

MANY UNABLE TO OBSERVE FEAST OF GAIN ADMISSION PATRON SAINT

Theatre Packed for Address by Lindsay Crawford

National President of Self-Determination for Ireland League on Irish Situation and Aims of Organization.

Every seat in St. Vincent's auditorium, about three hundred chairs on the stage and every available inch of standing room at the back of the theatre was filled last night when Lindsay Crawford, national president of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Canada and Newfoundland, spoke on the aims of the league and gave an interesting outline of the events leading up to the present Irish situation. About forty returned soldiers were seated on the platform. Hundreds of people were unable to gain admission to the building.

Mr. Crawford spoke for nearly an hour and a half without a single interruption. Although several members of the local police force were stationed in and outside the theatre, they were not called upon to act.

Mr. E. Agar, president of the local branch, acted as chairman and, after an overture and the playing of the national anthem by the City Cornet Band, he spoke briefly.

Thomas R. Donovan, national secretary, said that the object of the meeting was to remove some of the prejudice which existed regarding Ireland. He told something of their organization.

Before introducing the next speaker, the chairman said he resented the imposition of anarchy, not only as a reflection on their loyalty to the British Empire but also as a reflection on their religion.

Mr. Crawford, who was greeted with applause when he arose, said that it was not necessary for him to deal at this time with some observations made on Sunday last, as they had been dealt with fully and adequately by the mayor. He was not there to stir up personalities; there was only one place in which certain matters should be debated, and that was before a judge and jury where evidence could be produced and properly weighed.

In dealing the Irish question, Mr. Crawford said that there was no greater misrepresentation than the statement that it was a religious question. The origin of the quarrel, he said, dated back to the days of Edward I, when England planted her first colony in Ireland and named a parliament in which no Irishman had a part. Those settlers, who were represented in the Irish parliament, were as English and as Catholic as their mother land, but they had protested against interference in their home affairs. After the reformation, the Irish parliament was still as English but also Protestant as their mother country.

The speaker reviewed the land in Ireland and its effects and the industrial policy which, he said, had led to make Ulster industrial and the rest of Ireland agricultural. Ulster's position to home rule, he said, was largely to the fear of the industrialists that they would be unfairly taxed by the agricultural majority. England had discovered the system of representative government but she had failed to apply it to Ireland, and this was the crux of the trouble.

In closing, Mr. Crawford said that the members of the league approached the subject not as Irishmen but as Canadians. Canada had sent her men to stand up for Ireland. They sought not to stir up strife, but to dispel the ideas of racial and religious strife and to advance that idea of true friendship which rested not on slavery but on freedom.

A resolution of thanks to the speaker was moved by Major C. J. Morgan, seconded by Captain Edward Cronin and endorsed by the speaker by the chairman. The meeting closed with the national anthem played by the band.

Denial.

In an interview given yesterday Mr. Crawford referred to the meeting of last night and said he was not interested to correct certain statements made. He denounced, as utterly untrue, a statement that he had raved against the Allies during the war, that he had been pro-German in any way or that he had been guilty of sedition.

St. Andrew's Society Celebrate the Day With Gathering at Venetian Gardens.

St. Andrew's society at a notable and brilliant gathering last night celebrated the birthday of its patron saint and the 122nd anniversary of its organization in the city. In the Venetian gardens there were assembled some 400 and more of the true sons and daughters of Scotland and their friends, and with song and dance, with glowing eloquence of speech and with observance of time honored custom, the day was made a memorable one in the annals of the local organization. It was away in the "wee sma' hours" that the company dispersed acclaiming the celebration to have been more brilliant, more thrilling and more inspired with Scottish memories and glories than any previous anniversary in a long time.

The large hall of the Venetian gardens was hung with the banners of the society, and a St. Andrew's cross illuminated with red electric lights was conspicuously placed above the suspended platform, added to the gala appearance of the hall. While the guests were assembling the ceremony of the installation of officers was carried out with all formality, H. C. Rankine, past president, installing Colonel Alexander McMillan, president, and Colonel McMillan then installing each officer in turn.

