

## ACTIVE WORK OF KINGSTON WOMEN FOR BENEFIT OF COMMUNITY

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 ston with Mrs. I. G. Bogart as commissioner and president of the local committee. At present there are five companies of Guides in Kingston, the K.C.I., St. James', St. George's, St. Andrew's, The Rangers, and a newly formed company at Portmouth, with Miss Elizabeth Henstridge as guilder. A summer camp on the St. Lawrence, of great benefit to the girls and also a source of pleasure, is held yearly and many other activities engaged in, so that the parents feel that the movement is of much value to their daughters. Miss Hattie Chown, Miss Henstridge and Miss Irene McCormick are also among the splendid band of teachers of which Kingston is justly proud, and to them as teachers in the Collegiate Institute, as well as officers in the Girl Guides, much of the success of this work among the pupils is due.

**The Public Library.**  
 Mrs. A. Kennedy, the librarian, is in a great measure responsible for the really good public library we have in Kingston. (a free library since 1921) and when the day comes that Mrs. Kennedy and her books are moved to better quarters they and she will be in more fitting surroundings. But the books are the principal feature of a library and Mrs. Kennedy has the books. She also has the faculty for making the children love books and sees that they have only the best. A children's library has been established by her at the corner of Brock and Bagot streets, where the little ones gather to read and to listen to the stories told them by Mrs. Kennedy, who is a born story teller and adored by them and by the children of the Orphans' Home whom she visits weekly. She is also on the local council executive.

No story of the activities of the women of Kingston can be told without reference to the splendid work done by the self-sacrificing committee of the quaint old grey limestone building on Union street where the children, who have for one cause or another, been deprived of their natural home, find kindness and gentleness, comfort and teaching. The war record of the boys who found refuge here was remarkable and many

happy wives and mothers owe their lessons in life to the superintendants chosen by the Orphans' Home committee. The Home for Friendless Women and Children has also a strong committee of women with Mrs. W. H. Macnee as their president, who provide a home for the infants and their mothers, who would otherwise be left on the streets.

**Miss Machar.**  
 Among Kingston's noted women is our poetess and authoress, Miss Agnes Maule Machar. As an historian, Miss Machar has given to the people of Kingston a story of their own city in her "Story of Old Kingston" and her study of the history of the early days of Canada, when it was known as New France, has been given to the world in several interesting books. Her poetry is lyrical and full of her love for her country and her love of and sympathy with the beautiful things of nature. She is the oldest member of the Canadian Women's Press Club, and many were the regrets expressed by the members at the triennial meet in Vancouver in September, at this, her first absence from among them. Miss Machar was for several years president of the Local Council of Women and is now their honorary president. She is also an honorary member of the national executive with power to vote. As a member of the Kingston Historical Society she did valuable work for the city. Her interest in the dumb animals led to prizes for essays on kindness to them being given to the children in the public schools, and it was through her influence that a Band of Mercy was organized. She has been on the board of managers of the Kingston Humane Society as a valued member for many years. Both Miss Machar and Mrs. Oberndorfer have been identified with the City Poor Relief, the former since its inception, and many are the kindly acts done by them for the less fortunate members of the community. Miss Machar has been secretary for a number of years and has always given the needed aid with the kindness and Christian love that made it indeed relief. Mrs. John Wright is now the president of this society. Mrs. Oberndorfer was for some time president

of the Jewish Society and is a charter member of the Red Cross Society and a vice-president of the Hospital aid. She was given the degree of Chivalry by the Daughters of Rebekah, and has always been an outstanding figure among the women of Kingston. There are other societies and other valued workers among them of whom we hope to be able to tell the story with cuts of their officers at a later date.

