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BOARD OF TRADE CONCERT WAS A REAL TREAT FRIDAY NIGHT

The concert given for the Board of Trade last Friday night in Ratcliffe's Hall, was a decided success from all angles. In the early part of the evening it looked as if there was a barrier in the way, when the town lighting plant went out of business. Everyone, however, got busy and lights were soon forthcoming, and although a little late in starting, there was no waiting for the different turns to be put on for the approval of the audience.

Miss Annie Lehman opened the program with a pianoforte selection, which the audience applauded with vim. Miss Morgason sang soprano solos and was well received by the audience. Master Tom Marr, the juvenile humorist, sang a comic song and was encored to the limit. Messrs. Drewery and Pratt, in their duets, pleased everyone. Miss Ivy Saunders pleased everyone with the Highland Fling, while Mrs. Thompson delighted everyone with her readings. Mrs. Scott and daughter played beautifully on the piano. Miss Lena Sanders, in a monologue, made her audience sit up and take notice, as she impersonated the different characters in her inevitable style. Mr. Pratt's solos were well rendered, and Mr. Latcham, the Magician, left all wondering how the different tricks were done, and they are still wondering. Misses Lehman and Hodgson sang a duet which was beautifully rendered. Miss Janet Marr in the Sword Dance, was admired by all as she tripped the light fantastic across the swords. Miss Lena Sanders, class in Folk Dances, received a big hand and they deserved it. Mr. Drewery rendered a beautiful solo, and the Stouffville juveniles danced the Scotch Reel in great style. The set consisted of Misses Ethel Sanders, Ivy Saunders, Janet Marr and Master Tom Marr. It was a great number and was well received. For the encore, Phyllis danced the Sailor's Hornpipe to the audience's great delight. MacDoodle's Band was another strong turn on the program. As the curtain was pulled to the strains of "Jingle Bells" the audience just rocked in their seats. The MacDoodles were all there—Sambe, MacDoodle, Key, MacDoodle, P. C. MacDoodle, and the other MacDoodles, as well as Wee MacDoodle, all acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

The music was good, the testimonials of Stouffville's M.D.'s were good and everything was taken as it was meant. It was a scream from start to finish. The proceeds should help the town in general, inasmuch as it will mean that so much more will be paid off the park property. The Board of Trade wish to thank all those who so ably helped to make the concert such a success.

Mrs. Oldham Insane

Mrs. Annie Oldham of Mount Albert has been declared insane by a jury and therefore cannot be tried for murder. During the hearing before Chief Justice Meredith the shouts of Mrs. Oldham echoed through the court, but the case lasted less than an hour. Mrs. Oldham will be confined to the asylum on Queen street under observation. Dr. O. B. Cody of Mount Albert was called by Gordon Waldron, K.C., crown counsel. He testified that Mrs. Oldham had admitted giving poison to the child of her daughter, but had declared that she killed it because it was a devil. The daughter was between nineteen and twenty years of age and was present at home with the father. Dr. Cody believed Mrs. Oldham was not mentally sound.

An emphatic statement of Mrs. Oldham's insanity was given by Dr. Harvey Clare of the Ontario Hospital for the Insane, Queen street west, Toronto. "Mrs. Oldham is insane," said Dr. Clare. "Did she say anything of the killing?" "Yes, she intends to justify herself, and declares why should I not kill it, it was a devil," said Dr. Clare. Dr. Herbert Johnston of Mount Albert, called by the defense, said he had known Mrs. Oldham for three years.

Did you form an opinion of her mental condition prior to the death of the child? he was asked. "I had advised her husband to have her taken to the Ontario Hospital. At this juncture Mrs. Oldham rose to her feet in the prisoners box and directed words to the jurymen, insisting that she did not do wrong, but that it was a devil. Then she turned to Dr. Johnston and declared she had wanted to shoot him."

In addressing the jury, Justice Meredith said: "The law does not allow anyone who is unfit to take trial to be tried here on any charge. If you find the prisoner is unfit on the ground of insanity, then the trial will not proceed. If she should become sane at a later date then she may be put on trial. It is for you to say if that woman is at the present time fit for her trial. You may retire or give your verdict now. The verdict was given without retiring."

