

## SCOTTISH SOCIETY NEWS.

## SONS OF SCOTLAND.

At the last regular meeting of Lord Clyde Camp, Markham, a great deal of useful business was transacted and representatives chosen to act for the Camp in conjunction with other Camps in the County of York with reference to sick benefits.

**BURNS CAMP, Sons of Scotland,** met on Monday night in Temperance hall. There was large attendance, in spite of the hot weather. Chief Alex. Fraser presided. There was one initiation, viz., that of Captain J. A. Currie, 48th Highlanders, and a lot of routine business was transacted. The excursions, moonlight and annual, were reported upon satisfactorily.

At the last meeting of Albyn Camp, Lucknow, the following visiting brethren were present: Bros. Loutit, Deans, Cochrane, McKelvie and Prof. Scott, of Caledonia Camp, Wingham, and Bro. St. Leon Alexander, of Burns' Camp, Toronto. Routine business was promptly dispatched and a most pleasant evening spent in the enjoyment of music, song and story. Friendly greetings were exchanged among the members. Prof. Scott sang a number of Scottish songs in splendid style. Bro. Alexander supplied the stories, and Camp Piper Anderson furnished the music. The lach string of Albyn Camp always hangs out to welcome visiting brethren.

**MERLON CAMP, No. 126, Winnipeg,** was instituted on the 24th day of May last, with a large membership. This is the first Camp opened by the Sons of Scotland in the West. Several applications are being made from different points in Manitoba and the Northwest for permission to open Camps, and it is expected before next Grand Camp the prairie province will have a number of Camps represented. The following is a list of the officers: Past chief, W. C. H. B. Hall; chief, Wm. Hall; chieftain, John Collart; physician, Dr. McDiarmid; chaplain, G. Bell; rec. sec., Wm. Kirkland; fin. sec., John McCulloch; treasurer, D. S. Campbell; marshal, Thos. L. White; standard bearer, John Purvis; senior guard, H. Carmichael; junior guard, Chas. Sanderson. The credit of opening this Camp is due to the Past Chief W. C. H. B. Hall, of Winnipeg.

**STRATHLYDE CAMP, Toronto,** held their regular meeting on the 16th inst., Chief J. W. Grant in the chair. This being quarterly night, a considerable amount of important business came before the Camp, which was soon disposed of. The onerous duties of the executive in this was made comparatively light by the universally enthusiastic feeling which prevails among our members. Grand Secretary Robertson paid us a fraternal visit, and was received with all honors. He addressed the meeting at considerable length, giving a brief but detailed statement of his stewardship, and suggesting numbers of changes in the workings of our present system. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his brief but able address. Three petitions for membership were lodged, and altogether a very agreeable and enjoyable meeting was brought to a successful close.

Since the meeting of Grand Camp in April last to the outside world matters of the Sons of Scotland have been quiet. During this time, however, the Grand Secretary has been very busy. The amendments to the Constitution have been prepared and the proceedings of Grand Camp, which are circulated, and by this time are in possession of the 126 Camps in the Order. This report at a glance shows the rapid strides the Order has been making. The report fully sets out all that occurred at Grand Camp, so that our brethren on reading it over can acquaint themselves with the most minute details of the business performed at the two days' session in Guelph. The work that was before the Grand Camp was not overtaken, but is all set forth in the proceedings, and a full year is given to properly digest it. The organizer has not been out, but he is asked for from several districts, and will likely take the field in a few days. The Grand Secretary has now got his office down to a system and is prepared for any volume of work. Within the past months the following amounts have been paid, which were claimed under the certificates held by the following departed brethren:—P. C. James Wright, Robert de Bruce Camp, No. 2,

\$500; Malcolm Smith, Waverley Camp, No. 19, \$1,000; William Laurie, Thistle Camp, No. 35, \$1,000; Alex. Hyndman, Glencoe Camp, No. 61, \$1,000; Jas. McGillivray, McKenzie Camp, No. 94, \$1,000; D. J. J. G. Park, Carlyle Camp, No. 82, \$1,000. In the future claims will be paid promptly, and parties entitled under a certificate do not require to wait any longer time than is necessary for the making out of their proof papers.

## Toronto Pipers at Chicago.

Piper Drummond, of the 48th Highlanders, is back from Chicago where he was on a visit to the World's Fair with the contingent of the Clan McLean. He speaks very highly of the manner in which they were received there, as he was one of the five pipers of the regiment that accompanied the excursion. He says that the Highland pipers were as great a curiosity as anything on the grounds. The greatest feature of the fair, in his estimation, is the exhibition given at Tattersall's, where the British soldiers are giving scenes from British military life. The riding of the British soldiers is far superior to anything given in any Wild West show.

## 48th Highlanders.

A meeting of the officers of the 48th Highlanders was held on Tuesday night at the orderly-room, Lieut.-Col. Davidson presiding. A committee consisting of Major Macdonald, and Capts. Robertson, Hendrie, Hunter and Currie was appointed to make the preliminary arrangements for the holding of a military tournament and Caledonian games under the auspices of the regiment early this fall. The intention is to make the event one of the most successful ever held in Canada. An effort will be made to arrange for the presence of the new Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, and also to fix the date so as to secure the presence of a number of the Scottish athletes who are going to take part in the games at the World's Fair. The programme, which will be of an extensive character, will include amateur and professional athletics, bicycling, and events of a military character.

