

THE LARGEST SOCIAL FUNCTION OF KIND EVER HELD IN ST. JOHN

Annual Get-Together of N. B. Division of C. P. R. Employees—About 2,000 Persons Enjoyed Dance in West St. John Last Night.

The largest social function of the kind ever held in the city of St. John was the annual dance and get-together of the employees of the N. B. Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was held last night in the West St. John passenger terminal building. Between 1,800 and 2,000 persons comprised the gathering who attended the affair, and these included only employees of the C. P. R. and C. P. S. Ltd., their families and friends. The dance was held in the spacious baggage room of the building, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. The floor was perfect for dancing and the throng of dancers presented a most unique spectacle, as it is very probable that such a large crowd was never before seen at such a function in this city.

Last night's affair was the outcome of the C. P. R. Company's plans to promote the get-together principle among their employees, with a view to fostering the principle of co-operation by getting the employees in the division better acquainted not only with each other, but also with the different branches of the service. The officials met with the employees in the afternoon and a co-operation meeting was held, at which different phases of the company's work were discussed with a view to furthering the interests of employer and employee through the medium of co-operation. The social function in the evening was a fitting close to the day's proceedings, and these events, which are to be held annually will prove a big factor in promoting harmony and efficiency throughout the entire system.

A feature of the entertainment was the systematic and efficient way in which the entire affair was carried out, making for the convenience and enjoyment of those attending the dance. One large room in the upper part of the building was set apart as a cloak-room, where wraps were taken care of by a most up-to-date system of checking. The room was in charge of officers of the C. P. R. police, who looked after every comfort of those attending the dance. Smoking was not permitted in the building, but just outside the room where the dance was held, three first-class cars were drawn up, and these were set aside for smoking purposes. At one end of the dance hall, a large counter was erected, and at this, light refreshments were served free of charge, by an efficient committee under the direction of H. Jarvis of the sleeping and dining car department of the company.

About the middle of the large room a stand was erected for the orchestra, and from this point, seductive strains of music, rendered by Hines' ten piece orchestra, reached every corner of the hall. The dance broke up about two o'clock, and those going to the city were taken there by a special train provided by the company.

D. H. Ryan, assistant superintendent of the C. P. R. for this division, was the chairman of the efficient and pains-taking committee, who arranged all the details in connection with the affair, and to them is due most of the credit for the success which the function attained. In addition to the employees and their families, there were present every official of the company in this division, and also a number of officers and men from the Corsican and Empire of Britain, which are in port at present. On the whole, the event attained a success, from every angle, which has never yet been equalled in this city.

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Easter Meeting Held Last Night

Women's Missionary Aid of Main Street Baptist Church Held Afternoon and Evening Sessions.

The Easter meeting of the Women's Missionary Aid of the Main Street Baptist church was held yesterday and proved a most enjoyable and profitable occasion. At the afternoon meeting a short programme was rendered and the Easter offering received. At the tea hour luncheon was served and an open meeting was held in the evening. Mrs. David Hutchinson, president of the Aid, presided at both sessions.

The afternoon session was opened by a Bible reading by Mrs. E. C. Cowan and prayer by Mrs. Blaise Harris. A solo by Mrs. Blaise Harris, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was much appreciated by the ladies; this was followed by a reading by Miss Hazel Morse, "Life in a Zenana," which shed much light on the life of women in India. Following this the Easter offering was taken and the amount received, which will, it is expected, reach \$75.

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LLOYD GEORGE CONFIDENT GENOA CONFERENCE WILL END WITH HARMONY RESTORED IN EUROPE

(Continued from Page 1.) "Why does Dr. Rathenau say you know all about the Russo-German treaty in advance?"

"I don't know whether Rathenau said that or not," came back the Premier with amazing quickness. "Certainly he did not say it to me. If he did, it would have been absolutely untrue; I knew nothing about the treaty until I met my colleagues on the way to the afternoon meeting."

