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A Grand Success.

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The result of the entertainment given in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening in aid of the National Patriotic Fund was most satisfactory from every standpoint. There was a fine audience, an excellent programme was presented, and there were evidences of appreciation on every hand. The hall was appropriately decorated, Union Jacks and Canadian flags having a prominent place, and over the platform hung a beautiful and life-like portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. The order throughout the evening was perfect, and this was no doubt partly owing to thoughts of the thrilling events of the past few weeks, in a measure to the rare excellence of the programme presented, or partially to the magnetism of the chairman, Lieut. T. H. Lennox of Aurora, who is prominent and popular in military circles as he is in all circles. Mr. Lennox made some happy introductory remarks, in which he referred to the worthy object of the entertainment, the stability of the British Empire, and the gallantry and dash of the Canadian boys now in South Africa. The programme, as published in last week's LIBERAL, was given in its entirety with one exception, Mr. E. Mason not being able to be present to take his part. Nearly every selection had a patriotic ring about it, and the enthusiastic audience had ample opportunity to express their appreciation, which they did in well-merited and hearty applause.

The programme proper opened with a very pretty tableau, "Great Britain and Her Colonies," in which a large number of our citizens took part. No more fitting representative could have been selected for Her Most Gracious and acted her part to perfection, and many of the colonies were also worthily represented. The following were characters who appeared in the tableau which was followed by all singing The National Anthem :- Queen Victoria, Miss Trench; John Bull, J. P. Glass; Ladies in Waiting, Mis Switzer and Miss Morris; Miss Canada, Mrs. Farquharson; Egypt, Miss Ethyl Switzer; Ireland, Miss Linfoot; Australia, H. A. Nicholls; India, Rev. R. Redditt, L. Hoover, H. Sanderson, J. Horner; Pages, Masters Alex. McConaghy, Wesley Palmer.

Mr. Frank Kidner of Toronto, who has a fine tenor voice, gave the first song, "Marching." and he was followed by Mr. A. S. Savage who roused the audience by that popular song, "While there's a Thread in the Old British Rag," Miss Eva M. Petch of Aurora, a young lady who appeared here for the first time, won the hearts of her hearers when she gave her first reading, "Ordered to the Front." Mr. John Kidner of Toronto, was the humorist of the evening. His first song, "If that's the Case I want to Join the Army," brought forth thunders of applause, and although there was printed on the programmes, "positively no encores," the audience was bound to have him back, and the chairman good-naturedly granted the request. The parts of this song which Mr. Kidner could remember were well rendered, and the parts which he forgot, or pretended to forget, were equally well enjoyed by the assembly mutual recrimination on the subject of hearers. Miss Frances Crosby of of loyalty, particularly as it affects Toronto, like the other artists from a our French-Canadian fellow countrydistance, gave two selections, the first men. The regretable distuabances in song being "Bob-o-Link," the last Montreal at the end of last week were "Creole Love Song." Miss Crosby is made the excuse for introducing the a favorite in Richmond Hill, and her subject, and advantage was taken of sweet well-trained voice was never the incident by Mr. Foster in his more thoroughly enjoyed here than capacity as Opposition leader for the on the recent occasion. Miss Emma time being, to make a particularly Byam of Maple, added much to the violent attack upon the Minister of pleasure of the evening by contribut- Public Works. This sort of thing is ing two patriotic readings, as well as becoming tiresome, however, and Tableau. Miss Mary Trench gave a weak physical condition is showing difficult vocal solo in the first part of marvellous staying powers, had offerthe programme, which elicited hearty ed his explanation and reply, the exapplause. Miss Florence G. Bell of Minister of Finance looked very much Chicago, a pupil of Mr. Haslem, was as though he wished he had kept quiet. clined in this village and vicinity will rately the following day when it obbe pleased to hear her again.

reading was particularly well render- tactics such as this.' ed and evidently had the desired effect | Of the entire debate another Mont-

afterwards passed around about \$17 paper that at this juncture in the was collected for the fund. The second part of the programme attempts to use the flag of our counwas equally interesting. Nearly every try for a partisan purpose is a traitor artist appeared again, and Miss Ethyl to the highest interests of both the Switzer sang with excellent effect that Dominion and the empire. The flag

the day's work was ended. Mr. J. H. | ada found their costliest failure." Sanderson was corporal, Messrs. F. Redditt, W. Hall, A. Savage, H. Sanderson, L. Hoover, W. Trench acted as guards, Mr. Johnston was cook, Misses Wiley and Storey took the part of Red Cross Nurses, and Mr. J. Horner lay on a couch as a very sick man. The soldiers were in military uniform, and the Red Cross chevrons worn by the nurses had done active service in the recent Spanish-American war. Before the curtain dropped the happy company sang that appropriate selection, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and during the scene lively music was given on the violin, banjo and mouth-organ.

The piano accompaniments during the evening were carefully and judiciously played by Mrs. A. J. Hume, Misses Edyth Switzer and Millie

Trench, and Mr. Ellis.

The entertainment was brought to a penses will be \$10.15.

service for their Queen and Country.

