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HAMILTON NEWS

AN OLD LAKE CAPTAIN DEAD

John Malcolmson Has Passed Away at the Great Age of 83 Years.

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Mrs. John Billings Has Also Passed Away After a Life Full of Good Deeds.

Hamilton, March 3.—(Special.)—John Malcolmson, a well-known lake captain, died at his residence, 178 North McNab-street, this morning. He was 83 years of age, and made Hamilton his home for over 60 years. In 1855 he sailed the John Hessen; in 1856 the John Ray, in 1857 the brig Orkney Lass; from 1860 to 1868 the barque Malta and from 1868 to 1881 the schooner New Dominion. He had a wide reputation as a careful navigator, and in all the years of his sailing never was wrecked. He retired in 1881.

Stock Yards Location Approved.

The Finance Committee held a special meeting to take action on the location of the proposed stock yards, the committee being called on to approve or disapprove of the place chosen. Mr. J. J. Scott and Mr. Elwood Jackson, superintendent of the yards, appeared before the committee and informed the members that the projectors proposed to purchase the tract of land running east from Wentworth-street to Niagara-street, between the Grand Trunk and Northwestern Railway tracks, in all about 10 acres. Mr. Scott added that a large hotel would also be erected to accommodate yardmen.

The committee approved of the location of the stockyards.

Death of Mrs. John Billings.

A telegram was received to-day announcing the sudden death of Mrs. John Billings, Jackson-street, in Los Angeles, Cal., where she went for her health a few months ago. Mrs. Billings was a conscientious Christian woman, and was founder of the Duffield Flower Mission. She was widely known as a writer, her nom de plume being Fidele H. Holland. One of her sons, William Billings, is a student at Upper Canada College. Her husband was at her side when she passed away.

Minor Matters.

John Sullivan, North John-street, an ice cutter, fell into a hole in the bay this morning, and was nearly drowned.

Joseph Moffatt, a wealthy farmer of Grimsby Township, was arrested to-day on a charge of stealing a set of door steps from Mrs. Oldfield of Stoney Creek.

W. S. Lumgair was fined $5 this morning for violating the Health Act.

John Butler, Hess and Bold-streets, was arrested to-night on a charge of assaulting Malcolm McIntosh.

NON-COMMISSIONED MEN.

"The Backbone of the Army" Held Their First Annual Dinner Last Night.

MAJOR-GENERAL HUTTON SPOKE

New Appointments Announced—List of Guests—A Huge Success All Through.

The first annual dinner of the sergeants of the Toronto Garrison, the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Governor-General's Body Guards, 9th Field Battery, Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry, Queen's Own Rifles, Royal Grenadiers, 48th Highlanders, 12th York Rangers, was held last night in Temple Building, the assembly room glittering with red coats and everyone jolly.

At the Guests' Table.

The guests were seated at a table extending the length of the room. Major-General Hutton was in the centre, others being: Chairman, Sergt.-Major Dingley, R. C. D.; Lieuts.-Col. Otter, Cotton, Bruce, Mead, Davidson, G. T. Denison, Delamere, Cosby, Grasett, Holmes; Surgeon Lt.-Col. Ryerson, Majors Macdonald, Leslie, Robertson, Murray, Stoneman, Mutton, Manley, Palmer, Capts. Gunther, Forrester, Bell, Myles, Dowald, Fleming, Lieuts. Peters, Crean, Wilkie, Grier, Surgeon Lieut. Fotheringham, Trumpet-Major Belcher, Hos.-Sergt. World, W. F. Maclean, M. P.; Mayor Shaw, Alex Muir.

At 10.30 the royal toast was drunk and letters of regret were read.

The Commander's Speech.

"The Canadian Militia," coupled with the name of Major-General Hutton, evoked an ovation.

"British soldiers," the Major-General said, "ubiquitous in peace, and very ubiquitous in war." There was no such thing as a permanent corps apart from the regular militia. [Cheers.] The permanent corps meant business. There were 260 sergeants and six civilians present, and he was glad also that a guest was the commander of Military District No. 2, who he was delighted to announce had been appointed premier aide-de-camp to the Governor-General, and Col. Denison, also recently selected to be hon. lieut.-colonel of the Governor-General's Body Guard. [Cheers.]

What Discipline Means.

In the modern days of fighting the sergeant was a most important element. Discipline, steadiness and silence in the ranks should be the watchwords. There was a vast difference between the mess table and the parade ground. There must not only be discipline, but the outward and visible signs of it. Discipline had carried British arms victorious in every climate in the world.

A National Army.

A national army meant Canada, Ontario, Quebec, the Northwest, but Canadian above party politics, above religious denomination. The Canadian militia at present was not an army; "Please God, it soon will be." It meant a machine, offensive and defensive, composed of fighting stuff, with brains to utilize the fighting stuff; an organization to move the food, pay the soldiers, care for them on the field. At present this did not exist; a state of temporary paralysis was existent.

