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ONTARIO RED CROSS HAD SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Funds Secured for Work of Outpost Hospitals for Pioneers of North Land and Other Purposes

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society held in Toronto last week, reports on the campaign for funds, which has been in progress since June, show that over \$200,000 has been raised by subscription in the Province, with some communities still to be reported. The funds raised in this summer, with the addition of nearly \$100,000.00, which will be derived from patients' fees, etc., will bring the total gross receipts up to about \$300,000.00 for the year.

The expenditures in Ontario by the Red Cross this year, will be about exactly the same as the gross receipts. Therefore, to continue the wonderful work which the Red Cross is doing, campaigns for funds must be held annually.

Reports of the different departments of the administrative services show a continuous development and increasing demands for Red Cross services such as Junior Branches and Outpost Hospitals.

There are now in operation, nineteen small Red Cross Hospitals located at widely separated points in Northern Ontario. Two more will be opened before the end of the year, and several applications are in for others.

The Red Cross must meet the ever-growing need for this service amongst our pioneers, and the public are showing that they are thrilled with the opportunity of rising to their privileges of supporting it financially.



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CAPTAIN PLUNKETT AND HIS DUMBELLS COMING

Will be Here on Dec. 30th and 31st Under the Auspices of the Timmins I.O.D.E.

After nine years of catering to the theatrical tastes of the Canadian patrons of The Dumbells annual revues, Captain Plunkett is undoubtedly in a better position to judge the songs, sketches and material needed to insure the success in this country than is any other producer.

That he has used this knowledge to its fullest advantage is amply evidenced by the spectacular success of his latest production, "O, La, La!" which is billed for the Goldfields theatre, Dec. 30 and 31st, under the auspices of the Timmins I.O.D.E.

Not only has the show proved immensely popular with Canadian audiences right from the beginning of the season in Toronto, but it has found equal favour with our neighbours to the south. One reviewer in Buffalo was of the opinion that if the New York producers did not take a leaf from Captain Plunkett's book and provide a few clean shows with real comedy, that the theatres might well make an arrangement with Captain Plunkett to produce and bring across several shows every season.

A well-known humorist likened the popularity of The Dumbells revue to the interest that would be displayed if Lady Godiva rode down Main street on a white horse. He hadn't seen a good clean show or a white horse in years. One thing is sure, the people who go to make up the steady patrons of any theatre in any country, recognize and appreciate good singing, clean comedy, and artistic stage settings. These are the prime requisites—and it is the abundance of these basic qualities that The Dumbells owe their long and highly successful career as entertainers.

Not only has Captain Plunkett been particularly fortunate in his selection of material, but has added some splendid talent to his former cast of established favourites and appreciably added to the singing and acting strength of the organization this season.

SEVERAL TRIED TO TRICK TOWN TAX COLLECTOR.

Recently a man paid his taxes amounting to something like \$170.00. He handed in a roll of what appeared to be all ten dollar bills. In the hurry of the day which was a busy one, the bills were hastily counted, and found to be seventeen in number, and so the change was made and the matter closed so far as the collector was concerned. The roll, however, was put in the till by itself, and at the end of the day was counted again, and this time it was found that one lone bill in the centre of the pack was only a poor five-dollar one. The collector had to make good the short-change, but naturally watched to see that the same trick did not happen again. In the following days he had several rolls of bills supposed to be all of the one denomination, but the count would show that near the centre of the roll would be one bill of smaller value. The trick, of course, worked only the once, all the other taxpayers having to produce more money to meet the difference from that one smaller bill that somehow or other, had gotten into the centre of the roll. It may be that the cases were all actual mistakes, unintentional, and with every body honest. On the other hand it may be that a few of the tax-payers may believe that it is not so wrong to beat the tax collector,—if you can. So much care and attention, however, is being given to the tax collector's duties these days,—as evidenced by the audit of the tax collector's books,—that it will take a new trick to get by tax office.

THE HALF HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS OFFICE

In commenting editorially last week on an article in The Advance relative to the need for new post-offices at Timmins and Kirkland Lake, The Northern News, of the latter place, says:—

"Just why the new towns of the North should have to put up with the inconvenience of insufficient space in which to transact government business is hard to understand. There are towns in the older parts of Ontario that have magnificent government buildings and do not do one half the business that is transacted in towns like Timmins and Kirkland Lake. While we have no doubt that Timmins needs a new post office, we do know that the present system in vogue in Kirkland Lake is a disgrace, not only to the town but also to the government. Postmaster Elliott and his assistants are doing all they can to relieve matters, but assistance must come and come early from those higher up."

In reply The Advance would suggest that while Kirkland Lake no doubt needs a new post office very badly, words are scarcely adequate to describe the inadequacy and smallness of the post office building at Timmins. From his fire ranging tower at Elk Lake Mr. H. A. Preston must often get a dizzying whiff of this building in the summer time. Even Premier King was moved to say years ago:—"Timmins should have had a new post office long ago."

