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BURSTS FORTH IN PATRIOTISM

Hearty Demonstration Provoked by the Splendid Band of Coldstream Guards.

Chatham Grand Rang With Applause—Audience rose to sing and cheer—An Impressive Program

"Great Scott! If we only had had such a band to march to," declared an enthusiastic young non-com. of the city's 24th as he joined in the cheers that greeted the strains of "Rule Britannia." "We could have done anything. No wonder Tommy Atkins is a magnificent soldier, thrilled and inspired by such music."

The 24th Kent Regiment—comprising our own sturdy soldier lads—had yesterday the privilege and honor of entertaining the members of the famous Regimental Band of His Majesty's Coldstream Guards yesterday afternoon on the occasion of their visit to the Maple City.

The Opera House was filled throughout the presentation of their splendid program—and it was thoroughly enjoyed. The Band is a fine musical organization, one that it is a delight and privilege to listen to. Bandmaster Rogan is a star and could carry an audience under the influence of his baton without the aid of the Band at all.

Nearly all the pieces on the program were familiar to Chatham concert goers. The overture to "William Tell," however, never grows stale, while any tingling of Scottish airs is always heartily welcomed here. And it must be admitted that the overture, Godfrey's "Reminiscences of Scotland," and the arrangement of national airs at the close were given in a manner which left nothing to be desired, except more of the same kind.

The program was not only popular, but was patriotic in a high degree. "God Save the King" was played twice and "Rule Britannia" three or four times. From what had taken place in Toronto some of the audience were not a little surprised, but it is not surprising that Chatham audiences are not demonstrative, and it took some time before Bandmaster Rogan felt he had his hearers sufficiently under the spell of his baton to risk an appeal to their emotions. He showed excellent judgment, however, and when he turned with a suggestive elevation of his baton the audience arose and joined in.

It is difficult to see how anybody could resist such an invitation given by the band. So much enthusiasm was perhaps never displayed before at a public entertainment by a Chatham audience, and yet we are told that the enthusiasm was mild compared with what the band has provoked elsewhere. Altogether Bandmaster Rogan is a wonderful leader, and he has a wonderful band.

A feature of the program which must not be overlooked was the cornet solo by Corporal Hawkins. He played for his first number "The Better Land," and for an encore piece, "The Lost Chord." In both he devoted his whole attention to the musical qualities of his instrument and the possibilities of the melody; there were no trills, no gymnastics, but plain, delicious music, and the result was most satisfying.

Miss Kathleen Howard, the vocalist, pleased both with vocal style and general stage appearance. She would probably have been heard to better advantage in a smaller place. Her voice hasn't the volume for a place like the Grand. It didn't stir people by loudness of tone and declamatory effect, but it charmed them by its wonderful richness and flexibility and by her complete mastery over it. The range was not extraordinary, but every note in it was of the purest quality. Along with her voice Miss Howard gives her hearers the impression of an ease and grace of manner that is decidedly taking. While she sang to a capably rendered piano accompaniment, it was a matter of regret that the band hadn't been employed to accompany one or more of her numbers. Such an accompaniment as the musicians could give could not but have added attractiveness to her work.

The only criticism which could be passed would be upon the compilation of the program. It was scarcely fair either to Chatham or the band. It was made up of a little too largely of musical recreations and trivialities. Whatever was done, was done remarkably well, but the Maple City line and everybody who attended yesterday's band concert knows that it is just as easy for Bandmaster Rogan's splendid aggregation to entrance an audience with a classic as it is to amuse with a bit of ragtime.

But this is not a criticism of the Band—it is of the program—and it is a criticism that will not appeal to those who wanted a popular program throughout.

The Hon. Mr. Prefontaine is one of the recently appointed Cabinet Ministers and a man of great popularity. The directors were successful in securing him to open the Fair here on Sept. 23rd.

CHATHAM'S NEW LIBRARY WAS AUSPICIOUSLY OPENED

Appropriate Ceremonies Grace the Occasion—Hon. Mr. Harcourt's Address and Visits to Local Educational Institutions.

Chatham first; others will follow. The first of the many libraries being built in Canada through the munificence of Andrew Carnegie, was formally opened in the Maple City yesterday afternoon by the Hon. Richard Harcourt upon the occasion of his first visit in the capacity of Minister of Education.

Old Sol smiled down with pleasing countenance upon the opening of the edifice. The weather was great.

The affair was perfectly managed throughout and not a hitch occurred in the proceedings. At 2:15 a procession of five cars, containing—

No. 1—Hon. R. Harcourt, Geo. Stephens, M. P., Mayor W. E. McKeough and Dr. Charteris.

No. 2—Warden Thos. Robinson and wife, Miss Rutherford, of Inlay City, and Albert Sheldrick.

No. 3—J. W. Twohey, J. N. Thibodeau, Fred Stone, J. W. Humphrey and County Commissioner S. P. Sturgis, of Dresden.

No. 4—Capt. S. M. Smith, Water Commissioners W. D. Sheldon and Dr. J. L. Bray, and local newspaper representatives.

No. 5—J. E. D'Avignon, chairman of Windsor Library Board, and wife, and Secretary I. L. Davis, of the local Board.