"I am asking the Government to let us soldiers prepare ourselves for an eventuality that may arise at any moment and anticipate a favorable response. We must not lean on the strong arm of the Empire, but depend on ourselves as soldiers of a young and vigorous country." [Cheers.]

He did not intend to ask for any large money grant.

Canada Honored.

Sergt.-Major Stretton, G.G.B.G., proposed "Canada", and coupled the name of Lieut. Col. G. T. Denison with it.

Colonel Denison characterized Canada as the most important part of the British Empire. Canada was of vital importance to the Empire, ready to supply grain and munitions.

Canada must do for herself, and depend on no one; the Intercolonial should be double tracked; railroads must be built to insure safety. Regarding the militia. Britain paid $5 per head, Canada between 25 and 30 cents for the militia; was Canada willing to always sponge on the Mother Country? Canada should be prepared to furnish 200,000 men to defend the frontier; she had some 38,000.

There could be no more popular expenditure than that for defence.

Other Toasts Honored.

Major Stoneman of Hamilton, by special request, recited "The Sea Queen Wakes," commemorative of the assemblage of the flying squadron.

Sergt.-Major Rose, 48th, proposed "Our D.O.C., and commanding officers, coupled with the names of Lieuts.-Colonel Otter, Delamere, Mead, Cosby, G. A. Denison, Bruce and Captain Forrester.

Lieut.-Col. Otter congratulated those present on the success of the entertainment of the backbone of the Canadian militia, the sergeants.

Lieut.-Col. Delamiere, Q.O.R. followed.

The other officers named all responded to the toast.

"Our Guests," proposed by Sergt.-Major Borland, was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Grasett, Mr. Alex. Muir, Captain Bell.

"Our Brother Non-Com's," was proposed by Sergt.-Major McClinton, and responded to by Sergeants-Major Sodger, Fellows, Huggins, Oxtaby.

Sergt.-Major Porter proposed "The Press," responded to by Mr. W. F. Maclean; M.P.

"The Ladies," by Hospital Sergt. World, responded by Bugle-Major Woods finished the long list of toasts, and God Save the Queen concluded an eminently successful evening.

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Catarrh Cured.

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The Lake and Rail Committee of the Canadian Freight Association met in Montreal yesterday and agreed on rates on the upper lakes and to western points. Last year's tariff was practically continued.

ON AND OFF THE STAGE

Rice's Popular Extravaganza.

Bessie Bonehill and her merry-makers will give two performances at the Toronto Opera House to-day, the matinee at the customary bargain scale of prices. Following Miss Bonehill the attraction next week will be Rice's popular extravaganza, "1492," with Stuart, the male Patti, as Isabella, the Daisy Queen. The songs, specialties, marches, novel scenic features, all combine to make the tout ensemble highly picturesque. The story deals with the financial troubles of the King and Queen of Spain in 1492, and the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. These historical happenings form the basis of the play. "1492" is one of those creations of music and mirth in which the play itself is not as important as the cast which produces it. It is a combination of comic opera, farce, vaudeville and spectacle, a glittering and glowing display of elaborate and costly scenery, handsome costumes and young and pretty women. During the engagement the regular popular prices of the Toronto will prevail, and matinees will be given as usual on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Story of "The Turtle."

"The Turtle" comes to the Grand on Monday night. "The Turtle" is full of spice and abounds in laughable situations and complications, but it is never naughty. The story tells of the double matrimonial ventures of one Champalier, who is nicknamed by his first wife, Leonie, as The Turtle, his explanation of it being that she used to call him the turtle dove, and finally dropped the dove part of it. The first act finds Champalier just divorced from Leonie, who has schemed to this end because she is enamored of a poster-painter named Adolphe. When the latter appears upon the scene she learns to her horror that he has transferred his affections to one Juliette, the daughter of an innkeeper. She has also learned that Adolphe, to deceive Juliette's parents, has represented her to them as his sister. The last act is particularly bright and witty, everything is smoothed out to the satisfaction of everybody, and the play ends with The Turtle re-marrying and returning to his first love. The latter half of the week Al G. Field's Greater Minstrels will hold the boards.

Nature at the Princess.