Graded Potatoes will demand Higher Prices

A great many of the Tribune readers will be interested in the amendments made last session of the Dominion parliament to the "Root Vegetable Act" in so far as it pertains to the marketing of potatoes. We venture to say not many farmers are aware such an act is on the statutes. Nevertheless it has the endorsement of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture. The object of the act is to induce farmers to grade their potatoes, and while it is not compulsory to do so, many shippers are refusing to purchase ungraded potatoes. When graded the name of the packer is to appear on every bay or barrel or box, as the case may be, and also the grade, then a penalty is provided for fraudulent marking. In respect to grading, the law reads:

(a) "A quality which shall include only sound, reasonably mature potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are practically free from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, sunburn, abnormal growth, growth cracks, cuts, scab, blight, soft rot, dry rot or damage caused by disease, insects or mechanical or other means. In this grade the diameter of potatoes of the round varieties shall not be less than one and seven eighths inches, and of potatoes of the long varieties one and three fourths inches;

(b) Canada B quality, which shall include only reasonably mature potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are practically free from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury and soft rot, and which are free from serious damage caused by sunburn, cuts, scab, blight, dry rot or other disease, insects, or mechanical or other means. The diameter of potatoes of this grade shall not be less than one and one-half inches.

In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling in each of above two grades five per cent by weight of any lot may be under the prescribed size, and in addition six per cent by weight of any such lot may be below the requirements of this grade; but not more than one-third of such six per cent, that is to say, not more than two per cent by weight of the entire lot, may have the flesh injured by soft rot."

In reference to tags attached to disclose the name of the packer, the Act says:

(1) "Every person who by himself or through the agency of another person offers for sale or sells potatoes by the bag, closed barrel or closed crate or in bulk in car lots shall mark the initials of his Christian names and his full surname and address or, in the case of a firm or corporation, the firm or corporate name and address, and the grade of the potatoes as prescribed by this Act in a plain and indelible manner, before the package is taken from the place where it is packed."

(a) if the potatoes are offered for sale packed in bags on a suitable tag attached to each bag;

(b) if the potatoes are sold or offered for sale packed in closed barrels or closed crates on each barrel in letters not less than three quarters of an inch in length, and on each crate in letters not less than one-half inch in length;

(c) if the potatoes are sold or offered for sale in bulk or car lots on the invoice or bill of lading covering each car lot, and in addition to the particulars aforesaid there shall be marked in a clear manner upon the said invoice or bill of lading, the number of the car and the words, initials or other description marked on the car indicating by whom the car is owned or controlled and the date of shipment of the car.

(2) The grade and other marks used may be accompanied by any other designation or brand if that designation or brand is not inconsistent with or marked more conspicuously than the said grade or other marks.

The Journal has heard of no serious complaints against farmers respecting the marketing of undersized potatoes, but still there are some who do this, and certain the law respecting the packers names being attached to each bag is completely ignored. It would mean a good deal of work to comply with this latter phase.

STOUFFVILLE BANK ROBBED TUESDAY NIGHT OF \$13,000

Made Clean Get Away With Cash and Other Papers

Stouffville experienced the biggest robbery in its history, when on Tuesday night the Standard Bank was visited by what appeared to be a gang of professional robbers, who blew open the safe, and made a get away of something like \$13,000 mostly in cash. The gang who are thought to have come in a large automobile, evidently first visited the tool house belonging to the G.T.R. where they secured heavy hammers and other appliances to force the bank doors. All the telegraph and telephone wires were cut, and in front of the Post Office two large cables containing fifty pairs of wires were sawed through. Having made sure outside help could not be secured readily, the burglars set to work. The gang entered the front door of the bank by forcing the lock. The outer lock of the vault was also forced. The safe was drilled, and blown open, as was also the inner safe. The provincial police believe that nitro-glycerine was used as an explosive.

Noah Hoover, who lives next door to the bank states to The Tribune that he heard three distinct explosions, and he could also hear the gang doing the drilling. Both he and his wife were aroused, but when he struck a light and raised the window, he was ordered to keep in, and put out the light, or he would be shot, said a voice from without. Miss Hoover was also aroused, and could distinctly hear the gang talking outside, and two men guarded their house, one at the front pacing up and down the veranda. Miss Hoover states she could hear a car engine, and distinctly saw the ray of light indicating that the car faced west and stood somewhere to the east of the bank building.

The robbers spent from 3 to 4 o'clock on the job. About 4.30 the alarm was given about town, but as no wires were in order, communication was slow. Mr. A. C. Burkholder, the manager, was notified shortly after five o'clock, and he rushed to Markham and notified Toronto.

When we visited the bank building a few hours after the robbery everything was in a mess, papers and money was blown hither and thither. The robbers evidently did not want small change, for several hundred dollars in silver was scattered about, from the force of the explosion. Perhaps it would have taken a long time to gather up.

