

LINDSAY LOCAL MINSTRELS WON FURTHER TRIUMPHS LAST WEEK

Seventh Annual Performance of a Popular Organization Gave one of Most Successful Concerts in Its History—Building Could Not Contain People Anxious to Hear and See

In view of all the circumstances it is conceded that the seventh annual performance of the Lindsay Local Minstrels, at the Academy of Music last week, was one of the most successful yet attempted. From a local theatre-goer's point of view it left little to be desired.

Generally speaking the performance was along the same lines as preceding ones, but it was different in detail. Every year has seen much improvement over the former one and that of 1928 is no exception to the rule laid down by the management that this should be so. Much that was considered superfluous has been eliminated so that the entire performance is one of considerable merit, with very little room left for adverse criticism were one disposed to criticize. On the other hand there was much in the show that is worthy of commendation. In the first place it is the most popular annual entertainment the town is permitted—or privileged—to hear. This is indicated by the crowds which every year attend. Secondly it brings to the fore some of Lindsay's musical talent, which, otherwise, might be going to waste. At all events, such a representative audience would not be likely to hear it. Then it is an excellent thing, in that it brings together a number of young men who, otherwise, might not know or appreciate each other's good qualities so well, and that the chorus is made up of excellent young men cannot be gainsaid.

For weeks and months, as usual, practice had been going on and when the curtain rose for the opening overture it could be seen, at the outset, and but a glance was needed, that the instruction had been thoroughly given and carried out by the boys. Their appearance was most pleasing. Outside of the four end men there were no "blocks" and no "make-up" except that each had white powder on his hair. The entire company was in evening dress, though the fun-makers, in the end, had added a few bright colored fixtures to relieve the sombre hue of their uniform. The one addition to the conventional evening dress of a gentleman was a red silk scarf or sash which each member of the chorus wore across his shirt bosom. This served to give them a distinctive appearance while not overstepping the bounds of good taste. The seats were arranged as in former years, in a quarter circle, with the orchestra in the rear. Mr. W. H. Bonnick, musical director, conducted the music from the regular orchestra position below the footlights. Most effective and very excellent work was done by the orchestra, the members of which included Messrs. J. Metcalf, J. Newton, N. Morton, M. Ingle, W. Heffernan, N. Bruce, C. Davidson, and Miss Dora Bonnick at the piano. The chorus included about thirty voices. Dr. F. A. Walters again occupied the position of interlocutor, with Bert Naylor and Bill Draper (banjo). Selden Meehan and Mike Clarke (trumpets) doing stunts on the end.

The audience was one of the largest packed into the Academy for some time, every seat being taken, with additional chairs wherever they could be put conveniently. At the door going in there was a most uncomfortable jam at one time, and while an augmented staff of ushers did all they could, the crowd came a great deal faster than they could be accommodated.

Undoubtedly the funniest turn in the whole show was that number—2—in the second part and entitled "Bill Draper and His Educated Bear." Bill had troubles of his own, as he told the audience, his accent being of decidedly "Italian" extraction. He had come to Toronto but had dropped all his money in an organ. Going to Russia he purchased a bear and would now, he said, give an exhibition; in other words, his educated bear, from Russia, would do fancy stunts.

It did, too. Imagine the surprise of everyone, when Bill Draper emerged on the stage leading, by a rope, none other than Mr. W. H. ("Bill") Bonnick, musical director of the Minstrel Show, Bandmaster of the Sylvester Band and manager of the Academy

of Music. What a shout went up when the "bear" was recognized! The audience fairly screamed, shouted, laughed, choked and coughed at the sight. For there on the stage were the two men, both well known figures about town, doing fancy stunts, one as a bear-trainer, the other as a "bear." The climax was reached when the "bear" turned a summersault.

THE PROGRAMME. The programme was divided into two parts, the first the minstrel show proper, and the second including a number of specialties. The first number, the opening overture, included the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore," waltz song, "Mary" a drinking song, "My Little Cigar," a sleighing chorus, a whistling and humming interlude and a con refrain "Lucinda's Serenade." Then followed a song by Mr. Naylor, "I between 'Short' Naylor, on the end, and 'Doc' Walters, in the arm chair followed by a song by Mr. Naylor, "I Got to See the Minstrel Show."

