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SMOKER FOR RETURNED MEN

Interesting Program of Speech and Song at Central Hotel Saturday Night.

The smoking concert for returned men held in the Central Hotel on Saturday night was a happy reunion of veterans who, among them, have shared in all the strenuous fighting from the second battle of Ypres to the glorious finish at Mons. The speeches were short and appropriate, full of high purpose and tone. The program of songs and recitations was an excellent one, and the singing of the male voice quartette and the selections by the Westholme orchestra were particularly enjoyable features of the evening. Piper Alex. MacDonald made glad the hearts of the Scotsmen present with several stirring strains on the bagpipes. The liberal catering by Mr. and Mrs. Black was particularly appreciated by the boys. Tom Silversides presided whilst Vaughan Davies officiated at the piano.

The Program.

Among the contributors to the program were Messrs. Rosa, Dennis, Parkley, Clapperton and Tom Black and the male quartette composed of Clapperton, Lancaster, Waddell and Davies. Short addresses were made by Canon Rix, Judge Young and Mr. Williams of the Soldiers Settlement Board.

In opening the proceedings the president outlined the work of the G. W. V. A. and called upon the support of all returned men.

Canon Rix.

Canon Rix in his speech, with customary eloquence, called upon the government to do full justice to the claims of the widows, orphans and disabled men, pointing out the inadequacy of \$40 per month to the former and desiring \$100 per month as a minimum. Speaking in regard to the \$2,000 grant proposed, the Canon said it was far less than the pecuniary total of \$4,800 in four years. Some of the boys went to fight because they had red blood in their veins, but the majority went with the specific purpose of making the world a better place to live in. The speaker pointed out the power of the returned soldiers and called upon them to maintain the same spirit of comradeship and high ideals in their civilian capacity. He claimed the attitude of the veterans had in great measure saved Canada from anarchy.

For Canadian Club.

Judge Young, as president of the Canadian Club, outlined the objects of the club and claimed that the interests and aims were identical with those of the G. W. V. A. and that united were a strong factor in the making of Canada. He paid tribute to the civilians, especially to the work of the women.

The event on Saturday night was the first of its kind since the return of most of the men and its success will probably bring others.

SMITHERS IS TO HAVE FALL FAIR

A fall fair is scheduled to be held in Smithers on September 30, the first at that point and it is proposed to make it a real humdinger, according to the residents of that Bulkley Valley centre.

The fair is to be a general gala day and the people from all the country round, including some from Prince Rupert, are expected to be in attendance for the occasion.

GUN-A-NOOT WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Simon Gun-a-Noot, the Indian who recently gave himself up at Hazelton and who is charged with murder, has been committed for trial and will remain in custody until the case comes before a higher court.

MARINE FIREMEN TIE UP NEW YORK SHIPS

New York, July 14.—More than 200 coastwise vessels were reported tied up in New York last night as a result of a strike of marine firemen, water tenders and oil-men.

Sport

There are considerable numbers of salmon in the harbor just now and at Shwattlans several have been caught at the foot of the falls.

In the long summer evenings "putting the shot" ought to be a favorite pastime with the men of the city. There is not much space required and it is not necessary to climb all the way up to the Acropolis Hill in order to have a little exercise. A pitch can be fixed up in anyone's back yard.

Should weather conditions prove favorable there will be a baseball match tonight between the "Hungry Nine" and the Colts. The former team is made up from several of the other teams which have broken up since the close of the school term.

In the early days the men who were fond of target practise could go across the bay to the butts to have their sport. Those days are gone and many of the young fellows who were good shots at Mc-Nicholl Creek were made snipers in the Great War and have had to pay the extreme penalty. However, the boys who have returned and the men who had to stay at home would all be glad to have the butts opened up again in order to prove their skill as marksmen.

It is likely that a gun club will soon be formed in the city which can look into the matter of rifle ranges and will also try to foster trap shooting as there are lots of places on the island where traps might be set up.

Sunday Ball Games.

American League—Washington 4, Cleveland 5; New York 4, Detroit 2; Chicago 4, Boston 9.

National League—New York 8, Pittsburg 2; St. Louis 1, Brooklyn 3.

W. S. Fisher was a passenger for the southern coast cities by the Prince Rupert which sailed for Vancouver last night.



FARM LOANS for SOLDIERS



How Everyone Can Help

THE Government has developed a liberal and broad plan to help soldiers settle on farms. It is securing land. It is granting substantial loans. It is obtaining advantageous prices on equipment, implements, building materials and live stock. It is providing agricultural training and farming supervision.

That is as much as the Government itself can do.

But the plan needs more. It needs a community spirit of co-operation.

Already Provincial Governments, Universities, Farmers' Associations, and Veterans' Associations are giving valuable assistance. Many manufacturers and sellers of farm supplies have agreed to allow the soldier settlers special prices. Many successful farmers have willingly worked on Qualification Committees which have to pass on the applicants. Men who have had experience in lending money on farm property are serving on Advisory Loan Committees, judging land values.

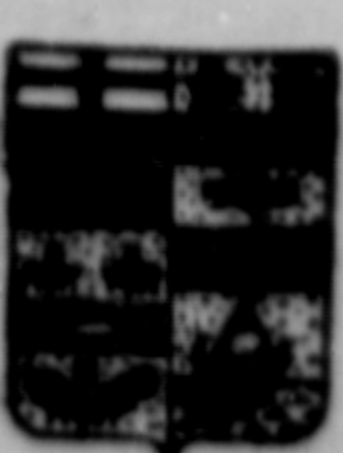
But even such practical assistance is not enough. In each community farmers can be of real service to the soldier settler. They can give him advice about local conditions. They can lend him an extra horse or plough, give him a day's help at seeding or harvest time, and extend to him that friendly, neighborly, respectful spirit which he deserves.

In this way Canada is performing a double duty. It is discharging, as far as possible, the debt we owe to our soldiers; and it is adding to the country's chief industry a body of competent, willing producers.

Full information about lands and loans for soldiers will be sent on request to the Provincial Superintendent, Soldier Settlement Board,

Rogers Building, Vancouver, B. C.

"The distribution of soldier settlers in settled rural communities will be of material assistance to the less experienced settlers in that they can get advice and assistance from their neighbors."
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