## The Highland Costume.

The wearing of the kilt is becoming contagious. Since the gallant 48th was formed, Chicago formed a kilted corps; Hamilton, Ottawa, Glengarry, and British Columbia have been taking steps to organize companies to wear the kilt; and now Buffalo, not to be behind in the race, has its company of stalwarts uniformed in full Highland costume. A short time ago the St. Andrew's Society of that city agreed to supply fifty men with uniforms, provided that number of men would volunteer to form themselves into a Highland company. The other evening the company was organized and already 32 men are drilling. They have adopted the name "The Buffalo Gordon Highlander," in honor of Earl Aberdeen, the Governor-General-elect of Canada. When the 48th Highlanders went to Hamilton on the Queen's Birthday, a deputation from Buffalo visited that city and inspected the uniforms, which they recommended should be adopted by the Buffalo company, and this recommendation having been agreed upon, the uniform of the 48th Highlanders, which is according to the regulations of the British services, will be worn by the Buffalonians. The following officers have been elected:—Messrs. James Braik, capt.; Thos. D. MacNee, 1st lieutenant; D. W. McConnell, 2nd lieutenant; Alexander Collie, secretary; James Whyte, treasurer; Jas. Nicol, assistant secretary; trustees, Messrs. Thomas Patterson and Alex. McNaughton.

## CLANNA NAN GAIDHEAL.

## Excursion of Highlanders to Oakville. Ontario—A Pleasant Meeting of the Toronto and Hamilton Gaels.

The Toronto and Hamilton Highlanders had a pleasant excursion to Oakville on Saturday last. A number of the excursionists, accompanied by Mr. Munro, the piper to the Toronto Gaelic Society, and Piper S. Leask, left the city by the eleven o'clock boat, and, arriving at their destination, at half-past twelve, enjoyed a most pleasant day's outing, the weather being very fine until about half-past five, when a thunderstorm and a heavy summer shower passed over the grounds. The main party left Yonge street wharf at 2 p.m., but owing to some unaccountable mistake in connection with the fireman or engineer of the boat, a delay of an hour and a half was caused at Queen's wharf. This threw all the arrangements out of gear, and spoiled the day's fun at Oakville, where shortly after the arrival of the second boat the rain fell in torrents. By the corresponding boats from Hamilton a large company from the Gaelic Society of that city came down, and when the clansmen got together there were many and cordial fraternizations and many friendships renewed. Among the Hamilton friends were Hon. Sheriff McKellar, D. J. Campbell, Gilbert MacLeod, Hugh Macdougall, John N. Macdougall, W. Y. Scott,—Campbell,—Robertson; and among the Toronto Gaels were Messrs. John Campbell, past president; Donald MacEwan, a past secretary; Bard MacColl, Neil MacKinnon, Secretary Donald Morrison, Treasurer; Geo. MacLennan, Dr. W. T. Stuart, Donald Carmichael, W. R. Elmslie, Wm. Wilson, St. Joseph, Virginia; George Wilson, Detroit (old members); Alex. Cameron, Alex. Campbell, John H. Wylie, D. Ross, R. Gordon, C. Blackett Robinson and many others. When the company assembled at the park friendly greetings were exchanged between the societies. In the absence of Mr. J. C. MacMillan, president of the Gaelic Society, Mr. Alexander Fraser, 1st vice-president, introduced the veteran Sheriff McKellar, who, he said, happily represented the two sections in his own person, being honorary president of both. No Highlander in Canada, he said, was more worthy, and no man was more highly esteemed among his countrymen, than the sheriff. As Scotchmen they were proud of his public services, extending as they did over a long period, and which constituted an interesting and useful page in the history of Canada. The Sheriff was received by the large crowd with round after round of applause. Whatever friendly rivalry might exist between Hamilton and Toronto, he said, on other matters, there was nothing but the most perfect unanimity and harmony between the Highlanders of these places. They met as "brothers"; if anything, preferring one another. "Is braithrean sinn uile, far dhomsa do lamh," broke out the Sheriff, which, being translated, reads:—"Gie's yer haun'; we're a John Tamson's bairns." And then in an eloquent Gaelic speech he called up old recollections, and anecdotes new and old, which greatly entertained the audience.

Mr. D. J. Campbell, president of the Gaelic Society of Hamilton, was called upon, as were also Mr. Donald MacEwan and Mr. John Campbell, and they gave short complimentary speeches. Then shinty and dancing were indulged in, a few played quoits, and fewer still tried their strength with the 25 lb. shot. The necessary outfit for these sports was kindly granted by Mr. Wm. Wynne, of the Queen's hotel, Oakville, who also catered with much success for the wants of many of the excursionists.

When the rain cloud came uncomfortably near bursting, Dr. W. T. Stuart drove a large bus load of the visitors to his summer residence, which is situated just on the outskirts of the town, and there entertained them to luncheon. When the shower passed the party returned to the town, having acknowledged the doctor's opportune kindness by three rousing cheers. On the return journey the excursionists amused themselves by dancing to the Munro's music and by singing Scottish songs.

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