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MAPLE CITY'S WELCOME EXTENDED BY MAYOR McKEOUGH

His Worship's Cordial Greeting to Returning Boys
and Girls—Names Associated With
Chatham's History.

Upon the arrival of the Detroit and Windsor contingent, the Chatham Old Boys' Reunion appears in a brighter aspect. The Detroit old boys brought good weather with them, and they have succeeded in working up a great amount of interest and enthusiasm. Upon their arrival in the city they were escorted by a city delegation to the market building, where a formal welcome was extended to them. His worship Mayor McKeough, on behalf of the citizens of Chatham, opened the proceedings with the following address of welcome:—

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Dear Old Girls and Boys of Chatham: The girls and boys of Chatham, 1904, welcome with the warmest greeting the old boys and girls of Chatham who have been absent from the former home and who have accepted the invitation to our reunion. We are delighted that so many of you still cherish happy recollections of the old town and that you have been enabled to come back after years of separation. We are sorry you ever left the dear old place of your birth or former residence, but are proud of the distinction you have attained in other cities and countries. It is said that all the Chatham girls and boys, who have left the parental domicile, have acquired themselves well wherever they have located, and have been an honor to the place of their adoption and a credit to the office of their birth, and we, who have watched your careers from the home-town, feel elated by the fact that so many of our boys and girls have aided in building up and made flourishing the places which they now call their homes. Chatham is proud of her offspring, and of all the noble deeds they have accomplished and the good citizenship they have displayed in other points of the world.

Some of our best citizens now are strangers to you; they have come to us from other places and have made their home here and are now most respected citizens of the Maple City, and are filling positions of honor and trust in our midst with much ability and acceptance and we rejoice that



GEO. W. COWAN,
of the Reception Committee

they are becoming our old boys; and yet we look upon the sons of many of the old boys who have remained at home and have been the backbone of our city. The boys who have left us have done well for other cities and the boys who have remained here have done well too, and are still building up the good old town.

We regret that many of the second generations of some of our old boys, who are not here to greet you. The Woods, McLeans, Sandys, Atkinsons, Brook, O'Hara, Gemmell, Pegley, Ireland, Dunlop, Barry and Barnie boys have sought out other homes. None of the VanAllen boys, or Williams boys, or Rolfs boys are Chatham's residents now. Many of the Eberles, Taylors, Waddells, Millers, Walls, Dugges, Bells, Delchantys, Cleaves, McKerrals, Stephenson, Lamonts, and McCalls boys are flourishing in new fields of usefulness.

The names of Pratt, Rose, Forsythe, Foot, Evans, Houston, Holden, Sheriff, Wham, Ask'n, Cross, Roach, Mess, Low, McCrea, Pennefather, Kitchen and Birch do not appear any longer on our voters' list.

But some of the old boys' sons are still numerous, as many of the Northwood boys are still with us, as well as numerous Baxters, Holmes, O'Learys, Roberts, McNaughtons, Babys, Primases, Stringers, Rolfs, Turners, Polkes, Bogarts, Pierces, Bennetts, Bolls, Ratleys, Weirs, Hicklins, Millers, and Robinsons, while there are one or more who bear the old names of T.H. Springer, Potter, Savage, Marshall, Birch, Park, Goone, Marquand, Harper, Guttridge, Martin, Watt, Davis, Healy, O'Flynn, Young, Mount, Thompson, Massey, Courtlette, Gardner, Fielder, Connally, Merritt, Wendess, Richardson, Houston, Sullivan, Coats, Nelson, Pike, Wilson, Blackburn, Payne, Dunkley, Jones, Sullivan, Morton, Maggs, West, Darling, Heath, Moore, Donovan, Nagle, Mitchell, Denness, Etches, Schenbury, Claus, Fleming, Scott, Brady, Barlett, Phelps, McCornack, and many others.

