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VICTORIA'S CONVERSAT WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Large Number of Guests and Entertainment Features Were of High Order.

More than 650 persons turned out to the Victoria Conversazione last evening, and spent a most enjoyable time. A concert was supplied by Mrs. Clara Barnes Holmes of Buffalo, the Victoria Glee Club and the Victoria Mandolin and Guitar Club. A feature of the evening was the exhibit of Egyptian antiques recently sent to Victoria by Charles Cureliy, B.A., who is at present with the Flinders-Petrie exploration party in Egypt. A De Forest operator was present with wireless telegraphy outfit and messages were sent from one part of the building to another.

The Conversat was under the patronage of Mrs. Mortimer Clark, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. N. Burwash, Miss. Reynar, Mrs. G. A. Cox, Mrs. H. A. Massey, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Fudger, Mrs. Cawman and Mrs. Wood. D'Alesandro's orchestra supplied the music and Lloyd catered in his usual fine style.

Among those present were:

The Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Aikins, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Aikins, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Addison, Miss Addison, Dr. and Mrs. T. Addison, Dr. F. B. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ames, Dr. and Miss Amy, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, Dr. T. D. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Austin, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Badgley, Dr. Fred N. Badgley, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Bail, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Butt, Miss Butt, Dr. W. Bell, Rev. E. N. Baker, M.A., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Jerrold Ball, Miss Ball, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Barrick, Dr. and Mrs. J. Bascom, Rev. George Bishop and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bastedo, Mrs. J. H. Beatty, Misses Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. F. Reid-Smith, Dr. B. A. Beasley, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Blackstock, Mr. F. A. Bingley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bonnick, Mrs. Joseph Bonnick, Misses Bonnick, Hon. Sir John and Lady Boyd, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Brecken, Miss Brecken, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Briggs, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Briggs, Hon. 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MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The Varsity students held their annual mock parliament in the west hall last night, and a large crowd turned out to witness the performance. The function is an old one at Varsity, and is a sort of "joke fair," where all the alleged humor which has been loitering in the minds of the students for the past year finds an outlet, and where personal remarks are not taken as libel or insult. Altho, like all impromptu comedy, where people "try" to be funny it sometimes develops into a regular play, it served to keep the audience in a roar from the Speaker's address until the division on the adoption of the speech from the throne closed the performance. The same hackneyed jests upon the foibles of the freshmen were in evidence, but as freshmen are always the same and as all the possible jokes upon their class have been exploited long ago, the audience forbore criticism and accepted them in the same spirit as they were offered.

Several Utopian schemes appeared in the speech from the throne, and these were vigorously attacked by the members of the opposition and defended by the premier and his ministers. Following are excerpts from the government's platform:

To institute the eight-hour day as the maximum for every student, said time to include that occupied in eating, playing billiards, rugby, etc.

To form a combined Jew's harp and zolo band, to furnish music at meetings of the Literary Society.

To set apart a section of the Crown Lands for the pasturing of cows, in order that the freshmen may be supplied with the highest quality of pasteurized, pulverized and sterilized milk.

To memorialize the Senate of the University of Toronto to establish a matrimonial bureau in connection with the course in domestic science.

To prohibit the freshmen from wearing silk hats, frock coats and gold-headed canes and other paraphernalia of plutocrats, it being inimical to the true spirit of democracy prevailing in Canadian universities.

To dispense with class receptions and dances as being beneath the dignity of the University students.

To authorize the Postmaster-General to appoint a special officer to supervise the correspondence of the freshmen.

Supplies were asked for, including:

The securing of 1000 copies of Punch, to interest the students during certain lectures.

To provide $500 for furnishing a room in the old residence, to be used by freshmen for class meetings and receptions, furnishings to include numerous cushions and cosy corners.

To provide "go-carts" for a system of suburban delivery for freshettes from various class receptions.

Grant a further "crumb" of $257,800.01 to the Kingston School of Mines.

The address replying to the speech from the throne was moved by Ching Lung Lazenby and seconded by Tecumseh Pontiac Richardson.

C.P.R. STOCK SELLS AT 106.

Entire Amount of Twelve Millions Will Be Underwritten Shortly.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—(Special.—Sir Thomas Shaugnessy, president of the C.P.R., announced to-day that he had been informed by the financial agents of the company in London, that the entire amount of $12,000,000 worth of the 4 per cent. consolidated debenture stock, authorized by the shareholders at the last annual meeting, would be underwritten at 106, during the next 10 days. The money will be utilized as follows: Cost of Atlantic steamships, 15 vessels, £1,417,500; cost of 471 miles of additional railway lines, constructed and acquired, £1,385,500; total, £2,803,000.

LET EVERYONE GO.

Guelph, Dec. 4.—In regard to accommodation here for visitors to the Fat Stock Show, J. M. Duff, president of the Guelph Fat Stock Club, and Ald. J. M. Struthers, chairman of the City Council Reception Committee, to-night published the following statement:

"The agitation for the removal of the Winter Fair from Guelph is based on the erroneous contention that this city does not adequately meet the requirements of the show. Published statements have appeared to the effect that people have had to leave the city on special trains to get sleeping accommodation. We would not now deem it necessary to contradict these false statements were it not that intending visitors to the Fair next week may be influenced by them. At no time during the history of the Fair has there been a lack of sleeping accommodation in Guelph. At no time have the rooms in private houses, placed at the disposal of the committee, all been occupied. A visitor who, coming late, wants a room at an hotel and will take one no place else has been and is likely again to be disappointed. It is unreasonable to expect the hotels of Guelph to accommodate all the visitors. In Toronto at Fair time people are glad to get a bed any place, and many have been forced to walk the streets all night. No visitor to Guelph has been compelled to sleep on a cot, if he was willing to take a room in a private house. Since the last show the hotel accommodation has been increased 20 per cent., and this year more citizens have offered rooms for the use of visitors.

