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METCALFE PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Wednesday evening the people of Metcalfe and vicinity showed their patriotism in no uncertain way when they crowded their pretty town hall from the platform to the outside doors till there was not room for even a mouse to move.

The hall was tastefully draped in red, white and blue, while the stage bore a truly military appearance with the arms of England surrounded on all sides by bayonets and flags decorating it. On the platform were seated Mr. Fraser, M. P., of Guysbon, N. S., Mr. Powell, M. P., from New Brunswick; Mr. W. C. Edwards, M. P., for Russell the Rev'ds. Clarke, Robinson, Father Cavanagh, Goodwillie of Metcalfe and Saddler, of Russell. Mr. W. C. Edwards as chairman called the audience to order at 8 o'clock and from that time it was a continual feast of beauty, music and eloquence till 12.30 when a most enjoyable concert was brought to close by singing God save the Queen.

The first selection on the programme was given by the Metcalfe orchestra and consisted of National airs, rendered in the orchestra's usual good style. Then came the chairmans address after which the chorus, The Maple Leaf Forever was sung by the choir.

Rev. F. G. Robinson addressed the people on the present war in which he shewed that England was perfectly right in her action in defending herself against the transvaal, and that the outcome of it would be success for England and better times for South Africa. Soldiers of the Queen was splendidly rendered by Mr. T. A. Hicks.

Rev. C. B. Clarke gave an excellent address on Patriotism in which he pointed out that Patriotism was an attribute of Christianity and as one of the grandest things on earth.

Mr. B. S. McConnell sang in a stirring manner "The Death of Nelson."

After this song the prettiest of flag drills was given by the young ladies of Metcalfe, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Campbell. Combined with the drill the recitation "Tis only an old bit of Bunting" was given in a very excellent manner by Ernest Whiteside, and the ladies sang the Red, White and Blue.

After the drill Mr. R. Sargison sang a Patriotic composition of his own. "The Boys of Canada" It was received with delight by the large audience.

Mr. J. J. Smith sang in a very acceptable manner "Red Coats and Tar."

Another selection by the orchestra and the chorus, Rule Britannia brought the program to Rev. Father Cavanagh's address on the Roman Catholic, the Queen and the Throne. The Rev. gentleman proved that he was an able and eloquent speaker who thoroughly believes England to be the best country in the world, and also shewed that the church to which he belongs teaches, as one of its first principals, loyalty to the higher powers, and, unless a Catholic accepts this principal he has committed an unpardonable sin. He referred to some of the old statutes referring to Catholics that that have become obsolete, which should be repealed and if this was done there would be no cause to hint at the disloyalty of the Roman Catholic church. These statutes are all against Christian principals, and on that account alone should be removed. After Father Cavanagh's able address Mr. Frank Iveson sang "The Flag for me" in a stirring manner.

Then another feast of beauty came, in the shape of a scharf drill by the little ladies of Metcalfe and vicinity under the direction of Miss Lila MacDougall. It was simply bewitching and when the little ladies disappeared behind a wall of red, white and blue scharfs at the end of the drill the hall became a perfect tumult of cheering and applause.

Mr. Fraser "the giant of the House of Commons" next addressed the audience. He said that the Canadians must ever conquer for "Did ever a conquerer come from the South" and suggested that a contingent of Canadian young ladies be sent to the front, for no force could oppose them, but would at once become the prisoners of their bright faces and beautiful eyes. Cheers. He next referred to the quiet loyalty that always pervaded Canada and said that the present outburst was not a new spirit, but just a sudden bursting into flame of a smouldering and quiet spirit that ran throughout the whole Dominion. The present war would give to Africa the same government that Canada has and also it would be a lesson to other nations that it was not only the Mother land they had to attack in case of war, but the whole of our British Empire. Mr. Frasers address was one burst of eloquence from beginning to end, and while he spoke the great crowd never moved.

Mr. Krupp sang John Bull's children, after which the Rev. T. A. Sadler gave a very patriotic address in which he said it was good to be an Irishman these days for it was one of the proudest moments of Ireland's history when the deeds of her sons in Africa were in everyone's mouth.

Rev. Mr. Robinson gained great applause by his song the BritisL Lion.

Rev. Mr. Goodwillie spoke in reference to the patriotic fund after which Mr. T. A. Hicks rendered "Whose that calling."

Mr. Powell of New Brunswick addressed the audience in a very able and eloquent speech in which he was repeatedly cheered. He spoke of the position that England occupied as the "mother of political liberty" and as such her colonies would always be sure of the greatest liberty. He said that as long as we had our navy we need

not fear war, for it was the guarantee of the integrity of the Empire. The speaker in a burst of sublime eloquence referred to the project to build a monument to the Canadian dead. Let us build it by all means, but the best monument they will ever have is in the hearts of the Canadian people whom they have bound forever to the Empire for which they died Cheers.

R. S. McConnell sang stand to your guns.

A very realistic tableau the shooting of the Boer spy was performed under Capt. Walker.

Several times during the evening Mr. W. C. Edwards made short patriotic speeches.

