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Charter Received by Perth Legion

Branch, Plans for Future Activities—With Headquarters in Summer—Two Military Units Likely to Visit Perth in July—Miss Jean Drysdale, Elected Honorary Member.

Last week the Perth-Upon-Tay Branch No. 24, of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League received its charter from headquarters, with the names of the following charter members appearing thereon in the order named: Col. J. A. Hope, K. C., W. G. Blair, M. D., G. T. Kerr, W. E. Wright, B. L. Ferrier, G. Barrie, T. H. Gooten, A. M. Johnston, Arthur Brown, Louis Bassett, A. L. Code, M. J. Donoghue, C. V. Farmer, R. M. Hope, F. K. Hope, Garnet King, R. Mills, P. McFarlane, W. E. Pransky, W. A. Reiley, Harold Travers and E. H. Wilson, D. S. The charter has been hung in the Sergeants' mess rooms at the Armouries, and there the Legion held a meeting on Friday night to take up plans for future activities, the president, Dr. W. G. Blair, presiding, in the presence of a large number of Perth, Lanark and district veterans. Undoubtedly the most pleasing feature of the meeting to the returned men was the unanimous passing of a motion creating Miss Jean Drysdale an honorary member of the Perth Branch, and also a resolution heartily thanking her for her untiring efforts on behalf of enlisted men, their families and dependents during the World War and since. It was decided to hold a carnival during the coming summer with the co-operation, if possible, of the Ladies' Co-ordinating Committee of the G. W. M. Hospital, or other local organization, the details of which were left in the meantime to the Executive Committee. A most important announcement was made by Col. Hope, viz. that there is a possibility of the 57th Rangers' Battalion, of Peterboro, and the P. W. O. R. of Kingston, coming to Perth for a week-end of Saturday, July 1st. The meeting opened with the customary standing attention for two minutes. The minutes of the organization and special meeting were read and approved, the financial statement presented by Secretary B. L. Ferrier was adopted, and Comrades E. A. Fleming and W. A. Reiley were appointed auditors. Comrades G. T. Kerr and M. J. Donoghue were commended for the services they rendered in connection with the funeral of a deceased comrade recently.

Miss Drysdale Honored.

Comrades G. T. Kerr and B. L. Ferrier spoke eulogistically of Miss Jean Drysdale's wonderful work, uniting in her efforts, on behalf of returned men, their families and dependents during the World War and since, and stated that she is still interested in the welfare of returned men, and also in the Perth Branch of the Legion. It was moved by Comrade Kerr, seconded by Comrade W. E. Wright, and carried unanimously that Miss Drysdale be made an honorary member of the Perth-Upon-Tay Branch of the Canadian Legion. Secretary Ferrier was instructed to

convey to Miss Drysdale the hearty thanks of all returned men for what she had done in their behalf in the past.

President Blair stated that Miss Drysdale was certainly deserving of the right of membership in the local branch of the Legion.

Invited to Merrickville. Returned men received an invitation from the Merrickville Branch of the Legion to attend the presentation of their charter to be held on Thursday evening of this week. President Blair, Comrades G. T. Kerr and J. A. Hope were appointed representatives of the local Branch to attend the ceremony, this number to be extended to as many more comrades as may be able to go.

Proposed Carnival. The proposal to hold a carnival during the summer was discussed. Secretary Ferrier, submitting to the meeting a prospectus of much interest relating to a visit to the headquarters of Comrades J. A. Hope and E. H. Wilson, this matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee with authority to make the necessary arrangements and call a special meeting of the Branch to again take up the matter, and that the carnival be held with the co-operation of the Co-ordinating Committee of the G. W. M. Hospital or any other organization willing to co-operate.

Units May Visit Perth. Col. Hope announced that he received a letter from Col. Winterbottom, of Peterboro, stating that the 57th Rangers' Battalion, of that city, had in view visiting Perth to hold a two days' camp, the members of the unit still having fond recollections of their visit to Perth some years ago. Col. Hope stated that there is a possibility of the P. W. O. R. of Kingston, joining in with the Rangers in camp in Perth during the week-end of Saturday, July 1st, at the Fairgrounds, when a day of sports and a day of tactical exercises would be held.

At C. P. Legion's Annual Meeting. Col. Hope alluded to having attended with Dr. Blair the annual dinner and meeting of the Carleton Place Legion on Monday night when some 125 returned men were present, and an excellent program was given. It was the second birthday occasion of the C. P. Legion. Col. Hope stated it was amazing the large amount of money raised by the C. P. Branch, and the vast amount of good that had been done among the local and transient returned men. The Perth returned men are now laying the foundation for their future activities, and every veteran has to get behind the Legion with close co-operation. Col. Hope was in hearty accord with the holding of the proposed carnival, which is well worth going on with.

