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Knox Church Entertainment

The Entertainment in connection with the anniversary services of Knox Church held last Monday evening, was one of the best of the season. Mr. Geo. E. Morley, Dramatic Elocutionist, of London, was the principal entertainer of the evening, and was well received. Miss Ivy Farant, of Hamilton, appeared for the first time before a Waterdown audience and received great praise from all who heard her. The Cummins Brothers of Millgrove, and Mr. Stewart Mitchell assisted with the program in their usual pleasing manner. Rev. Russell McGillivray of Burlington, who officiated at the Sunday services, favored with a solo.

Waterdown Debaters at Zimmerman

Between thirty and forty young people of the Methodist church motored to Zimmerman on Wednesday evening last. The occasion was an inter league debate, one of a series arranged by the District League in a competition for a shield. The subject was "Resolved that travel is a greater means of education than reading." Miss Lyons and Mr. Alex Thompson represented the Waterdown League in support of the negative. Their opponents were Mr. King and Mr. Hunter. The Judges were Rev. C. S. Jones, Dr. Mortin and Mr. Fisher of Burlington. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Locals

A very successful dance was given by the local Orange Lodge in the Hall here last Wednesday night.

The Tennis Club are sending out invitations for a dance to be held in the Memorial Hall next Wednesday night.

Miss Fox of Bartonville, and Mrs. Albert Slater of St. Catharines, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Langton over the week end.

Thanksgiving was quietly observed in the village. Many spent the day out of town with friends and relatives. Those who motored had an exciting time finding their way home the fog.

Rev. T. H. Bole, B. A., will preach in the Methodist Church on Sunday, November 16th. In the evening he will illustrate his sermon with a series of excellent lantern views on China. These views were shown at the recent Centenary at Toronto, and are of the very best.

Chicken thieves are again busy in this vicinity. A few nights ago they visited the farm of Geo. Pearson and took a number of fowl, returning the next night and taking all his geese. At the same time a large flock of young pullets disappeared from Mr. Gordon Buttenham's hen house.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald wish to thank the members of Grace Church A. Y. P. A. for the lovely present which was presented to them at the Parish Hall last Tuesday evening.

W. A. Bazaar

The annual Bazaar of the Women's Auxiliary of Grace Church will be held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 3rd. Fancy work, aprons, home-made baking and home-made candy will be on sale, and afternoon tea served. In the evening a concert will be given by the Robb Concert Company of Hamilton presenting a program of rare excellence and variety, with Hilda Robb, a violoncellist of entertaining ability; Miss Ethel Robb, winner of many laurels as an elocutionist; James R. Robb, one of Canada's most brilliant violinists; and little Rhoda Robb, a musical monologist with captivating manners. Also Mr. H. J. Reeves, baritone, of Hamilton, and Miss E. Dale Sinclair.

Address on Deaconess Work

Miss Wilcox, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home, Hamilton, will give an address in the Methodist Sunday School room on Thursday evening, November 20th at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Young Ladies, Bible Class and the Mission Circle. There will be a silver collection. Everybody is cordially invited.

Millgrove

A number of our young people attended the 100th Methodist Missionary Anniversary held in Toronto last week.

The Millgrove choir sang at the Freulton services last Sunday morning.

The W. M. S. gave an At Home in the church basement Wednesday night.

The Torch Bearers class met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lillycropp, Waterdown, last Wednesday evening.

Mr. O. A. Sherwin, of Clappison Corners addressed our Sunday School last Sunday morning.

Mr. Walker Jennings of Hamilton attended church here last Sunday.

The two Misses English of Hamilton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lysle last Sunday.

Fall plowing is the order of the day here now, and most of our people are thankful for a good crop.

A Fowl Supper will be held in the Millgrove Town Hall on November 17th, celebrating the Forty third Anniversary of the Millgrove Methodist Church. On Sunday the 16th Divine services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. J. Kelly of Stratford will preach at both services. The Carlisle Choir will sing in the morning and Lowville Choir at night. After the supper on Monday night a concert will be given featuring the Blue Bell Quartette, one of Toronto's finest male quartettes; The Ladies Quartette of Hamilton consisting of Mesdames Begg, Teace, Smith and May; Misses Vera Nicholson, Waterdown, and Hattie Lambier, Millgrove Elocutionists, and Stewart Mitchell, Waterdown, Pianist. Addresses by Rev. Judson Kefty and Rev. F. J. Fydel. H. A. Drummond, Reave of East Flamboro, will act as chairman.

Here and There



The annual statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the report which the company's president, E. W. Beatty, made to the shareholders at the annual meeting are matters of first rate interest, not only to the fast growing number of Canadian citizens who are part owners in the great railroad, but to all interested in Canadian progress and development. By reason of the way in which the company's operations touch all phases of Canadian life and enterprise there can be no pronounced depression or prosperity in any part of the country without its being reflected in the earnings of the Canadian Pacific. There is a barometer of the country's foreign trade also in the results of the operations of the company's steamships upon the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Thus there was considerable reason for gratification in the president's statement made at the annual meeting on May 7th, that the operations of the company had been conducted throughout 1923 in a satisfactory manner and with satisfactory results. Mr. Beatty pointed out that gross earnings for the year, which had totalled \$195,837,089, were greater by \$9,162,000 than those of 1922. Working expenses, however, increased by \$7,984,000 to \$158,358,079. This large increase in operating costs was due to large expenditures made upon the property in order that it might be kept to the highest possible physical standard and capable of rendering the best possible service to the community. As a result the property was never in so excellent a condition as it now is. Net earnings for the year were \$37,479,010, an increase of \$1,177,000.

The total tonnage moved by the company during the year amounted to 30,852,994, an increase over that of the previous year of 3,108,408, due to a heavier movement of grain, lumber, manufactured articles and general merchandise, the largest increase being in grain and grain products. Mr. Beatty pointed out that this satisfactory condition had extended well into the present year and that due to favorable operating conditions and heavy traffic net earnings for the first quarter of 1924 had increased over those of the same period last year by \$1,253,814. Referring to the Government system of railroads, Mr. Beatty said that the difference between it and the Canadian Pacific was largely in name only and in the accident of personnel of shareholders. The securities of both systems were owned by private investors throughout the world and there was a significant steady increase in both Canadian and British holdings of Canadian Pacific common stock. Two phases of the general railway situation called for criticism. Under a statute passed in 1919 the Government-owned lines may construct branches without approval as to location and other details by the Railway Commission. These lines may parallel or duplicate the lines of any other company operating in the country. The Minister approves and parliament authorizes the expenditure. Mr. Beatty stated that in his opinion it was equally in the interests of the Canadian people and of all Canadian railroads that the company should be in the same position in this respect. The other phase was the result of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement of 1897. It had established statutory freight rates under conditions of operating costs which no longer exist and differences in rates which would not be permitted under the general Railway Act because of their unfairness in relation to commodity rates on other articles and to the rates on other parts of Canada. The greatest advantage to shippers as a whole would be secured if all rates were made subject to review and change as conditions warrant the tribunal constituted for purpose.

In referring to the outlook for the future, Mr. Beatty said that while there was no domestic anxiety in part to the districts, generally, the first quarter of the year was satisfactory. The earnings would probably be about the same as last year and, generally speaking, soft conditions were expected. "If the total yield approached that of 1922," said Mr. Beatty, "it will undoubtedly be a very extensive autumn business and a vastly improved psychological and financial situation throughout the country. There is no pessimism in the country, though of either the Government or the country, though the rate of interest is expected to be maintained."