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LONDON HOTEL BALL TEAM SCORES AGAIN

Defeat Broughdale Team 7-1 in a Game Played before 3,000 People at Trafalgar Diamond.

The Hotel Team is still in the lead in the London Base Ball League and we are looking for London East, where the majority live to hold the cup this year.

The team this year boasts of 2 new pitchers in the Moxley brothers, Ken, and Velv. Of course Harry Coursey, our old stand-by can be relied on to get them out of any tough place.

This team also played an exhibition game on their Diamond with the Hamilton Rd. Merchants raising \$40. which was turned over to the city's unemployed.

The Hotel Boys have been playing under quite a handicap. The catcher Smith, having had 2 fingers broken and his wrist badly spiked but after a little taping he was up and playing again.

A. Anderson had his hip thrown out of place but is getting along fine.

J. Moxley suffered a bad twist in the ankle but is still playing strong.

H. Wilson is suffering with two broken bones in his foot.

With all this to handicap them the boys have not once lost courage or shown any weakness.

Why isn't the City of London proud of this team? If you haven't been to any of the games, do go. You are missing a great treat.

On Thursday evening at 5 o'clock The Hotel will play the Canadian Colored Champions of Chatham on the Trafalgar Diamond.

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NEW YORK CITY—Weighing 500 pounds avoidupois, when Miss Georgiana Graham, 53 years old became ill and it was necessary to move her to a hospital, a partition had to be torn down to get her out of the house in the emergency ten members of the police force went to the Graham home.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

With this issue we celebrate the 11th anniversary of the publication of the Dawn of Tomorrow.

With the idea in view of helping the lot of the Negro in Canada, the publication was launched in 1922 under the guiding hand of the late Jas. F. Jenkins, who was untiring in his efforts to provide the public with a paper that not only was well edited and read with interest by hundreds in various parts of the Dominion, but which has also voiced in impartial and unprejudiced manner the Negro consensus of opinion.

We do not wish to dwell on the many questions which the great mind of its late editor for over seven years so successfully dealt with, but suffice it to say that the publication has done a great deal in uplifting the ideals of the race through its circulation. At a time when the greatest measure of success seemed nearest to crowning such laborious efforts, the Dawn suffered a great set-back, when Mr. Jenkins, after a short illness, passed beyond.

Since that time the onus of responsibility has been shouldered by his widow, Mrs. Jenkins, whose task, although a most trying one, has met with some measure of success. Still, at the present time, the path is not a rosy one, and the splendid co-operation of advertisers and others who from time to time have given their grateful assistance, is further requested.

Dear Canada

Dear Canada:

To thee we'd lift no lesser song
Than we had learned long years ago;

Our praises still to thee belong,
Our grateful plaudits fondly flow.

Our hearts affections thou hast won,
Fairest of lands beneath the sun!

In the stern testings of to-day
Thy charms have suffered no decay;

We love thee still, and shall for aye,
Dear Canada! Our Canada!

Dear Canada:

How captivating is the scene,
How praise impelling is the sight,

When, near and far, thy fields are green,
Or golden grain gives heart delight;

When maples in rich robes are clad,
And all the forest trees are glad;

When orchards in their bloom are gay,
Or laden boughs with fruitage sway,

As Autumn breezes come their way,
Dear Canada! Our Canada!

Dear Canada:

Thy crags and canyons baffle thought,
So strange are they and seeming wild;

Yet, there the birds their nests have wrought,
Cares, fears, and worries all beguiled.

There lilies grow, and never toil,
And ferns are native to the soil;
At hide-and-seek the foxes play,
When gloaming crowns the dying day,

And songsters honours to thee pay,
Dear Canada! Our Canada!

Dear Canada:

What rugged rocks, what plains are thine!

What glades and glens are granted thee!

Art, grace, and grandeur intertwine
Far as our feasting eyes can see.

The Hand that stirs the mighty deep,
Then gently rocks the waves to sleep,

Hath set thy charms in grand array
By rivulet, by loch, and bay,

In Nature's own majestic way,
Dear Canada! Our Canada!

