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CONCERT AT TABERNACLE

Belleville Concert Company Rendered Excellent Program

The city is now the possessor of an entertainment company which is meeting with deserved success in this section of the province, namely the Belleville Concert Company, composed of Miss May Wallace, soloist; Mrs. James Grant, soprano; Mrs. Frances Nicholson, contralto; Mrs. M. P. Duff, pianist; Mr. Harry R. Moorman, baritone and Mr. Ernest Mouch, tenor. They have toured the country and have everywhere been greeted by large audiences.

Last evening they made their first appearance in their home-town, appearing in a concert in the Tabernacle Sunday School rooms under the auspices of the League. Every number was roundly applauded and encores were generously given. Miss Wallace's readings showed a very highly developed histrionic taste and excellent expression. The quartettes and duets in which Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Duff, Mr. Mouch and Mr. Moorman took part were sung with balance and precision. The solos were exceedingly well rendered. Mrs. Duff proved herself an accomplished accompanist.

The program was as follows:
Part I
Vocal Duet, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Nicholson.
Mixed Quartette, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom."
Reading—Miss May Wallace.
Bass Solo, "Three for Jack" Mr. Moorman.

Part II
Ladies' Trio, "And the Green Grass Grows Around the Old Church."
Soprano Solo, "Daddy's Sweetheart," Mrs. Grant.
The Quartette, "Honey Town" (Plantation Song).

Part II
The Quartette, "Tell Her I Love Her So."
Reading—Miss May Wallace.
Alto Solo, "Valley of Laughter," Mrs. M. P. Duff.
Duet "Bessarabians," Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Nicholson.
Quartette, "Tossing on the Old Camp Ground."
Tenor Solo "Viona" Mr. Mouch.
Reading—Miss May Wallace.
Quartette "Rock of Ages" by Bowles.

BELGIAN CHILDREN PLEAD FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The orphan children of Belgium do not ask for toys this Christmas; they do not ask for luxuries, but what a boy would be to them if, through your generosity, they could have one full meal on Christmas Day.
For long they have subsisted— you could not call it live—on a bowl of soup and a slice of bread per day, except in such cases where the generosity of their well-to-do Allies made it possible to rescue starving children for a few short weeks and take them to places in Holland, where they can be given proper food and attention.
You will enjoy your Christmas Day infinitely more, knowing that you have done something for the sake of the Belgian children.

\$1,000 FOR HALIFAX

Belleville, Dec. 11, 1917.
To His Worship,
The Mayor, City of Halifax, N.S.,
Dear Sir,
I am instructed by our city council to tender the deepest sympathy of Belleville with our Sister, the City of Halifax, in the bereavement that has befallen her, and herewith enclose our cheque No. 1263 for \$1,000 for the benefit of our suffering fellow Canadians. To this we add our prayers in your behalf.
Very truly yours,
David Price,
City Treasurer.

POLICE COURT

Alfred Bodell, of Prince Edward, was this morning fined \$10 and costs on a charge of intoxication.

CITY WAS NEVER SO THOROUGHLY ORGANISED

Mr. Graham and His Supporters have Accomplished Wonderful Results in Such a Short Space of Time as Three Weeks.

It is doubtful if there ever was a candidate in West Hastings at least, that was backed up by such a strong and unique organization as the one supporting Mr. Graham in the present election. When one considers that the first organization meeting was held just three weeks ago, and in that short period of time there has been completed the most efficient combination of election workers that any candidate could possibly desire, and this mark you in Mr. Graham's absence, for Mr. Graham has spoken at no less than sixteen political meetings in that time.

This organization must not be confused with a political machine, for such would be far from the truth. Mr. Graham's methods of conducting a political campaign are out in the open. There are no secrets withheld from his workers on the public with the result that he has gained the confidence of the electors to such an extent that his efforts to become the representative of West Hastings at Ottawa are almost sure to meet with success and it is well that they should be. We just make mention of a few achievements this volunteer organization has achieved in the short space of three weeks.