**Kingston A Musical Centre.**  
 Kingston has always been considered a musical centre so we cannot close this brief story of the women workers without a reference to four women who are well known to all our music lovers. Mrs. J. R. C. Dobbs is the organist of Chalmers church and a teacher of singing and the piano. Mrs. Dobbs has taught some of the Kingston girls whose voices have brought glory to their city, among them Miss Jean Chown and her pupils under her direction have given much enjoyed concerts and sung some of the classic oratorios. Miss Shay, the organist of Sydenham street Methodist church and for some time of St. Andrew's church, is also a well known Kingston pianist and accompanist. She is a teacher of the piano and a most successful one, her recitals are always enjoyed and her success as a choir leader well known. Mrs. A. R. B. Williamson, Mus. Bac., was for nine years organist of St. James' church and is one of the finest concert organists in Canada. She organized the Kingston Choral Society which so successfully sang "The Elijah" last year and looks for further success with this fine chorus this season. She also is a pianist who is noted for her brilliance and technique. Of another type of musician is Mrs. R. C. Betts, who as Miss Francis Devlin was with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Jerome, the life and soul of the entertainments given for the men who mobilized in Kingston during the years of the war, untrifling in her efforts to make the lonely days of waiting for a transport brighter. Both the sisters will long be remembered by the soldiers who trained in Kingston, and when they came back, broken in body and spirit, these bright girls sang and played them back to hope and life.

parts. But Christmas is a world-wide festival in which every Christian nation of the earth participates. Though unannounced by civic proclamations, it is forgotten by no one. It is eagerly expected by all; it is heartily enjoyed while it lasts, and leaves after it sweet memories. It returns every year as fresh and fragrant as the new-born flowers of spring.

Christmas is always popular. "Ever ancient and ever new," time writes no wrinkles on the heavenly brow of this annual visitor.

In our favored country this Christmas joy is universal. Every heart responds to it.

The young rejoice at Christmas. It is pre-eminently the feast of childhood. They welcome the day with gleesome hearts. They see in their father's face a brighter smile, and their mother's embrace seems to them more tender than usual.

The aged people grow young again and share in the innocent sports and mirth of the little ones. The spirit of Christmas quickens them with new life, gives them a foretaste of the perennial youth reserved for them hereafter.

The poor man rejoices and why not? Of all days in the year, does he not feel on Christmas morning the dignity of his Christmas equality?

The benevolent rich man rejoices. His soul expands and is enlarged under the genial influence of heaven-born charity. He enjoys that sweetness and most rational pleasure of contributing by his bounty to the happiness of others. And he is rewarded for his generosity by the prayers and gratitude of the recipients of his favors. And thus is established a happy interchange of goods between the rich and the poor.

The pilgrim and wanderer is glad on Christmas, though far away from the parental roof. He meditates on the scenes of his childhood and revisits the sacred shrines of his youth.

Joy enters the family circle at Christmas—the day of the family reunion. The sons and brothers, scattered far and wide, are eager to meet again in their childhood's

home and to renew the cherished affections of early days. They love to hear their father's and mother's and sister's voices and to partake with them of the family meal and to relate their varied struggles on the tumultuous sea of life; and they return to their respective pursuits refreshed and fortified by the enduring memories of domestic ties.

### MRS. ISABELLA SANDERS

"The Grand Old Lady" of the Salvation Army in Kingston.

