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### MEN OF CHRIST CHURCH HELD ENJOYABLE BANQUET

#### Live Congregation in Flourishing Condition—Masterly Address by Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, of Kingston—Other Addresses and a Fine Program.

One of the most notable and enjoyable banquets held in this city the present season took place last night at the parish hall of Christ Church. It was a gathering of the men of the congregation, particularly of the young men. The various addresses struck a high note of optimism and the story told by the church officials was one of wonderful progress from very discouraging beginnings. There was a fine musical program in addition.

More than one hundred of the men of the congregation sat down to the well laden tables at 7 o'clock. The spread had been provided by the ladies of the congregation and did great credit to the culinary skill and kindly offices of the Ladies' Aid.

Rev. Rural Dean Swayne, rector of the parish assumed the role of toastmaster, after all the guests had dined to repletion. After the toast "The King" had been honored with loyal enthusiasm he called upon former Mayor H. F. Ketcheson who eloquently proposed the toast to

#### "Our Returned Heroes"

Many of our hearts were sad, Mr. Ketcheson began, when those boys went away in 1914 but mingled with feeling of sorrow was one of gladness. We were glad that our men did not fall. How proud we were that we had brought them up right, that they went overseas to uphold British institutions. Three of his own sons donned the king's uniform. He wouldn't have owned them had they done otherwise. Our boys have proved that they are of the right kind and they have made all the world honor and respect them.

Lt. Reuben Cooper, only son of Mr. L. B. Cooper, recently returned from overseas spoke briefly in response.

He did not profess to be a speaker. He merely wished to thank the company for the hearty manner in which they had honored the toast.

#### Rev. Canon Fitzgerald

Rev. Canon W. F. Fitzgerald, M. A., of Kingston, the speaker of the evening, was then introduced. Scarcely had he more eloquent, inspiring or impressive address been delivered in this city. It was scholarly in construction, lofty in tone, cultured and fluent in delivery and broadly patriotic in its central thought.

He began by congratulating Christ Church congregation upon this banquet and the spirit of which this banquet was an evidence. The rector was to be congratulated upon having behind him such an army of young men as were gathered about the festive board. This parish was having a history of earnest service. One of your former clergymen now filled a responsible charge in Winnipeg. Another devoted and promising young rector had gone to Toronto where he was finding a place. Christ Church now had a rector who would prove a worthy successor. All three were personal friends of his own.

#### The Fine Spirit of our Young Men

Nothing can emphasize too strongly the fine spirit with which our young men responded to the country's call. He complimented Colonel Barragar, Col. Brown and Col. Williams with whom he had been associated at Barriefield camp, upon the good work they had there accomplished. All three had volunteered for overseas and he himself was witness of the fact.

#### Returned Soldier is Capable of Looking After Himself

The time of the young man was here. We need a good deal about the care of the returned soldier. Never mind the returned soldier. He is capable of taking care of himself. There was more of true religion in the returned men than many suspected.

We had made a voyage to England in the latter part of the war on a troopship. Upon that voyage a party of 28 men had been committed to the deep. He had been called upon to minister to them in their last hours. He was impressed

#### The Call to Prayer

The war has not been ended, although an armistice has been signed. The Dominion government is calling all denominations to prayer next Sunday that a fasting peace may ensue. Don't forget to be in your church next Sunday, no matter to what denomination you belong.

There was a strong temptation to boast at the present time. "We did this. We did that." To God give the glory.

He wished to pay tribute to the young men with whom he had been associated. But in this period of reconstruction let us forget self-adulation. Let those of our young men who are children of Christ cultivate purity of speech. Let us respect womanhood. He would have it written upon every heart that these were men before they were soldiers.

#### The Impregnable Navy

We should pay full honor to the army, but the safety of the world depended after all upon that great impregnable navy that silently watched the seas. Imagine the effect of that interminable eventless watching especially upon a high-spirited Irishman (Laughter).

He was in London the day the armistice was signed. Talk about wild Irishmen, all England was mad. (Laughter.) Everyone seemed bent upon doing some ridiculous thing.

Young Men Should Become Builders

Our young men, who have come back, should become builders. They should assist in the great work of developing Canada's great resources. "Don't hang around too long when you return." There was danger of waiting too much upon fulsome praise.

#### The Call of the Church

In conclusion he appealed to the young men to give to the church an affectionate response to the call for service. The ministry needed men—the strong young men. "Don't refuse God first place. Christ has first claim upon you."

