

Sporting News

TORONTO PUTS BAN ON FIGHT PICTURES

President Sportsmen Severely Scores Ministerial Association For Interfering

Thanks to the efforts of the ministerial association the Toronto Sportsmen's Patriotic Association has been denied the right to assist the Canadian soldiers on active service and to provide a club for those who return. To the citizens of Toronto the disbanding of the sportsmen's body will come as a sensation, when the work already accomplished is taken into consideration. But the work is now at an end.

Permission was given the sportsmen to produce the motion pictures of the Johnson-Willard fight in Massey Hall on Wednesday from 10 o'clock in the morning to 11 o'clock at night, but as a result of representations by the Ministerial Association the permit has been cancelled. In a statement handed out last night by Richard Greer, K.C., president of the Sportsmen's Association, a scathing indictment of the Ministerial Association is contained.

The existence of the Ministerial Association in any work on behalf of soldiers on active service or at home appears to him unknown. He asks what that association has done for men in the trenches, at Niagara Camp or for those returned crippled and workless and declares that though the citizens may be content to hear interference by the Ministerial Association the sportsmen will not.

The authority and the right of meddling with the privileges of the citizens, by the Ministerial Association is left for the people to judge. For the assistance given the association since its inception Mr. Greer extends the sincere thanks of the members.

Mr. Greer's Statement.

The statement issued by Mr. Greer follows:

To the Citizens of Toronto: The Sportsmen's Patriotic Association was formed for the purpose of helping our men on active service by providing the means of amusement in their spare time. To obtain the necessary funds we appealed to our immediate friends, and through the kindly assistance of some experienced men who knew how to entertain the public we gave exhibitions which realized large sums of money.

We have spent thousands of dollars for the men in the trenches, and have sent goods there, as well as paying a thousand dollars in cash for a band for them. We have supplied Niagara Camp with every conceivable kind of games and sporting goods, and are daily shipping more. All these things have been done quietly, but they were done, and, finally, while all others wondered what could be done for the returned soldier, we got a club for him, which was to be opened to-day, and had the fullest arrangements made to care for him, and meet him at the train.

We needed money for this purpose and we intended to show the Johnson-Willard fight pictures on Wednesday next to help defray the expenses and had advertised it extensively. The Ministerial Association has attempted to interfere with us on other occasions and now have prevented the fight pictures being shown. This clubhouse for the soldiers was to cost us some

thousands of dollars, and the club was undertaken because we saw the money in sight from the pictures. We did not want to beg; we wanted the public to feel that our name was good in the community and we succeeded beyond our expectations.

Where was the Ministerial Association when Alf Haywood wanted his band? What did they send to the men in the trenches? What did they do for the Niagara Camp? We leave this to your judgment. You may be satisfied to hear the interference of this body longer. We refuse to do so and now advise our many friends that our association has disbanded and before closing extend our sincere thanks to the thousands in this good city who had trusted us with their money.

We spent it well and you may well be proud of your generosity.

R. H. GREER,
President Sportsmen's
Patriotic Association.

B. C. INDIANS SHOW GREAT PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 21.—The Royal Commission on Indian affairs which has returned from a visit to the tribes in the Northern districts of the Province reports that everywhere throughout the entire North country at present burning patriotism and fervent loyalty are the outstanding characteristics of the Indian peoples. Albeit they unquestionably feel themselves unfairly discriminated against under several phases of law and administration, they have no room for conjecture as to the quality of their devotion to the flag and all it represents in this day of crisis. They are not only subscribing liberally to all war funds, but also sending an unusually high percentage of sturdy young men to demonstrate the solidarity of the Empire in the far-flung battle line.

The Haidahs, of the Queen Charlotte Islands, have sent over twenty with the several contingents. The Timpanians have given of their best picked young men. Ernest Valsey, John Rutland (Metlakatla), Simon Green, W. Egan, C. Ryan, E. Moody, W. Gosnell, E. Althouse and H. Bunton (Port Simpson), with nineteen other volunteers to follow, these having passed medical examination and been accepted. The Nishgas are actively engaged in recruiting and expect to send a like number, these three tribes pointing out with pride that their number, of volunteers in proportion to the tribal population is higher than the percentage of white volunteers offering at any of the cities or towns of British Columbia.

"And wouldn't you expect our people to be where the King needs them?" said one of the Nishega councillors a few days ago. "War was the business of the Timpanians and the Haidahs" and the Nishgas until only about half a century ago, and it isn't yet out of our blood."

"Besides," he added, with a smile, "what would you expect of a people who have a Ryan for their chief councillor at Metlakatla, a Kelly for chief councillor at Fort Simpson and a Doyle at Essington?"

The staff and students of the Stratford Normal School are contributing a contribution for a motion picture machine for the soldiers at the front.

WHIRLWIND PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN HELD WITH SPLENDID RESULTS

Was Seen Monday at Halleybury When Sum of \$11,000 Was Raised

As an example of patriotic generosity in regard to contributing towards a collection campaign probably that in Halleybury on Monday last was one of the most beneficial in every way when the splendid sum of \$11,000 was raised by citizens.

The real purpose of the campaign while characterized as patriotic was to supplement the fund for dependents of men who are on active service.

Although the weather was disagreeable for getting around, the large army of collectors stuck to their guns until the last house was canvassed and the last dollar rolled into the treasurer's possession. It was nearly ten o'clock by the time the start was made, and two hours later the huge thermometer placed in front of the central office registered \$2,000, and during the afternoon the amount increased so rapidly as the collectors came pouring in with their contributions that the thermometer was not long enough to register the big figures and it was necessary to tack on a piece in order that the increasing amounts could be recorded for the benefit of the public.

