants Help in Project**

Only a large attendance remains to make the City Cornet Band Fair tomorrow night for the benefit of the Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund a big success.

Remember it is to be in St. Malachi's hall tomorrow, Thursday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The band will parade to the hall from the head of King street and it is hoped the old saying "Follow the Band" will be lived up to and that there will be hundreds of people assembled in the hall.

There will be much to entertain in addition to the fact that all will be helping the little ones who will find their only Santa Claus in the Empty Stocking Fund. All the band's equipment, in the way of booths, wheels and games is there and will be all at the service of the fund. The efficient band workers will be helped by volunteers from the staff of this newspaper and everyone may be sure of good attention and a good time. The band will play one of its choice programs.

**MERCHANTS HELP WELL**

For the re-stocking of the booths business men have come to the front to support the fine act of the band in aiding this fund. Quite a number have made contributions, including:

- Corona Co., Ltd.—Punch Board and chocolates.
- W. J. Wetmore—Chocolates.
- Emercy Bros.—Chocolates.
- Atlantic Sugar Refineries—30 lbs. sugar.
- G. E. Barbour—Tea.
- T. H. Estabrooks—Tea.
- C. H. MacDonald—Tea.
- H. W. Cole, Ltd.—Groceries.
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- Pacific Delicacies—Ice Cream.
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- Mervens—Biscuits.
- T. Rankine—Biscuits.
- R. D. & W. P. Starr—Coal.
- Smith Brokerage Co.—Flour.
- A. L. Goodwin Ltd.—Fruit.
- F. F. Estabrooks—Fruit.
- B. E. DeBow—Fruit.
- Harold & Peters—Groceries.
- Thos. Gorman—Groceries.
- Chas. M. Lingley—Tickets.

The object is most worthy, the need is great, a little help from the many will make a big fund and the more money the more good cheer there will be for the children at Christmas. Let hundreds decide to give up tomorrow evening for the good of the little ones and rally at St. Malachi's Hall.

**COURT HEARS CASE OVER AUTO CLASH**

**Action of Charles McDonald vs. W. A. Simonds is Being Tried**

In the Circuit Court this morning before Mr. Justice Crockett, the case of Charles McDonald vs. W. A. Simonds, an action for damages arising out of an automobile accident, was commenced. The accident occurred during last summer, on the Westfield road. The plaintiff's car was approaching the city and the defendant's car, proceeding in the opposite direction, had passed a truck also going towards Westfield.

Mr. McDonald contends that he was forced to leave the road in order to avoid a collision and, as the result of the defendant's alleged negligence his car was badly damaged by striking a rock pile on the side of the road.

The defendant maintains that the plaintiff was proceeding at an unreasonable rate of speed and that that was the cause of the accident.

The plaintiff was on the stand this morning and the case is being continued this afternoon. W. H. Harrison, K.C., appeared for Mr. McDonald and J. Starr Tait for the defendant.

**Officers of Baxter Lodge Installed**

Baxter Lodge, L. O. B. A., last night installed Mrs. Burton Ring, W. M.; Miss Blanche Smallin, D.M.; Miss Allen Sweet, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Robert Irvine, Fin. Sec.; Mrs. Silas Cheeseman, Treas.; Mrs. James Spilane, chaplain; Mrs. O. Stinson, Lect.; Mrs. H. Brownell, assistant; Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, D. of C.; Mrs. F. Cusack, I. G.; Mrs. J. J. Cheeseman, O.G.; Mrs. William McAllister, guardian; Mrs. Willard Brownell, senior lady of committee; Mrs. O. Arbo, pianist. Trustees included the W. M., D. M., and Rec. Secretary.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Miss Josephine Woodland and Mrs. James Brown. Mrs. Edward Duff was in the chair. It was reported that \$89 was realized from the recent supper of Baxter Lodge. Plans were made that at the next meeting a social time would be enjoyed and a Christmas tree would be in evidence.

Representatives were present from Rusborough, Fort Dominion, John's, Callum and Welsford Lodges. At the close the ladies of Baxter Lodge served dainty refreshments.

**BOYS' CLUB ACTIVE**

The South End Boys' Club has started activities for the season in earnest. The boys are showing keen interest in class work and are establishing records in attendance, there being between 75 and 80 present each night. There is a lack of certain pieces of equipment for their gymnasium, and in order to secure these necessary pieces the boys are working hard to put on a concert and entertainment on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 10 and 11. They are being tutored by Bert Alcom.

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