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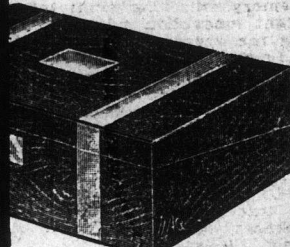
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GOOD WORK DONE BY THE FRIENDLY HELP

Past Year's Work Reviewed at Annual Meeting of the Society

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The Friendly Help society held its annual meeting in the city hall yesterday afternoon. Present were the president, Mrs. Perrin, secretary, Mrs. Wood, and treasurer, Miss Lawson. Bishop Perrin, Rev. T. E. Holling, Mrs. Cooper, president of the Woman's Council, Mrs. Day, provincial vice-president, and Mesdames Wm. Grant, Burkholder, Toller, McMeekin, Watson, Johnson, Christie, McGee, Gill, and Miss Woods, Miss McDowell, and Miss Black. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Perrin read the following address:

President's Address
My Dear Fellow-workers,—Quietly and unostentatiously the work of the Friendly Help association has been carried on for another year. I wish to express my thanks to our first vice-president, Mrs. William Grant, who took my place during my absence in England and so ably filled the office of president. To Miss Mary Lawson, our treasurer, and the large body of district visitors who undertake the investigation of every case reported to them, the community owes a deep debt of gratitude, and I am glad to say that the municipal authorities have shown their appreciation and confidence by continuing to contribute to the funds and to the support of the association in helping those in need.

The great majority of those thus relieved are undoubtedly deserving cases, and the help given during sickness or distress has been most thankfully received. Applications are made occasionally by those who have brought their troubles upon themselves, and in cases where the children are starving help has been given, although we have known that the parents were not deserving. It is easy to criticize such action and fault it, but the association for thus relieving the unworthy, but the children's cry cannot be unheeded.

During the past year an increasing number of those who have come to Victoria from the old country and the east of Canada have applied for help. All their money has been spent in the journey and they have found difficulty in getting employment at once. In some cases the help given by the association has been of great value and has prevented considerable suffering, and in all cases money borrowed has been promptly repaid.

The special gifts at Christmas gave great pleasure to those families which had been previously recommended by the district visitors, and it is a good sign that every year the interest shown by the children in the schools of the city increases, and the poor wagons were loaded with gifts of all kinds contributed by them. As usual, the distribution involved a considerable amount of work at the busiest time of the year, but there was no lack of willing helpers.

Our list of subscribers remains about the same, and the difficulty is to keep them from increasing. Gifts of money or of old clothes, furniture, etc., will be most thankfully received at any time and should be sent to Miss M. Lawson, Friendly Help Rooms, Market Square. No society could possibly work more harmoniously than ours, and it is a happiness to think that we have been allowed in any way to help our less fortunate brethren.

The cultivation of that friendly sympathy which makes the work so different from that of mere relieving officers. Once more we ask God's blessing as we enter on another year's work in our endeavor to help the sick and needy in our midst.

ISOLINE H. PERRIN,
President.

Mrs. Day in a few appreciative words moved that the address be received and published and the motion was unanimously adopted. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted.

Annual Report
The annual report read by the secretary was as follows:

During the year that has just drawn to a close, the fourteenth in our history, the society has been working every way to be worthy of the continued confidence reposed in it by the citizens of Victoria. Eleven regular meetings were held during the year.

Whilst the president was absent in England the work was carried on under the direction of Mrs. Grant, our first vice-president. We are pleased to welcome to our numbers Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Thain. It is with regret that we have a record the loss of one of our most faithful members in the person of Mrs. Durr, whose memory will live with us.

A slight innovation was introduced during the year which will tend to simplify the work. Forms were prepared through the provincial government to be filled by each district visitor when dealing with a new case. These are filed and are at hand when any information is required. An instance of this was the following: Incident might be quoted. We were approached by a man with a family, a carpenter by trade, who, owing to continued sickness, had been forced to pawn his tools. Being desirous of recovering them, he asked the society to pay the necessary sum. After careful investigation this was done. In the course of a few months this amount was returned with the grateful thanks of the one helped.

As usual at Christmas time the society was the means of brightening the homes of sixty-five families. The donations of the public school children and of the general public were extremely liberal in this connection. During the year 380 were helped, 157 received groceries, seventy-nine had fuel, 302 clothing, sixty-six had milk daily. Our thanks is extended to all who have assisted us in our work and to the daily papers for advertising. May the coming year be one of continued blessing and usefulness.

