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INSPECTOR VENNING DISMISSED.

FISHRY matters for the past ten years have been in a most unsatisfactory condition in Northumberland and other Northern Counties. Our fishermen and others interested have been backward in declaring the blame for such a state of affairs rests on the shoulders of Inspector Vennings, who has by his arbitrary rulings and unjust disregard of the best interests of the fisheries and the fishery, been the cause of the trouble.

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The 12th in November.

Last week we gave but a short sketch of the pleasant celebration of this anniversary by "No Surrender" Orange Lodge of this town, our space being too limited for a full description of the pleasant affair. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags, bannets and Chinese lanterns.

About 9 o'clock the chair was taken by Mr. Daniel McGarr and the meeting called to order. The chairman in his opening remarks said he thought he was the oldest Orangeman in the County, having been an Orangeman ever since 1837. It was more of a worker than a talker, and other gentlemen present who would be called upon more than doubt interest them more than he could. He would however express the hope that if they were not all Orangemen they were at least all Protestants, with all that the name implied. Applause.

The next to the chair of the chairman was occupied by Mr. Donald Morrison, and that on the left by Mr. W. R. Robinson.

Instrumental music, trio—organ by Miss E. Randle, violin by Mr. Stewart, and cornet by Mr. Stewart.

Song—"Soldier's Farewell," by Mr. C. J. Thompson, organ accompaniment by Mrs. W. Sutherland.

Mr. Donald Morrison was pleased to see so many present on this occasion. It was not his intention to impose on their patience by making a lengthy speech as other gentlemen present had kindly consented to address us on this the celebration of our religious liberty.

We can better understand the value of this liberty when we look at the tremendous price paid for it, the lives of our forefathers which they cheerfully gave to insure to their children and to us the rights to enjoy it.

Though nearly 200 years have rolled away since that event which gained for Great Britain and her colonies the right of freedom, yet it has been the custom each year through all these ages for our institution to celebrate this day.

The American nation takes pride in celebrating their 4th of July in commemoration of that nation's independence, and we in Canada take pleasure in celebrating the birthday of our confederation. It is not right then that we should celebrate this day, not with hard feelings, not in a revengeful spirit, but with hearts full of thankfulness to God that we are living in an age and under a constitution that grants equal rights to all, that permits no interference with civil and religious rights, no matter by what name or in what manner we choose to give worship to our God. It is our duty and it is the duty of all lovers of our country to keep these principles inviolate and hand them down to our children.

There is an erroneous impression shared in by many that the object of our society is to wage a war against our fellow Roman Catholics, to do all we can to injure them. Such sentiments are those opposed to the Christian principles of our order. Instead of teaching such principles, it pledges its members to protect any one in their civil and religious rights, no matter by what profession known, or by what form of religious worship.

Our Society knows no enemy except those who try to take their rights away, and we are bound just as much to protect a Roman Catholic as a Protestant in these rights. We are not an aggressive society, but a defensive, and while we admit we may have members who are not living examples of our principles we do not claim that more and more to do very much in teaching its members to live good lives—and we are assured that the efforts of its teaching has manifested itself in the lives of its members—I will read you what an observer says in reference to this—I consider Orange Lodges have been productive of various advantages; besides, in a moral and religious point, I am sure that the discipline of these Lodges has gone far to prevent many young men from falling into vice of different kinds, such as intoxication. They had a character to support, and they felt it. I am sure it brought many to read God's word and to attend God's worship, who but for what would have been ignorant and idle, and in conclusion allow me to read a verse of the grand master of Scotland, The Duke of Cumberland at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, he concludes his address in the following words—"Our duties, like our principles, are summed up in the two words, Christianity and Loyalty. Loyalty is not mere attachment to the person of the Sovereign, nor a petulant Royal family, but it is such attachment subordinated to a regard for the constitution of the country. Let us seek, then, to be good Protestants—not mere haters of Popery, but true Christians, believers in Christ, rejoicing in Christ, walking by faith, walking in love, rejoicing in hope, adorning the Gospel. May God make us so, and make all more and more to abound in every grace, so that our lives may be lives of piety, and holiness, and active obedience to all God's commandments. I may say the first Orange Lodge was formed in 1795 after the battle of the Diamond in Armagh, Ireland. The Protestants feeling it necessary to protect their homes met at the house of James Sloan, and instituted the first Orange Lodge. In 1798 in order to perfect the discipline of the order the first Grand Lodge was called into existence in the city of Dublin. These few facts should suffice to remove all erroneous views as to the principles which underlie and govern the Orange Order. (Applause.)

Instrumental music by Miss E. Randle and Messrs. Stewart and Williamson, during which the ladies were invited to seat themselves at the tables and strawberries and cream, cakes, pies etc., were served in abundance. After refreshments had been duly served to all the programme was again taken up.

Quartette—"Come where the Lilies Bloom," Mrs. W. Sutherland soprano, Mrs. John Harvey alto, Mr. W. Sutherland tenor, Mr. John Williamson bass, Miss E. Randle playing the organ accompaniment.

Rev. Mr. Clark was then called upon. He expressed the pleasure he had in being present and complimented the chairman, whom he said was gracefully growing into years and becoming an elderly man, with the respect of all. Mr. Clark said he had always felt the greatest respect for the Orange Order and its principles, and in reference to the right of public parading it seemed to him a very strange thing that the Orangemen in this country had not equal rights with other bodies of parading and being protected therein. He felt glad that the society had taken hold of the young men of the county and that so many of them were members of a society with such good principles, principles proclaimed for the protection of our civil and religious liberties, and thereby exerting a good influence.

