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THE I.O.D.E. PROVINCIAL CHAPTER MEETING HERE

Address of Welcome Given by Mrs. H. R. Duff of Kingston Chapter.

From the east, west, and north of Ontario, from the larger cities, from the towns and villages have come this week to Kingston the members of the Provincial Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. They constitute Ontario's members of that splendid band of women who stand behind the men at the front in a special sense during the Great War, and since Armistice Day, 1918, have used their brains, money and influence to heal the wounds of the great conflict, and yet to make it impossible for the children of Canada to forget the part their fathers, yes, and their mothers, took in that great struggle for liberty.

On Thursday morning at eleven o'clock the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Chapter, I.O.D.E., was formally opened in Convocation Hall, Queen's University, with prayer and the singing of the National Anthem. A large number of officers, delegates and members of the local chapters being present. Mrs. H. R. Duff, 1st vice-president of the Kingston municipal chapter, reading the following address of welcome:

"Madam Regent, members of the Ontario Provincial:

"I have been given the honor and I consider it a great one, on behalf of the Kingston Chapters of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, of welcoming you here today. You have been a long time coming Madam Regent, we have wanted you very much and our welcome is sincere and hearty. We are rather far from the heart of things 'way down east' here, and it has not been possible for many of us to attend the provincial meetings and it means a lot, a great lot, to meet face to face with those whose names we know so well and whose words for the order we so much appreciate.

"You have come, many, perhaps most of you, from larger cities but you cannot have come from one more loyal than Kingston and when you visit as I trust you will, the Royal Military College, the Memorial Hall, or even glance at the honor roll in this university, you will see that in the great war, we gave freely and gave our best.

"We hope this meeting will be most successful, that much will be accomplished and an impetus given to the work of the order now that the stimulus of war work is over. You are, I understand, to receive a civic welcome and it would ill-become me to encroach on his, worship the mayor so I will merely repeat, however glad we are to have you and to hope that you may find time to mix a little enjoyment with your arduous work and that you will carry away very pleasant impressions of your visit to Kingston."

Mrs. James O'Reilly Replies. Mrs. James O'Reilly, Cornwall, replied as follows:

"Madame President, fellow members of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, Ladies and Gentlemen: "I feel sure that the visiting members of the Order appreciate fully the very cordial terms in which the Kingston Chapters have welcomed us.

"As an old Kingstonian, I am delighted that this city has been chosen as the place of meeting for 1922 of the Provincial Chapter. It gives us the great pleasure of meeting the charming and energetic members of our order here, many of whom are old and dear friends of mine, and affords those of us who have not previously known this good old city, an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its beauties and scenes of historical interest, and of seeing the admirable educational institutions which have made her a centre of culture and enlightenment.

"That the Kingston members of our order should be noted for their loyalty is only natural. This is the oldest garrison town in Ontario. The Imperial spirit has always prevailed here. Her great sons, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Oliver Mowat, made it the guiding star of their distinguished careers, and every public representative Kingston has had, stood true to that noble impulse.

"It is fitting that we should meet here, and I trust that the result of our labors will be pleasing to those who have extended to us so kindly a welcome."

Thursday Afternoon. The Thursday afternoon programme is as follows:

2.15 p.m.—Minutes of January meeting—Mrs. A. W. Leitch. Report Leitch. Report of Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Griffin. Report of Echoes secretary, Mrs. W. B. Hill. Report of organizing secretary, Mrs. A. H. Melcolmson. Report of educational secretary, Miss W. Gordon. Report of I.O.D.E. war records, Mrs. W. E. Baker.

4 p.m.—Address, Principal Taylor, Queen's University Report of the Mary R. Gooderham Fund, Mrs. F. W. Hudson. Report of Narrative, Hilda, Mrs. W. H. Barker. Life Memberships.

7.45 p.m.—Conference of Regents, Mrs. H. F. Burkholder, president in the chair.

Friday Programme.

9.30 a.m.—Conference of Educational Secretaries, Miss W. Gordon. Secretaries, Mrs. A. W. Leitch.

10 a.m.—Report of Navy League, Mrs. C. E. Burden. Report India, Miss E. L. Mowat. Report Child Welfare, Mrs. A. H. Melcolmson. Report Immigration, Mrs. W. E. Jackson. Re-

ports from conferences, correspondence, committees, finance, press, etc. Resolutions, suggestions, petitions.

2 p.m.—Visit to the Royal Military College. Presentation of picture. General business, place of annual meeting, votes of thanks.

Alderman C. C. Nash, representing his Worship the Mayor, greeted the I. O. D. E. and extended to them the freedom of this historic city. An impressive sight was the entry of the local standard bearers, with their large Union Jacks. Miss Ethel Raymond, Provincial standard bearer, leading Napanee and Gananoque, being affiliated with the Kingston Chapters being also present. Mrs. Burkholder gave a short address of welcome.

A resolution of regret at the death of Hon. J. A. Stewart and of sympathy to Mrs. Stewart, was passed, the members standing.

A resolution was brought forward and after some discussion passed unanimously, that after this year, only one meeting of the provincial chapter will be held during the year and that in January, provision being made for an emergency meeting to be called if necessary.

