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Patriotism the Inspiration
and the Keynote of the
Able Speakers

Kelligrews, Dec. 17.—A grand patriotic meeting was held here last night under the auspices of the Society of United Fishermen and was addressed by the following gentlemen: J. A. Clift, Esq., K.C., Grand Master of the Order; Hon. W. C. Job, Rev. Canon Colley and Mr. L. Colley.

A full house was present at 7.30 p.m. when the meeting was opened by Mr. R. Hibbs, W.M., who occupied the chair. After explaining the object, and importance of the meeting, and making some pleasing introductory remarks to the gentlemen who were to address the meeting, the Chairman called on Mr. Clift who upon rising was greeted with such a welcome as befitted one who has ungrudgingly given two soldier boys to uphold our glorious Empire's honor in her hour of need.

Purpose of the Meetings.
Mr. Clift first told his hearers that, in accordance with one of the fundamental principles of the Order, viz., the "Inculcation of Loyalty," the S.U.F. was convening a series of public patriotic meetings in order to meet and discuss with their friends the best possible means whereby we may serve the Motherland.

In a very logical manner he pointed out the need, and that the plain duty of every able bodied man was to rally round the flag, to uphold his Country's Cause, to do his "little bit," and thus assist in fastening a wreath of glory around the old Colony.

Mr. Clift modestly replied to the Chairman's reference to the sacrifice he had made, by saying, that his sons had only done their duty, and responded to their Country's Call. The speaker made a great impression and concluded, amidst much applause.

Illustrated His Talk.
The Hon. Mr. Job was next introduced, and received a hearty reception. He began by unfolding a splendid and up-to-date map and giving the audience a geographical idea of Great Britain's position and possessions, and where the eyes of the world were to day focussed on the greatest struggle in the annals of time.

The Hon. gentleman appealed especially on behalf of the Naval recruiting movement emphasizing his adaptability of our young fishermen for such a service, and the honour which, far greater than any financial reward and would remain emblazoned upon their Country's history, being a noble inspiration to the generations to come.

While making this appeal he was not unmindful of the great affliction caused by the terrible sealing disaster which so recently bereft so many of our homes of their best and fittest, and concluded by reciting an inspiring poem which appealed to everyone.

Made Presentation.
Mr. Job then presented the beautiful map of the Society which gratefully accepted the gift.

The Rev. Canon Colley, who has identified himself with the great cause in many ways, was the next speaker, and all regret that verbatim report of his discourse cannot be furnished.

In his usual, able and comprehensive style he outlined the true situation confronting our home and Empire in the present struggle, contrasting the freedom we enjoy under the flag of Great Britain to that of German rule, pointing out as an absolute certainty that whether we enlisted today in defence of that flag or not, were this Country under the enemy's flag we should either be slaves of the German army, or navy, whether we liked it or not, enjoying a salary of about four cents a day, without the option of going to Sydney or elsewhere to better our condition.

Votes of Thanks.
Upon closing his remarks the Canon proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Job and Mr. Clift for their noble assistance, and congratulated the S.U.F. upon the initiative they had taken to assist our great cause.

A delightful surprise awaited the audience when Mr. Llewellyn Colley our accomplished teacher, responding to the Chairman's invitation arose, and in a most enthusiastic address filled with patriotic fire fairly brought down the house. None other than a man possessing a rare talent reinforced and ennobled by a patriotic soul, could ever reach the hearts of his

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"Meanwhile, everything had been got in readiness for the crew to leave the Hermes, which soon began to settle down after the second explosion. Unfortunately, a number of men jumped overboard before the destroyers arrived, and some of them became exhausted and sank.

"The captain, who displayed great coolness, was the last to leave the ship, which remained afloat for nearly two hours after she was struck. The work of rescuing the crew had been completed when she finally disappeared, and I do not think there was a living man on board when she went down.

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Reviewed the Causes.
He brought us back to the assassination of Grand Duke Ferdinand, explaining the false pretext and intricacy of the German past masters of deceit; their contempt for honour, their violation of treaties, and invasion of peace-loving inoffensive Belgium.

He described the Belgian Chicken's defence against the great German Hawk. That people chose to accept death before dishonor, and never failing in duty to friends, country, and God, they decided, "We'll fight you."

With loyal reference to our Gracious Majesty King George—the old flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze—Mr. Colley finished by seconding the vote of thanks to the visiting gentlemen which was passed amid enthusiastic applause.

Mr. T. F. Furneaux, J.P., then recited a patriotic poem, as did also the Chairman, after which the National Anthem was sung, thus closing one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the settlement, and from which much good will undoubtedly result.

