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## Annual Oratorical Contest At The Public School

Marguerite Glass Declared The Winner in Senior Class.

The annual oratorical contest for pupils of the public school sponsored by the Home and School club was held on Tuesday evening in the public school. There was a good attendance of pupils and parents and was evidence of the interest shown in this annual event. In all twenty boys and girls took part in the contest and every one is deserving of honorable mention for the excellence of their addresses. The subject material of all was very good and the delivery reflected credit on the training received in the class-rooms. Mr. A. E. Plewman president of the Home and School club ably presided and his opening remarks drew attention to the importance of the art of public speaking as it was a requirement of the present day that a man or a woman should be able to express themselves intelligently in public.

Marguerite Glass was accorded the premier honors of the evening being chosen the winner in the senior competition for students of the fourth class. Her subject was "The British People" and her address was rich in subject matter and delivered with an eloquence which was received with much favor. Vivian Routley was awarded second prize for her speech, "Factors Tending to the Greatness of the British Empire" and Ruth Reaman won the third prize taking as her subject "The British Empire." Other speakers were Ivan Wheelen, Robert Little, Jean Middleton, Mary Gillings, Laurence Smith.

Catherine Stanford won the first prize in the junior competition and her subject was "Australia," Walter Dale second speaking on the life of Clive and Douglas Gilbert was accorded third place for his speech on Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. Other speakers in the junior class were Bruce Armstrong "Lord Nelson," Tommy Gillings, "Coal Mining," Ruth Davis, "Joan D'Arc," Joe Mills, "Tecumseh," Mathew Healey "Thomas Edison," Cecelia Rice, "David Livingstone," May Ross, "Grace Darling,"

Margaret Rumble, "Laura Secord," Harry Sayers, "The Death of Brock." Messrs McDonald, Irwin and Brown respective principals of the Aurora, Thornhill and Willowdale schools acted as judges and in giving their decisions complimented all the speakers on their addresses. During the evening musical numbers were given by Ivan Wheelen and Louise Armstrong. Short addresses were also given by chairman G.H. Duncan of the Board of Education; J.G. Routley, Jas. Armstrong, Principal Walter Scott, Mrs. W.O. Wright, R.S. Cooper and Walter Scott sr.

The following is verbatim report of the winning oration of Marguerite Glass:—  
Madam Chairman, Honourable Judges, ladies and gentlemen and fellow pupils. The Home and School Club, have given us the privilege to speak on any subject, in connection with the British Empire. I have chosen for my topic the British People.

England is a great country, and so are its people. They have shown the characteristic island dwellers' passion for freedom, and there exists nowhere to-day a more liberty loving people than they. In every place to which civilization has penetrated, Englishmen are found. They never have lost the adventurous ways of their forefathers. You may find Englishmen on lands far beyond the seas. They are independent, determined, progressive and possessed of decided executive ability and mechanical skill.

The English are not a pure race, such as the Greeks were. They are descendants of the Britons' Angles, Jutes, Saxons and Normans. While the population of Britain is not pure, and have originated from different nationalities, there are comparatively few what you may call real foreigners, their language, too is one of the most wonderful languages in the world.

England is the most densely populated country in the world. In 1921 its inhabitants numbered 35,678,500 people, to an area of 50,933 square miles.

In city dwelling people, England leads the world. Over seventy eight per cent. of its population live under city conditions, and while the people of England are among the most aristocratic, they are one of the most democratic, and in no other country in the world is free speech more free.

The English people have always been interested in education, and real illiteracy stands at the low percentage of 5.8 but it is only in recent years that the educational system has been well organized. For many years it has relied upon Private Schools for its education, but many of these Private schools were criticized in the writings of Dickens, and it is believed that through his writings, the government was moved to bring about the Educational system of the present time. After the re organization elementary and continuation schools were formed. These schools were supported partly by the community and partly by the government. To-day children from five to eighteen years, are compelled to attend some school, and child labour and neglected education is a thing of the past and their educational system has become one of the best in the world.

Englishmen are engaged in manufacturing Mining, Fishing, Agriculture and shipping. England has one of the largest mercantile fleets in the world. The farms of England are made up of small holdings, and are kept in a very high state of cultivation, and their yield to the acre is very large. As for fishing, Billingsgate London is the largest fish market in the world. In Mining they are engaged in iron, lime, tin, but the greatest is coal. Their manufactures are cutlery, cotton, woollen, and iron, all these occupations have been brought to a very high proficiency.

In art and literature England stands well up with the leaders, as statesmen they are second to none.

I honour the British People and we in Canada should be proud of our British connection, and may the different parts of this great Empire ever remain loyal and true.

I thank you.

#### Curlers Won and Lost

Richmond Hill district cup rinks won and lost in Toronto this week. They defeated Lakeview club by a score of 38-32 and were defeated by Oakwood club 40-25. The rinks are receiving congratulations on their good showing and are now looking forward to the promised trip to Winnipeg as guests of a generous member of the club. The district rinks were:—J. Atkinson, J. Dewsbury, A.G. Savage, E.T. Stephens skip. F. Webster, T.H. Trench, W.W. Trench, Jas. McLean, skip.



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