"A play that makes you feel that you are in the presence of living people instead of the creations of a playwright's imagination" is the way The New York Herald speaks of Augustus Thomas' beautiful drama, "Alabama," that will be produced at the Princess Theatre next week, commencing on Monday afternoon. The piece will be presented by the Cummings Stock Company, with a wealth of new scenery, handsome stage settings and elaborate detail. The cast will include the entire strength of the company, as follows: Captain Davenport, a northern railroad man, Mr. Maurice Freeman; Col. Preston, an old planter, Mr. Clifford Pembroke; Col. Moberly, a relic of the Confederacy, Mr. Robert Cummings; Squire Tucker, Talladega county justice, Mr. Bartley McCullum; Raymond Page, a party of business, Mortimer Snow; Lathrop Page, a Southern Boy, Harry Shumer; Ned Armstrong, Capt. Davenport's agent, Barry O'Neil; Decatur, an ante-bellum servant, T. J. Grady; Mrs. Page, a widow who thinks twice, Miss Nettie Marshall; Carey Preston, an Alabama Blossom, Miss Nadine Winston; Mrs. Stockton, another widow, Miss Lillian Andrews. The sale of seats commenced at the box office yesterday and went on briskly all day.

Sauer Recital To-Night.

The plan for the Sauer recital filled up rapidly yesterday and a large audience is assured.

Apropos of Emil Sauer, that excellent artist, an interesting episode is related by Mr. Frank Deane, the well-known English pianist, now residing in this city:

"In 1883 I happened to be staying at Cambridge, and, among other well-known university men, became acquainted with one 'Browning'—lecturer on modern history and Fellow of King's. Every Sunday evening it was Browning's wont to entertain a number of his friends, chiefly undergraduates, at his rooms, and music and coffee were liberally discussed. On one memorable occasion two distinguished visitors appeared, i.e., Villiers Stanford, the composer, and young Emil Sauer, then a fine, enthusiastic piece of manhood, ruddy, and with a decidedly agreeable manner.

"After a little conversation, Sauer sat down to the Erard grand, on which I thrummed Sunday after Sunday, and delighted his auditors with some fine music, especially a brilliant rendition of the difficult toccata in C by Schumann. His playing was powerful in technique and touch, with abundant abandon and breadth of treatment. On leaving the room he shook hands very cordially with me and said, in the most kindly manner: 'Good-bye; I hope you will do well in your profession.'

"Afterwards I attended a small recital which he gave, but his playing at that time did not bewitch the English public, and I heard nothing more of him until 1896, when I was overjoyed to learn of his great success in London, and recalled the kindly young artist who was struggling to overleap the great barriers to public favor, and who succeeded after all."

The Famous Banda Rossa.

At the Massey Music Hall next Tuesday and Wednesday the famous Banda Rossa will give four concerts. It will be remembered that this famous Italian band made a tremendous sensation at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, where they made their American debut last year. Lovers of music will have an opportunity of listening to what is now considered the world's greatest band. It is composed of fifty musicians of the highest calibre, and directed by Signor Eugenio Sorrentino, who is considered to be without a peer as a bandmaster. He is undoubtedly a great man. He is a native of Calabria, in Southern Italy, the birthplace of many great musicians, and is a prize graduate of the famous Naples Conservatory. He is but 32 years old, and in disposition is somewhat stern and reserved. The programs of the four concerts will be entirely different, and, in addition to the unrivalled selections played by the Banda Rossa, several soloists will appear, including Mrs. Marshall Pease, the well-known contralto.

Empire to Re-Open.

The week of March 6 will see the Empire Theatre re-opened by Doc McConnaughy as a music hall and smoker. Nothing but the finest acts in the country will appear. On Monday evening the house will open with two and a half hours of solid mirth. There will be ten vaudeville acts, each a feature, with many pretty girls in the cast. Patrons may smoke while they laugh.

Monday, Plunket Greene.

Plunket Greene will sing in the Association Hall on Monday evening. By request he will sing "The Erl King," but his other numbers will be heard from him mostly for the first time here.

It Was Miss Kilgour.

In The World's notice of the Sauer and Male Chorus Club's concert in Massey Hall on Friday morning, Miss Gourlay was named as pianist of the club. Miss Kilgour is the talented young musician who officiated for the club, and is that organization's regular accompanist.

LATEST ABOUT THE POPE.

The Curtains Were Drawn, He Was Allowed to See the Blue Sky and Thanked God.

Rome, March 3.—The absence of fever permitting, the Pope's oft-repeated wish to have the curtains drawn was granted this morning. He greeted the blue sky with the ejaculation, "Thanks be to the Almighty, who has again preserved me to work for the greatness of his church."

Dr. Lapponi was able to leave his patient for several hours during the day, the Pope being much more tractable, and only asking that the wound be left heavily bandaged.

Everything is going on satisfactorily, and Dr. Lapponi thinks that after Monday it will not be necessary to continue the night attendance

A NEW IDEA IN MANŒUVRES

Major-General Hutton Explains How Flags May be Used in "Attack" Drills.

WILL ESTABLISH A FIXED LINE

What the General Did All Day Long—Questions of Interest to the Militia.

