

Benevolent Irish Society Prepares For Traditional St. Patrick's Day Turnout

The Benevolent Irish Society was organized on April 18, 1825, at a meeting held in the Wellington Hotel, the popular hostelry of Charlottetown which was located on the corner of Great George and Sydney St., opposite St. Dunstan's Basilica. The officers appointed at this first meeting were: Fide Goff, Esq., president; Francis Longworth, Esq., vice-president; J. B. Palmer, second vice-president; Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, treasurer; Charles DesBrisay, secretary; His Excellency Lt.-Gov. Col. John Ready, patron.

The Irishmen who first settled in Charlottetown and district belong to the credit of having founded the Benevolent Irish Society. They were a well educated and cultured class of people, who held high offices in both church and state.

No differences dwarfed their charity and benevolence, always what ever works of charity, which were many, among a people settling a new country. The work carried on in those very trying years was encouraging and appreciated.

The following year, 1826, was the first St. Patrick's Day celebration by the Society. Following is a copy of the report, from the "Recorder" of Tuesday, March 21, 1826.

The Benevolent Irish Society celebrated their annual festival in honor of their tutelary Saint at the Wellington Hotel on Friday last at 4 o'clock. The company sat down to an elegant dinner. Fide Goff, president of the Society in the chair, and the great harmony and conviviality prevailed throughout the evening.

The following toasts were given from the chair: The King; the memory of the pious St. Patrick; His Excellency the Lt. Governor—our patron; His Honor the President, may all who aspire to his elevated rank, adopt his liberal sentiments; the land of Erin and her sons; the Shamrock. Rose and Thistle, may they be united under the benign influence of the British Constitution, religious and civil liberty, may all His Majesty's subjects enjoy and ever enjoy its blessings; Prince Edward Island, its agriculture and commerce; the Right Rev. the Bishop of Rosen, the friend of mankind; the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, a probationer of his years for the good of our island; the memory of our never to be forgotten, and ever to be lamented friend and countryman, the Rev. Mr. DesBrisay the pattern of philanthropy; the Earl of Dalhousie, Governor General of British North America; the Benevolent Irish Society of Prince Edward Island—may the auspicious appearance of this young plant continue to increase and flourish.

The company departed at 12 o'clock precisely.

The young Society, which took on such a big undertaking, had expressed its appreciation a generosity of Dr. de St. Croix, whose generous donations to the funds made it possible to give greater relief to the needy.

It is regrettable that a list of the presidents, from the first, Fide Goff Esq., to the present, Thomas McAviney, cannot be given as records have not been preserved, but we do know this fact was held by William Mitchell, James Reddin, Hon. Ed-

ward Palmer (late Chief Justice), Dennis Reddin, Charles Quirk, William Longworth, Hon. Edward Whelan, Hon. James Warburton, Connellus Little, Daniel Brennan, James Bryne, John Kelly and W. C. DesBrisay.

Down through the thirteen decades of years, this Society has an unbroken history ever mindful and watchful of its purpose, the relief of all creeds and races, and when the feast of St. Patrick came along, every effort was a stressed to do honor to their patron, in appreciation for the precious life St. Patrick gave to the Irish people.

Today the Benevolent Irish Society will meet at their hall in the Whelan Building, form ranks, dressed in regalia, parade to the War Memorial to place a wreath in honor of the fallen, to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Mass in honor of St. Patrick, parade through the main streets, preceded by the Recce Band, back to their hall, and to write fits to a gala celebration. The annual play will be presented at the Community Centre, under the direction of J. Pius Callaghan, bringing to a close a great day for the Irish.

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City Tax Bill

Yesterday, strongly opposing it was Hon. Eugene Cullen. His opposition was on grounds similar to those expressed when the bill was introduced.

Mr. Cullen said that the clause making the employer responsible for the collection of the tax would work a hardship on both employer and employee. He pointed out that many firms are already making as many as five deductions from their employees. "Another deduction," he said, "would be a little too much to take." Mr. Cullen's was the only dissenting vote.

SCHOOL MEETING HOURS

Another bill which caused considerable discussion was an amendment to the School Act. It provides that the hour for holding school meetings shall be changed from seven o'clock to eight o'clock. A further amendment specifies that at least two of the trustees in a district shall be parent rate payers.

Hon. Mr. Clark said the Department of Education has considered it desirable to have at least two parents with children attending school, on the board of trustees. The amendment, he said, was moved on the assumption that parent rate payers would be more interested in the welfare of the school than persons having no children in attendance. However, he pointed out that where it was impractical to find two parent trustees who would act, the district, with the permission of the Minister, could appoint non-parent rate payers as trustees. He assured the House that the Department would be only too glad to give their assent when good reasons were given.