"We issue this statement merely to assure intending visitors to the Winter Fair that there is plenty of accommodation for all. Strangers will be looked after by a special committee, which will have an office in the City Buildings, and where anyone who wants them may be directed to comfortable quarters."

Propeller Burned.

Buffalo, Dec. 4.—The propeller Embury was burned in the Niagara River, near Tonawanda, to-night. The crew escaped. The flames broke out in the forward hold and spread so rapidly that Nathan Dacurran was forced to beach his vessel on Grand Island. The Embury was owned by W. L. Martin of Cheboygan, Mich.

To Buy Electric Light.

Perth, Dec. 4.—A by-law will be submitted in January to buy out the Perth Electric Co. at a valuation of $10,000.

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Those who take an interest in the financial concerns of the Dominion will have noticed with pleasure the forward strides made during the last couple of years by our large monetary corporations. The advances thus reported have certainly been indicative of vast progress thruout the country. In the remarkable history of advancement recorded the insurance companies have had a foremost place, one of the most prominent amongst them being the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

The Manufacturers' Life in 1902, it will be remembered, received applications aggregating one million dollars more than the amount received in any previous year. At the same time their cash receipts showed an increase of over $177,000.00; and despite the fact that, in addition to working expenses, they paid to policy-holders in that year $316,556.00, yet their excess of income over expenditure was $600,033.00.

We are very pleased, indeed, to learn that this company has, during 1903, been continuing to show a similar record of advancement. This year they have during the first eleven months received almost a million dollars more in applications than in the same period of 1902. When we consider that 1902 was a record year, this is all the more remarkable.

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ESTATE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE Late John A. Macdonald, Civil Servant, of 58 St. James Avenue, Toronto.

All persons having claims against the late John A. Macdonald are required to send by registered letter to Frederick Sullivan, 49 Adelaide-street East, Toronto, full particulars of same on or before the 20th day of December next, after which date the estate of the said John A. Macdonald will be divided among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims we shall then have received.

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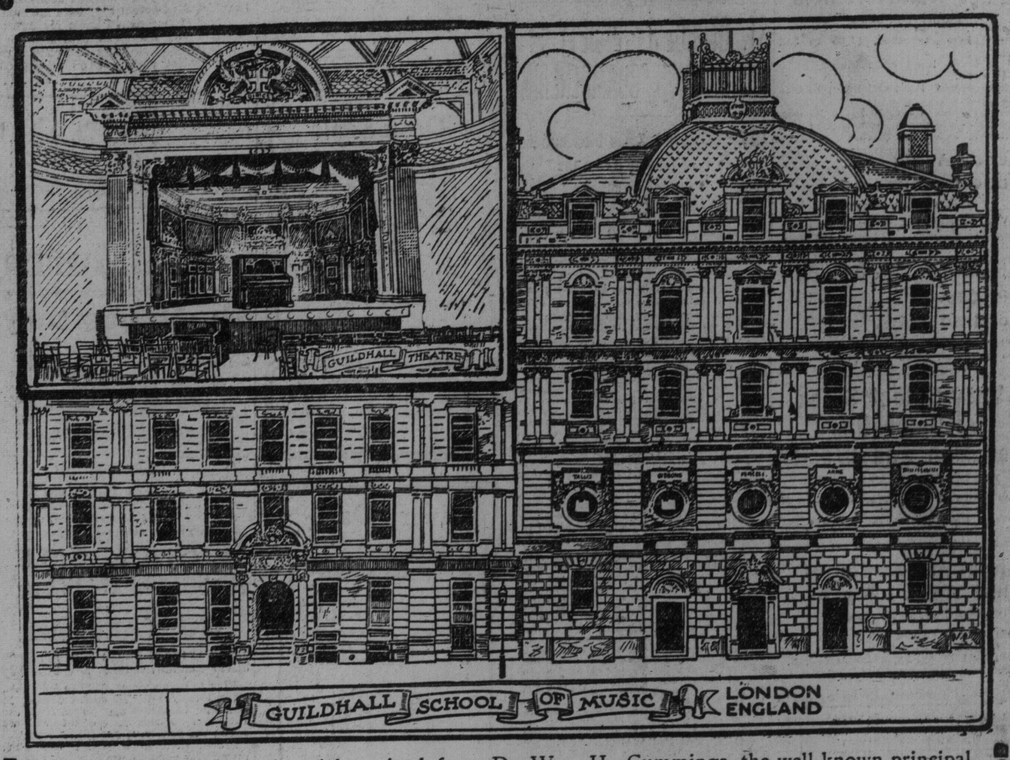

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FOSTER WILL SPEAK DEC. 14.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—It is now announced that Hon. George E. Foster will speak on the evening of next Monday week, Dec. 14. It is understood that the ex-Minister of Finance will deliver a political address as far as Canadian parties are concerned, altho the demonstration is being organized under the auspices of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club. The members of the Montreal Board of Trade will attend in a body.

Minister Teaches Athletics.

Middletown, N.Y., Dec. 4.—The Rev. Henry S. Alkire, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bullville, near here, has been engaged as athletic instructor in the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. In an appeal urging the business men to give attention to athletics, he says: "There will be no preaching. I'm after your muscle, your hollow noses, your round shoulders, your sunken chests and stiff joints."

Big Sweeping.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—The biggest job of sweeping ever undertaken in this city has just been completed. 40 men, working 10 days, being required to clean the 23 acres of floor space of the Palace of Agriculture at the World's Fair. The contractors first put a dozen men to work, but at the end of the first day their increase were scarcely perceptible, and the force was increased to 40.