Every home in Belleville was visited by a staff of canvassers to ascertain if any qualified voters were overlooked by the official enumerators. With the result that over 125 names have already been added to the list by the appeal court. A large office staff has been working night and day tabulating and checking the various voters' lists, addressing envelopes, and writing personal letters to the voters. Over 100 cables have been despatched to the boys in the trenches, putting Mr. Graham's views and platform clearly before them. Strong committees of workers have been organized to act with the central committee and these committees report about 75 per cent. of the workingmen heartily in favor of Mr. Graham. Every ward in Belleville has a strong committee of 12 men, 6 of them Conservatives and 6 Liberals.

The Ladies have thoroughly organized themselves on Mr. Graham's behalf and are working every ward systematically to put the truth about both candidates clearly before the lady voters.

Every evening Mr. Graham's committee rooms have been filled with electors anxious and willing to do what they can to make Mr. Graham's election sure.

All this and much more accomplished by a new candidate and by a new organization only three weeks old speaks well for the enthusiasm with which his supporters are working and their determination to make his election a certainty.

Campaign Notes
Mr. Graham's new committee rooms for the ladies was filled yesterday afternoon with lady voters and supporters of Mr. Graham. The ladies have a strong organization at work and good results are assured.

MILITARY MELODRAMA LAST NIGHT

The four-act military melodrama, "Seven Days' Leave," was the attraction at Griffin's last night. There was a fair-sized audience which was thoroughly delighted with the presentation. The play is a Frohman production, and the presenting cast was very capable. The plot is a very ingenious and interesting one and well developed. It had to do with England during the period of the war, and was made up of the detection of German spies and the exposure of their plots with a delightful here episode interwoven.

SANK AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP

German Attack Failed at Lavacquerie — British Air Raid Successful — Cossacks Will Soon Control Russian Affairs.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office reports that a German attack yesterday against the British positions north of Lavacquerie failed. British troops carried out successful raid last night in the vicinity of Poutret north of St. Quentin in which prisoners and a machine gun were captured. British airmen yesterday bombed the railway junction north east of Firmstern, Bavaria with good results.

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—Official statement says the Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night and most of the crew were saved.

COSSACKS SOON TO CONTROL RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Despatches received at the Russian embassy in London indicate that General Kaledin, the Cossack leader is being joined by the leaders of all the other parties. Confidence is expressed that the Bolshevik government will be overthrown in a short time.

BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT'S HEAVY LOSS

WILMINGTON, Del. Dec. 12.—A fire broke out in the steel rolling department of the Bethlehem Steel Company's munition plant near Newcastle at 9 o'clock today. Reported explosions of tremendous violence have been heard and it is feared the whole plant will be destroyed and that the loss of life will be heavy.

CHARGES BLUNDERING AT CAMBRAI

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Times this morning editorially demanded immediate and searching inquiry into the battle on the southern end of the Cambrai Salient on Nov. 30 and following days, owing to the charges of blundering and assertions that the British were caught unready.

BOLSHEVIKI DISPERSE SENATE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12.—The Bolsheviks have dispersed the senate—the highest Russian court and all the other courts of Petrograd. County Judges showed opposition and were arrested by soldiers.

POPE TO SPEAK ON PEACE

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12.—Coversa despatch to the Vossische Zeitung says the Pope on receipt of the Cardinal Dec. 23, will deliver an important pronouncement on the question of peace.

RUSSIA NOT TO ANNUL LOANS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12.—The Petrograd Telegram Bureau denies the report that the Bolshevik Government has decided upon the annulment of Russia's foreign loans.

TURKS ADMIT JERUSALEM'S FALL

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The following official statement issued by the Turkish war office on Monday has been received here. During the recent fighting west of Jerusalem the enemy succeeded in pushing his attack as far as the outskirts of the city and our troops west and south of Jerusalem were transferred to the east of the city.