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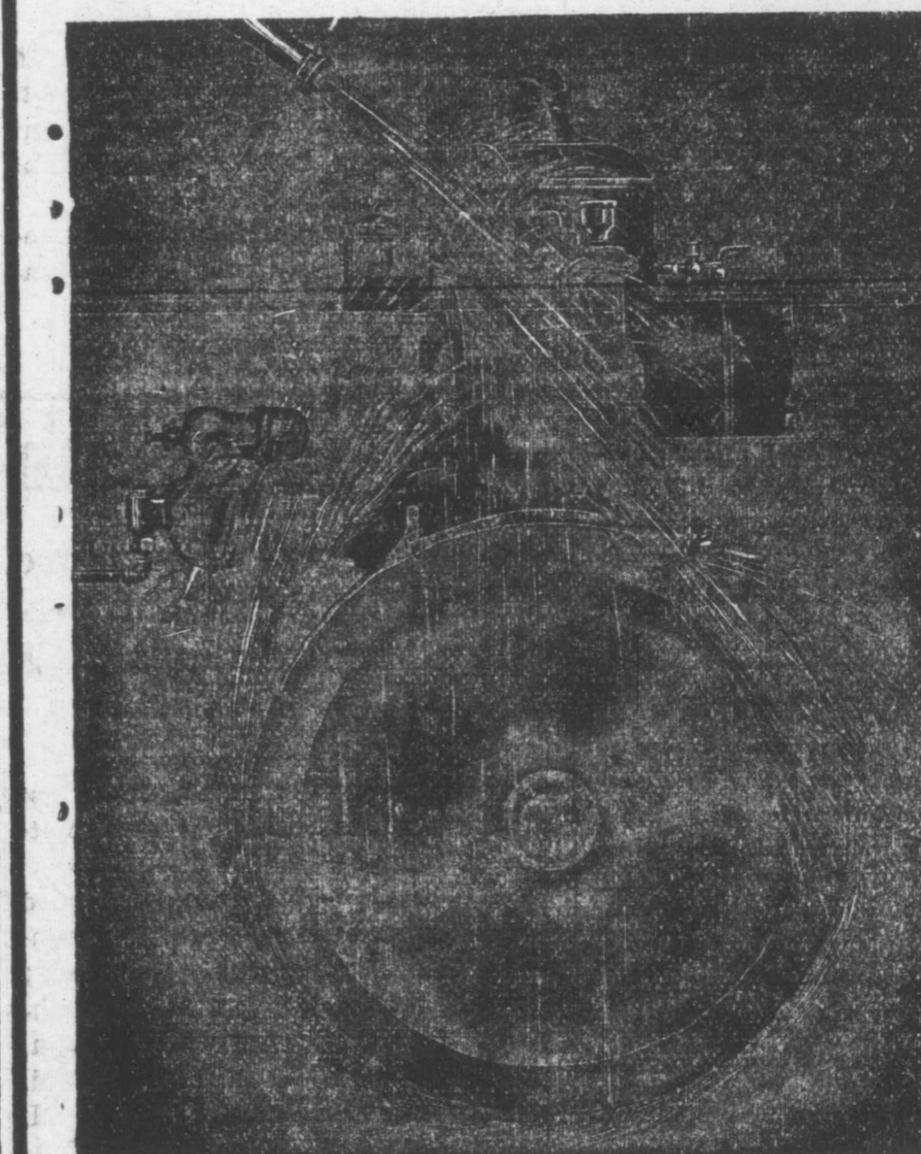
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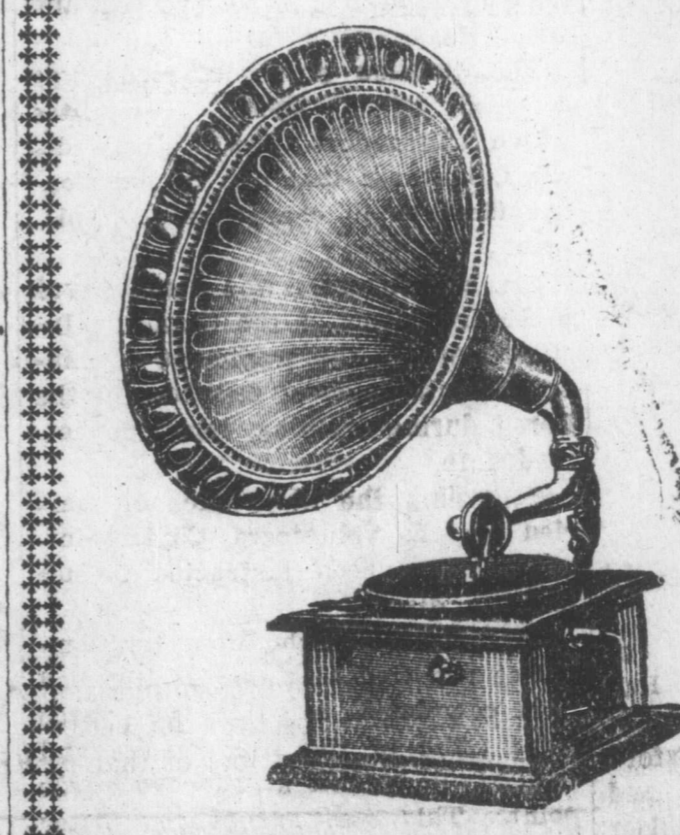
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