"The Prosperity and Success of Christ Church"

This important toast was proposed by Mr. Oswald H. Scott, local manager of the Hydro-Electric Power Company, and responded to by Mr. Thomas Marshall of the Grand Trunk staff. Both are enthusiastic workers in Christ Church congregation.

No toast to the church said Mr. Scott would be complete without including the rector. The congregation had made no mistake when they had selected Mr. Swayne as successor to Rev. Dr. Blagrave. He was the right man in the right place. The choir was doing wonderfully well. So were the working organizations. Mr. Scott briefly explained the financial position of Christ Church, showing that it was in a sound, even a flourishing condition.

#### Mr. Thos. Marshall

It was the first time he had ever tried to make a public speech. He joined Christ Church away back in the 90's. He had been brought up a Presbyterian but had become an Anglican through the influence of his good wife. Christ Church was then regarded as something of a joke. Then Mr. Heeney arrived to assume the rectorship. He began to organize. Had it not been for Christ Church a mortgage would have taken the church. There were then thirty families connected with the church. There are now 175 families. Mr. Heeney remained four years. Then he went to Winnipeg. When Mr. Heeney arrived there was a floating indebtedness of \$2,000 and \$3,000 of a mortgage on the church. Every dollar of that had been paid off. During the rectorship of Dr. Blagrave the parish hall had been built and there remained only \$1000 of indebtedness upon that. They now

#### The Ladies

The ladies found two able, forensic champions in Mr. John Newton, Chief of Belleville police force and Mr. F. O. Diamond, one of the church wardens. "If the men worked for Christ Church the way the ladies worked for it, said Chief Newton, significantly, the church would be too small to hold the congregations on Sunday. When it came to building the parish hall it was the Ladies' Aid that went out and got the money. It was the ladies of the congregation who made this banquet possible. They had the work of preparation and their work wasn't done yet. He also paid a fine compliment to Mrs. Swayne.

Mr. F. O. Diamond wondered why two widowers had been selected to propose and respond to this toast. Whenever the church needed help in any way, all that they had to do was to call in the ladies. Who was it supplied the men for overseas? The wives gave their husbands, the mothers their sons, the girls their brothers and sweethearts. In brief it was the women who had won the war.

#### The Musical part of the program

was also of a high order of excellence. A quartet consisting of Messrs. Burrows, Mitchell, Moorhead and Austin contributed several vocal numbers. Mr. Herbert Aylesworth sang two solos and was

### Dairy Industry and Banking

Subjects of Address by Mr. John Elliott at Meeting of Gananoque Board of Trade.

The second supper meeting of the Gananoque Board of Trade was held at the Brophy House on Thursday evening, and proved to be the best, from every standpoint, yet held. The attendance, numbering nearly seventy, was beyond expectations and included many farmers, the menu was far above anything demanded by the price of tickets, and the good fellowship and spirit of get-together manifested throughout the evening was most encouraging.

The regular board business was postponed or curtailed in order to give the time to Mr. John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank in Belleville, who had been invited to address the board on the subjects of dairying and banking.

Mr. Elliott prefaced his address by saying that he had heard much of Gananoque, but like the Queen of Sheba he had decided since coming to town that the half had not been told. He unhesitatingly termed it the Paradise of Canada. The gathering convinced him that the Board of Trade was in earnest, and that the members would support Gananoque to the utmost. It was a revelation to him to see the extent of the manufacturing done here. In financial institutions we have three of the best banks in Canada, and from personal contact he found the managers above par. He was glad to see Mr. A. W. Taylor and Mr. Lott, both former residents of Belleville. They were assets to the city, and he knew they would make their influence felt in Gananoque. He made the discovery that he and Father Kehoe were born in the same country in Ireland, "the gem of the world," and they had had a personal contact. He brought greetings from the Belleville Board of Trade.

He said when the Associated Boards of Trade was organized, all the good things stopped at Toronto, but there was a protest from the men in the east, and with greater representation from this end that condition was changed. He hoped to have some representatives from Gananoque at the next meeting. Every Board of Trade should have a Farmers' Section, as the farmer depends on the town and the town on the farmer. If members of the Board of Trade would visit the meetings of farmers' clubs and cheese meetings the advantage of the connection would be shown. Referring to the cheese industry, he said the average dairyman, was satisfied when he had delivered his cheese at the shipping point and received his cheque. But his interest should go further to the point of seeing that it arrived at its destination in good condition. In this connection he related the success which attended the efforts to induce the Government to provide ice on boats as well as on cars for the proper care of cheese in transit. He spoke of seeing 180,000 boxes of cheese at the Surrey docks in England, and in this huge pile the product of any particular factory could easily be distinguished. If it was found that the product of that factory was not up to standard it would not be asked to supply again.