DIED

WOODLEY.—In Belleville on Wednesday Dec. 12th, 1917, James Woodley aged 69 years.
Funeral from his late residence 2 Murray street on Friday Dec. 14th at 2:30 o'clock, service at 2:00 at the house. Interment in Belleville Cemetery.

TRIBUTE PAID TO THE WARDEN

County Council's Appreciation of Mr. Peter McLaren Expressed in Resolution

The adjustment of the rates of the patriotic fund for the County of Hastings was referred to the Finance Committee and will be dealt with today. Messrs. W. C. Farley, of Thurlow and T. M. Johnston, of Tweed were appointed auditors of the county.

A committee composed of James Moore, Warden McLaren and Messrs. Vermilyea, Ketcheson, Turill, Gunter, C. P. Rollins and T. H. Thompson was appointed to wait on the city council in regard to the Provincial Highway passing through Sidney, Thurlow and Tyendinaga and for the proposed leader to the northern part of the county. They will report to the council in January.

The warden was asked to vacate the chair and Mr. Vermilyea was requested to preside. Mr. S. B. Rollins moved, seconded by Mr. Chas. Ketcheson:

"We, the members of Hastings County Council desire to express to His Honor, the Warden, our deep appreciation of his services to the county during his term of office for 1917.

"A disposition of fairness and impartiality combined with strict attention to all details that would advance the best interest of the county, the display of executive ability in the discharge of his duties and his influence at all times to encourage a right and kindly feeling among his fellow councillors has ever characterized Mr. McLaren's conduct of his office. It is the wish of this council that Mr. McLaren should be assisted by his presence and kindly advice in the council, to direct the destinies of the county and enjoy the good things of life he so justly deserves."

All the members spoke in the highest terms of Mr. McLaren as a modest and graceful reply and attributed the success of the year's work to the loyal support which had been given by the county councillors.

BLOCKED TRAFFIC AT PORT HOPE

Saturday's storm tied up all the railways. The train for the north due here at 4:15 did not get away until 10:30. At six o'clock she attempted to break through but stalled at the main street. The engine was opposite Hancock's hardware store and the last coach at the platform, completely blocking the main thoroughfare for more than four hours. The iron monster put forth its every effort but without avail. Conductor Luke Sherry arrived from Cobourg with his shunter and the way Luke threw his whole heart and soul into the work soon had a telling effect and at 11:30 the train steamed out.

TRUE BILLS AGAINST DAWSON

In the county court, last evening the grand jury found true bills against Herbert Dawson, of Trenton, on two charges of perjury in connection with proofs of loss made to two insurance companies over a fire and on two charges of attempting to secure money from the companies by fraud. The companies are the Calceonia and the Northern.

The case against a boy aged 13 years who is charged with stealing money from aviators at Deseronto, will not go on at present as the facts are at Port Worth Texas.
Berkeley Lambert of Niagara township, was killed by a kick from a horse.
Considerable military aid has been offered to Great Britain by the Thibetans.
The Bishop of Huron confirmed 16 children in Port Dover Anglican church.
Fences and chicken coops are being taken for fuel in Earlescourt, according to a deputation before the York County Council.

GRAND JURY AT SESSIONS

Judge Deroche Suggests Remedy For Court Congestion at Present

"These times are particular and special," said Judge Deroche, to the Grand Jury, at the December sessions here, suggesting that expedition with the court business would be a great advantage. "It would be wise for them not to delay their work." With the elections, the court officer occupied in preparing municipal lists, exemption appeals at the Appeal Tribunal, the officers' time is well taken up.

To relieve the congestion, the lawyers had been generous enough to arrange the civil cases so that of 17 cases all have been traversed or settled except two.

