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ENTERTAINED

Teachers and Officers of the Park St. Sunday School Gather at the Parsonage

Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Cobbleck entertained the teachers and officers of Park Street Methodist Sunday School right royally at the parsonage last evening. About thirty-five were present and all enjoyed the pleasing entertainment of the host and hostess.

The first part of the evening was taken up with the annual meeting of the Sunday School.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted.

Secretary-Treasurer Walter T. Pigott read his annual report, showing the school to be in a most flourishing condition, both financially and otherwise.

The pastor made a report for the "Home Department" regarding the work done in the past year and what is proposed to do this year.

Superintendent C. Austin reported on the work of the Sunday School and the able assistance given him by the teachers throughout the year. He also made suggestions where he thought improvements should be made.

The next matter to be dealt with, the chairman, Mr. Cobbleck, said, would be the election of officers.

W. J. Mounteer was appointed scrutineer and the result of the election was as follows:

Superintendent—C. Austin.
Assistant Supt.—Harry Westman.
Secretary—Walter T. Pigott.
Assistant Secretary—Percy Morley.
Librarians—W. J. Mounteer and S. R. Hall.

The social part of the evening then began and proved most enjoyable. Horace Davis gave several vocal solos, Miss Pearl White, accompanist, and Miss Flo Hillman gave a number of well rendered instrumental selections.

All departed at midnight, having voted Mr. and Mrs. Cobbleck, and their niece, Miss Galloway, excellent entertainers.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION

Now that the serious spring freshet situation for the farmers and merchants has been relieved for another season it certainly appears advisable to devise and promptly carry out effective measures to prevent a recurrence of such loss and danger in years to come.

In this connection the practical suggestion of Mr. Herbert S. Clements should be dealt with. The stern lessons of the past few weeks should bear fruit in vigorous, energetic efforts to protect against future catastrophes of a similar character.

"I would earnestly suggest and advocate," said Mr. Clements, "and I would be prepared to second Mr. Stephens every assistance in my power, in asking the Government to secure a cut from the River Thames to Lake Erie if expedient to prevent the floods that must happen during any spring in this district."

"I am, however, strongly of the opinion that relief from floods would be given to a satisfactory extent if the Government would arrange to allow one of the large ice crushers to enter the mouth of the Thames and crush the ice to the city of Chatham every spring previous to the breaking up. I am satisfied every resident of this county would heartily endorse this preventative of floods."

Mr. Clements is right and the present member for Kent will do well to act promptly on his suggestion. It is impressive itself quite extensively on the people of this riding that Mr. Stephens is becoming too busy with the appointment of his favorites to offices, the location of the armories away from his own residence and personal questions of that ilk, to perform properly his duties as the parliamentary servant of the people of this constituency.

It appeals to the people that it is surely the duty of their representative to visit at least once a year every division of his constituency, thereby placing himself in touch with the people he should serve and the needs of the county.

It seems to a great many of us that if Mr. Stephens had the interests of the riding at heart as much as his own business and personal aggrandizement, he would have visited the townships of Raleigh and Dover recently, and have set himself zealously to work to relieve the residents of that district from any future disaster of similar character.

If Mr. Stephens were as enthusiastic over such matters of vital local import, as he is to provide the eastern end of the Grand Trunk Pacific, according the County of Kent with the payment of \$800,000.00, it would indeed be well for the people of Kent.

ENTHUSIASTIC CITIZENS MEET

FOR THE OLD BOYS' RE-UNION

Lots of Spirit and Energy in Evidence for the Big Demonstration—Mayor McKeough and Citizens Heartily Endorsing the Project

Committees Appointed and Getting Earnestly to Work—Telephone Installed in Secretary's Office—Notes of the Big Doings

If enthusiastic meetings may be counted for anything, Chatham will have a record breaker Old Boys' Re-union this year. The meeting of citizens held last night in the Council Chambers for the purpose of forwarding this movement was a very large one in spite of the inclement weather. This meeting was called by the Old Boys' committee of the Old Boys' Re-union and Street Carnival scheme for the purpose of getting suggestions as to the best plans for managing the Old Boys' Re-union. There were present Chairman Dr. W. R. Hall, Secretary Scane and Assistant Secretary J. W. Atken, and Messrs. Mayor McKeough, S. M. Smith, Judge Woods, Heyward, Sheldon, Cornhill, Seallard, Richards, J. L. Wilson, Morton, Tashirhart, Riddell, Baxter, Sissons, Macaulay, Hoig, Watt, Felder, O'Keefe, Scott, D. Holmes, S. Ball, H. Clements, H. Robinson, Glenn, Perrin, Turner, Northwood, Campbell, Snook, Daniels, Radsey, Stephenson, Gundy, Malcolmson, Gray, Woodward, E. Northwood, G. G. Gundy, J. S. Lane, Will Hadley, Kenny, Doc Russell, Massey, Bogart, O. L. Lewis, and others.