At six o'clock the \$9,000 mark was reached and at ten p.m., when the last reading of the counting machine took place the immense sum of \$11,000 was reported to be the result of the day's work.

The sum of money realized in the canvas was far beyond the expectations of the most optimistic. Seven thousand was placed as the figure likely to be reached. It is fully expected now that the \$12,000 mark will be gathered in before to-day is over. Last night telegrams were sent to five of Halleybury's prominent men who are out of town, and when they are heard from it is said that another thousand will be added to the big day's campaign. The amount of cash received was over one-third the total amount subscribed.

The Patriotic Society and the committee in charge of the work are well pleased with the result of the campaign, and the collectors speak well of the way they were received in the homes visited. The citizens were looking for them and in many cases the subscriptions were given without any solicitation whatever. In the early part of the day the fire bell was rung for every five hundred dollars reached, but this work became so strenuous for the men who pulled the rope that he refused to act during the afternoon. The whole town is well pleased with the liberality of the citizens.

Territorial Areas Are Decided On

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—Recruiting, distribution and organization of the troops in Canada for the winter were amongst the topics discussed at a conference here on Saturday between General Sir Sam Hughes and the officers commanding divisions throughout the country.

It was decided that any centre, large or small, which raises 25 or more men who pass the medical examination will have them clothed, rationed and billeted in that centre. The men will be organized into territorial areas so far as convenient, corresponding to the present militia areas. Shooting galleries and other auxiliaries for indoor training will be utilized.

Books of instruction will be issued, and schools for commissioned and non-commissioned officers will be established in every centre possible.

These troops which are already organized will be stationed and rationed by themselves, but newly organized troops under the plan just arranged will be billeted where there is not sufficient accommodation to keep them together.

Some trouble has occurred in connection with a number of professional deserters who have gone from regiment to regiment and enlisted for a time, disappearing when the regiment sailed for Europe. Photographic records of recruits will now be kept.

Attractions at The Empire Theatre

The Empire Theatre have arranged to show for Monday and Tuesday of next week a thrilling western drama in five parts, featuring Mr. Robert Edeson in the title role.

The management seem to have ascertained the manner in which public tastes vary and so they give their audience a complete change of scene from last week's enjoyable presentation of Mary Pickford in the classic fairy tale of Cinderella, and offer a screen portrayal of the great play "Where the Trail Divides."

Following is a short synopsis: Little "How" an Indian boy, following the uprising of the Indians, is adopted by Col. Lander and taken to his home. Little Bessie Rowland, about the same age, is also adopted by Col. Lander, Bessie's parents having been killed in the uprising.

Bessie and "How" grow up together and at the age of fifteen "How" is sent to school and makes rapid headway in the white man's mode of civilization and education. Graduation time comes and Col. Lander and Bess visit "How" and are met there by Craig, Col. Lander's nephew.

Craig showers so much attention on Bess that "How" becomes jealous. At the graduation dance, Craig proposes to Bess and is refused, while "How" presses his suit and is accepted.

They all start for Buffalo Butte Ranch at Coyote City. "How" displays his courage by cowing a bully. Later Craig, who has learned of the engagement of Bess and "How" attacks "How" but gets the worst of it.

Arriving at the ranch, Craig brings on a violent scene with Col. Lander with the result that Col. Lander is attacked by heart failure and dies. Col. Lander wills all to Craig and Bess.

Craig orders "How" from the ranch. "How" buys a cabin and land and he and Bess are married. "How" then goes on a long trip and, returning unexpectedly, discovers Bess and Craig in each other's embrace. He says "I give you your freedom," and rushes out into the hills to fight it out alone.

A year later Craig and Bess are married. In the meantime "How" has discovered oil on the property he gave Bess and follows the Craigs to New York. Bess discovers that Craig is unfaithful and witnesses his being humiliated by "How."

After many difficulties, "How" convinces Bess that her property is worth a fortune and prevails upon her to return west, meantime keeping Craig a prisoner all night, to give Bess a long start.

A few weeks elapse and "How" receives a telegram from Bess asking him to come West immediately. He does so.

Craig follows them west and attacks Bess and endeavors to steal the deed to the property. "How" arrives just in the nick of time and disposes of Craig, and shortly after Bess and "How" are married again, as he says "Let us find a trail to happiness together" and the picture dissolves while the lovers embrace.

Thursday and Friday of next week will see the grotesque comedy favorite of America, Charlie Chaplin, in "Tillie's Punctured Romance," a film that has created a furor of amusement in all the large cities of the continent.

World's Quarter Mark By High School Boy

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Frank Sloman, a Frisco high school boy, broke the world's interscholastic 440-yard record here this week by running the distance in 48 1-5 seconds. The performance is three-fifths of a second faster than the previous record made by Ted Meredith on the Princeton University track on May 18, 1912. Sloman jumped into fame this year and he made such a fine showing against Meredith in the National A.A.U. championships at the exposition that the eastern experts and athletes were surprised and immediately predicted a record breaking future for the youngster.

The race in which Sloman broke Meredith's mark was in a regularly sanctioned meet at the exposition track, and it was run on the quarter-mile circuit, so there will not be any grounds for a kick about the genuineness of the record. Sloman trained specially for the race for about a month.

Sarnia will raise \$10,000 for the British Red Cross by voluntary subscription.

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