Dear Canada:

Thou stretchest still from sea to sea,
Two oceans love thy shores to lave;

Thou art, as yet, and e'er shall be,
The homeland of the strong and brave.

While Truth and Virtue have design
In nation-weaving which is thine,

And sons and daughters for thee pray,
No foeman's rod shall o'er thee sway,

Nor shall thy glory wane away,
Dear Canada! Our Canada!

—Mack.

77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF
B. M. E. CHURCH IN SESSION
HERE

Reception is Staged
Mayor Croll and Roscoe S. Rodd
Give Addresses of Welcome

The 77th annual session of the Ontario conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada is now being held at the B. M. E. Church, McDougall street. Delegates from the 15 churches in the conference are in attendance.

Reception Last Night

Yesterday's program drew to a close last night with a public reception at the church. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Mayor Croll, the welcome of the Ontario Prohibition Union was extended by Roscoe S. Rodd, its president, and other addresses were heard.

Opening last night's meeting Mr. Dawson exhorted his audience to look back over the seventy-seven years of uninterrupted service. The delegates, he said, find themselves in the line of succession of sainted men.

"We tonight are following in the footsteps of those who have gone on," he said.

Continuing, he maintained that the unsettled conditions of to-day offer the church a glorious opportunity to give light and leadership.

"Are we going to fail?" he queried, "I answer back: 'No.' The church cannot fail. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Turning to Mayor Croll, he warned: "I'll get launched out here in a minute or two, and you won't get time to say anything." He added a pat on the back for the mayor: "We have in the City of Windsor a mayor who in spite of what may be said about him, is a man who is on the job every minute of the day and who is doing the job well."

The mayor was in agreement with Mr. Dawson that these are "glorious times," in the sense that never before was a greater opportunity for service provided.

"I believe that from this turmoil and from this confusion," he predicted "will grow a new social order. I believe it will be a more equitable social order."

Those ministering to the needs of their flocks, he continued are feeling

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THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Eleven years have passed by since the late J. F. Jenkins first launched The Dawn of Tomorrow and to-day it constitutes one of the memorials of the work that he undertook and carried on during the remaining years of his life on behalf of the colored people of Canada. In days to come students of the history of Canada will delve through the files of this paper, as they have been preserved in a few larger libraries, and will gain therefrom a picture of social conditions among the colored people of this period and of their aspirations and achievements.

The Dawn of Tomorrow was not the first paper to be published in Canada by a member of the Colored race. Away back in 1850, Henry Bibb began to issue at Windsor, a little page not unlike The Dawn to which he gave the name "The Voice of the Fugitive." There is history in that name, for when Bibb began publication the notorious fugitive slave bill had just been signed by President Fillmore and even the northern states had become unsafe for Negroes, whether free or runaways from slavery. It was to Canada that these people then looked for protection and safety, and they came across the border at Windsor, Amherstburg, Niagara and other points by the hundreds, if not by the thousands.

Ten years later came the Civil War, then Emancipation Proclamation, the victory of the north under Lincoln and the passing of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. Many Negroes who had come to Canada now returned to their own country and people. But there were others who having made Canada their refuge in time of trouble, decided to stay under the British flag and their descendants are numerous in Western Ontario to-day.

It was on behalf of this little racial group of a few thousand people that J. F. Jenkins raised his voice and proclaimed through his paper that there was a tomorrow at hand when better things were in store for his people if they would prepare for them. His was not an easy task of leadership. He had many disappointments, he made many sacrifices, and he passed on without seeing his work completed. But there are others who have taken up the banner which fell from his hand and the work goes on.

The colored people of Canada need leadership, and leadership will come. There are barriers in the way of the young people of the race, there are hard social and economic problems to face. All is not sunshine. There must come other men and women who will be prepared to sacrifice, to

77th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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the "pinch" the same as everyone else, but they are carrying on ungrudgingly, and in doing so are showing a splendid example.