Three criminal cases were likely to come before the grand jury. A man who was connected with the Canadian National Features, Ltd. a moving picture concern in Trenton, is accused of false pretences. It is alleged that he made representation to certain actors to induce them to come to Trenton to take part in a moving picture business. It is alleged that he represented that the company had plenty of agents. The company was finally dissolved. Some actors made a claim that he induced them to come by fraud.

Judge Deroche said that owing to the witness, the case might not go on.

A boy thirteen years of age, who is accused of stealing money from the Deseronto Camp, persisted in coming before the Judge and Jury. The boy's name is Herbert Dawson.

A young man named Herbert Dawson, of Trenton, is facing a charge of perjury. It is alleged that he swore to an affidavit which is said to have been false. He had insurance in two companies on his property and had a fire. The allegations is that in making proof of loss he swore he had no insurance in any other company. Dawson is also accused of attempting to secure money by fraud from the company.

Mr. William Carnew, crown attorney is prosecuting.
Mr. Jeremiah M. Hurley is the foreman of the grand jury. Messrs. J. M. Hurley, Norman McWilliams and Adam Davidson, were chosen to take the places of grand jury. Thomas Edwards, C. E. Moffat and Allen Wallbridge, who were not present.

KINGSTON MAN IN HALIFAX DISASTER

"I cannot begin to describe for you the scenes through which I passed in Halifax when the terrible explosion occurred and during my short stay afterwards. Words hardly fail to tell all the horrors," said Mr. William Reid, the well-known poultry fancier of this city, after he had returned here from Halifax at noon today.
"When the explosion took place I was engaged in judging at the market house, a building almost entirely of glass. In an instant the whole collapsed with a roar and a crash and the man who was working with me was killed by a huge weight of glass falling on his head. His shoulder was broken and he was otherwise injured.
"I was thrown to the floor, but strange to say, I was unharmed. I had rushed into the streets on hearing of the building. I left Halifax on Friday at three o'clock and was here this morning making 55 miles to Trenton. All trains are held to make way for the train bearing relief to the stricken city."
Mr. Reid gave a graphic account of the horrors to be seen among the dead and dying, of the immense piles of corpses awaiting identification and burial. He said that all of all kinds was necessary to relieve the suffering, of which there was no end. He expressed his satisfaction of his fortunate escape.

DEAD HEROES HONORED

TWO MEN EQUAL DOMINION RECEIVE VICTORIA CROSSES

Two Victoria Crosses have recently been granted to Canadians who lost their lives while earning the distinction. 57112, Sergt. Frederick Hobson, enlisted in November, 1914, at Toronto. He was aged 41 and born in England. His occupation was storekeeper and the next of kin, Miss E. Hobson, 1381 Lansdowne Avenue, Toronto.

"During a strong enemy counter-attack, a Lewis gun in a forward post leading to the enemy lines, was buried by a shell. The crew, with the exception of one man, were killed. Sergt. Hobson, though not a gunner, grasped the great importance of the post, and rushed from the trench dugout, and the gun was got into action against the enemy, who were now advancing down the trench across the open. A jam caught the gun to stop firing. Though wounded, he left the gunner to correct the stoppage, and rushed forward to the advancing enemy with his bayonet-clad rifle. Single handed he held them back until he himself was killed by a rifle shot. By this time, however, the Lewis gun was again in action, and reinforcements shortly afterwards arriving the enemy was beaten off. The valor and devotion to duty displayed by this non-commissioned officer gave the gunner the time required to get the gun in action, and saved a most serious situation."

326453, Pte. Harry Brown, enlisted in London, Ont., August, 1915. He was aged nineteen, and a farmer, born at Guelph, Ont.

"His mother, Helen Madeline of East Emily, Ont. For most conspicuous bravery, courage, and devotion to duty. After the capture of a position the enemy massed in force and counter-attacked. The situation became critical, all the wires being cut. It was of the utmost importance to get word back to the headquarters. This soldier and one other were given a message, with orders to deliver the same at all costs. The other messenger was killed and Brown had his arm shattered, but he continued through intense barrage until he arrived close to the support lines where he found an officer. He was so spent he fell down the dugout steps, but he regained consciousness long enough to hand over the message, saying it was an important message. Then he became unconscious and died in a dressing station a few hours later. His devotion to duty was of the highest possible degree imaginable. The successful delivery of the message undoubtedly saved the loss of the position and for the time prevented many casualties."