The professions are still represented by the old names of Siwright, Seane, Atkinson, McDonald, Holmes, and Bray. Some representatives of the old families of McKellar, Burns, Mercer, Chrysler, Snell, Verrall, Rice, Andrews, Allmon, Dogra, McGregory, Wells, Smyth, Dolson, Warren, Smith, Pillsbury, O'Reilly, Ryan, Tessiman, Witherspoon, and Charteris are among our respected populace. You will find the familiar names of Jahnke, Cooper, Macdonald, Piggott, Taylor, Williamson, Stephens, Nichols, Kelly, Cowan, Jacques, Brown, Coltart and Miles connected with their old familiar places of business which are carried on by the old familiar founders, now being assisted in some cases by the founders' enterprising sons. The old family journal, The Planet, is still conducted by a Stephenson, while our best and largest factories and business concerns still bear the honest names of the fathers who were the pioneers and who are represented by honorable and energetic sons, such as the Grays, Manson Campbell, the Taylors, Parks, Richards, Stones, Hadleys, Radleys, Heyard, Snook, Siddons, Hog and Young. The Garner, Rankin and Merrill houses are monuments to old and respected residents.

John Brown's ginger beer and Warren Lambert's pop are as good as they were forty years ago. Old Tips is dead, old Bents is sleeping his last sleep. Henry Weaver is still a power in the East End, Samuel Barfoot is still postmaster, Kenneth Urquhart is our oldest old boy, R. B. Harris is the sole surviving owl, Fritz Mack is our chief broker, John and George Taylor are our oldest barbers, Bill Wells is still our best cricketer and greatest sport, Walt Seane our greatest wag, and Sid Stephenson the headmost man in Canada.

Our girls are as lovely as ever. Chatham was always renowned for her beautiful maidens, and she still deserves her fame, for in my travels I have seen the maidens of many lands, the dark eyed girls of Naples, the brown haired girls of England, the sparkling dames of Paris, the soft luxuriant women of the South, but for those charms of mind and person which go to make the fair sex irresistible I have seen none that compare with the girls of the Maple City.

Now, we who have remained and are still domiciled in Chatham are heartily glad to see the old girls and boys once again in their old home and I sincerely hope and trust that you are as delighted to return home as we are to have you back; and if any of you should wish to return and remain with us permanently again we will be charmed to welcome you home.

You will no doubt see many places and old landmarks which are familiar, and will note some improvements. We trust you will not see as much mud as you were formerly accustomed to and that you will be pleased with our new improvements. The new walks, public buildings, thriving factories, up-to-date stores and modern homes. Now that you have come back home we wish you to feel perfectly at home. We think Chatham is the best place to abide in this side of Heaven and we want you to realize the same feeling and just have a heavenly time while you are here. The city is yours, enjoy it to your heart's content. If there is anything you want and do not see, ask for it. Do whatever you wish, but sure and have a good time.

THEIR MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Via C. P. R. Telegraph.

W. E. McKEOUGH, Detroit, Mich., June 1, 1904.
Mayor of Chatham, Chatham, Ont.,
Sorry I could not accompany the Old Boys in their pilgrimage to their Mecca. I assure you that they have all been well behaved lads and we want them back in Detroit just as soon as they have paid proper respect to their old home and friends.

W. C. MAYBURY, MAYOR.

MAKING MERRY

Despite the refusal of the inco-riable weather man to do the de-ant the Big Old Boys and Girls' Reunion is right under way. Scores of home-comers are on hand to mingle in the merry-making—and every one is having a right royal good time. Today has been a 'big one'—full of memorable and pleasurable happenings. To-morrow will still be better, with the Kiltie here on Friday, the Scots promt a mammoth treat of the week. At the Old Boys' headquarters all is bustle and bustle. Every hour finds new arrivals registering. Everybody is taking hold and making the great occasion a success. The city is yours, dear old comrades.

You have made our hearts glad by so many of you having returned to your old home. We will cherish the recollection of your home-coming for many days to come and hope you will return to us again and again. I thank you all for the joy you have given us by this home-coming, and I sincerely trust we will all find that it was good for us all to be here at the Chatham Old Boys' Reunion of 1904.

This address was responded to by Wm. Northwood, of Detroit, one of Chatham's ex-mayors. Mr. Northwood was one of Chatham's most influential men when he was here and had considerable to do with the formation of Tecumseh Park.

Mr. Northwood said he was born 300 yards from Tecumseh Park and also expressed his great pleasure at being able to attend the Old Boys' Reunion. He was sorry that Mayor Maybury, of Detroit, was not here. His reply was from the Old Boys of Detroit. He spoke in great terms of the progress which has been made during the years since he left and also referred to the pleasant idea of the home-coming. He advised the young men of Chatham to stay right here, as there is no better place in the world than Chatham.