Dr. Hall opened the meeting by explaining its objects and by urging those present to enter heartily into the scheme and make the Old Boys' Re-union one of the best ever held in Canada. He said:

"It is our intention to hold an Old Boys' Re-union and Street Carnival this year from May 30th to June 4th inclusive. Considerable work has already been transacted but the most of it remains yet to be done. The Street Fair was first thought of and donations were received for it. It was later decided to hold the Old Boys' Re-union at the same time."

Here he asked his worship the Mayor and Messrs. O. L. Lewis and W. D. Sheldon to take seats on the platform.

"The citizens," continued the speaker, "should take this matter in earnest, and help bring about conditions when they will be able to meet their old friends. It will not injure the financial interests of the city, for every place of business will be left open during the entire week, and so it will rather help business."

"Chatham has lost many opportunities of bringing celebrations here and of bringing in people with their money. We do not celebrate frequently enough. We should do more than we are doing to keep people in town and to bring in more."

"It is a conservative estimate to say that fully 1,000 people leave Chatham on a holiday, and if Chatham were holding a good celebration, they would stay in town. These people take money out of the town, for when they are away they will spend on an average of \$5 apiece, which makes a total of \$5,000 taken out of the town in one way. We should try to build up a love and liking for our city."

"Chatham has many advantages for a celebration. I was pleased to see in The Planet that the Mayor is talking to the proprietors of a large industrial concern, recently could not think of a single disadvantage to Chatham. Our accommodations for this present scheme are excellent. Every citizen can do something to help the scheme along by enlisting your neighbors, but above all don't throw cold water on it, make the best of everything. Get together and make a strong pull and a long pull, and a pull all together."

W. W. Scane then explained the steps that have already been taken and how the matter was first brought up. He said a man came here from Saranac with his Street Fair scheme of 36 free shows and 15 others. He wanted \$500 quarters and met a number of citizens, Messrs. Cowan, Sheldon, Sulman, Stephenson and Scane, solicited and obtained a subscription of \$500 and the agreement was signed. The idea of the Old Boys' Re-union was then thought of. A meeting of citizens was called and everybody was enthusiastic. When an Old Boys' Re-union was mentioned before it was estimated that it would cost \$5,000. Now Chatham can get both for \$1,200 or \$1,500. The matter was picked up and different committees appointed.

"We have been successful," said Mr. Scane, "in getting this scheme under way. We have got the best city and the best citizens and our old boys are the best citizens wherever they are, and so we can have the best Old Boys' Re-union that ever took place on this earth."

Mr. Scane then read off the different committees for the information of the meeting.

The Mayor—What do you want these committees to do? We are all in favor of the scheme, but we would like to get busy.

Mr. Scane—The Finance Committee will manage the finances and subscriptions; Printing Committee will look after advertising; the Entertainment Committee will provide entertainment for the old boys, visiting the city's attractions, and see that there are first class performances. If the attractions are not as represented their contract is void. The Reception Committee will receive the old boys. It is intended to hold a reception on the opening day and we want men to give the old boys a glad hand.

The Old Boys' Committee—We want your names on the literature sent to the old boys, to make them homesick to see the friends of their boyhood days, and we want you also to send in names of old boys with their addresses, so that we will be able to reach them with literature.

The name of James C. Northwood was added to the Reception Committee, and D. McLachlan to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McLachlan made a valuable suggestion re the printing of matter on the backs of the stationery used by the different Maple City business houses.

Mr. Scane and he was getting out letterheads to be used by the secretary, with a heading, "Won't you come home, Bill Bailey." He expects Mr. Merton, secretary of the Hamilton Old Boys' Re-union, to be here the first of next week and explain the details of getting up an Old Boys' Re-union.

The Transportation Committee will be expected to interview the railways and get rates for old boys coming home. The other places all got a rate of single fare from all points east of Chicago and Winnipeg.

Mr. Sheldon thought the first thing to be considered was the finances. Mr. Scane explained that the committee will commence work the first of next week.

Mr. Stephenson moved that the Council be asked for a grant to furnish amusements. "It is not fair," said he, "that the merchants on King street should be asked to contribute everything. The citizens should be asked to do something." It was moved Messrs. Sheldon, McLachlan, James Gray and Dr. Hall a committee to wait on the Council and ask for a moderate sum. Dr. Cornell seconded the motion, and it carried.

It is proposed to have music all week and games every day. It is talked of having a Scotch day, an English day, an Irish day and a French day.

Mayor McKeough and E. B. Northwood were added to the Entertainment Committee.