#### Our Ottawa Letter.

The closing stage in the passage of the Redistribution Bill through the Commons was marked by a couple of curious incidents, buth arising out of the somewhat unusual, though per-Majesty than Miss Trench who looked | feetly legitimate insistence of the Opposition to engage in a lengthy debate on the third reading. First of all, the irrepressible Mr. McNeill wanted to add to the bill an instruction to the judges nat to be influenced by party considerations when fixing the boundaries of constituencies. Such an astounding proposal fairly staggered the

was quickly given its quietus. sprang a little surprise on the House Caldwell. by proposing an amendment which Mr. M. Watson and Miss A. Grice tribution in the hands of the judges. day, 7th inst., by Rev. R. G. Turk. This principle had been incorporated into the bill already by the Govern- and vicinity attended the Sabbath ment, but last session the Opposition School Convention at Thornhill, and had strongly opposed it. Sir Wilfrid enjoyed the different sessions. Laurier congratulated the Opposition Mr. J. B. McLean, Township Clerk, on its happy conversion, but pointed attended the wedding of his cousin, out that circumstances did not call for Miss A. Watson of Toronto Gore, to such a measure at the present time; Mr. A. Farr, on Wednesday of last though after the next census the Gov- week. ernment would be quite prepared to Mr. A. Chestnut and family have reextend the principle it had already in- moved from the north to the south itiated. This incident closed, the bill end of the village. passed the House by a majority of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sargeon of Richmore than two to one, and it now re- mond Hill, spent Sunday with Counmains to be seen to what extent the cillor J. H. Kirby and wife. Senate has gained in wisdom and un-

derstanding since last summer. WHIPPING A DEAD HORSE. An entire day's session has been wasted this week in acrimonious taking a prominent part in the Empire | when Mr. Tarte, who in spite of his well received. She has a voice of The independent Montreal Witness served, "The assault on Mr. Tarte in . The last number on the first part of Parliament was the most cowardly the programme was that popular se- and un-British thing we have seen in lection by Kipling, entitled "The the records of any deliberative body. Absent-Minded Beggar," given by British Canadians are men, and are Miss Estella Butcher of Aurora. The not going to stand a great deal of

as when the hat was immediately real paper observes, "The men or the affairs of the empire and of Canada, rousing song, "Who carries the Gun?" that, wherever it flies the world over,

This part of the programme, symbolizes equality of opportunity, like the first, opened with a tableau, even-handed justice and the maximum which was one of the popular features of individual liberty, must not in Canof the entertainment. This was en- ada be prostituted to the purpose of titled "Tenting on the Old Camp selfish office-seekers. It must not be Ground," and, as the name would in- made possible for the world to say dicate, represented soldier life when that British institutions have in Can-

THE NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE. The announcement that the Government had decided to immediately recruit the Northwest Mounted Police up to full strength will be received with interest and satisfaction not only in the west where the members of this organization are so well known and so highly esteemed, but down here in the east also where the events of the past few months has made us personally acquainted with many of them. It is announced that a hundred and twentyfive men will be recruited in the Maritine Provinces and a similiar number from Ontario and Quebec, and these recruits will proceed with all convenient haste to the headquarters at Regina where they will undergo a three

months' course of instruction.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE. As the week closes Ottawa is preclose after a hearty vote of thanks was paring to say good-bye to the noble tendered to the chairman, the per- Five Hundred of Strathcona's Horse formers, the Metropolitan Railway who for the past two or three weeks Company, and to the many friends have been such familiar figures in our who had assisted in various ways in streets. No Incident in connection adding to the Patriotic Fund. The with the present war has created proceeds, including the collection, greater interest, not only in Canada amounted to \$95,15, and the total ex- but throughout the empire than the princely action of our High Commis-The enthusiastic audience left the sioner in placing this splendidly equiphall feeling that they had seen and ped body of men at the disposal of the heard much to remind them of the War Office; and if Lord Strathcona British Empire, the magnificence of has done his part in providing the their beloved Canada, and the noble means the Dominion has done hers in achievements of those now on active supplying as fine a body of men as will be found in any part of that far-off battlefield, while the Militia Department has once again proved equal to the demand upon it, and has carried out the wishes of the great Canadian imperialist in the manner to which no exception can be taken. The boys leave here on Monday to sail a few days later from Halifax, carrying with them, as their comrades in arms of the previous contingents have done, the admiration and the prayers of the great Dominion which we know they will so worthily represent.

#### Maple

Last Saturday morning the shop oc-House; for the imperialist McNeill to cupied by Mr. J. Rose, tinsmith, and seek to subvert at one fell blow the owned by Mr. H. Bailey, also the most cherished British traditions and stable adjoining owned by Mr. L. introduce a very reprehensible Ameri- Richardson, were destroyed by fire, canism into Canadian procedure was Both buildings were well insured, so astonishing that even his own Most of the contents of the shop were leader could not stand it, and the pro- saved, and Mr. Rose's loss is partly posal of the member for North Bruce covered by insurance. For the present he is carrying on his business in Then Sir Charles Tupper himself the shop lately occupied by E. B.

would place the whole work of redis- were married in Toronto on Wednes-Quite a large number from Maple

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, A. F. & A. M. of this place had a very pleasant time Tuesday night. R. W. Bro. Mc-Pherson, D. D. G. M. of the District, paid an Official visit on that occasion, and a large number of the members of the craft were present from Richmond Hill, Thornhill, King City and other places. As a second and a third degree were conferred upon two members it was late before the brethren left the lodge room for the lower hall where refreshments were served. Before leaving the upper room the distinguished visitor criticized in a friendly spirit the work which came under his observation and complimented the officers who filled the various chairs. The supper was gotten up under the supervision of Bro. R. Rumble, and was first-class. W. M., J. A. McDonald presided, and after the supper the usual toasts were proposed and ably responded to. "The Queen" was duly honored by all singing the National much volume, and the musically-in- summarized the incident very accu- Anthem. "The Grand Lodge of Canfrom R. W. Bro. McPherson and the following were among those who replied in connection with "Our Visiting Brethren:" Carley, Nicholls, Davis, Savage, Hopper, McMahon & Elliott. The visitors expressed the pleasure it gave them to be present and enjoy the hospitality and good-fellowship. After the chairman and Vice-chairman-Bro. Saigeou-responded on behalf of "Vaughan Lodge" the Junior Warden's toast was given and the

brethren separated. BURGOS CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR Ripans Tabules: one gives relief.

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