Mr. Northwood then read the following telegram:—
"William Northwood, care of Mayor of Chatham, Extended greetings on my behalf to the Mayor and people of Chatham. Tell them that men who are loyal to the city of their birth, are sure to be loyal to the city of their adoption. In all the amenities

of the occasion, social and otherwise, I know you will do credit to Detroit. Signed, Mayor Maybury."

W. H. Baxter, fire marshal of Detroit, and a brother of James Baxter of this city, spoke second. He left Chatham in 1855 and spoke in loving terms of his late friend, Mr. Rufus Stephenson. Mr. Baxter was once editor of The Planet. He replied on behalf of the Walkerville old boys.

J. B. Pike, of Windsor, father of J. M. Pike, replied on behalf of the Windsor old boys. Mr. Pike made an excellent speech, touching on the progressiveness of the Canadian people. They are the third power in trading with the United States. He advised the Chatham boys to stay at home. He has been all over America during the last 30 years and he finds that there is no place like Chatham for young men. The whole peninsula is the best country in America.

Ex-Ald. Bedford, of Windsor, also spoke. He was pleased to see such an improvement in Chatham, especially in the streets. He also referred to the Public Library and said that, although less money was expended than in Windsor, we have a far better library and a far better appearing building.

W. Martin, an ex-Chatham fireman, also spoke along these same lines. The meeting broke up with cheers for Chatham. The King, President Roosevelt, Mayor McKeough, Mr. Northwood, Mr. Pike, Mr. Bedford, Mr. Martin and Mr. Baxter.

HOME-COMERS.

Maple City Old Boys and Girls Who are Taking Part in the Big Reunion.

Miss Madeline Simond, of Detroit, is amongst the visitors. Mrs. Walker Bunnell, of Blenheim, is also a visitor this week.

Ollie White, an old boy from Detroit, just couldn't stay away. Wm. Neville is one of the many Detroit old boys in the city.

Henry Bennett, of Detroit, is renewing old acquaintances in the city to-day.

William Campbell is amongst the big crowd of Bill Baileys from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West, of Chapeau, are visitors in the city. Mr. West is a Chatham old boy.



HIS WORSHIP MAYOR McKEOUGH

Frank Gonne and family, old time city residents, now of Detroit, arrived in the city to-day.

Joseph Winterburn, an old veteran fireman, arrived with the Detroit bunch this morning. Joe's hand was nearly wrung off by the enthusiastic greetings of his comrades.

PLANET SOUVENIR

The handsome illustrated PLANET Souvenir edition is now on sale. An immense advance order list was handed in—and those who want copies now should "speak quick," as they are going fast.

Those who have examined this beautiful Souvenir are loud in its praises. Its contents—literary and artistic—are the very best. It has been compiled and prepared with skill and mechanical perfection, and furnishes a most unique, valuable and always interesting memento of the Reunion.

"The Planet Souvenir is a 'triumph,' as one old boy enthusiastically put it. Secure your copy early as the supply is limited."

J. Merritt, of Windsor, is in town. R. R. McGarry comes from Rochester.

D. F. Griswold, of Northville, is in town. F. S. Jarvis, of Galt, is in the city to-day.

Murray Wilson has arrived from London. C. Vince, of Walkerville, is here with the boys.

L. G. Buchanan, of London, is another old boy. W. E. Patching, of Windsor, is here with the boys.

Jas. A. Bowers, Peterboro, is another of the old boys. L. J. Weaver, of London, an old C. B. C. boy, is here.

Thos. Bowers, of Wallaceburg, is one of the old boys. J. L. Fletcher, Dutton, is amongst the old boys to-day.

J. C. Reid and J. B. Buchanan are here from Bothwell. W. A. Bresser, from the Soo, is well known to Chathamites.

Dr. W. A. Kelly, of Florence, an old football player, is here. E. W. Symmes, of Detroit, is one of the bunch from Detroit.

George V. Simpson, of Detroit, is another of the big bunch. Albert Kelly, of Florence, another old boy, is shaking hands with numerous old time friends to-day.