Mr. Lloyd George emphasized that everybody was on an equal footing at Genoa and that the Germans had a place on all the Commissions which were to discuss the accord affecting Russia and all nations. To make a step back, behind the backs of their colleagues, was an act of disloyalty on the part of the Germans.

"We were justified in taking energetic measures," declared the Premier. "The thing will have a good effect on the Conference."

The next question was: "Does the Prime Minister think that the Russo-German treaty represented a deliberate attempt to wreck the conference?"

Not Treacherous Act

To this Mr. Lloyd George replied: "Whatever we may think about the accord, I do not think it was negotiated with the idea of wrecking the Conference."

The German incident, he added, had not consumed useful time of the conference, which had to wait any way for an answer from the Soviet delegates, and he was confident that they would get the answer in proper time for a discussion of the project of a pact, or a guarantee that the nations of Europe solemnly bind themselves not to engage in aggressive acts against their neighbors.

The next query asked the Prime Minister from his apparent weariness, "What voice now was clear and resonant and carried to every corner of the hall?"

His auditors were striving not to lose a word—"What kind of people don't like the Genoa conference?"

"Quarrelsome people," he exclaimed, with an impressive gesture, "who like to keep up hatreds between nations."

Tests of Concrete In The Sea Water

Before Meeting of Engineers Alex. Gray Explained Results of Tests of Concrete in Sea Water.

The results to date of the tests of concrete in sea water as carried out by the Dominion Public Works Department in St. John Harbor, under the direction of Alex. Gray, M. E. I. C., were described in the splendidly illustrated paper by A. G. Gray, M. E. I. C., before the St. John branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada last evening. These tests have been carried out during the past two years under the personal supervision of Mr. Tapley, and while the tests have shown a great difference in the results of the various blocks, the results, even in such a short space of time, give reason to believe that some solution for the problem of making a concrete which will survive the disastrous effects of sea water conditions in which the concrete is used.

It can be done the tests will be of great benefit to engineers who have to contend with such problems.

Observations of the older specimens show that during the summer season the disintegration was not apparent, but with the advent of winter it is rapid and very apparent. The blocks which were of a wet consistency are found to disintegrate most rapidly, and when the outer protecting skin is broken the body of the block offers little resistance. Of the specimens which show no disintegration after two years the proportions of the mixtures were 1-1-3-3 and 1-2-4-4. The better blocks were allowed to set in air from seven to eight days after casting. A longer set in air does not seem to add to the resistance of the concrete.

During 1921 further test blocks were made, under conditions similar to mass concrete construction in St. John Harbor. One block was also made by the Canada Lock Joint Pipe Co. Ltd., of similar material as used in the Spruce Lake Pipe Line. This block set in air for three months. In the 1921 tests various ingredients were added to the different blocks, such as kerosene oil, pine tar, crude oil, powdered gypsum, barium chloride, acetate of copper, bar sugar, infusorial earth, powdered ochre, silica, sodium silicate and tannin. Some of these have shown signs of deterioration even in one winter and another season will prove the adequacy of using any of these ingredients to make a concrete proof against sea water.

Considerable discussion took place after the paper had been read, as a result of which many interesting points that had been learned in the course of the experiments that have been carried on were brought out.

Major C. F. Dwyer, of the C. P. R. Bridge Department, said he had been deeply interested in the paper and felt that the experiments were not only of local interest but of value to all engineers.

Proposed amendments to the Institute by-laws were discussed by the meeting before it was brought to a close.

The members of the branch will visit the New Brunswick Telephone Co.'s plant Saturday afternoon.

BEAUTIFUL MAYFLOWERS.

Passengers on the Fredericton train last evening alighted bearing large bunches of beautiful Mayflowers. The sweet heralds of awakening Nature which they bore were purchased at McAdam Junction, where the small boys were reaping a bountiful harvest from the many lady delegates from different points in the Province who were returning to their homes after attending the meeting of the Province Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, which was held in Fredericton yesterday.

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