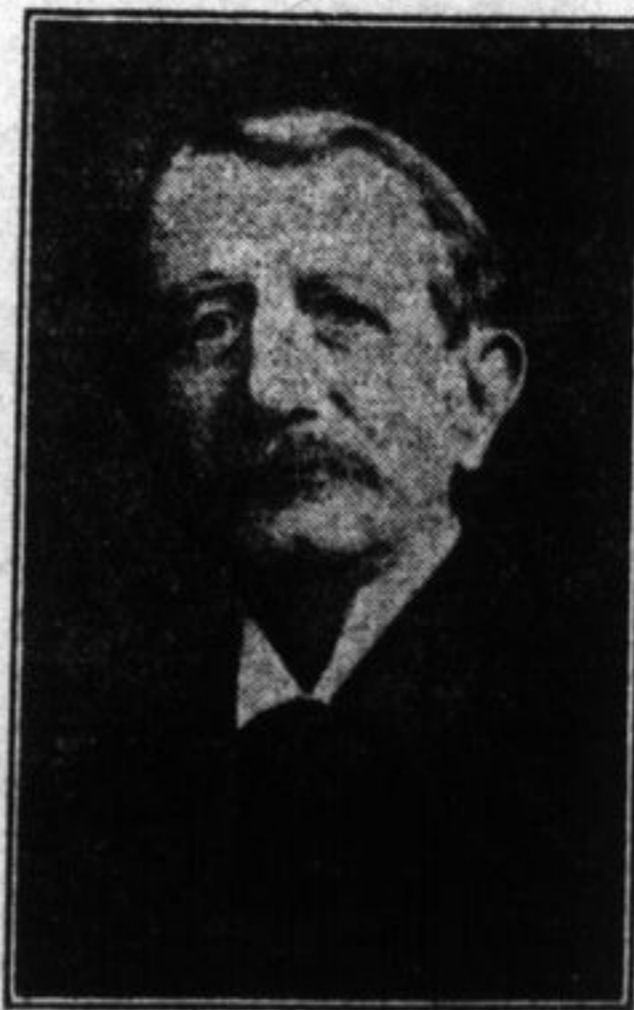


MRS. ISABELLA SANDERS

When the history of the Great War is written, and the list of those Kingstons who made a valuable contribution towards the success of the war is issued, the name of Mrs. Isabella Sanders, a faithful member of the local Salvation Army Corps, should appear prominently on that document.

To those who have never made the acquaintance of Mrs. Sanders, it might be intimated that she is the lady who appears on the street with a War Cry bundle under her arm. For years she has been in charge of selling the War Cry, and in addition to getting the official organ of the Salvation Army into many homes, she has done considerable Christian work, especially during the war.

During the period of the war, Mrs. Sanders spent practically all her time visiting the soldiers in their different quarters, and extending a word of cheer to them. She became so dear to the men of the Expeditionary Force, who were training in Kingston, that it was not many months before she was generally known as "Mother," a name which she still carries, and is likely to do so for the rest of her life. It was a common occurrence when the soldiers would return from their morning parade, and arrive at the barracks, to find Mrs. Sanders waiting for them. She



SIR HUGH JOHN MACDONALD  
 Police Magistrate of Winnipeg, and son of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, one of the "Fathers of Confederation." He was born in Kingston.

generally had the War Cry, and if the boys chose to buy, it was all right, and if not, she gave them one out of the generosity of her heart. Mrs. Sanders was so well liked by the boys that she used to sit down at the table with them, and partake of her meal. Her activities were not only confined to the different lodging places of the soldiers, but she carried on an active Christian campaign among the soldiers in the hospitals.

An evidence that her work was appreciated was shown in the fact that a couple of years ago when the great Salvation Army Congress was held in Toronto, the patients at Sydenham hospital took up a collection and sent her as their delegate, and paid all expenses. If Mrs. Sanders thought for a minute that the soldier boys' socks or clothes were in need of repair, she used to mend them free of charge.

Since the war, death has entered the home of this gracious lady, and carried away her partner in life, but nevertheless it has not dampened her enthusiasm for the welfare of the ex-soldiers, and she still continues to carry on her good work. She has regular days to visit the hospitals, and only Monday morning last she was out at Mowat hospital, sitting at the bedside of patients. The officers and the staff of the Kingston military units certainly appreciate what Mrs. Sanders has done for the men. On several occasions it has been suggested to Mrs. Sanders that she take things a little easier, but her reply has always been "They are my boys, and I will never see them want for anything if I can be of any service."