W. J. Radley, of Detroit, is with the crowd of old boys from the City of the Straits.



THE HOME COMING

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D. P. McMullen, ex-Mayor of Chatham, Mich., is attending the Chatham Old Boys' Reunion.

Miss Kathleen McCard, of Sarnia, is visiting Miss Anna Stanley, Raleigh street, during the Reunion.



EX-MAYOR NORTHWOOD

Edwin Palmer, a former employee of this Great Home Journal, is spending a few days in the city.

G. W. Dickson, formerly of the job room staff of The Planet, now of the Detroit Tribune, is one of the home-comers.

J. W. Charlesworth, of Windsor, is visiting relatives in Chatham to-day. Mr. Charlesworth is an old Chatham boy.

Caesar Emery, Cadenat, is home for the Reunion.

W. H. Everitt and wife, of Windsor, are among the visitors. M. McKerrall, Cleveland, will be remembered by Maple Cityites.

Dr. F. J. McDonnell, of Detroit, is the guest of his parents, Queen St. Homer L. Smith is a Chatham old boy who is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blackburn from Northville, are among the visitors. Wm. Fullerton, Jeanette's Crook, is celebrating with the old boys.

C. E. Bowers, of Sarnia, a Chatham old boy, is a visitor for a few days. John M. Sheldon, Riggetown, is one of the Chatham old boys in town.

Henry Richards, Bracebridge, an old lacrosse player and popular boy, is here.

Mrs. Mary Dolson, Mrs. G. T. Bowen and Hamil J. Parkin, of Chicago, are all in town.

Ed. Bachelder, an old Chatham boy, now of Detroit, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith are visiting the former's brother, E. R. Smith, Lacroix St. W. S. Smith had not been in Chatham for 13 years and noticed many improvements. He now lives in Wellington county.

Captain Fred. Forrest, with Mrs. Forrest and little daughter Nyle, of Walkerville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bedford, Selkirk street, Mrs. Forrest (nee Miss Ethel Miller) being an old Chatham girl.

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BOYS FROM THE WEST CAME ON FLYING SPECIAL

Veteran Firemen and Bands Turn out to Greet the Visitors—Brought Band and Much Enthusiasm.

A large body of Chatham's veteran firemen, headed by the ex-Regimental Band, marched out Queen street to the Grand Trunk depot this morning at 10 o'clock to welcome the veterans and old boys from Detroit, Windsor and Walkerville.

Although the rain was pouring down there was a large crowd assembled at the depot awaiting the arrival of old acquaintances and friends.

As the special train bearing the old boys steamed in to the station, three hearty cheers were given by the waiting veterans, who were lined up along the platform. As the large crowd stepped off the train, the band played the National Anthem, and there was much handshaking and cordial greeting. The Detroit Light Guard Band accompanied the old boys. Headed by this band, the visitors and the veteran firemen marched down Queen street, the local band bringing up the rear. They made a fine sight, the splendid Light Guard Band leading, the hundreds of white umbrellas, the white capped veteran firemen carrying a fine large banner, the carriages full of ladies from the three border cities, and the bands playing very fine music. The crowds along the streets cheered and clapped and showed their appreciation of the procession.

The special train carrying the old boys came up from Windsor in 45 minutes with one stop, which is remarkably fast time. The train consisted of five coaches and was manned by Conductor John Merritt and Engineer Murray Wilson.

This is without a doubt a red letter day for the Old Boys of Windsor and Detroit. They are all here—about 500 of them—and they are all here for a good time and they are having it. The Chatham management have lots of good things ready for them and the boys are not slow in showing their appreciation.

There is one man who deserves unbounded credit for the success of the day and he is William Northwood, of Detroit. Mr. Northwood has worked hard to bring a big contingent here and he has been highly successful. He has proven himself an organizer of the first water. He is one of the Chatham Old Boys, who does not forget the place of his birth and he is always will be loyal to the old town. Mr. Northwood when he was here was thoroughly alive to any thing that would benefit the city and he still has the welfare of Chatham at heart, although he is not now a resident here.

One pleasing feature of the arrival of the Detroit Old Boys is the presence of the Light Guard Band of Detroit. This band is composed of 25 members under the direction of Col. Ed. Schmemmann. A number of the band have seen actual service in the Spanish-American war. They played in front of the Garner House at noon to-day and gave evidence that they are all competent musicians.