Mr. Harvey Douglas felt that there was no need for the amendment, as the district could decide for themselves whom they would appoint as trustees. Mr. Douglas said it did not necessarily follow that non-parent rate payers had no interest in the school, as a matter of fact, he said, in some cases this is the very opposite.

Dr. MacMillan: "Did you ever get a couple of old bachelors on

Curling Draw For Montague

Today's draw at Montague Curling Rink.

7:15 Ladies—H. M. Smith vs. T. H. Clair.

9:15—A. MacDonald vs. W. MacLean; A. E. Sullivan vs. Dr. MacIntyre.

the trustee board?" He supported the motion and said that it was only right and proper that parents should be in the majority on the board. Mr. J. W. Don Campbell also supported the motion. Hon. Mr. Clark said it was not anticipated that the clause would work any hardship.

In cases where land has to be expropriated for a building site, the matter will now be left in the hands of the Minister. Mr. Clark explained that as the Act existed the trustees had the power to expropriate land for such a purpose but it had imposed unnecessary hardships and was the means of creating ill feelings among neighbors. The Minister in reply to questions said the land evaluation carried out under his Department has been well received with about 50 per cent of the districts in the Province taking advantage of it. He said the Evaluation Board always has enough requests ahead to keep them going for the year.

Questioned by Mr. Bell as to what the Department proposed to do in the way of helping the Cerebral Palsied children, Mr. Clark said that a request has been made from the association and the door was still open. He stated that the Association had been offered a teacher on the same basis as another teacher and that the Government would pay the salary while the City would be required to pay the supplement.

TEMPERANCE ACT

An amendment to the Temperance Act declares that a residence from which a conviction has been obtained under the Act for the keeping of a disorderly house shall be declared to be not a dwelling for a period of one year.

Mr. Saville said it was his understanding when the Commission was set up that there would be an intensified program of temperance education in the schools. "There are too many people drinking too much liquor," he said, "and if the children were taught the dangers of excessive use of alcohol, it would serve to decrease the drinking in future generations."

"The honourable gentleman is right," said Dr. MacMillan. "I think it would be time well spent. We need a little more of this teaching at the present time."

Eastern Guardian

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"C. G. I. T. MEETING.—The Aketa C. G. I. T. group of Trinity United Church, Montague, met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Archie Hillehey, on Friday afternoon March 11. There was a full attendance. The president, Miss Dorothy MacDonald, presided during the business period. The meeting opened by repeating the C. G. I. T. purpose. Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Veronica Taylor. The treasurer, Miss Judy Cudmore, gave the financial report. A box containing books, games and puzzles was packed for the King's County Hospital. Following the study and discussion on India from "Saris and Sandals", a worship period was held. The meeting closed by singing Taps.

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Midgets Down Old Timers 6-3 At Georgetown

"The game of the season electrified a large crowd of fans who jammed the Georgetown Rink on Tuesday night to witness the Old Timers of 1935 (more or less), and the highly rated Midgets, clash in a much publicized battle, with the proceeds in aid of the High School. "The Battle of Britain" and every and all recorded battles were not to be, in any way compared to this titanic struggle, which was but little short of a preview of what may be expected of an atomic clash.

Highly favored, the Midgets sank the first counter as Roger Solomon beat John "Sawchuk" DeLory. Roaring to the attack with all their nuclear weapons blazing, the Oldsters tied the count, as Friday Walker (scoring Tuesday), assisted by Howard MacLean, blazed a sizzler by goalie McCullough, who performed like a miniature Pidsodny. Thus ended the first period skirmish and the Midgets, following a hurried council of the war office top brass, reinforced by dressing R. Gallant for the second phase of the encounter.

The Midgets again went ahead on goals by C. Gallant and R. (1) No loan can be used to pay past indebtedness; (k) Applications should be recommended by some reliable person or firm residing in the district; (l) Fishermen who have one or more loans past due are not entitled to a further loan unless at least part of their loan has been paid; (m) All applications should be addressed to the Fisherman's Loan Board, Charlottetown; (n) Loans to individuals cannot be made for the purchase of nets, lines, traps, or other small gear which is expendable; (o) Payments on engines must be made within three years; 1/3 each year including interest; (p) Payments on boats must be made within five years, 1/5 each year, including interest; 2. A cash deposit of 50% is required.

All in all, the game produced all it set out to do, as the crowd were pleased as never before this season. The High School financially benefitted, the Midgets won and the Old Timers, to be truthful, surprised even themselves. Referees were Billy Murphy and Charles Martell. —A.C.

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OSLO, (Reuters)—A new Norwegian minister to Canada was appointed Friday. He is Arne Christian Gunneng, 41, now a member of the Norwegian delegation to NATO in Paris. The present Norwegian minister in Ottawa, Erling Sundt Bent, is retiring at his own request.

MONTAGUE RINK TONIGHT

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