Members of the official party included his honor Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley and Mrs. Pugsley, the president of St. Andrew's Society, Colonel A. McMillan, the president of St. George's Society, Judge W. C. H. Grimmer, and Mrs. Grimmer; the president of the Clan MacKenzie, Major G. Corbet, and Mrs. Corbet, and the following officers of St. Andrew's Society with their ladies: 1st vice-president, S. R. Jack; 2nd vice-president, C. B. Allan, Mrs. Allan; treasurer (for forty-five consecutive years), John White; Mrs. J. White; Major Vassie, Rev. W. Bruce Muir, Judge Ritchie, Judge Forbes, Premier and Mrs. Foster.

A corps of pipers consisting of Pipe Major Ross, Piper Ross, Piper McDonald and Piper Regan, played the officers to the platform. President McMillan in his address of welcome, expressed gratification at the large attendance. Judge W. C. H. Grimmer, president of St. George's Society, in his address mentioned the similarity of the two organizations. He spoke of the splendid war records of Lieut-Colonel Murray MacLaren and Lieut-Colonel Alexander McMillan. Major Corbet, of the Clan MacKenzie, extended greetings to St. Andrew's Society, and A. C. Smith and Miss Louise Knight rendered several beautiful Scottish songs. Rev. W. Bruce Muir of Guysboro county, N. S., gave the oration of the evening. He told of the excellent response of Scotland during the war which had stood first in the empire in the number of men sent. He said that Scotland has always been first in industry and commerce, and in recent years chairs of St. Andrew's history and literature had been founded in the universities.

It was for ideals which the men of Scotland fought, Mr. Muir declared, and in the period of reconstruction they would still uphold those ideals. Union with England in 1606 had given wider opportunities to Scotland and was looked back upon with pleasure and delight. He deplored the establishment in Canada of an organization which brought the feuds of the old country to the land of the maple. He believed Ireland had had more opportunities for self-determination than had Scotland, but that Ireland had been mis-guided in her use of her opportunities. Scottish people in Canada met to extol their own nation and granted the right to all other nations to do the same, but all should do their best to make Canada the brightest jewel in the imperial crown. That was what their sons had fought and died for. Then, having quoted Henry Chapelle's patriotic poem, "The Day," Mr. Muir closed a stirring address with the reminder that all the world over Scotchmen were celebrating another "day" and celebrating it with a right good will to one and all.

The "Fassin' o' the Mull" with full ceremonial was carried out by Marshall W. C. Friel, accompanied by Pipe Major Ross, who took the mull in the ram's head and bore it first to Mrs. Pugsley and the Lieutenant-Governor, and then around the hall, allowing all who wished to take a pinch. R. H. Anderson, E. B. McDonald and Mrs. Thomson gave several Scottish vocal selections to the accompaniment of Miss Agnes Anderson. A program of various dances was given, including several well known Scottish dances.

Besides the officers the members of the committee in charge of the entertainment were: Major C. F. Inches, Major J. T. McGowan, Thomas Guy, Henry C. Rankine, R. Kellie Jones, George M. Robertson, F. W. Fraser, D. W. Ledingham, H. L. McGowan, Fred Z. Fowler, Lieut-Colonel G. G. Corbet, H. F. Rankine, H. W. Cole, A. G. Rainnie, Charles Robinson, K. J. MacIver, Arthur F. Rankine, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, Allan Rankine, David Allan, Richard Arscott, B. A. Denniston, J. Verner McCallan, John Rogerson, David McClelland, J. Murdoch, Frank Rankine.