The concert was splendid and the amount realized was \$112.

Metcalf deserves credit for the program given, it was a generous one.

The old veterans were out in force.

It was a "warm bunch" round that platform.

That helmet was a great institution.

Messrs. Fraser and Powell seemed to think that it was only necessary to send a contingent of the ladies present to the front to secure the capture of the Boers. Russell ladies were present too.

It was a noteworthy sight. The different clergymen of the different denominations united in their patriotism. May we see many more of the same kind.

Looking Up at Gibraltar.

Perhaps the favorite sight of Gibraltar is the daily procession at sundown for the locking of the town gates. The keeper of the keys, looking very like a prisoner despite his uniform, marches through the town in the center of a military guard, preceded by a regimental band, which plays inspiring and familiar tunes. The keys, of enormous size, are borne aloft before him as an outward and visible emblem of the vigilance of Britain in guarding her prime military treasure.

On arriving at the gates the guard salutes, the martial strains strike up with a redoubled paean of triumph, while the great doors slowly swing to and are solemnly locked for the night. Then right about turn, and the procession marches back to the convent to deposit the keys in the governor's keeping, conveying by its passage an assurance to the people and garrison that they may rest in peace.

Once the gates are shut, it were easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for any unauthorized person to go into Gibraltar. Even a belated officer returning from pig sticking beyond the lines would be confronted by so many formalities and the necessity of inconveniencing so many high personages that he would probably prefer to encounter the discomfort of a Spanish inn without.

It Was So Different.

"This reminds me, said a man going home on a crowded Amsterdam avenue car the other evening and clinging desperately to a strap to prevent being forced into the lap of a dignified dowager. "This reminds me of a little scene I saw in Paris one afternoon. The train car was about to start for Versailles, and every seat was filled and on the roof, was occupied with about as many more waiting with their numbered slips of paper for the next car. The guard discovered that no person more than the regulation allowed had secured a seat on the roof. He politely requested the last man up to come down. The passenger as politely demurred, pointing out that there was room enough for all without crowding. The guard didn't stop to argue, but ran off and came back a moment later with a sergeant de ville. "Descendez, monsieur," said the sergeant curtly, and he descended. Then the car started for Versailles.

"Well, I'm blamed if I can see how that reminds you of this," said the person addressed.

"Can't you?"—New York Commercial Advertiser.

THE SNORE CURE.

The New York woman who cut her husband's throat to prevent him snoring has at least placed an effectual cure on the market.—Washington Post.

Because a New York woman murdered her husband to stop his snoring it does not follow that a man would be justified in killing his wife just because of her cold feet.—Kansas City Times.

A SHORT LETTER.

To the Readers of the Leader.

On Jan'y. 15th, I started a four weeks sale of my goods: at exceeding low prices and the number of orders booked during that sale was greatly beyond my expectations.

The reason that I had that sale was to reduce my stock so as to make room for my Spring goods which have now arrived and are laid on the table for sale.

I feel no hesitancy in saying I now have the largest assortment of goods in the town and I take this opportunity of presenting the list.

23 pieces of suiting at \$9.50 a suit
22 " " " \$10.50 "
12 " " " \$12.50 "
8 " " " \$13.50 "
6 " " " \$15.00 "
12 " Parting from \$3.00 to \$4.50

And a few pieces of black venetra cloths.

A few pieces of tweed at 32 cts. a yd. suitable for boys suits.

To those thinking of getting a Spring suit I extend a cordial invitation to call and examine my goods before placing your order with any other tailor.

With kind regards,

I am

Yours truly,

A. P. MORRIS,

RUSSELL.

GROWING

Silver King and Silver Queen Flour.

ARE GROWING IN FAVOR ALL THE TIME

The praise given it by the people, who use it, is its best guarantee of its quality.

SILVER KING \$1.85 a cwt.

SILVER QUEEN \$1.75 a cwt.

Every Bag Guaranteed By Its Makers.

FOR SALE BY

KENNEY BROS.

P.S.—Another car of corn coming. In another issue of the Leader, we will quote prices.

Russell Woolen Mills Thos. Corscadden & Son.

SEE! SEE!

A Great Display of Choice Spring Goods Just Arrived.

GENTLEMEN—If wanting a nobby up-to-date suit—come early and have first choice.

They are composed of Scotch Tweeds, Canadian Tweeds, English Worsted's, Serges, Etc.

All to be sold at the lowest prices possible as

were bought before the big advance in Woolens.

P.S.—LADIES GIVE US A CALL WHEN WANTING AN UP-TO-DATE JACKET.

G. A. PADEN,

The Tailor.

RUSSELL,

ONT

"Clearing Sale"

THE

Balance of my Stock

—OF—

BOOTS & SHOES

Will be Sold Regardless of Cost.

SPECIAL VALUE

—IN—

Tea & Coffee,

Spices.

Fruit,

Fish,

Canned Goods,

Patent Medicines, &c., &c.

Extra Value

—IN—

WHIPS.

Come Early and Secure Bargains.

Store and Dwelling to Rent.

P. R. McDonald,

RUSSELL.