On arrival at the building a reception was given to the Hon. Richard Harcourt in the auditorium on the first floor, and that gentleman mixed and talked freely with the speakers and many guests of the afternoon. The members of the local Library Board were very attentive to their guests and the same marked courtesy was shown to all. In the auditorium were representatives of the different school boards of the city, besides a number of ladies, several ministers and a few doctors and lawyers.

Long ere the addresses had opened the afternoon's program the Reception Hall was comfortably filled with a select crowd of citizens, delighted with and interested in Chatham's latest addition of architectural splendor.

Dr. Charteris, chairman of the Chatham Library Board, was the first speaker. He was proud to occupy the position of chairman of the Public Library Board in 1903, and especially proud to preside at the opening of the new library by such an important personage as the minister of education, the Hon. Mr. Harcourt. The building, he thought all agreed, was a magnificent one, a credit to the board and to the city, a credit to the architect and to the contractors. The speaker went into a short but interesting history of a public library in Chatham. In 1878 a mechanics' institute was formed with the following officers:—

President—Judge Woods.
Vice-President—Dr. Holmes.
Treasurer—Edward Robinson.

Directors—Messrs. Wm. McKeough, John McLeerie, C. J. O'Neil, William Gray, Thos. Stone, D. S. Paterson, R. G. Fleming, J. C. Small and Daniel Kerr.

In 1890 a by-law to establish a free library was voted upon and passed, after which a board of management was quickly formed, being composed of nine members and the mayor, the same as to-day. Dr. Charteris said the city was first indebted to Mr. Carnegie for the library, and in the second place to Albert Sheldrick, who undertook the correspondence with Mr. Carnegie and followed the matter up. Secretary I. L. Davis, who so efficiently attended to the voluminous correspondence and other matters of detail, came in for his share of the credit.

MAYOR McKEOUGH.
The Maple City's popular young mayor was the next speaker. "The opening of a public library is an event that occurs but very seldom in the history of a city, and I think it is fit and proper that on such an event's happening the public should make it an occasion for rejoicing. The trustees of the Free Library Board of Chatham are certainly deserving of credit for the enterprise they have displayed in securing for our city such a splendid edifice as the one in which we have the pleasure of assembling this afternoon. Mr. Sheldrick, of the Board, well deserves the credit of being the father of the institution, and Mr. Sheldrick has been most ably assisted by the other members of the board. The city of Chatham is greatly indebted to Mr. Carnegie for his generous gift for such a purpose."

Continuing, the Mayor spoke of the value of the library to the people of the city and its advantages. He spoke of Chatham, its present condition and prospects.

On behalf of the city he welcomed the Hon. Mr. Harcourt, and other guests of the Library Board to the Maple City. He hoped their visit would long remain in their minds and that they would have a pleasant time and at some time not far distant they would re-visit Chatham on the same terms.

will just show me where they are will do the rest."—Laughter. Carnegie has learned where the good things of this life are and he has appropriated his money by advancing the high cause of education. He is not alone in this, for in the Province of Ontario \$1 millions was spent last year for this most worthy cause.

"If I seek to support my own opinion I would say that a library can be made a great factor of everlasting good, and I can call to witness all of the great men of the world."

Mr. Harcourt then quoted lines from Longfellow, Lowell, Henry Randall, founder of the Copenhagen library, proving his arguments.

"Do you realize that anyone can take a seat in a library of well-selected books and hold a Royal Court—a Royal Court and summons to the Court all of the sages and philosophers of other ages who have done a great deal of good and made this world much better than they found it? In a well filled library we have a treasure at our doors, and we should make our children sensible of this great treasure which is within their reach."

"What is the history of the libraries? 600 years ago the library of the University of Oxford consisted of 'a few tracts kept in a chest.' Now it is a library of over 100 thousand volumes. In 1364 the Royal Library of France consisted of 29 volumes. Egypt in the olden days took a foremost place in libraries and the inscription over the great library at Alexandria was 'The Medicine of the Mind.' What more appropriate title could be given to a library."

"It is different to-day, however, than in those days. To-day anyone can have a library so cheap is the literature, but it is not a matter of books. 'Read not many books but one book well' is a good motto. The exclamation 'Beware of the man of one book,' clearly shows that he is a formidable antagonist."

"Some people say that history and fiction conflict, but there is no need of fiction if history is well written, but fiction well written will invariably lead to the reading of history."

The speaker then referred to "Bazter's First Innings" as a good book of fiction for boys, and assured the audience that the warden intended to donate several copies of the book to the Chatham library—evidences of surprise from Mr. Robinson and laughter from the audience. He also thought that Mr. Stephens would donate a set of books of history—more surprise and laughter.

"A boy does not get all of his education in the schools and the parents should see that suitable and interesting reading should be provided for him at home to keep him off the streets."

"There are some books I would advise you not to read—those you can buy for a shilling and keep you awake one or two nights after you read them, according to how high your nervous system is strung. 'Sometimes a boy in a family is picked from the rest and the parent decides to give him an education because he is brighter than the rest. I do not believe in that. I do not believe in the word genius. A French writer defines genius as perseverance. I look upon a genius as a man who shuns barber shops and baths. Isaac Newton was a 'genius' and he

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