Major-General Hutton, commander of the militia in Canada, acompanied by Captain Bell, A.D.C., arrived in the city yesterday morning and repaired immediately to Stanley Barracks, where he made an inspection of a troop from the Governor-General's Body Guard, and later took part in the deliberations of District No. 2 Military Board, which, under the chairmanship of Lt.-Col. Otter, was considering the adoption of the new Oliver equipment.

Cavalry Quarters.

Captain Bell, A.D.C., stated that the Major-General would return to Ottawa tonight, and that nothing would be done at present in regard to the establishment of permanent quarters at the Armouries for the local cavalry. He said that Major-General Hutton favored the proposed idea of a cavalry depot and armory, and that the Militia Department was morally bound to keep its agreement with the City of Toronto, in connection with the present armouries. Should the city and the Toronto Garrison officers memorialize Major-General Hutton the proposed cavalry armory might be secured. The cavalry premises would, if practicable, probably be attached to the present armory building.

The Humber question is still unsettled. The Major-General asked to compromise for $15, in replying to Consul Howson's demand for $25 for compensation for damages.

Will Utilize Flags.

To a gathering of officers yesterday afternoon in Stanley Barracks, Major-General Hutton explained, by means of diagrams, a variety of tactics which will be employed in the coming summer drill.

The Major-General is introducing an innovation, which will be applied to-day in the manoeuvres at the Armouries, of employing small flags as distinguishing features of the attack, and to preserve the general alignment of the attacking force. He intends by means of these to familiarize the militia with the different plans and modes of accomplishing a design.

He had witnessed this method at Aldershot and in Australia, one of the results obtained being a comparatively silent drill, and no galloping around.

Form a Definite Mode.

The Major-General gave an illustration in the formation of a defined position by a company of infantry, and the flags will serve to establish a definite mode of attack, at present not existing, and he explained that, forestalling criticism, he was acting in the spirit of the drill book, not clashing with it. The officers will be given every latitude in the execution.

To-day a large red flag in the attack by infantry, will mark the centre of attack, with smaller ones to define the position. A black and white flag, of the advancing force, will mark the firing line, and a blue and white alignment flags, and a blue flag of direction.

Advance Difficult.

The advance of the sections was explained in detail. Now, when smokeless powder is used, for troops to advance 3000 or 4000 yards was most difficult. The best trained troops in the world might overlap. Only general alignment must be maintained, he said, allowing for natural obstacles.

He illustrated also a brigade attack. If the enemy changed their line from the original, the order would be "flags conform," and a new front formed.

The officers present betrayed a deep interest in the lecture.

ARE THESE THE MEN?

Arrest of Three Men in Buffalo Supposed to Be the Aspdons' Assailants.

The minute description sent out by the local police of the ruffians who assaulted Henry Aspden and his daughter, at 216 Victoria-street, on Monday last, has led to the arrest of three men in Buffalo. Their names are George Slack, Fred Chambers and William Tinsley.

All three prisoners have lived in Toronto, and have appeared in the Police Court on various charges. Slack until recently lived at 44 Edwards-street and Tinsley on University-street, while Chambers was not known to have any particular place of abode.

The arrests are due to the fact that Tinsley has white eyelashes over his left eye. Detective Devine of Buffalo met the men on the street and noted that peculiar characteristic in Tinsley's appearance. The three men were taken to Buffalo Police Headquarters. All declared that they had never been in Toronto. Later, however, Tinsley admitted that he had just arrived from Toronto.

It will be remembered that Miss Jennie Mundy of 237 Victoria-street saw the thieves when they first entered the store and she has also identified a photograph of Slack as being one of the men.

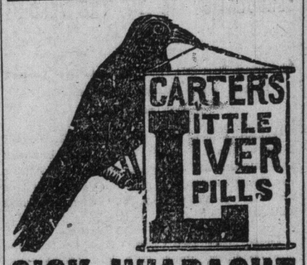
Detective Cuddy will leave this morning to bring the prisoners back and Miss Mundy will be brought down to Police Headquarters to identify the other man.

The police say that Slack and Chambers assaulted Aspden and his daughter, while Tinsley remained outside to watch.

Dr. Hodgetts is still in attendance on Miss Aspden. She is in a very nervous condition, caused by fright and the injuries to her head. The marks of the blows are still visible on Mr. Aspden's face.

The authorities will also endeavor to connect the three prisoners with the robbery at Thomas McCulley's home, 648 East Gerrard-street, a few hours after the Victoria-street outrage. Mr. McCulley's children heard the thieves prowling about the house and took a lamp to investigate. When at the foot of the stairs the boy with the lamp met the thieves face to face and threw the lamp at them. The house then caught fire and $100 damage was done before the blaze could be put out. The thieves escaped with a valuable gold watch and articles of silverware.

W. T. R. Preston, having journeyed to another strand, has tendered his resignation from membership on the local Board of Health.



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