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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

THE MOVIES
THE PLAYERS

Here are Related Facts and Fancies Concerning the Activities of Individuals and Organizations, the Home, Fashions and Other Matters.

MANY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY BEFORE LOCAL COUNCIL

Y.W.P.A. Hear Excellent Address on the Navy League and V.A.D. Work—Association Congratulated on Successful Efforts.

The hearing of a number of reports and the transaction of much important business took up the attention of the Local Council of Women at their adjourned annual meeting held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Natural History Society. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith presided, and it was regrettable that there were not more members of the affiliated societies present.

Most interesting reports were heard from the following:—Fields' Comforts Association of West St. John. Mrs. Morrissey, Housewives' League, Mrs. Lawlor; Junior Natural History Society, Miss Betts; N. B. Auxiliary to the Maritime Home for the Blind, Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond. A resolution was moved and passed unanimously, that as the Local Council had promised to assist the Housewives' League in every way the federated societies should take up a campaign for members for the league and thus help with the finances. The assistance of the Local Council was asked in the matter of securing a proper place to hold demonstrations and the equipment for such rooms. The league are undertaking the national work of education in the conservation of food, and it was felt that such work should have the support of both the provincial government and of the civic authorities. Committees were formed to inquire from the proper authorities as to what could be done in this matter.

Mrs. W. E. Raymond read a beautifully written paper upon the suppression of objectionable literature, showing the value of good books and the excellent things accomplished in our public libraries through the Children's room, the story-telling hour, and the influence of the librarians. Speaking of motion pictures, Mrs. Raymond stated that too often pictures were shown with a strong plot lacking, however, a good moral, and it was frequently felt that a woman censor was necessary.

Mrs. David McLellan reported on the Mental Deficient, saying that the new bill for public health would provide for the care of these people. Mrs. W. C. Good, convener of the Supervised Playgrounds Committee, gave her report, stating that she was hoping to organize playgrounds in several places.

Mrs. Richard Hooper read a splendid paper on Employment for Women and Girls, speaking of the many new avenues opening for women, the lack of trade schools for girls, and the undesirability of some means of earning money recently adopted in St. John. The paper contained many facts concisely put. A discussion followed after which a committee was appointed to ascertain facts regarding the employment of girls in shops.

In the report of the press committee submitted by Miss Amelia J. Haley. As corresponding secretary of the Council Miss Haley stated that she was desirous of expressing the thanks of the Council to the St. John Globe, Telegraph and Times for their faithful record of all meetings. Miss Haley moved a special vote of thanks to Miss Fairweather, of The Standard, whose regular attendance at the Council's meetings and press reports of the same merits the Council's appreciation and recognition. The motion was seconded by Mrs. J. H. Doody and passed.

On motion Mrs. D. McLellan, seconded by Mrs. W. E. Raymond, Miss Fairweather was made honorary member of the Local Council.

Miss Sinclair gave a detailed account of the aid given to the sailors who came to this city after the disaster.

It was decided to call a special meeting to assist the War Garden Association.

A committee to see about the printing of a Year Book for the Council was also formed.

PLANS FOR FLAG DAY COMPLETED LAST NIGHT

Annual Meeting of Local Council of Women in Natural History Rooms—Reports of Standing Committees Heard—The Press Thanked.

Two admirable addresses were delivered before the members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association meeting held last evening in the Great War Veterans' rooms. Colonel Sturdee spoke on the Navy League and Miss Irene McQuade told of her experiences as a V. A. D. in England and France.

Miss Church presided, and after the secretary had read the minutes the treasurer's report was read as follows:

General fund \$217.05
Reserve fund 78.10
Returned Soldiers' 125.57

A letter was read from Mayor Hayes asking the association to attend the lecture to be delivered by Hon. Everett Colby on Friday evening. The Great War Veterans' Association sent a letter thanking the Y. W. P. A. for the very great assistance they had been to the G. W. V. A. and offering them the use of rooms in the new building for meetings, and a permanent committee room. This offer was gratefully accepted.

An entertainment is to be held in the Armories on Friday evening and fifty members were asked to attend. A committee of three with Miss deSoyres as convener were appointed to arrange for refreshments.

Twenty-five volunteers were asked to be present at the start of the parade on Sunday morning.

Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Warren, organizing secretary of the W. A. A. C. recreation committee; Mrs. LeLacheur, secretary of the S. C. A.; Miss Helen Sydney-Smith, secretary of the DeMonto Chapter, I. O. O. E.; Mrs. Richard O'Brien, treasurer of the Canadian Club Prisoners' War Fund; Capt. Gale, and W. H. Golding.

A donation was made of \$25 to a Belgian soldier interned in Holland to whom parcels of food will be sent.

A motion made by Miss Fairweather seconded by Miss Brayley, that twenty-five members join the Navy League, was passed.

A motion moved by Miss Fairweather, seconded by Miss deSoyres, that the Y. W. P. A. join a national organization was defeated.

The work of the Navy League was fully explained by Colonel Sturdee—how this league gives assistance to families of sailors, supplies comforts, makes grants to Seamen's Institutes, helps widows and orphans of seamen and endeavors to spread knowledge of the work of the navy. It is not one of the men of war, as some have helped, but the men of the merchant service to whom we owe so much. The speaker gave directions as to the campaign for the league on St. George's Day.