One peculiar feature of the robbery is that fifty-four safety deposit boxes were untouched, and two of them containing cash were left on the floor. No business was done at the bank on Wednesday, but the staff was busy taking stock of what was on hand, in an endeavor to ascertain what papers or bonds are missing besides actual money. Detective Boyd was on the job soon after being notified, and with several of his assistants, were hunting for clues to the affair. On Wednesday business was more or less disrupted, owing to the excitement, and to the suspension of all telephone service. A gang of phone men were on the job before noon replacing the damaged cable which is said to be a difficult job.

DEATH OF OCTOGENARIAN

At the age of 84 years, Miss H.A. Morden passed away on Monday, October 23rd, at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Morgason of Goodwood. Deceased lived in Goodwood only a few years, and therefore was not widely known in this section. Mrs. Morgason is the only surviving member of the family. The late Capt. Morgason of Oakville was a brother of the aged lady.

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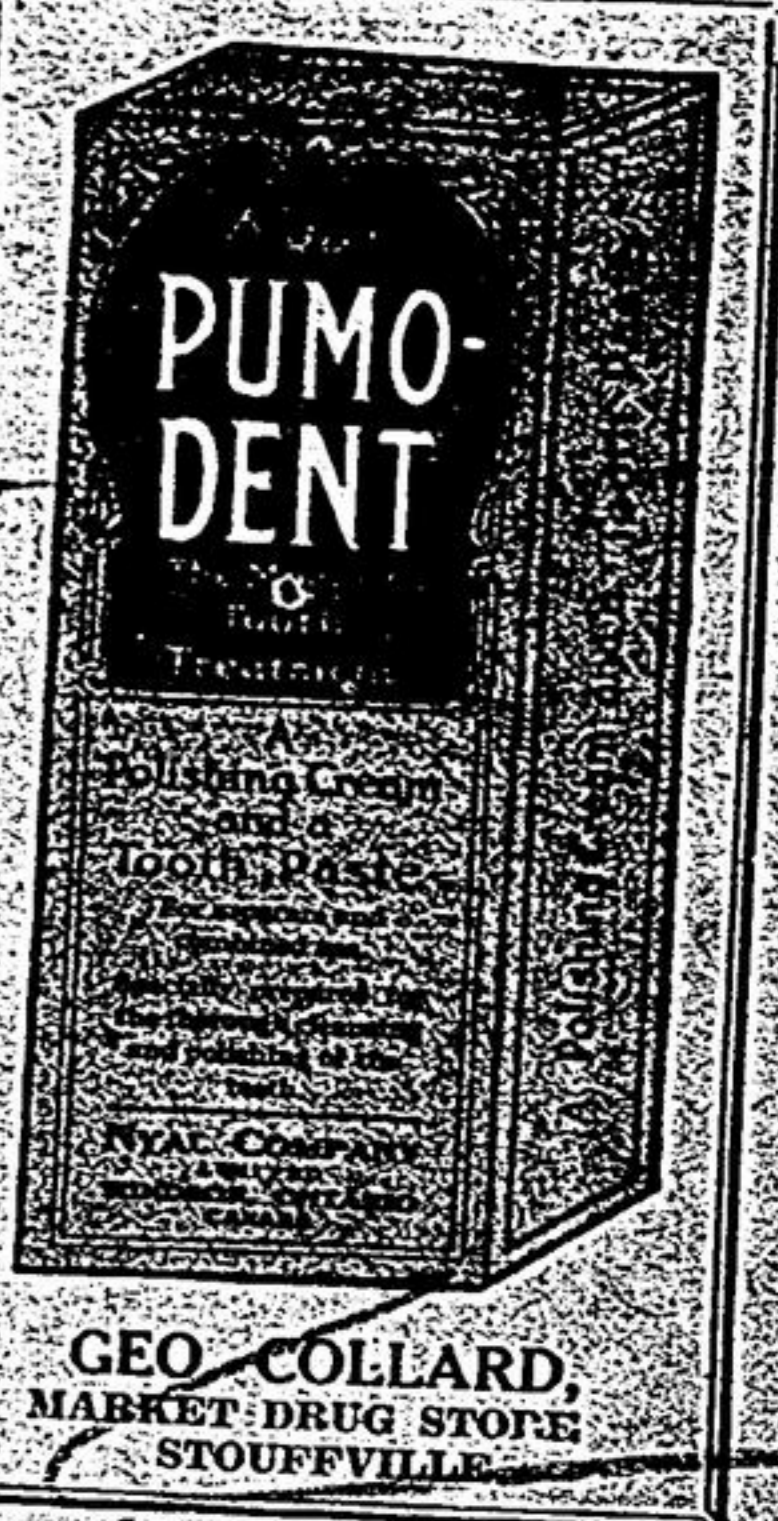
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