BATTERY MEN ANSWERED CALL

Halifax, Dec. 12.—An act of supreme duty was that of the 12nd Battalion of Ottawa and Kingston, in charge of the magazine here, when the explosion occurred the first thought of everybody was, "It will be the turn of the magazine next."
Had it been detonated or fired, it would have meant the end of Halifax and everybody in it.
Anticipating the explosion of the magazine, thousands of people who were in the streets on hearing of the explosion rushed to the magazine to see what was going on. The area set on fire was on three sides of the magazine, and the heat from the blazing buildings soon became intense. The thing to do was to feed the magazine, though this would take time.
Lieut. Olmstead, the officer in charge, called for volunteers to jump in the water and stand by until the work was completed. Every man in the battery volunteered.
Not until all danger of the explosion of the magazine was over did they leave their posts to take part in the general rescue work.

MR. GRAHAM AT CROOKSTON LAST EVENING

Splendid Attendance and Much Enthusiasm were Features of His Meeting there Last Evening.

Mr. Graham's political meeting in the Guild Hall at Crookston last evening was a success in every detail, in spite of the snow-bound roads, and the cold weather. The hall was well filled with enthusiastic electors and the hearty applause accorded Mr. Graham at various times during his speaking showed distinctly that those present at least, were all for Graham.

Mr. Graham gave a most convincing address on the political situation in the constituency and brought forward many strong points why the electors should return him victorious on Dec. 17 and it was quite evident that those present would do their part towards making his election a certainty.

Mr. Mullett was chairman of the evening and in his opening remarks congratulated Mr. Graham on his recent success in Belleville.

The Belleville band was in attendance and rendered several good selections.

Mr. Graham has held two political meetings in the Huntington townships this week and they have both been a success in spite of the inclement weather conditions. He is confident of the probability of being elected in both townships.

WEDDING BELLS

SHADDOCK—SIZE
On Saturday evening, Dec. 8th, at the Tabernacle Methodist parsonage, Miss Annie Geneva Stee, of Scarborough Junction to Mr. Gordon W. Shaddock, of Belleville. Rev. S. C. Moore officiating.

WHYTE—GILBERT
A quiet wedding took place at the Tabernacle parsonage on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, when Mrs. Melissa J. Gilbert, of this city, was united in marriage with Mr. Wm. Martin Whyte, merchant, Portland, Ore. Rev. S. C. Moore officiating.

OBITUARY

MRS. ADELLA WARD
The following additional facts in reference to the late Mrs. Adella Ward will be of interest to many former friends in this district, where the deceased lady was widely known and greatly esteemed.

Mrs. Ward passed away on Friday, Nov. 30th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert S. Alexander, Chingholton, N.E., after an illness extending over the greater part of a year. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the family residence and was conducted by Rev. F. T. Bertram of the Methodist church. The choir of the Presbyterian church assisted in the musical part of the service. The remains were then taken to the I.C.R. station and forwarded to Frankford for interment. The burial took place on Monday, Dec. 3rd, the service at the grave being conducted by Rev. J. D. P. Knox of the Methodist church. A considerable number of old friends were in attendance.

Mrs. Ward was the daughter of the late William Waller and was born at Frankford in the year 1851. Here she met and wedded J. H. Ward. The latter was a well known teacher in the Frankford neighborhood until the time of his death which occurred fifteen years ago. After that event Mrs. Ward moved to Belleville and spent the most of her time here up to her last illness.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Ward is survived by one son, William J. of Detroit. She is also survived by two brothers, Frank Waller of Detroit and Edward H. of Chingholton.