There was a good number of ladies in the Detroit excursion and they are all welcome back to the Maple City. A large picture of ex-Mayor Northwood has been placed in the Old Boys' quarters. It should be remembered that all of the old boys and girls are urgently requested to call at the headquarters and register their names. This is necessary in order to obtain the rates on the railroads.

A parade is being held this afternoon and all of the free shows and side attractions are in full swing with the better weather. To-night no one should miss the grand military ball which is being put on by the 24th Bugle Band. The Bugle and Brass bands will parade King street to-night and will round up at the drill shed, where the dancing will commence at 8.30 and the grand march will come off at 9.30. Great preparations are being made for the Kiltie parade on Friday. There will be a meeting to-night of the Sons of Scotland, to arrange for chairs for the 48th Highlanders Band concert in the rink Friday night. This promises to be one of the biggest features of the reunion. In the meantime the festivities are

progressing on King street this afternoon and they will probably continue long into the night.

AFTERNOON.
The Veteran Firemen's Parade was the feature of the Old Boys' Reunion. They were out to-day over a hundred strong and all wore white caps as a distinguishing feature. The Detroit Old Boys headed the parade. They all carried white umbrellas and the band they brought with them, the Light Guard band, marched at their head. The sight was a grand one and many were the plaudits heaped out as the old boys paraded King St. The old boys and the veteran firemen didn't care for the elements of the disagreeable walking and marched cheerfully along to the music. It was a truly impressive sight and one that did the old town proud. Everybody was happy and it only needed Old Sol's benign influence to put the finishing touches on.

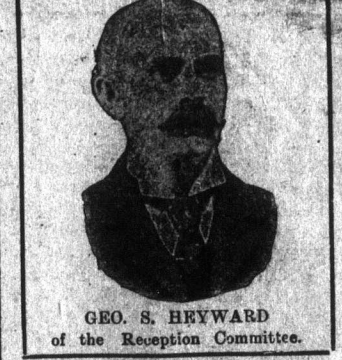
The parade started from the drill shed, where the veteran firemen and their visiting brethren assembled, as also the different bands—the visiting Light Guard band, of Detroit; the ex-regiment band, of the 24th regiment band, of Ontario; the drill shed, Sam Smith, and W. G. Terry, managers of the parade, saw that the carriages, fire engine, etc., were in readiness. Just prior to the parade starting, Mayor McKeough made the following complimentary address of welcome to the visiting and home veteran firemen:—

To the Veteran Volunteer Firemen of Chatham:

It was customary in the olden days of the history of our town for the Mayor to address you at your annual review and in order to commemorate the old custom and to revive old memories you have gathered together for another review at a time when we are enjoying an Old Boys' Reunion, and it gives me great pleasure to address you.

As a child I remember the strenuous efforts put forth by the firemen of that period to overcome the destructive fires in our town, and I remember well the great rivalry which existed between the North Chatham Brigade whose headquarters were on the approach of the old street bridge, and that of South Chatham, whose rendezvous was the Old Town Hall. Being a North Chatham boy I was always pleased when the No. 2 men got first water. Brave men managed the fire brigades then and inspired the young and rising men of our town to bravery, and as the young men grew up they filled the places of the old veterans and performed deeds of daring and bravery in their endeavors to save life and property from destruction, which commanded the greatest admiration. I believe of the oldest veterans that Kenneth Urquhart, James Marquand, Sam Cowan, Bill Smith, Jim Wilson and Wm. McDowell are the only survivors, and to those of that sturdy band who are present I desire to say that you were an honor to the old town in the long by-gone days of our father's strength and the present generation rejoice that you have weathered the storms of life so long and can recall the many stirring times of fifty years ago with so much pleasure, and we will ever hold in reverence the exacting duties which you then so capably performed.

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GEO. S. HEYWARD
of the Reception Committee.

OUR MAYOR'S RESPONSE

Via C. P. R. Telegraph.

W. C. MAYBURY, Chatham, Ont., June 1, 1904.
Mayor of Detroit, Detroit, Mich.,
Delighted to receive your cordial message. Regret your inability to be present with so many of your worthy constituents our Old Boys' and Girls, whom we are glad to welcome back home.

W. E. McKEOUGH, MAYOR.