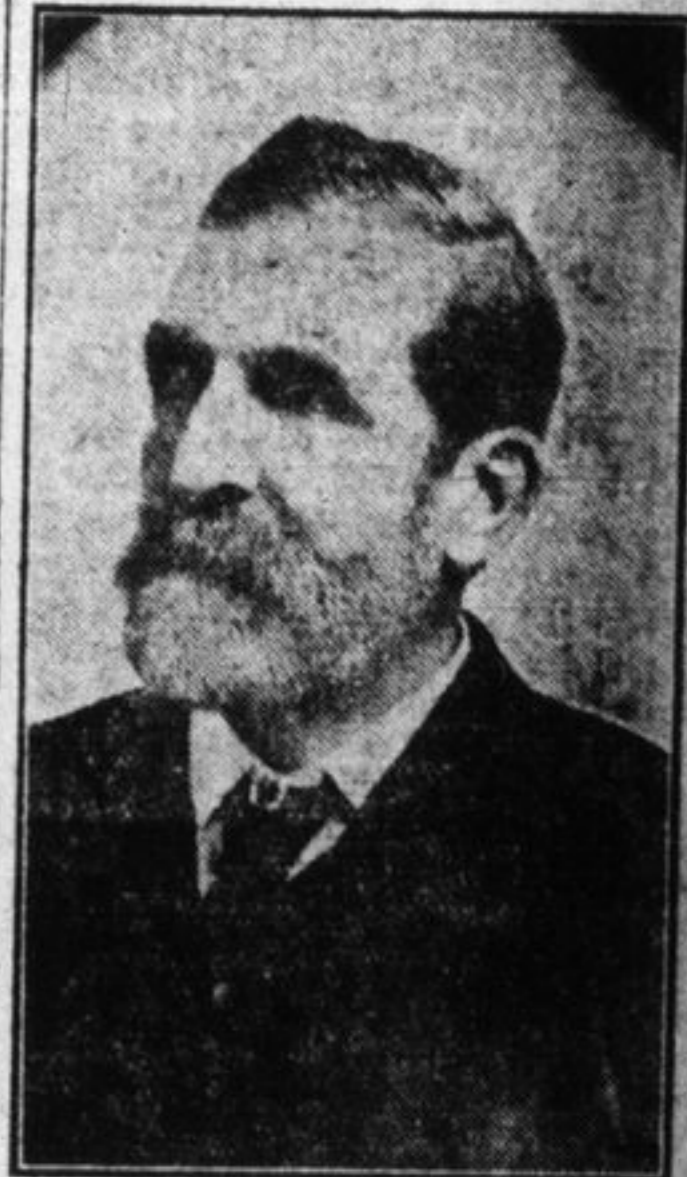
Angry Customer: "This overcoat is worn out."  
 Smart Salesman: "Well, you bought it to wear out, didn't you?"



WILLIAM MCCAMMON  
 Who is retiring from the positions of Market Clerk and Harbor Master of Kingston, to which he was appointed over thirty-three years ago.

### KINGSTON'S OLDEST SURVIVING EX-MAYOR

John McKelvey, Aged Eighty-six, Was Chief Magistrate in 1877.



EX-MAYOR JOHN MCKELVEY

John McKelvey, Bagot street, who will spend the winter in the south, is Kingston's oldest living ex-mayor. Mr. McKelvey was in business on Brock street for more than fifty years and retired a few years ago. He was mayor of Kingston in 1877 and for years served on the city council as alderman. Mr. McKelvey is the grandfather of John and Gilbert McKelvey, two members of Queen's university Canadian championship rugby team. He has served his day and generation well and is highly esteemed by all classes of people of Kingston. Ex-Mayor McKelvey is eighty-six years of age.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Be merry!  
 Twine the ivy.  
 Adorn with holly.  
 Feature the mistletoe.  
 Burn the merry Yule log.  
 And feast—but within reason.  
 Also, and above all, enjoy a clear conscience.  
 Be happy in the thought that you have made others happy.  
 Here's another safe rule: If you don't get what you want, want what you get.  
 The thing is to be merry!

When you see a man making fees at another man it may be a lawyer man mad at the coal man.

### THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TIME

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of joy. Of all the festival days in the year Christmas is always the brightest and most glad-some. Though there be cold in the

air and frost and snow under the feet, there is always warm sunshine in our hearts.  
 Thanksgiving Day, though it is annually heralded by proclamation, is commemorated only by those who live under the flag and by our fellow-citizens sojourning in foreign

parts. But Christmas is a world-wide festival in which every Christian nation of the earth participates. Though unannounced by civic proclamations, it is forgotten by no one. It is eagerly expected by all; it is heartily enjoyed while it lasts, and leaves after it sweet memories. It

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