H. W. Walker gave the address of welcome to the delegates on behalf of the local church. The banner of Christianity, he declared, takes precedence over any national flag. He outlined the obstacles that were overcome in Christianity's rise and spread. Mr. Rodd was introduced as "Rev. Mr. Rodd," but the error was corrected. Extending the greetings of the Ontario Prohibition Union, Mr. Rodd remarked lightly that it may seem strange to some to have the Union president in the Border Cities.

"I'm not sure whether that seems a joke on the president of the Union, or a joke on the Border Cities," he observed, and left the delegates to draw their own conclusions.

The church is the bulwark behind the Union, he stated, and for this reason he was pleased to have the opportunity to welcome the B.M.E. delegates to Windsor.

"You have a very fine and long and honorable record," he told them.

Rev. T. H. Jackson responded to Mayor Croll's and Mr. Rodd's addresses, and was followed by Rev. A. W. Barker, pastor of Calvary United Church, who welcomed the 19 or 20 visitors on behalf of the United Church of Canada.

Greeting from the First Baptist Church were extended by Deason Crawford Parker. Mrs. R. Wilson responded to Mr. Walker's welcome from the local church, and Rev. S. T. Bird, in a witty talk, gave a welcome from the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The B.M.E. Church choir was in attendance and special solo numbers were presented. Mrs. Marjorie Bais sang "Open the Gates of the Temple," Miss Hadel Solomon was heard in a violin solo and Miss Helen Lawson recited "Wits' End Corner."

Refreshments were served in the church basement on the conclusion of the reception program.

Victim of Streptococcus

Frederick Kelly, the son of Mr. Fred Kelly, 9 Marmora St. of this city died at 7.20 Saturday evening in St. Joseph's Hospital of this dreaded germ.

It is believed Fred got the germ while swimming in the Thames near Egerton St.

The young community of London feel keenly his loss. He was of a very pleasant disposition, using his talent whenever and wherever needed. It was this year only that he organized a harmony three using his guitar and voice accompanied by Fountain and Milton. He also was Secretary of the Coored Star Softball team and played 1st base. Also a member of the B.M.E. Sunday School and the Dunbar Literary Society.

meet disappointments with bravery and to carry on. The Dawn of Tomorrow has been their voice in the past, it deserves support that it may continue to speak on behalf of a people.

—FRED LANDON

WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mrs. J. F. Jenkins of London spent a few hours with friends in Woodstock.

Mr. Harold Marshall of Toronto spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall had a delightful picnic at Burford.

Miss Loretta Harris of Hamilton spent a few hours with friends in the city.

Master Eugene Topp who has been a visitor in Toronto or some time is expected to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Topp.

Mr. Smith of Windsor spent a few hours with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Topp and family are residing at Sweabury.

DRESDEN NOTES

Miss Hilda Johnson is visiting friends and relatives in Toronto.

The Green Valley baseball team held an entertainment in the Town Hall. A good time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry accompanied by Miss Florence Drake attended the memorial services of Madame Tully, Sunday, May 28th in the Queen St. Baptist Church. Mrs. Berry rendered a very touching solo. She was assisted at the piano by Miss Drake.

Mr. Benny Talbot was the guest of friends while visiting Dresden.

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**NEGRO WAS THIRD
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In the cemetery at Brooklyn, Hants County, Nova Scotia, is the grave of a very old man who died at Horton Bluff, a small community in that neighborhood, 29 years ago. Beneath a simple tombstone lie the remains of William Hall, the third Canadian to win the Victoria Cross. In the overpowering force of great events enacted within the past two decades William Hall has been forgotten, for the deed which placed his name on the Scroll of Immortals was performed a long time ago.

There are many reasons why this man should be remembered, says the magazine Legionary. Chief among them is the fact that he was a full-blooded negro, the son of a slave who had formed part of a cargo of "black ivory" and was in course of being transported to the United States during the war of 1812 when the slave ship was captured by the British frigate, "Leonard," and then brought to Halifax. This slave, so far as can be ascertained, was given employment by a Nova Scotia family, one, probably, whose name he adopted.

Marrying a woman of his own color this product of the Dark Continent lived for many years at Horton Bluff; and there, about the year 1824, the future Victoria Cross hero was born.