"The Road to Yesterday," a ballad the sentiment and music of which are both beautiful, was given an effective rendition by Mr. Roy Macdonald. The "only Bill Draper" when this turn came gave the audience a treat both in the way of song and of story. Mr. Geo. Ball sang with fine effect, "When the Sun Sinks in the Golden West," while Hi Meehan in a comic song, "Somebody Lied," got off some good local hits. Master Percy Meehan sang "Moonbeams and Dreams of You," receiving very hearty applause. "Mike" Clarke was the best end man to sing, and he brought down the house in his number "The best I got is much obliged to you."

Mr. Melvin Robinson, who possesses a fine bass voice, sang, "When the Bell in the Lighthouse Rings Ding Dong." The closing chorus was entitled "It's Great to be a Soldier Man," the company standing to sing. Here a pretty little incident marked the performance when the two little daughters of Dr. Walters, both very beautiful children, came out, carrying little flags and waving them. The applause was deafening. The second half included a clever slack wire and juggling act by Workman and Parker. "Hi" Meehan in some clever song hits and monologue, Bill Draper and his "bear" referred to previously, and a quartette selection by members of the chorus. The closing number was a faithful representation of an old plantation scene, including singing, dancing and other amusements peculiar to the south.

Barn Burned Near Oakwood

Flames Cause Heavy Loss on Farm of Mr. Bertram Graham—caused by Children at Play.

(Special to The Post.) Oakwood, May 15th. — The large flame barn on the farm of Mr. Bertram Graham, near this village, was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. The flames were caused, it is said, through the carelessness of some children playing nearby. The loss is heavy, the structure being insured for only \$600 in the Fendler Union. The barn was a new and up-to-date building throughout and its equipment included a windmill. There was a considerable quantity of feed burned also, but the stock was saved. The villagers turned out and rendered what assistance they could.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham were away from home at the time.

SOCIALISTS TO CONTEST RIDING

They Have Nominated W. A. Goodwin as their Candidate

Mr. W. A. Goodwin, merchant, of this town, has been nominated to contest the riding of West Victoria on behalf of the Socialists of the district.

When seen Thursday Mr. Goodwin said that, personally, he was in favor of letting this election pass without having any candidate in the field, but his friends would not hear of such a thing and in consequence he was given a nomination.

At the last election there was something like 130 votes cast for the Socialist candidate; and this time they expect a considerable increase. That the cause of Socialism is growing cannot be doubted, Mr. Goodwin went on to say, and he declared it was but a question of education.

"We confidently expect to win over the riding some time," said Mr. Goodwin, "and it means that we will have to keep working away."

Record Grain Carrying

Last week the Grand Trunk loaded and forwarded 2379 cars of grain from Midland, the largest amount ever moved in that time in the history of the town. In order to do this the staff there worked night and day and seven extra train crews made Midland their home for the week.

ONCE MORE WELL

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" ALONE CURED HIM
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FLOGGING PRISONERS

(By T. W. Sheffield.) Within the last few weeks there have been some seven or eight flogging sentences delivered in the Courts of Toronto and other centres of justice.

I sometimes wonder why the advocates of this form of punishment which they assure us is statutory, or nothing refrain from describing its infliction. If it is taken for granted that certain persons in the community should be whipped, it cannot be out of place to ask and know what the chastisement is like.

DETAILS NOT TO BE SHIRKED. I shall refrain from discussing this question fully, but the subject is far too interesting to be shirked although the friends of flogging invariably do shirk the details. I have seen a flogging in the British Navy, a handy man who was brought up for punishment with 25 lashes; it was a hideous scene, and although it was supposed to be abolished, in the navy, it was apparent a court martial could order its use. Flogging in prison is the real flogging, the yarder who receives a commission for the fiendish job is not paid to tickle his victims with a feather.

Human suffering endures only to breaking point, but the capacity for pain varies very widely and I have been informed by prison doctors that after 25 strokes or so on the strongest man, the sting of the lash begins to lose its venom, although the back of the victim is generally scored for life. Many people are under the impression that the birch is quite a mild form of punishment when compared with the cat, but this is quite an error as there is really very little to choose between the two. The birch is a series of fine twigs like a fine wire rod, and when brought down on the back of its victims with the regulation height for the blow, leaves its trace for life.