Volunteers for Flag Day were called for and conveners of wards appointed. Several other societies will assist the Y. W. P. A. on that occasion.

Miss McQuade gave a delightful account of the way a V. A. D. occupies her time and spoke of the many ways in which the nurses used the money given to them for little comforts for the men. The bravery and gallantry of the men were magnificent.

Miss McQuade was one of the first members of the Y. W. P. A. and the association gave her a hearty welcome on her return to the meetings.

TO WOMEN.
Remember how we have been protected by the British navy, and give all you can for the families of our brave sailors on St. George's Day, April 23rd. Y. W. P. A. Flag Day.

Montreal, April 18—OATS—Canadian Western, No. 3, 108; extra No. 1 feed, 105.

HON. J. A. MURRAY REPLIES TO SOME GOV'T MISTATEMENTS

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viously in the session to the slaughter of game during the past winter. He himself had referred to the matter in his speech and had received a letter from Chief Game Warden W. A. Gannon asking him for information concerning the facts that he had stated. He had replied to the chief game warden to the effect that he could not give the names of the offenders but that if the warden in the various sections of the province were alive to their duties the slaughter would be stopped. He also had furnished him with extracts from correspondence from various counties of the province giving details of violations of the game act.

Killing of Game.

In some cases the reports of illegal killing of game were supported by affidavits. He did not blame his honorable friend for these conditions, but he would inform him that the outside service of the department must be reorganized or one of the great assets of the province would be seriously reduced. The matter was important and must be taken up at once.

Reference had been made to territorial revenue. The former administration had been criticised because it had reduced the size of logs from 18-10 to 16-9, but that reduction had been made because the old regulation had been more honored in the breach than the observance. He could say that the late administration had collected up wards of two million dollars more in territorial revenue than had their predecessors.

The honorable leader of the government early in the session had made a statement which had hit him hard and that was to the effect that the late government had done little for the benefit of returned soldiers. The accusation hit him in a tender spot and was not warranted by facts. No one should be accused of disloyalty. He did not wish to intimate that his honorable friends opposite were anything but loyal to King and Country. Nevertheless he could state that the attitude of the honorable leader of the government in regard to returned soldiers would not measure up to his own standard and probably not as well.

It was an extraordinary thing that in December last when every man in the country was standing for either one policy or another in a time of national crisis the premier of New Brunswick displayed an attitude of unarmored neutrality. He believed that in this particular his own record would compare favorably with that of the honorable leader of the government.

In the afternoon the Minister of Agriculture had stood in his place and told the House what a great man he was.

Returned Soldiers.

The honorable minister must have known that his department contained records showing the efforts of the late administration to place returned soldiers on the land. The honorable leader of the government by his own words had shown that he had assumed the attitude of neutrality and inactivity at the time of the late federal election in order to preserve intact his little band of followers. The only act the honorable premier ever had taken to identify himself with the soldiers was to have his photograph included with those of the heroes of the 26th Battalion.

Mr. Murray stated that on March 2nd, 1918, a meeting had been held at his call for the purpose of considering the matter of settling immigrants and soldiers upon the land. He quoted extracts from the minutes of that meeting. The scheme of settlement was inaugurated and was carried out until the government left office. It was a scheme capable of change and reconstruction. When he had gone to England he had had an outline of the scheme with him and it had been most highly approved of in that country. As long ago as 1916 Sir Robert Borden had asked if New Brunswick had taken any steps toward the settlement of returned soldiers upon the land, stating that the imperial authorities had made enquiries about the matter. As long ago as two years the urgency of this matter had been recognized by the imperial, federal and provincial governments. What had the present provincial government done since it took office? An answer to an enquiry across the floor of the House brought out the fact that but two enquiries from returned soldiers with regard to land settlement had been received. Why only that number? Because the present government had not followed up the scheme of its predecessor. An official statement written from the provincial department had contained the words "there is nothing special here for returned soldiers."

When the old government left office New Brunswick was better known among the troops in England and France than any other part of Canada with the exception of the West. When he was in London he had placed his scheme for the settlement of soldiers before Sir Harry Wilson, secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, who had told him it was the first scheme of its kind to be presented to him.

Earl Grey Endorsement.

Earl Grey also had endorsed it and Sir Max Aitken and Sir George Perley had displayed interest. Unfortunately the political upheaval in Great Britain had prevented the successful prosecution of the scheme. Nevertheless had received a tremendous amount of publicity which would otherwise have been lost. An article in the London Chronicle upon this land settlement scheme had an advertising value of thousands of pounds. The Royal Colonial Institute printed the scheme in pamphlet form and it with the C. P. R. scheme were the only ones to be put in the hands of the soldiers at the front. Yet the present government had done nothing and imputed political motives to any criticism of its inaction. No evidence was given by the administration of carrying out the affairs of the province better than, or as well as, the preceding administration. Those with sons fighting at the front expected the government to do something for the returned soldiers. He cast no imputation against the personal loyalty of any person on the opposite side of the House and he hoped that all members would do their utmost to elevate the tone of the debate to a plane higher than that attained in the past. If he had offended in that particular, he tendered his apology. His only hope was to do his best for the people of that province.

The debate was continued by Hon. Messrs. Dugal and "Enlot," the latter moving the adjournment. House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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