Little is known of William Hall's early life beyond that he was reared in the Annapolis Valley, went to the school at Avonport, and eventually joined the Royal Navy, probably at Halifax. From then until the summer of 1857, no records are available of this humble negro's career. We are, therefore, obliged to span that indefinite period and to shift the scene from the shadow of the old Halifax Citadel to Hong Kong. There we find Hall serving as "captain of the fore-top" on board H. M. S. Shannon.

The Indian Mutiny was spreading, the Sepoys stimulated by their early successes. British garrisons were shut up in Delhi, Cawnpore and Lucknow. Small relief columns were fighting their way to the assistance of the beleaguered troops; but the whole situation was dark and menacing.

At Hong Kong, Lord Elgin, the governor, who from 1847 to 1854 had been governor of Upper Canada, had received urgent requests to send all available men to India. Pursuant in these, two naval brigades were dispatched from the warships then on the China station—H. M. S. Pearl and H. M. S. Shannon.

Commanded by Captain William Peel, V. C., who had won his honor at Sebastopol during the Crimean War and who, he it said, was the son of Sir Robert Peel, former prime minister of Great Britain, the "Shannon Brigade" reached Calcutta in August, 1857. The force started up the Ganges in tow of the steamer Chuhar, and comprised 450 men, with six 8-inch guns, two 24-pdr. howitzers and two field pieces.

On September 2, Peel reached Allahabad, 800 miles from Calcutta,

where a prolonged halt was made pending completion of arrangements to convey the guns "across country" to Cawnpore. Transportation difficulties, however, necessitated leaving the heavy artillery behind, and on October 28 the naval force began their move forward with a siege train of 24-pdrs. Distinguishing themselves in the fighting on November 2 at Rathi-pore, midway between Cawnpore and Allahabad, the brigade continued their advance to the former city and joined Sir Colin Campbell. The commander in chief was then completing his preparations for the relief of Lucknow and Calcutta, besieged in the Residency at Lucknow.

Of the relentless battle which preceded the heavy and decisive engagement on November 14, when William Hall won his Victoria Cross, this brief record has little to say. This was the day on which Sir Colin Campbell's little force delivered the main assault against the rebel defences east of the city.

The principal attack against Lucknow was launched from the south-east in the cramped area where the mutineers line vanished in the jungle fringing the Gumti.

Late in the afternoon, following some heavy preliminary fighting, the Sikandarbagh—a high walled enclosure about 150 yards square—had been carried at the point of bayonet by the 93rd Highlanders and the Sikhs; but the most critical moment of the engagement had not yet arrived. Nearly half a mile to the west of the Sikandarbagh, across the open, jungle-bordered plain, stood the Shah Najaf, a large and ancient mosque.

Loopholed, strongly garrisoned, and with walls several feet in thickness, the Shah Najaf was the key to Lucknow. To capture this position quickly was essential to the success of the battle, for the relieving force numbered less than 5000 men, opposed to an army of more than 30,000 rebels.

It was after four o'clock in the afternoon when Sir Colin Campbell directed that the Shah should be attacked. The preliminary bombardment was undertaken by the "Shannon Brigade," who dragging their guns to less than 400 yards range, laid a heavy cannonade on the walls. Under a concentrated fire from three sides the gunners sent shell after shell into the mosque, but so thick were the walls that the projectiles made little or no impression.

"The men were falling fast," records an eye-witness. "Even Peel's usually bright face became grave and anxious. Sir Colin sat on his white horse, exposed to the whole storm of shot, looking intently on the Shah Najaf, which was wreathed in volumes of smoke from the burning buildings in front, but sparkled all over with bright flash of small arms. It was now apparent that the crisis of the battle had been reached."

Sir Colin decided to assault the position with the bayonet, and to that task he assigned the 93rd Highlanders, supported by a battery of the royal artillery and the guns of the "Shannon Brigade."

