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## New Orchestra at Granville

### CHATHAM HOUSE TALENT

The Granville Orchestra has been re-organized by Capt. Pequegnat and the new group of instrumentalists are now practising daily with a view to providing an evening's entertainment in about a fortnight's time. Music has been secured from London, and in sufficient quantity to keep the boys busy for some time. The boys and pieces now in the orchestra are:—Sergt Blake, cello; Daniels, Watson, violins; Lunny, Cornwall, cornets; Hanning, piccolo; Hardy, horn; James, trombone; Parriett, Ellis, clarinet; Mutten, drums; Lakey, piano. Pte. Hanning is the conductor and is desirous of securing another piccolo player. The black face minstrels are also training for work on the concert stage under the direction of Mr. Haverley. They hope to cooperate with the orchestra in a concert in the near future. Concert work at Chatham House has not yet been organized, although there is plenty of talent there awaiting someone to organize it and put it to use. Pte. Wray has not sufficient time at his disposal to do the work justice and it is to be hoped that someone else will take it up soon. Among the Chatham House comedians and musicians are:—Wray, Sergt. Simonson, Sergt. Mellor, Pringle and Parriett, while others could be found.

## Canadian Weather Here

When the heavy snow fall occurred a few weeks ago, the Canadians were told that it was for their benefit, as no snow of any account had mantled Ramsgate for seven years. Again the town has been startled by such a wind and blizzard as has not been seen for fifty years. Has the breath of "Our Lady of the Snows" been brought here by her sons? Very strange, isn't it? Yet we cannot help passing such

remarks on the notable coincidence. One effect of the escentric climate on the South East coast will be to keep us fit to meet our Canadian climate, particularly that of Western Canada, from which part a large percentage of the Canadian troops are drawn.

The snow storm was of great interest to us, of course, and we had plenty of enjoyment out of it, when we were attacked by a regiment of ladies from the town on that memorable Thursday, but Tuesday's night storm was no pleasure. In fact there were few of us who did not swear when sleet bit our faces or the wind carried away our caps, never to be seen again. Some of us have seen bad storms at home, but few of them have been worse than we experienced on Tuesday night. It was almost impossible to walk up High Street against it, and the front was quite intolerable. One young lady was seen to be blown across the street while her escort was holding tenaciously to a pillar box. It was strange that he was not holding her as tight as he was the box, then he would not have lost her. Two of our lads were in Margate when the gale arrived. Their fun was spoiled, and they have not been in good humour since. One of them returned capless.

The tale of the toll at sea has been a bitter one, and our sympathy for the sailor has been increased. For him there are two enemies, both ruthless.

The soldier has one.

Well, anyhow it was a h--- of a night.

## Second Floor won Colonel's Cup

Wednesday night the final for the Colonel Watt Cup was contested for between the second floor and third floor, Granville, in rifle range. The scores in the competition were: 2nd Floor, 324, 3rd Floor, 315; 4th Floor, 313, Chatham House, 243. The 2nd floor winners were Gr. Jameson, Pte. Fordham, Pte. Roberts, Pte. Stewart, L.-Corpl. Sugg.

## News From Home.

HALIFAX—The City Council has voted 30,000 dollars to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the fund here already totals 243,091 dollars.

On February 21, one of the old landmarks of this city, the Clarendon Hotel, was burnt, and the spice factory of W. H. Schwartz & Co., was badly damaged.

WINNIPEG—There is now a keen demand in Western Canada for farm horses owing to the increased price of gasoline for use with motor ploughs, etc. During 1915 the number of horses which passed through the St. Boniface stockyards was 1586. In January the number was 585, and last month 763.

REGINA—In this Province there is a lake of "Epson" salts, known as Muskiki Lake, which has no outlet and is fed by springs from which sulphate of magnesia rises in solution. An Order-in-Council has been passed authorising its lease for five years at 10 cents an acre, subject to certain conditions. The lake is eight miles in area.

SASKATOON—The convention of the Grain Growers' Association, held here was very largely attended, it now has over 30,000 members, compared with 21,000 in 1915. Resolutions were passed in favor of "free wheat," for the early completion and Government control of the Hudson Bay Railway.

Capt. Pequegnat and Lieut. Clark were the sports who dug up the cash for the footballers uniforms which we all admire. The jersey colors are the Newcastle United colors, which Mr. Chark chose in honor of his home city. The team now want boots, who will be the next sport?

On Saturday last eighteen men were discharged to the C.C.A.C.; two men were transferred to other hospitals, and seven others were sent to Roehampton for artificial limbs.