The trouble with an automobile is that you can't teach it to shy at a locomotive.—Perth Examiner.

WOLF SNAPPED AT BOY AFTER BEING WOUNDED

This is the open season again for wolf stories. Here is one more yarn by The Sudbury Star last week:—

"When 16 year old Clarence Hobden, of Whitefish, grabbed by the tail a wolf he had shot, he lost a year's growth as the animal turned and made a snap at his arm. Clarence let go right away and took another shot at the wolf before it got too far away. The second time he made sure it was dead before he attempted to pick it up. The incident occurred on Nov. 16th when he bagged two wolves in Graham township about half a mile from the Whitefish station, on which he is claiming the government bounty of \$15 a head. Maec Duquette, of Milnet, is claiming bounty on two wolves which he shot last October near his home and Dan Devost, of Morgan Township, reports another wolf that he shot in Rayside Township on Nov. 5th."

BOBBED HAIR FASHION KEEPS COBALT BARBER

The following interesting despatch, presumably written by the mayor of Cobalt, who is the correspondent for several outside newspapers, will be of more or less general interest:—

"Illustrating his point that, because of altered conditions in the camp, financial caution would have to be the watchword of the Town Council next year more than ever before, Mayor Lendrum told the ratepayers on Monday night that he had been informed by a local barber that it was the women's business that was keeping his place going. According to the mayor his informant had said that, on one day recently, only one male customer had appeared until five o'clock in the afternoon, and he left 25 cents. But for the changed styles in hair-dressing, which required women to patronize the barber, he would not have made enough that particular day to pay expenses, this tonsorial artist told the mayor."

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAR ACCORDING TO PRINCE

The Halifax Herald has an editorial regarding the nation responsible for the late unpleasantness. The Herald says:—

Denials of German war-guilt are futile in light of the damning facts disclosed in Prince Liehnowsky's book, On the Way to a Precipice, just published. The writer of this book was German Ambassador in London at the out-break of hostilities—and he places the responsibility for the war directly upon his own country or at least, upon the then rulers of his own country.

Prince Liehnowsky's revelations and charges are as sensational as they are history-making and we are surprised that they have not received greater attention.

Great Britain the former German Ambassador depicts as the nation that worked hardest for the preservation of peace. And his conclusions are unanswerable.

As we consider this week, we go back to the records and here find this passage in a communication from Prince Liehnowsky to Sir Edward Grey, dated in London, June 28, 1914:—"I begin to hope that it has once more been possible, owing to Anglo-German collaboration, to save the peace of Europe."

But he was deceived—by his own superiors. And now he says that "just one gesture on the part of Berlin would have sufficed to induce the Austrian Foreign Minister to be satisfied with his diplomatic success," i.e., the Serbian reply.

Liehnowsky certainly has given his countrymen "something to go on with."

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Last week at London, England, the ceremonial mixing of a huge Christmas pudding for King George from ingredients specified in the Empire Marketing Board's official recipe, attracted high dignitaries from all wards of the ancient City of London to the Mansion House, home of the Lord Mayor.

Representatives from the British Dominions and Colonies attended, and saw the fruits, spices and foodstuffs from their homelands weighed, measured, mixed and finally put to boil for 20 hours on the huge range of the Mansion House kitchen.

The well-boiled delicacy will be turned over by the Earl of Meath, founder of the British Empire Day movement, to Sir Charles Batho, the Lord Mayor of London, for safekeeping.

When Christmas approaches, the pudding goes in state to Buckingham Palace. However, the King may not eat it. He gets as many Christmas puddings as Presidents of the United States get Thanksgiving turkeys. One pudding is kept for the palace board and the others go to orphan homes and other institutions.

Old England furnished beer and breadstuffs for the pudding while the rest of the ingredients came from 12 overseas Dominions and Colonies.

The full recipe of the pudding mixed at the Mansion House today follows:

- Five pounds of currants from Australia.
- Five pounds of sultanas from Australia.
- Three pounds of stoned raisins from South Africa.
- Four and one-half pounds of mixed apples from Canada.
- Five pounds of bread crumbs from the United Kingdom.
- Five pounds of beef suet from New Zealand.
- Two pounds of cut candied fruit peel from South Africa.
- Two and one-half pounds of flour from the United Kingdom.
- Two and one-half pounds of Demerara sugar from the West Indies.
- Twenty eggs from the Irish Free State.
- Two ounces of ground cinnamon

from Ceylon.
—One and one-half ounces ground cloves from Zanzibar.
—One and one-half ounces ground nutmegs from the Straits Settlements.
—One teaspoonful pudding spice from India.
—One gill of brandy from Cyprus.
—Two gills of rum from Jamaica.
—Three quarts of old beer from England.



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