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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.

## EDITORIAL

The intelligent society recognizes that young men and women cannot be separated by the wall of propriety. The fact that the young men in that society are soldiers, does not in the least alter the circumstance. Soldiers and young women are still gregarious beings and will find companionship one in the other. These facts having been overlooked, have lead, and will lead to serious consequences. Where troops are located in a given community where civilians reside in great numbers, there is never, or rarely, an organized effort on the part of the soldiers or the civic population to have the young people meet, become acquainted, and enjoy their respective societies. Consequently they do meet by secret appointment—the soldiers possibly breaking his lines to do so and his friend not daring “to whisper a word to mother” comes out alone under cover of night. We agree that it is not wrong for them to meet, but we do not like the way it is done. Why the secret meeting and the crimes, punishable to the soldier and unpunishable to the young lady. Under present conditions the object we desire to attain is in each case defeated. We want our soldiers to be soldiers and men. We desire all young women to be what their parents think they are. The effort should not be to keep the young people apart, but rather to bring them together under circumstances most happy to us all.

### Beautiful Ramsgate

Are we not lucky to be in such a glorious town as Ramsgate? We might have had the misfortune to be placed in a London hospital; and we all know that the amusements of “Leicester Square” cannot be compared with one half-mile of promenade. A petition of gratitude should be compiled and forwarded to Sam Hughes.

We have the town.—Once a week we get in touch with life, and are allowed to visit this seething centre of Industry, with its constant stream of traffic, its broad thoroughfares and magnificent buildings. It has been said patients from the Granville have lost themselves in their vain endeavors to see all the buildings of importance in one afternoon; some have been missing 3 days, and have walked back quite unconcerned, whilst others, who

could not survive the ordeal—had to be carried.

When summer comes and you see the reflection of the Sun on the “Milky Whiteness” of the “Joy Wheel”; when you see the boys and girls bathing in the blue transparent sea and wandering at their ease on the smiling sands—When you see these things will you be “patient” still and let thine heart rejoice.

When the day comes for us to leave our Home and Ramsgate, we shall all, I am confident, ever remember the “Happy Times” and the “Freedom” experienced during our short stay, and when one considers that “one shilling” provides all this exhilarating enjoyment, most of us who have been “touched” will take great care to keep shy of the “bobs” for ever

—H. L. SCRIVENER.

Ward 9, Chatham House patients, want to know if the Sergeants mess gramophone will be shut off at lights out?

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If not, can it be repaired?

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Do “still born” eggs come from the still room?

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Was the woman in the pub. referring to any one in particular when she said those naughty words recently?

Watch  
This  
Space  
Next  
Week.

## Questions that are Asked

Did the King's Football Team get a surprise from Ducros's leg swingers last week?

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How many rounds of ginger ale can a fellow take, and be able to scale the Chatham House wall when returning home.

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Is it true that three members of a Palace theatre troupe who were here last December, were married to Granville patients?

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If a patient leapt off the wall,  
And it killed him when he lit,  
Would the jury decide  
That the hero died,  
In a cat-a-leapt-tic fit?

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Is it true that a tea room and café is to be opened in Ramsgate for the special benefit of the Canadians?

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Will it be open on Sundays?

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If a certain Granville private is not a swank, why does he wear officers dress?

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The name of the N.C.O. who married a Ramsgate lady while he was a patient here, and forgot to call on her when visiting here recently?

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Some ‘Devilshire Girl,’ Eh! What?

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**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL.**

The greatest game of the season took place on Chatham House grounds last Saturday between the Canadians and 44th Prov. Batt. The game was very fast and full of thrills for the large crowd of spectators, who are rather pleased that the game was a tie since they have a prospect of seeing another game. Longworth was the star player of the day, playing brilliantly all the way through and scoring the first goal in wonderful style. He plays outside left and Capt. Corp. Ducros states that he is going to keep him in that position. Garner has greatly improved in his playing and did some fine manoeuvring on Saturday. The 44th team was over confident and this was fatal to them. They had a professional Preston North-end player on the inside left forward who did good work but was too sure of himself on several occasions. However the 44th are a good team and our boys will hustle to keep on top. Their combination is excellent and had it not been for our impregnable defence the result would have been different. The gate receipts amounted to one pound ten shillings which was applied to the Old Folks' fund.