Turning to banking, he said, the system in Canada was second to none in the world. The small institutions and the private banks of years ago had all passed away. Today no bank can get a charter without having a subscribed capital of \$500,000, of which \$250,000 is paid up. In Canada there are nineteen banks, each with many branches, the smallest branch of which offers the same strength and guarantee to depositors as the largest, and there is no doubt about the notes put into circulation. If a bank fails no holder of its notes loses. The Government has created a central fund and the notes are a first lien on all the assets, and if the assets are not sufficient the Government would call on the reserve.

Mr. Elliott closed his address by a lonely record. Mr. Harry Wagner gave a pleasing demonstration of his skill on the ukulele. The accompanists of the evening were Messrs. Aylesworth and Mr. Ernie Lang. At the close of the program, after responding to the vote of thanks, Rev. Canon Fitzgerald gave a humorous Irish recitation "The Cow that Ate the Piper," which brought down the house. "Auld Lang Syne" was brought to a close one of the most pleasing nights in the history of Christ Church congregation.

### Explained War Savings Stamp

Mail Order Business Discussed at Board of Trade—Favor Embargo on Aliens Leaving the Country with Money

War Savings and Thrift Stamps, embargo on aliens taking money out of the country, mail order business and the prohibition of foreigners having weapons were some of the problems discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade last evening. Mr. F. S. Deacon, vice president, occupied the chair in the absence of Col. Marshall. Numerous and profitable communications were laid before the Board by the Sec. Col. Ponton. "Out of this we have got at least three results" said Col. Ponton.

Thrift Stamps

Mr. W. B. Deacon has accepted the chairmanship of the county in the campaign for Thrift and War Savings Stamps. The Canadian Government needs money in order to establish credits. It is out of the question for individuals to undertake the risks in business in the Balkans and so forth. It is hoped to get 125 sellers of Thrift Stamps in town.

Mr. C. C. Jones, of Toronto, representing the Department of Finance, Ottawa, said the department found it was up against a big problem in reconstruction. We have to give credit to France and Belgium, for they are unable to deal with us unless we give credit. The war has to be paid for. The armies of Canada cost \$1,400,000,000 and the capitalization of pensions \$600,000,000, or a total of 2 billion dollars. Then there is unemployment. In one town 8 per cent of the wage earning public is looking for a job. What will happen in August 1919 when more men have returned, unless we have a plan to absorb them?

Mr. Jones explained the War Savings and Thrift Stamps. Every store is asked to handle the Thrift Stamps. Merchants are requested to use free electros in their advertising in the newspapers.

The plan was adopted two years ago but was put off from time to time on account of the war loan. The plan is going to be made a permanent one, to encourage thrift. It is for the good of the country, of returned soldiers.

Mr. Jones referred to the formation of War Savings Societies, binding each member to save at least 50 cents a week.

"There are great possibilities in this," declared Mr. Deacon. "It is an absolute necessity that Canada get behind it."

Mr. F. S. Deacon thought every employer of labor might present a Thrift Stamp book with one stamp (25c) in to each of his employees to encourage thrift.

The Thrift Stamp is worth 25c, the book holds 16 stamps. When the book is filled it is exchanged.

Col. Ponton showed how Thrift stamps to children were living things. The thought that we are doing not only for ourselves but for grateful France and Belgium, under whose sod rest 55,000 Canadians, should stimulate us.

Mr. Arthur Jones of the Molsons Bank, moved, seconded by Mr. Zuffelt that the Board endorse the movement.

Delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade will be appointed by the Board of Trade executive.

Mail Order Houses

Should the Board pass on a resolution to the Associated Boards regarding mail order houses?

Dr. Marshall thought taking a stand on the mail order business was class legislation.

Mr. P. J. Wims did not agree at all. Dealing with mail order houses was unfair to the local dealers. It was a drain on the city. The business men pay the great part of the taxes of the city.

Mr. W. B. Deacon said the mail order houses were growing fast. Last year Sears-Roebuck did \$199,000,000 business. Eatons are putting up new plants and branches.

Why should the municipalities allow outsiders to come in and get the cash business without taxing them. The retailer must fight them. Hastings County seems to be a good ground for the mail order houses. In some places however they cannot break in.

Mr. Deacon did not think the Board of Trade the place to take this up. It was up to the municipalities.

### Why the Graham Factories Closed

Editor Daily Ontario.

