

Toronto St. George's Society.

On the evening of Tuesday the 4th April, St. George's Society of Toronto held its semi-annual smoker. For genuine patriotic display and high class talent it has never been excelled. The society's beautiful hall in Elm street was crowded to overflowing. Everybody seemed brimming over with fun and excitement. These concerts are considered (for local talent) the very best of the season, and justly so, as will be seen by a glance at the names of the talented artistes who took part. The beautiful and costly flag presented to the society by Past President Geo. H. Gooderham graced the walls of the platform. The President, Capt. Geo. Musson, made an excellent presiding officer and was well supported by the whole of his stewards and committee. The "Churchwarden" and real "English Shag" were very much in evidence and the large gathering enjoyed themselves in games of various kinds. Pleasing features of the evening were the selections rendered by "The English Bell Ringers," Messrs. Cashmore, Alexander, Broomhall, Dean, Cashmore and Blain. The recent wonderful invention, "The Graphophone Grand," about which the press has recently said so much, was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. R. S. Williams, and managed by the Vice-president, Mr. Harry S. Pell, who made it say funny things and sing funny songs. Recitations and songs were given by Messrs. Lugsdin, Rundle, Day, Prizer and Meech. Mr. H. H. Godfrey, the author of Canada's national and favorite song "The Land of the Maple," together with W. Arthur Blakeley, were the accompanists. Mention must also be made of that other well known author, Mr. Alex. Muir, who made one of his famous patriotic speeches. His rendering of his own composition on the "Old Flag" fairly won the hearts of the audience and he concluded by singing his famous song "The Maple Leaf Forever" which stirred the enthusiasm of his hearers to such an extent that they rose in a body and joined him in singing the two last verses. Messrs. Mason & Risch kindly lent one of their charming upright Grand's for the occasion. There were refreshments in abundance, and everybody joined in voting the concert one of the most enjoyable and successful smokers of the season.

As showing the increasing interest taken in its work, the Society's Board room on Friday evening was crowded to overflowing, principally to hear the account of a visit to the Falls of Shewenagan by that well known litterateur, Mr. S. G. Wood. President George Musson occupied the chair and was ably supported by his Vice-presidents, Mr. John Taylor and Mr. Harry S. Pell, together with the whole of the officers. The lecturer dealt with his subject in his usual masterly way and repeatedly won the plaudits of his hearers. The account, which was illustrated by photographs, will be found in another column. At its conclusion Past President, Barlow Cumberland in an amusing and entertaining little speech moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wood which was carried with acclamation. Vice-president Harry S. Pell also gave some interesting particulars about Lac à la Tortue and its celebrated ore deposits. A Report of the proceedings of the North America St. George's Union was read and left over for discussion.

At the next meeting Mr. John Taylor, 1st Vice-President, will read a paper on "money."

The membership is increasing by "leaps and bounds," 20 new members being elected, which brings up the increase for the past three months to close upon 100.

The various committees reported upon the arrangements made for the celebration of St. George's Day, Sun-

day the 23rd inst, (the birthday and deathday of Shakespeare) and for the annual dinner on the day following. The society will attend St. James' Cathedral in a body, when the chaplain, the Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., will preach the sermon. The procession will form in front of St. George's hall, Elm street, and move at 2.30 sharp. The service begins at three. Invitations have been issued to every Sons of England lodge in the city and all Englishmen are cordially invited to take part. The Marshal, Major Manley, will have charge of the arrangements.

In this issue appears a copy of the illuminated address which the St. George's Society of Toronto has presented to Lady Herschell. The engrossing was done by Mr. A. H. Howard, the well-known designer, and the address ranks high as an example of illuminating art. The text of the address is as follows:—

"The St. George's Society of Toronto, an incorporated association of Englishmen, Welshmen and their descendants, desire respectfully to tender to Lady Herschell and the other members of the family of the late Lord Herschell an expression of the sincere regret and deep sympathy called forth among the members of the society on account of her Ladyship's sad bereavement by the untimely and much lamented death of his Lordship in the midst of a life marked by eminent services to his country both at home and abroad.

In Canada, his memory will always be regretfully held in high esteem as that of a profound jurist and distinguished statesman, who from his interest in and knowledge of the affairs of our country would undoubtedly have proved a wise and warm friend to this Dominion in the councils of his sovereign, her most gracious Majesty, the Queen."

Geo. Musson, president; R. W. Barker, secretary, Toronto, Canada, March 3, 1890.

The thanks of the society are due to its 3rd Vice-President Mr. T. G. Mason, for the active interest he has taken in connection with this matter.

For the fourth consecutive time the St. Andrew's Society have dropped their annual championship game to the St. George's, this time by a majority of 16, 5 rinks participating. Bad luck must hover around the St. Andrew's when they cannot win at their national game. The game was played at the Granite Rink, Toronto, and each losing rink will contribute a bag of flour to a charitable institution. Following are the scores:

St. Andrew's.	St. George's.
C. P. Smith	Geo. Lyon
D. Carlyle	J. Wellington
B. Jennings	R. B. Rice
W. T. Jennings,	J. Lugsdin,
skip.....10	skip.....11
R. Strath	Dr. Richardson
R. W. Spence	W. R. Hill
T. J. Williamson	C. Rust
D. R. Wilkie,	O. F. Rice,
skip.....10	skip.....12
Rev. O. C. C. Wallace	H. J. Brown
H. Williamson	J. Hulett
J. Tennant	W. Blasdale
A. F. Webster	H. O. Webster,
skip.....8	skip.....31
Geo. Bell	J. T. Childs
Dr. J. E. Elliott	H. H. Williams
H. A. Drummond	F. Holland
Geo. McMurrich,	Geo. Musson,
skip.....9	skip.....12
T. McIntosh	J. O. Moore
Geo. Keith	C. A. B. Brown
R. Rennie	Dr. Snellgrove
W. Robb,	G. H. Gooderham,
skip.....9	skip.....14
Total.....46	Total.....62
Majority for St. George's, 16 shots.	