We can therefore discuss with certainty the gross misrepresentation that flogging is no longer what it was, for the pain brings forth from the victims the most terrible wails that can issue from the human throat. Indeed the war cry of the Indians or Zulus, although weird in expression, fall in significance from the terrible expressions brought forth by the application of the birch.

MAKING DEVILS. Some will say this is as it should be, that the punishment fits the crime. This is not so, for it is beyond question that a more debasing penalty than flogging or birching has never been brought out by man's inhumanity to man, for in the words of Mr. Justice Hawkins, "you make a perfect devil of the man you flog."

If statistics could be procured, it would be found that flogging has never cured any crime it was devised for. The moral aspect of the "cat" and "birch" are at least two hundred years behind the times and every administration of either, throws us back upon the barbarism of Ancient Britain with its rack and thumb screws and other diabolical methods of punishment existing in the days of the dungeon. In a word, a more fitting form of punishment must be meted out to those who have to be taught the error of their ways and an endeavor made by those in the best position to judge, a fitting judgment, to enlighten and not turn out a hardened criminal on leaving the jail doors behind him.

CASITORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

OTTAWA LETTER

Chatty Budget of Capital News for Post Readers.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Ottawa, May 15. — There has just been before the officials of the Railway and Swamp Lands Branch of the Department of the Interior, William Booth, the first settler in the Fort Churchill district at Hudson Bay. He came all the way from there, over 2000 miles, of which 800 were covered by dog train and gives the Department vitally important information relative to the timber and other resources of the Hudson Bay region. This is specially valuable at present as the Dominion Government is soon, either to build a railway to Hudson Bay, or assist some private company in doing so and undoubtedly Fort Churchill will be one of the terminus.

Booth has sent the Department a box of Arctic fish which he caught in Hudson Bay several months ago, brought on dog sleds from there to Winnipeg, and had in cold storage there. They reached the interior Department yesterday and to-day (fifteenth) were placed in the Dominion Fisheries display of Arctic fish. Several of them are large salmon. This display of Arctic fish is valuable as it is seldom the officials get any from so far north. As to climate, vegetation, timber limits, the Indians, the Hudson Bay posts, etc., Booth—the pioneer settler there—has examined and furnished a lot of valuable information. He is now on his way to Winnipeg and leaves there on the 24th inst. for Hudson Bay. He will paddle back the 800 miles that he came to Winnipeg by means of dog sleds.

Speaking at the Canadian Club, banquet at New York City last night (14th) Mr. Charles Marcell, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, talked on "The Canada of to-day." He made a reference to the Quebec ter centenary and in part said "It is admitted to-day that if Canada had remained a French colony Napoleon would have sold it over to the United States as it did with Louisiana. For close on one hundred years Canada has been at peace with his country. The great lakes which separate us have become the boulevards of trade. Across more than 300 miles of boundary we look at each other as friendly neighbors. In your hour of trial there is no nation in the world that has extended to the United States greater sympathy than has Canada, and the thousands of Canadians who fed for the north in the great civil war bear silent testimony to that fact. The same blood courses through veins to-day. A nation or more Canadians are peaceful law abiding citizens or inhabitants of the United States, while thousands of Americans are flocking into our great Canadian west. There is no land where the government of the people by the people is more complete and satisfactory than it is in Canada to-day."

Mr. Marcell ably touched on trade relations, Canada's extent and territory, what the C. P. R. and other railways were doing and had done, and showed how Canada was destined to become one of the great nations of the world, and towards the end of his address said: "Canada makes its own treaties under the aegis of the British Crown. It has assumed the maintenance of the last British fortress in America. It is free from militarism and the maintenance of armies and fleets. It is free from embarrassing problems and extends the hand of friendship to the world." The address was closed with a few words as to the coming ter centenary at Quebec and what it will mean to Canadians in further cementing the French and English speaking populations.