The artillerymen raced forward, passing the Shannon's men on the right. Unfettered only a few hundred yards from the mosque, they delivered a storm of grape-shot ag-

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Mr. William Taylor, a life-long resident of London, departed this life on Friday, June 9th and was buried from Ferguson's undertaking rooms on Tuesday afternoon, June 13th at 2.30. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Annie Grayson of Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. M. White of Detroit, Mich. and Evanston, Ill. two brothers, Mr. Edward Taylor and Mr. Walter Taylor of New York City and Detroit, Mich. Mr. William Taylor was well known and respected business man in the city for a number of years having succeeded his father as a barber who conducted his shop for over thirty years.

A garden party was given on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Harris of Trafalgar St. was a grand success. The Pastor, officers and members of the B.M.E. Church were well pleased with the effort and assistance given by all the other co-operating organizations who arranged attractive booths for the occasion.

Mrs. Bernice McKurdy was elected to represent the Dunbar social guide at the Young Peoples convention at Windsor.

Mr. Randolph James of New York City is a student of theology at Western University and is making his home at the residence of Mrs. Mary Burke, 208 Simcoe St.

The C. L. A. C. P., annual picnic will be held at Springbank Park on Monday, Aug. 7th.

Mr. Fred Kelley Jr. is reported ill at St. Joseph Hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery.

The Hotel London Baseball team are gaining city-wide popularity and admiration this season by winning the first 9 games of the 18 scheduled.

Messrs Wm. and Lewin Grant and Mother accompanied by Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Wm. Harris spent a very pleasant Sunday with friends and relatives in Chatham.

Mrs. Jenkins entertained Mrs. Clara Durant to a tea.

Mr. Stanley Drake, accompanied by mother and sister motored to the annual Conference at Windsor.

The members of the Dunbar Social Guide held a "Junior Party" at the home of Mrs. Bernice Fountaine. Each member was attired in child's dress. A very good time was had by all.

The C.L.A.C.P. held a garden party at the home of Mrs. Jenkins, June 8. It was a great success along with the Hotel London's Orchestra assisting in the musical part of the program.

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against the walls. No sooner had the battery become emplaced than Peel's guns were hauled forward, and once again came into action. The Highlanders advanced.

Unequipped with scaling ladders, the walls still unbreached, the Highlander came to a complete stop at the enclosure surrounding the Shah Najaf. From the loop-holed walls a relentless torrent of well-aimed musketry dropped them by the score. Frantically the infantrymen raged around the enclosure, seeking vainly for some means either of ascending or penetrating the walls.

Then it was that the men of the Shannon enacted that drama from which emerged the award of the Victoria Cross for William Hall.

The turning point of the battle had been reached. Either the Shah Najaf must be taken or Sir Colin Campbell's force must recoil in defeat.

Peel ordered two of his guns still nearer to the mosque. The sailors strained at the ropes and manhandled their pieces to within 20 yards of the wall. With one of these guns went William Hall.

A fire of musketry and handgrenades drenched the crews, all but annihilating them. The personnel of one was completely destroyed, and the men around the second were falling fast. Calmly Hall worked this gun beneath that murderous storm. Only his officer, Lieut. Young and he were left; but with no thought beyond accomplishing what he had been ordered to do, the Nova Scotian Negro continued sponging and loading, sending shell after shell crashing into the wall.

The Highlanders were meanwhile pouring in a fusillade, but this was not particularly effective, and they continued exposed to the musketry from the still unbreached mosque. Rockets were brought up, and a volley of fiery projectiles was sent hissing over the wall. Under cover of these the guns of the Shannon were hauled back.

The capture of the Shah Najaf was effected when a fissure was discovered just large enough to enable a man to climb the wall. Clambering to the coping, a number of Highlanders made their entry into the place and opened the great gate.

But the mutineers had vanished.

Sir Colin Campbell characterized it as "an action almost unexampled in war."

Both Wall and his officer Young were awarded the Victoria Cross for their unparalleled bravery before the walls of the Shah Najaf.

The Nova Scotian negro left the Royal Navy, presumably around 1880. Returning to Canada, he settled down at Avonport, in King's County Nova Scotia, devoting himself to farming and to his favorite recreation which according to "Who's Who," for the year 1900 was "shooting crows."

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