Dr. Blair also referred to the dinner of the Carleton Place Legion, and stated that in that Branch there are 115 members with their fees all paid in full, and if they can produce that many returned men in Carleton Place there is no doubt Perth should be able to do the same.

The Legion passed the following resolution unanimously: "As members of the Canadian Legion, and taxpayers of this Dominion, we endorse the stand taken by the Executive of the Dominion Council in the matter of reducing pensions of ex-service men employed as civil servants."

Annual Meeting Perth Curling Club

The annual meeting of the Perth Curling Club was held in the Club rooms on Thursday, March 30th when a goodly representation of members were present. The business meeting and presentation of prizes was followed by progressive euchre, there being participants at ten tables taking part.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. George C. Townshend being elected president; Mr. J. V. Watson, Vice President; Mr. K. N. Gamble, Secretary and Mr. W. L. McKee, Treasurer. The prize-winners were as follows: Rink Competition won by Skip J. V. Watson's rink and they received silver cups from the Club as prizes. The rink consisted of Messrs. Clifford Carr, third; John Kent, second; Basil J. Sheridan and Howard Watson as leaders. Owing to circumstances being unusual it was necessary for Skip Watson to make use of two leads during the year. The second prize in rink competition went to Mr. Stanley J. Kirkland's rink and they received gold knives which can be worn at the end of a watch chain. Skip Kirkland's rink consisted of Messrs. W. Publow third; W. H. Reid second and W. McLean lead.

A presentation was made to Mr. David Palmer, retiring Treasurer, as he was leaving town. This consisted of a pipe in case, showing the appreciation of the club for his good work in his office.

The points competition was won by Mr. W. L. McKee, the runner-up being Mr. G. C. Townshend. The prizes for this event were donated by His Honor Judge J. H. Scott and the two medals, one of silver and the other bronze, suitably engraved, were presented to the lucky winners by the donor.

Mr. Bert L. Ferrier, the retiring Secretary, was presented with a suitable gift in recognition of his long and efficient service as Secretary of the Club.

The euchre prizes were won by Mr. G. Palmer first prize and Mr. H. Docherty consolation.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of some silver to Mr. J. V. Watson as a slight recognition of his invaluable service to the Club as Rink Manager.

Middleville

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rodger, Rosetta, spent Tuesday with friends here. Miss Amanda Affleck, Bathurst Line, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Craig and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Somerville and family spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rekl.

The pie social held on Friday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid was a decided success. A good program of songs, instrumental music, readings and a play entitled "The Minister's New Car" was given.

Entertains Perth Hockey Club and 100 Club

Wednesday evening at Hotel Perth, Mr. Geo. S. James, manager of the Perth Arena, entertained the members of the 100 Club, officials and players of the Perth Hockey Club and other guests at a dinner, it being the occasion of the fortnightly dinner of the 100 Club. Seventy guests sat down to the festive board, and after doing full justice to the excellent menu provided by Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Nicoll, a business meeting of the 100 Club was held, with the president, Centurian J. H. Echlin in charge. It being his first appearance in the presiding chair since his election to the office of president owing to his absence from town at the winter's school of the Eastern Ontario Dairy School at Kingston. Assisting in the business were Vice-President Walter McLaren and Past President G. T. Kerr. Centurian C. M. Forbes acted as toast master.

Mr. J. E. Cosgrave, teacher of Economics and Agriculture at the Collegiate Institute, gave a most interesting and appreciative address touching on present world economic conditions. Addresses were given by Messrs. C. A. Campbell, H. A. O'Donnell, Robert Carr, S. J. Kirkland, L. H. James, Col. J. E. Echlin, E. M. Sabiston, E. M. Doull, C. F. Stone and W. W. Walker, eulogizing the 100 Club for the splendid work the Club is accomplishing and also eulogizing Mr. G. S. James as a public-spirited citizen.

On behalf of the Perth Hockey Club, Mr. John Howie moved, seconded by "Rusty" White, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. James for his kindness in entertaining the Club at the dinner and for his past support of the Club and hockey in general.

A committee was appointed consisting of Centurians J. H. Echlin, Walter McLaren, G. T. Kerr and J. C. Watters to take charge of the details in connection with the coming International convention in Perth in June, with instructions to go to Ottawa on Monday to make the primary arrangements.

A discussion took place relative to the coming dance on Monday, April 17th in the Armouries under the auspices of the 100 Club, the proceeds from which will be devoted to the crippled children's fund, a clinic for whom will be held during the first week in May.

All in all it was a delightful evening, everyone present feeling grateful to the sponsor, Mr. Geo. S. James for his kindness and forethought.

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