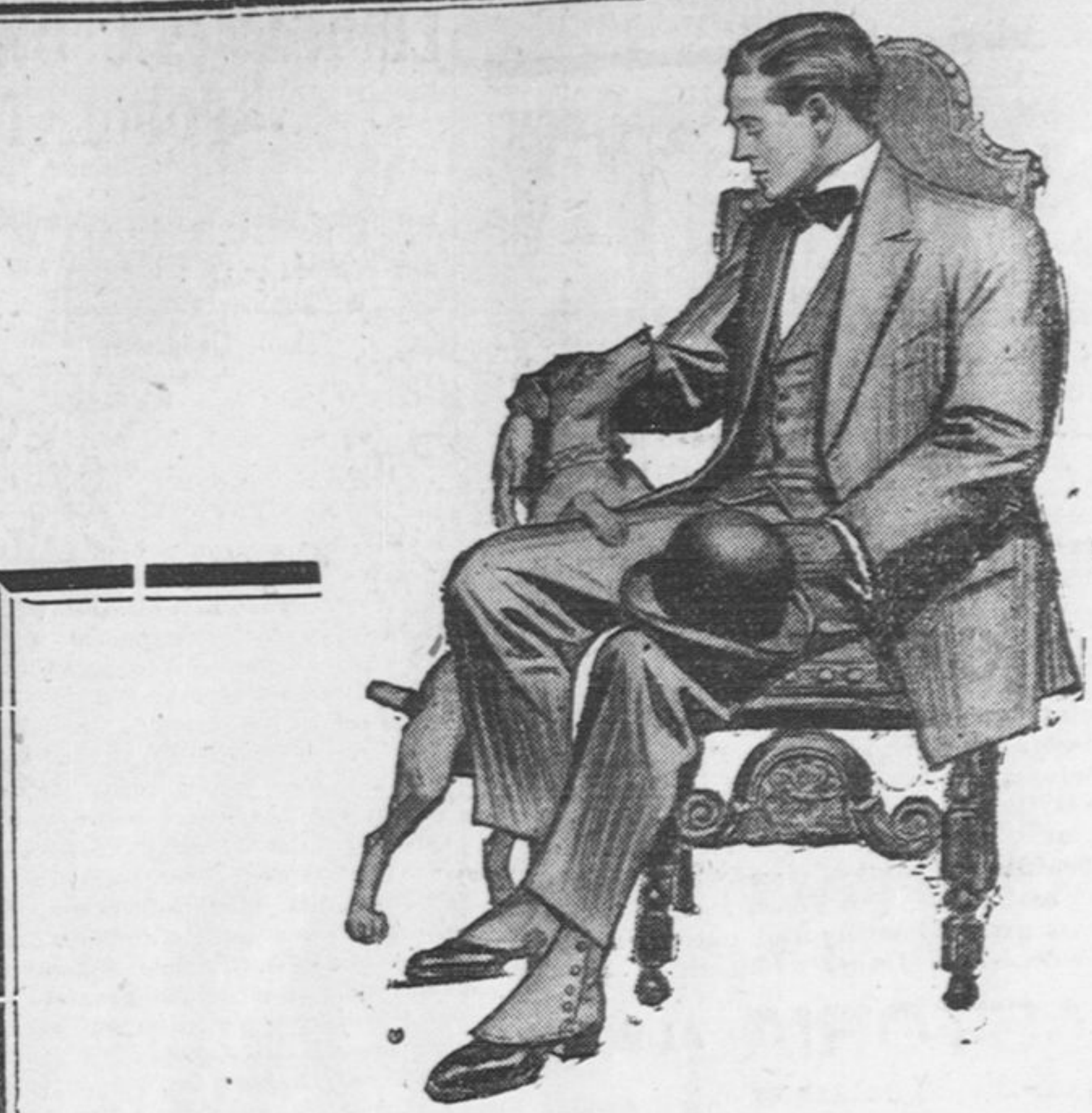
Another of the speakers was Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M. P. of Guelph, and his subject was "The Last Great West." He touched on the Hudson Bay Company and the wide borders given it for many years. Coming down to matters of more recent date he touched on the immigration problem and showed how many were now coming from England and the States to Canada's shores. In some respects the influx of homeseekers into the last great west was one of the most remarkable the world had ever seen. The modern army of invasion had for its purpose the single object of making two blades of grass grow where only one had been before.

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with the guarantee to the Canadian Northern Railway and law reform and explained fully the outrageous legislation by which rural school trustees had been deprived of their freedom in administering their own local affairs.

Dr. White discussed the general policies of the parties and explained the total unfairness of the gerrymander, while Mr. Robt. Kennedy, dis-



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