CANADIANS — goal, Henry; backs, Garner, Willis; centre, Miller, Johnston, Pringle; forwards, Burritt, Longworth, McRae, Ducros, Eyres.

44ths. Goal—Fleming; backs, Morris, Penswick; centre, Eager, Blundell, Kelly; forwards, Ainscough, Oldfield, Sefton, Swarwick, Corkill. Referee, Sergt. Gutteridge (Canadian). Score 2—2. A return match is scheduled for Thursday, April 6th.

**SHOOTING**

The Granville Rifle Team has had some hard luck recently, having been defeated on Tuesday of last week by the Ramsgate Miniature Rifle Club and on Thursday following by the V.T.C. There was not a very large margin between our boys and the winners on either occasion, and Gr. Jameson is busy now trying to arrange a return match with the V.T.C. A little better was the result of the shoot against the County School Club last Saturday, the Canadians won by 118 points. From April 3 to April 10 inclusive, the Blue Ribbon of the Rifle Club will be shot for on a green target of 4 bulls, with 2 shots on each bull, all to count. Peep sights and slings to be used.

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## Entertainments

### THE WEEK AT THE GRANVILLE

Sunday last the St. Paul's choir gave a sacred concert in the theatre hall. Vicar Waters gave a brief address the same evening. Mr. Arthur Yapp of the British National Council Y. M.C.A. addressed the boys on Monday evening. Tuesday evening a splendid picture show was given and on Wednesday the Boyland concert party were again well received. The personnel of this party are now all well known to the boys and they bring with them each time new delights well produced. On Wednesday afternoon "The Devonshire Girl" group were on hand from the Palace with some splendid sketches and songs. The Khakians from Margate appeared for the first time at the Granville last night their programme being varied and well encored. To-morrow the London Concert Party will appear at 3 p. m.

### Extracts from (Expected) Brigade Orders

Commanders of submarines plying in in the communication trenches are requested to see that these vessels are not use by pleasure parties between the lines

N.C.O.'s and men are not allowed to use the bathing beach at XZ 50 trench, as this is for officers only.

Men on duty must not fire at the periscopes of submarines plying between the redoubts and the firing line.

Ration and fatigue parties must not participate in swimming races to firing line, owing to the presence of hostile submarines. These events will be swum off during the six days' leave under the supervision of the Battalion swimming instructor.

Owing to the scarcity of material for filling sandbags, any man who consumes more than 10 lbs. of mud per day will be severely dealt with.

—*Twentieth Gazette (20th Batt.)*

Capt. Pequegnat has produced has produced a new indoor baseball outfit which he hopes to bring into use very soon.

The Hockey game between the officers and men takes place Saturday night next.

## Won Again!

In the hastily arranged match on Wednesday last, between the Canadian Football Team and a Navy Team, our boys won by a score of 2-1. The win was chiefly due to Longworth and Johnston who did the scoring. For brilliant work between the poles, Henry kept up the excellent reputation he established last week against the 44th Prov. Batt. The other boys would not want to go into the game now without Henry behind them. The lads in blue were a husky bunch and created an excitable game.

A football game is to be played this week with the Margate R.A.M.C.

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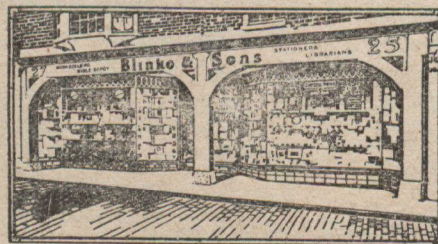
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