Warren Lambert was added to the Reception Committee.

J. T. O'Keefe, Ed. Massey, Harry Stevens, Archie Park, M. Campbell, Robert Gray were added to the Transportation Committee.

The Decoration Committee chose Jas. Gray as chairman, and the Reception Committee chose W. A. Hadley as chairman, and Warren Lambert as vice-chairman.

Communication was received from the 5th Regt. Canadian Artillery Band, and they want to come to Chatham on their way to St. Louis. They may be given an opportunity of playing in Chatham during the Old Boys' Re-union.

Any person having names and addresses of old boys would confer a favor on those who have the interests of the scheme at heart by giving them to the secretary. His telephone number is 38.

MAPLE CITY MUSIC

The public meeting on Tuesday evening for the formation of a Maple City Philharmonic Society will be largely attended. Great interest is being universally taken in the project and some splendid musical and dramatic enterprises are in view. Lieutenant J. B. Rankin, of the provisional executive, has assured the Society of the free use of the new large armory hall and has another interesting and pleasing project to lay before the local musicians.

Everyone interested in music is cordially invited to the meeting, when it is hoped that organization will be completed and several interesting projects discussed.

Some people are too weak to turn over a new leaf.

WAS IRREGULAR

Maple City Ladies' Petition Met With Cool Reception From the Government

Ottawa, April 15.—A number of the ladies of Chatham, Ont., have been busy lately with petitions for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of fermented liquors, tobacco and opium, "knowing these evils are detrimental to the minds and morals of all mankind." They are addressed to the Prime Minister and to the C. B. net, but Mr. Stephens, M. P., presented them to the house to-day. They were returned to him on account of their irregularity.

LAND BATTLE

WON BY RUSSIA

Reported Repulse of Disembarking Japanese Troops—Togo Again Attacks Port Arthur

Russians Now Admit that Japanese Destroyed the Petropavlovsk—Entrance to Port Arthur Blocked

London, Saturday, April 16.—A despatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg says it is rumored that Admiral Togo's fleet escorted a great number of transports to a point west of the Yalu River. The troops began to disembark without detecting a force of Russian troops, who were concealed on shore. When 12,000 had disembarked the Russians attacked them, and drove them back to their ships, inflicting heavy losses in men and guns.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—A telegram from Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur to the Emperor says: "From 9.15 o'clock this morning to midday a Japanese fleet of fourteen vessels in two divisions bombarded the fortress and the town alternately from the Liao-Tsien promontory, firing 185 projectiles."

The Russian squadron, including the battleship Pobieda, replied from the anchorage by a plunging fire. The batteries also participated.

"The losses on land were seven Chinese killed and five soldiers and three Chinese wounded."

"The Russian warships sustained no damage and there was no loss of life on them."

TOGO STILL SILENT.
Tokio, April 15.—An important Military Council, at which the Emperor presided, was held to-day. All the Ministers attended.

RUSSIA NOW ADMITS IT.
St. Petersburg, April 15.—Information which has slowly reached St. Petersburg has modified the opinion at first prevailing concerning the original cause of destruction of the battleship Petropavlovsk. There is talk of developing a disposition to gradually develop the possibility that, after all, the Japanese torpedoes may have dropped mines at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor.

An official remarked to-night: "It would be far better if the ship was actually blown up by the enemy's mine, instead of by a Russian mine. The latter would be the result of inexcusable carelessness, and would properly arouse the Emperor's anger. The former, while it would speak volumes for Japanese craftiness, could not readily be avoided. On dark nights it would be almost impossible for the searchlights of the batteries to pick up the torpedoes, but however carefully manipulated."

"Even should it be finally established that a Japanese mine destroyed the Petropavlovsk it will not affect the general appreciation of Admiral Makarov's high qualities."

No report from Admiral Togo regarding his latest attack on Port Arthur has yet been received, nor is there any further news from that place, but incidents there continue to absorb attention. There is general confidence that the backbone of the Russian naval strength has been broken. There is, however, a complete absence of gloating, and the public expressions of regret for the death of Admiral Makarov are not conventional. The newspapers generally pay tribute to his fine qualities.

Count Okuma, formerly Prime Minister, speaking at a dinner given by the Japanese Alumni of Oxford and Cambridge Universities to the British military attaches, highly eulogized Admiral Makarov's ability and courage, and deplored his death.

ENTRANCE SEALED.
London, Saturday, April 16.—The Times prints a despatch from its correspondent on board its despatch boat Haimun, sent from off the coast of Corea by means of wireless telegraphy to Wei-Hai-Wei quoting the Japanese official report that the Petropavlovsk was destroyed by a torpedo and adding that it is believed that the entrance to Port Arthur is now sealed.

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