While the various Protestant denominations differed in some points, yet he rejoiced to know that they were Protestants with all that the name meant. He had felt himself highly flattered on the reception of the first invitation he had ever had to an Orange celebration and he was much pleased, and wished to express the pleasure he felt at being present on this occasion. (Applause.)

Rev. James Murray was in the same position as the previous speaker, it being the first time he had been present at an Orange entertainment. He came here as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, and was thoroughly in harmony with all organizations which had for their object the sustaining of our civil and religious liberties. The sentiment for God, for home, for country, should be universal, and it was proper we should bear in mind the liberties we enjoy through the sufferings and terrible bloodshed of our forefathers. We have what we had not been blessed with—an open Bible—and many other blessings granted for us by their sacrifices. This institution was similar to others—it believed in the same Scripture, it believed in the same God, and he stood there approving of their motives and to wish them "God Speed." Be true to your colors, be true to yourselves, take courage and go forward.

Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Wallace, who expressed his ignorance of the Orange Society. He had that evening received some information in regard to this society and if he could not gain more without joining it then he thought he would become a member. He was trying to raise the standard of Christ, and a part of his duty was to teach loyalty, loyalty to our God, loyalty to our Queen, loyalty to our land, and he hoped the time would come when the Roman Catholics and other denominations might march hand in hand and religious strife cease.

The chairman announced that Ice Cream would be handed round while some instrumental music was being performed.

Song, "I would, wouldn't you?" by Mrs. W. Sutherland.

S. Thomson, Esq., upon being called upon by the chairman said he was to make a speech upon a subject he knew nothing about. He spoke in complimentary terms of the entertainment, the decorations as well as the collation spread before him. He was not an Orangeman, he was present as an invited guest and he had so thoroughly enjoyed the evening's repast, that he really felt inclined to become an Orangeman. (Applause.) However he did know that it was the duty of all to contribute to poor and distressed brothers. Spoke of the frequent attempts and failure of the Order to get incorporated and hoped the next attempt would be more successful, for it was more deserving of it than any other. He thought the Order would long be an important factor in the defence of our social liberties. Promised that if he became an Orangeman he would be better posted when next he was called upon to speak at an Orange Festival.

Mr. W. C. Anslow at the call of the chair spoke briefly.

Song—"The Englishman," by Mr. John Williamson.

The Chairman then called to all to fill up their glasses, lemonade being supplied—and he would propose some toasts.

"The memory of King William."

"The Queen," singing the National Anthem.

Our Invited Guests," coupled with the names of Mr. W. Sutherland and Mr. John Clark.

Mr. Sutherland expressed his fears that the ice cream had frozen his speech, yet he hoped it would be thawed out by the next celebration. While he did not wear a sash on that occasion, yet he was immediately robed with a handsome sash. The Bible was first in the Order, and our object and obligations taught us to be faithful to ourselves, and loyal to our Queen and country.

Mr. John Clark followed, he said he was something like some of the other speakers, he had nothing to say and did not know how to say it, yet the few remarks made by Mr. Clark were appropriate and were heartily applauded.

Mr. D. Morrison proposed the toast of "The Ladies," coupled with the names of Brothers W. R. Robinson and Thos. Russell.

Mr. Robinson said he was no lady's man. He wished however to give every credit to the ladies, as without them the pleasant affair would not have come off. In fact we could not get along without them, and they were always to be found foremost in every good work, whether in the church, the temperance reform, or in the effort to lift up fallen men or women. At present they were not admitted here as members of Orange Lodges but he hoped before long to see them admitted and then no doubt the Order would become more prosperous.

Mr. Thos. Russell was pleased to respond to the toast of "The Ladies." He was not at all practiced in public speaking, therefore he hoped they would overlook all the mistakes he might make. As one of the committee upon this occasion he heartily thanked the ladies for what they had done to make this evening's proceedings a success, and he said—God bless the Ladies every time. He had been a member of the Orange Order for twelve years, and he had worked his way up as high as could be obtained in this province, and in all these degrees the Bible was a prominent feature. There was a mistaken notion as to the obligation taken by the Orangemen, and it was said that they hated all Roman Catholics. This was not true but just opposite to the facts. An Orangeman was equally sworn to protect a Roman Catholic as well as a Protestant and such

Public Meeting.

The public meeting in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Thursday evening, July 11th, was well attended the hall being crowded, many of the delegates to the convention occupying seats on the platform. When Mr. Nicholls entered the hall he was received with hearty applause. Rev. R. S. Crisp presided. The meeting was opened with a chorus by the choir, prayer by Rev. P. D. Murray, of Redbank Church, by the choir—"Gather round the Standard."

The chairman gave a short summary of the work done at the Convention during the day. Most cheering reports he said had come in from the outlying districts. The greatest difficulties seemed to be in Chatham. However these difficulties we must overcome, and this was a part of the duty of all Orangemen. The Northumberland Prohibition League which had been formed. He felt sure they were glad to see Mr. Nicholls back among them; he had won the esteem of all the good citizens of Chatham and he was pleased to call upon Mr. Nicholls to address them.

Mr. Nicholls said he was glad to again look upon the face of his Chatham friends, and the hearty good byes, God bless you, as he had left them to the close of his former visit made him feel it a pleasure to be again with them. A good authority in Chatham had stated that he had gone never to return but that authority was mistaken. His subject would be

The world was the deadly enemy of home. Whether in magnificent hotels or low dives, each of these places were destructive to home. The contrast between heaven and hell was that between the saloon and home; where was God dishonored and heaven degraded, at home the sacred character of the home, the low dive or a magnificent hotel it was destructive to the best interests of mankind, and was a source of danger to the peace of Canada, and the two could not continue to exist side by side.

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