Messages were received from and sent to the following sister societies: New York, Vancouver, Campbellton, St. John's, Cornwall, Ont.; Charlottetown, S. C.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Quebec, Montreal, Windsor, Ont.; Toronto, Winnipeg, Albany, N. Y.; Ottawa, Detroit, Mich.; Fredericton, Richmond county, Que.; Boston, Halifax and Edinburgh.

BROTHER TELLS OF BURNED CHURCH CASE
The circumstances under which John M. Dedham met his death at Burnt Church were recited at an inquest which was held on Sunday night at Newcastle. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to a stab of a knife in the hands of Peter Mitchell.

Frank Dedham, brother of the murdered man, testified that there had been trouble between himself, his brother and the Mitchells since the evening of about 10 p. m., according to the witness, John and Frank Dedham walked over the Burnt Church bridge on their way home, when they met the Mitchells, who attacked them, Peter Mitchell stabbing John Dedham. A stone or some other object was thrown by the Mitchells at John Dedham, and Frank Mitchell drew a revolver threatening the lives of the Dedhams. The Dedhams turned and ran, but at the end of the bridge John Dedham dropped. Witness went for help and returning found John dead.

COMMON COUNCIL.
At a meeting of the common council yesterday, on motion of Commissioner Jones he was empowered to pay back to M. E. Grass the sum of \$121.13, being the cost of connecting a sewer with the main in Douglas avenue. Besides sides ratifying recommendations made at the committee meetings twelve tax appeals totalling \$240.80 were allowed and others were dismissed.

To allow for connections from Boston and Montreal, No. 14 train on the Canadian National Railways, instead of leaving at 1.15 p. m., now departs at 1.40 p. m. Others trains are unchanged.



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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Building permits for the month of November in Moncton totalled \$44,725. Twenty-five permits were issued.

Rev. Father Walker of Riverside, Albert county, succeeded in bringing down a fine moose on Saturday in the New Ireland woods.

At a public meeting held in the G. W. V. A. hall in Fredericton last night a committee of four was appointed to wait on Mayor Reid and formally protest against Lindsay Crawford of the Self-Determination for Ireland League being given permission to speak in Fredericton.

Police Magistrate Limerick in the the Fredericton police court yesterday found Guy Anderson guilty of assault on Patrolman G. Alexander Murray and imposed a penalty of \$100 or twelve months in jail. J. J. Winslow, for the accused gave notice of appeal and a stay of proceedings was granted.

Four automobile bandits in Brooklyn, New York, held up two messengers of a brokerage house yesterday afternoon and stole \$46,000 worth of bonds.

An order-in-council was passed at Ottawa yesterday providing that no immigrant be allowed to land in Canada unless he must possess, in addition to transportation for them to their destination, a further sum of money equivalent to \$125 for every member aged eighteen years or upward and \$80 for each child of five years and under eighteen. The new regulations go into effect along the international boundary on December 15 and at ocean ports on January 1.

CLARKE TRIAL AT ANDOVER COMMENCED

The trial of Newman Clarke of Four Falls, charged with the murder of Miss Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls on March 25

was continued yesterday afternoon at Andover before Judge Chandler. The crown was represented by Attorney-General J. P. Byrne, K. C., and John Keefe of Grand Falls, while the prisoner was defended by Hon. W. F. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock. The prisoner seemed to take little interest in the proceedings.

The first witness called by the crown was Miss Ida Pelletier, who told of circumstances prior to the shooting and of relations between Clarke and Miss Bell. Her evidence was corroborated by Claude Murphy. Other witnesses were: Allen MacLaughlin, Dr. B. A. Fiddington and Dr. A. Chipman.

UNLAWFUL TO SET TRAPS FOR CATS, SAYS SOCIETY

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Dec. 1.—The owners of cats have been vindicated and it is unlawful to set traps for them. John Eckersley has received a letter from the Humane Society, which states that under section 642 of the Criminal Code any person who sets traps in places where domestic animals are likely to be caught, is guilty of torturing an animal and is therefore subject to a penalty.

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