The secretary reported that a letter had been sent to Hon. Mackenzie King, from the National president, promising co-operation in any step the Government should take regarding the Near East situation. This was endorsed heartily by a meeting of the provincial executive and met with applause from the meeting.

The National President had sent out an appeal to the Chapters for aid for the fire sufferers in Northern Ontario, aid to be sent through the proper channels.

"CARMEN" AT THE GRAND.

Grand Opera Splendidly Presented on Wednesday Evening.

The presentation of the Grand Opera "Carmen" by the De Feo Grand Opera Company at Grand on Wednesday evening delighted a large audience that included the elite of the city and the patrons of what is best in modern drama.

The vocal work of the leading characters and of the orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro Ugo Barducci, was of a very high order and brought forth repeated applause, while the chorus is deserving of the highest praise—as every passage was rendered with exceptional beauty and power.

Ada Paggi, as Carmen, who possesses a soprano voice of great brilliance and purity of tone, sang with faultless technique, and the subtlety of her emotional acting captivated the audience. Miss M. Casseletti, as Micaela, won warm applause. Carlos Vilhan, as Don Jose, possesses a magnificent tenor voice and faithfully interpreted the role of the lover maddened by jealousy and whose part stamps Carmen as a masterpiece of tragedy. A. Gondolfi, as Escamillo, scored in the Song of the Toreador, and other numbers. Lorenzo Bozano who took the part of Zuniga, has a rich baritone, and a fine stage presence.

The Spanish setting of the opera is faithfully represented in appropriate scenery while the costumes are complete in every detail. The entire opera was rendered in French, a fact much appreciated by Kingston audiences. The De Feo Grand Opera Company presents Carmen with a strong cast of artists whose work is of a high order and who give to this great play the place it deserves as a production of the highest merit.

IN MARINE CIRCLES

The heavy south-western gale blowing on the lakes kept a number of vessels in various ports. Many vessels, which have been delayed, are expected to-day, providing the storm does not increase in velocity.

The steamer Jaska arrived at midnight from Oswego, through the thick of the gale, and had a hard time coming across the gap. She carried a cargo of anthracite coal for Sowards & Co.

The schooner St. Louis arrived from Oswego on Wednesday afternoon with anthracite coal for Crawford's.

The steamer Royalite arrived up from Montreal on Wednesday night with a cargo of oil. The yacht Oriole, owned by Mr. Gooderham, Toronto, is here on the way up from Montreal.

The steamers City of Ottawa and City of Hamilton have been delayed owing to the heavy wind, though they are expected in to-day.

The steamer Yorkton passed up on Wednesday afternoon from Montreal to Port Colborne.

The schooner Maple Leaf left on Thursday morning for Wolfe Island to load grain for Richardson's elevator.

The steamer Dardanella cleared on Thursday for Rideau Canal ports. The steamer Brockville arrived down on Thursday morning from Picton with freight and canned goods. She had a rough passage, but fortunately the wind was in her favor.

DO YOU TAKE CANDIES?

From the Counter as You Leave the Confectionery Stores?

Are you one of the persons who, when you visit a confectionery and ice cream store, always pick up a chocolate or a bon bon when you are paying your bill? This was Candy Day in the local stores and, when the question was raised, several of the leading dealers stated that they were quite used to people taking one or two candies on their way out of the store. One merchant stated that he could count on an average of a pound of candies being taken each day by different patrons. However, he did not object to it and counted it as an advertisement for the firm. Of course, he does not try to cultivate the practice but if a candy is taken nothing is said about it, as it is a common habit with some people. It is one of the things which retail dealers have to accept as a matter of course just like sampling biscuits or butter or one of a score of other commodities.

The announcement was made at Queen's this morning of the award of the degree of B.Sc. to C. Gerow, Picton.

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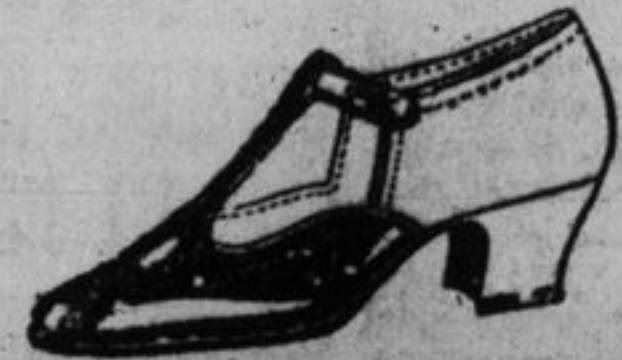
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"SHOES OF MERIT AND DISTINCTION"

J. F. Sowards' View.

J. F. Sowards told the civic finance committee on Wednesday afternoon that he was quite optimistic concerning the shipment of hard coal to Kingston. While Montreal dealers with large vessels were gobbling up a good deal of the coal that arrived at Oswego, Mr. Sowards thought that Kingston would get its supply before the season of navigation closed.

Elmer Davis was chairman of the sub-committee of the Methodist General Conference on departmental activities. The proposal brought down of a general budget was given a four years' hold.

The three-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, Westport, passed away at the General Hospital on Thursday morning, and the remains were sent to Westport by S. S. Corbett, undertaker.



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