No doubt the public would like to know the reason for the closing down of our factories and packing so suddenly. The facts are we received a telegram Saturday from Brigadier General Wilkins reading: "Request immediate suspension of manufacture of dehydrated vegetables on United States Government contracts. Discontinue shipment on all cars except those which are already loaded. Product no longer needed. Negotiations will be entered into at once for adjustment."

We had no option in the matter, hence we closed down. We can stand the financial loss but we feel extremely sorry to discharge over 3,000 employees so suddenly at this season of the year.

To the Belleville hands we offer the following assistance, until permanent employment can be obtained, or until April 1st, viz:

To every family who were in our employ on Saturday last, we offer a bag of potatoes per week and all the turnips they can use, on application to Pinnacle street warehouse. Also we propose to supply and serve free, in our Pinnacle street warehouse hot meat and vegetable soup and bread at 1 p.m. daily, beginning today, to all employees, and their families out of employment, and if not convenient to come and eat it on the premises, it may be taken away to their homes by one of the family coming after it, also we will serve free to any other people needing food on receipt of a letter recommending them, by the Women's Christian Association.

R. J. Graham.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Samuel T. Hodgen who departed this life on February 12th, 1913.

Mr. A. D. Foster, of Bloomfield, was a visitor in Belleville yesterday. He is having an auction sale of some of his fine thoroughbred Holstein cattle in the middle of March.

### Chinese Restaurants

Col. Ponton said three men had been watching the Chinese restaurant and had found that nine-tenths of the patrons on market days were farmers. Many of the Chinamen are property owners and they are all law-abiding.

Mr. J. G. Moffatt declared that the Chinese restaurants had a place in the city. They on market days supplied meals to farmers who made up 75 per cent of the patronage. He had never seen anything wrong in the restaurants.

Ald. Hanna declared that he agreed with what had been said. It was felt however that the standard hotels should receive more protection.

Dr. Marshall thought Capt. Hunter's bylaw was mainly directed against screens on the stalls.

Mr. R. Zuffelt said the Chinamen were among the best to deal with in matters of accounts.

The members present included F. S. Deacon, Col. Ponton, Ald. Chas. Hanna, C. J. Wills, Sergt. Charles Wills, W. D. Hanley, R. Zuffelt, H. Greenleaf, J. G. Moffatt, J. Cook, T. Finnegan, A. Jones, W. B. Deacon, Dr. Marshall, P. J. Wims, W. H. Panter, A. Guel, Robert Adams.

### Obituary

STEPHEN BURTON

Stephen Burton, a well-known gardener died yesterday in Belleville General Hospital as a result of heart trouble. He was taken seriously ill on Monday. The deceased was born in Hampshire, England 72 years ago, was the third son of the late John Burton and came to Canada in 1871, living in Belleville for many years. He was a member of No. 81 I.O.O.F. In early life he served six years with the London England, County Police. For fifteen years he was caretaker of Belleville cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers, Benjamin, of Belleville, Harry, of Jackson, Michigan and John of England and one sister, Martha, in England.

### Estate of Clemens Keleher

By a will made on October 28, 1918, Mrs. Clemens Keleher, Toronto, left her estate to her son, Leo Keleher, and appointed her sister Margaret Courmet and her friend, Mrs. Catharine O'Neill, as executrices. She owned \$25 worth of personal property and a half interest in a lot in the Township of Hungerford, Hastings County, \$800.

The condition of Mr. Max Herity is reported to be practically unchanged from yesterday. A most careful examination by two specialists last evening, failed to reveal the cause for his present symptoms.

GARDEN COOK

congratulate him on those who could not be kept the phone welcomes and good was among those who served special mention from his planned to attend West Huntingdon disappointed on occasion of the road are very dangerous who attended evening sermons by the of Stirling and meet Rev. E. E. son, a former pasted his son and wives. plied the pulpit in morning and evening sermons are rendered solo by evening services. West Huntingdon, afternoon services

intnell, of Corby- n, spent last week ward, of Brighton, ward, of Stirling, re one day this rd, of Keene, was here last week. spent the week- OLD bury Eggleston and saba, left today for spending the winter. T. Belshaw and Belshaw, of Stirling with Geo. F. Bel- Dafce spent Saa- the guest of R. ley and family, of ing the week with ther. of friends attend- lower in honor of d family left today in Nebraska and

DALE the late Mrs. C. held in the church afternoon. The acted by Rev. Mr. d, an old friend of oke from the fifth or, 1st verse. A friends followed their last resting ce cemetery. The have the sympathy munity. ion, of Manitoba, fives and renewing our village last

WY'S EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT REMEDIES