SOPHIE CLAY WOOD,
Recording Secretary.

Financial Statement.
The treasurer submitted the following financial statement:

Receipts—
Cash on hand, March 1, 1908, \$15.20
City of Victoria grant, 450.00
Goods sold, 5.00
Bank of Montreal, 18.00
Card collections, 21.35
Donations, 339.00
School contributions, 64.75

Total, \$928.30
Expenditures—
Groceries, \$520.00
Fuel, 231.30

Balance, \$177.00

City is Generous.
Bishop Perrin said that he was very sorry that Mayor Hall was prevented by illness from attending the meeting. The city council had always recognized in the Society a valued auxiliary in caring for the poor. It had cheerfully given what money had been asked for and doubtless when more was needed it would be forthcoming. He heartily congratulated the society on the success of its work and on the finances and the city on the fact that there were so few poor to be taken care of. He believed the aim, object and principle of the society was sound and contrasted the local system with that which had, till the present time, prevailed in Great Britain, but which was now about to be changed and a system somewhat similar to that which the ladies were carrying out here adopted.

Bishop Perrin said that in the case of old men who had not lived long enough in the city to entitle them to admission to the Old Men's Home some plan of relief would have to be adopted in the near future. He was sure that the ladies, not only gave, but received, a blessing in their good work.

Mrs. Cooper expressed her pleasure at being present and her sense of the gratitude the citizens owed to those who so kindly took upon themselves the work of investigating cases of distress and giving help and sympathy to the needy. The mere paying of a subscription was a small matter in comparison with this. Mrs. Cooper paid a tribute to the zeal and cheerfulness with which Miss Lawson, the treasurer, did her work, and thought the needs of the society should be more fully brought before the public.

Miss Lawson said that the public was most generous. She had never appealed in vain for help and usually received more than she asked. The generosity of the school children was spoken of with gratitude both by Miss Lawson and several other members of the society.

Milk	98.45
Clothing	17.30
Meat	28.90
Expenses	18.75
One stove	10.50
Cleaning room	5.00
Stationary and postage	2.00
Balance	4.30
Total	\$928.30

REV. FATHER CAINE

ON IRISH MUSIC

"Ireland, the Land of Song,"
Theme of Address at Institute Hall

(From Thursday's Daily.)

"Ireland, the beautiful land of song," was the theme of an address delivered by Rev. Father Caine at the institute hall last evening when due honor was paid to the memory of Ireland's patron saint and the seventeenth of March fittingly celebrated. The hall was crowded and the excellent programme of Irish airs and Father Caine's address were heartily applauded. A large Union Jack with the Golden Harp worked upon it, was on the field adorned the platform being flanked by two others of like dimensions. The floral decorations of the platform presented a pretty sight. Following the rendition of the musical programme Rev. Father Caine gave his address. He was enthusiastically applauded as he rose to speak.

Father Caine said that the national festivals of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, were now observed in Victoria, and that which was the common aim of all should be the consolidation of the British Empire. Nay, he would be pleased to see a grand Father's Day celebration here, as elsewhere, the specially invited guests being representatives of the societies of the noble sons of England, the Bonnie Sons of Scotland, and the gallant Sons of the brave western principality of Wales.

In the shaping of the world's future, the development of what is called civilization, each race, and where the government is autonomous, each nation plays its appropriate part. It would indeed be a bad day for at least the English-speaking world, if the Celtic genius with its delicacy, its ardour, and its contempt for the commonplace, had lost any of its old power to chasten and to exhort. We must give adequate credit to the dispositions and powers that other races bring to the composite empire, but to the sustained energy, the dogged determination, and the matter-of-fact directness of our Anglo-Saxon friends; to the sincerity and effective common-sense of the Scotch; to the fervour and tenacity of the Welsh; to the others, whom not to mention is not to forget.

Irish Patriotism.
But, as was ably pointed out by the great Irish-Australian statesman, McMahon Glynn, while recognizing these characteristics of our fellow citizens we must remember the special qualities of head and heart which the Irish Gael has brought to bear upon the civilization and culture of our time. Pride of race, dogmatical superiority, and the contrary, it helps to produce a higher type. We should keep our pride in the stocks from which we have sprung, but let us show that pride, not by holding aloof one from another, but by preserving and cherishing the best of each, and by joining in a spirit of generous rivalry to see which can do most for our common country.

The celebration of a national festival serves a double purpose: it helps to keep alive the traditions of the past, and it stimulates the patriotism of the present. It is the sphere of the pioneers and statesmen who have helped to build the colonies and possessions of the British Empire. It is the sphere of the men who have loved, as their national festival came round, to maintain the old and to build the new.

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Desire to Exploit Canadian Markets

Pacific States Have Another Representative on Ways and Means

Washington, March 15.—Speaker Cannon today announced the ways and means rules committees. The new members of the ways and means are: Cushman, of Washington, Republican, and Harrison, of New York, and Brewster, of Louisiana, Democrats.

The Payne tariff bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow, soon after the house convenes. At a meeting of the subcommittee of Republican members held today after Speaker Cannon had appointed the committee on ways and means, several changes in the bill were agreed to. The committee was for the purpose of securing the approval of the new Republican member, Representative Cushman, of Washington, who had no knowledge of the provisions of the bill.

The appointment of Representative Cushman gives the Pacific coast states two representatives on the Republican side of the ways and means committee, and leaves the Rocky Mountain states without representation. While Mr. Cushman had little time in which to consider the tariff bill, his attitude may have changed the measure considerably. The changes agreed upon, however, are understood to be mainly in phrasing.

Mr. Cushman represents on the committee that section of the country which desires to improve its commercial relations with Canada, and especially to secure a market in the Dominion for its citrus fruits, olives,

grapes and other commodities of a perishable character for which a ready market exists. The tariff on these goods is very large in that section, and Mr. Cushman's attitude may have had a material effect in regard to that schedule. There have been numerous bills submitted by interests favoring free iron ore and a large section is interested in the proposed reciprocity arrangement with Canada on coal.

CHURCH WORK IN CANADA

Archdeacon Renison, of Mooseonee, Speaks of Conditions in Address in England

London, March 15.—Speaking of Anglican church prospects in Canada, Archdeacon Renison, of Mooseonee, gave warm praise for the work of the Colonial and Continental Church society, which stands for nothing less than the perpetuation of Protestant Christianity among English-speaking people. Archdeacon Renison told how in travelling from Liverpool to London lately he met a Canadian government immigration agent. A German who had built up a prosperous home in Canada, and foreseeing the future prosperity of his country, had asked the Canadian government to appoint him as agent. For the last few years he had been working in his native country, bringing out bands of emigrants and settling them in the fairest parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. This man told the archdeacon that he had instructions to bring out only emigrants of the Catholic faith, and hundreds of German Roman Catholics were being planted year by year by the Canadian government on the great western prairie. Archdeacon Renison feared the time would come when the Church of England would be unknown in the country side.

Toronto, March 15.—Cobalt ore shipments last week totalled over 128 tons.

Valiant Irish

It was said last night in terms of reproach, "Oh, you Irish are such fighters!" And why should they not be of the valiant strain? For their forefathers had been hard at it, like hammer and tongs, in Ireland, for fully a thousand years! (Laughter.) For where there was a fight, on, or in American phrase, "where there was a will, there was a way," there was the Irishman in his glory!

Father Caine told a number of amusing stories which were thoroughly enjoyed and created much laughter.

"I am sure," concluded Father Caine, "I would have you all with me in her piano solo, 'Valse d'Amour'."

greeting to his Majesty King Edward the Seventh, upon this glorious 17th of March, the great night of dear old Ireland, and of the magnificent Irish people. And I most earnestly hope that his memory will live forever in Irish hearts and in Irish song, and that we will all be able to work together in accomplishing the full and momentous and patriotic task of upbuilding and consolidating the great British Empire."

Excellent Programme

Mrs. Duncan Campbell was most heartily enjoyed when she sang "Tory Dairies" by Hope Dalrymple, and her song was presented with a great basket of flowers.

Mrs. Hermann Robertson was escorted in her piano solo, 'Valse d'Amour' by Chamblaine, and the other selections included, 'Believe me if all those emulating young charms' by Mrs. Chas. E. Wilson, Miss Sahl and Mr. Frank Sehl, 'The Old Plaid Shawls' by Mr. Clement Goss, 'The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls' by Mrs. R. H. Fooley, and the humorous songs, 'The Ghost Story' and 'Tut-Tut' by Mr. F. S. Johnson. Mr. Benedict Bantly playing the accompaniments. The applause was most hearty and the encore numerous.

Montreal, March 15.—Joseph George, 31 years old, yardman on the C.N.R., is dead as the result of injuries received by being crushed under the wheels of a freight car last night.