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Gen. Methuen Carving His Way to the Relief of Kimberley

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Kruger Getting Tired of the Game He is Playing

(The C. P. N. boat Tees arrived at Skaguay on Thursday and the following despatches were telegraphed to this paper from there shortly after arrival.—Ed.)

London, Nov. 25.—Fierce fighting is reported from Belmont, a small town on the Cape Town & Buluwayo Railway. Gen. Lord Methuen is in command of the force which is marching to relieve Kimberley. All of the advancing British Columns seem to find Boers before them in strong force. In his reports from Belmont on the 23rd, Gen. Methuen says: "Attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning. They held a strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession, the last one to give way having been prepared by shrapnel. The infantry behaved splendidly and received great support from the naval brigade and artillery. The enemy fought with courage and skill, but had to fly before the death-dealing shrapnel. Had I attacked later I should have sustained heavy loss. Our victory was complete. Have taken 40 prisoners. Am burying a good number of Boers, but the greater part of the enemy's killed and wounded were removed by their comrades. Have captured a large number of horses and cattle and destroyed large quantities of ammunition."

The list of casualties is as follows: Brig. Gen. Fetherstonhaugh, severy wounded in shoulder. Lieut.-Col. Crabbe, Grenadier Guards, reported wounded; Lieut. Fryer, Grenadier Guards, killed; Lieut. Blundel dangerously wounded; Lieuts. Leslie, Vaughan, Gordon, Ribow, Russell, Lyon and Cameron, wounded. Grenadier rank and file, 26 killed, 36 wounded, and 13 missing.

Coldstream Guards, Lieuts. Hon. C. Willoughby, Grant and Burton, wounded. Rank and file, 8 killed, 23 wounded and 5 missing.

Scots Guards, Maj. Hon. North Dalrymple Hamilton, Lieuts. Bulkley and Alexander, wounded. Rank and file, 9 killed and 34 wounded.

Northumberland Fusilers, Capt. Edgar and Lieut. Brine, killed; Major Dashwood and Lieut. Fishing dangerously wounded; Capt. Saple and Lieut. Fishbourne, seriously. Rank and file, 12 killed and 32 wounded.

Northamptonshire, Capt. Freeland and Lieut. Burton, seriously wounded.

South Yorkshire Regiment, rank and file, 3 wounded.

London, Nov. 25.—From latest reports it appears that the Guards bore the brunt of the fight and carried the third ridge by a brilliant bayonet charge, after its defenders had been shaken with shrapnel.

The Dutch rising in Broken Nail district continues to grow.

Official despatches from Sir Alfred Milner say that the Basutos refuse to rise.

Durban, Nov. 22.—The Natal Times this evening says: "During the night attacks on Sunday Gen. White captured several Boer positions and guns and much material.

Cape Town, Nov. 25.—The military authorities have given permission to the Canadian contingent on its arrival here to march through the city which will be beautifully decorated and the day observed as a holiday.

Reports from Mafeking, dated the 16 state "All is safe."

London, Nov. 25.—It is rumored that a peace deputation from President Kruger is on the way to Cape Town for the purpose of ascertaing terms upon which immediate cessation of hostilities could be secured.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—Despatches from Belmont indicate that Gen. Methuen with his column for the relief of Kimberley is now within 25 miles of the latter place. The enemy was badly crippled by the engagement at Belmont.

London, Nov. 18.—Lieut. Marston Churchill you great praise for his coolness and bravery at Colenso. It was almost entirely due to his courage that the disabled armored train was righted.

Windsor, Eng., Nov. 25.—Emperor William joins the royal shooting party.

Manilla, Nov. 23.—The war in the Phillipines is fast drawing to a close. Aguinaldo made a hurried retreat from Bayambang, where, hatless, ragged and covered with mud, he was seen procuring a fresh horse with which to continue his flight.

IT WAS A BLUNDER.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Nov. 9.—Father Mathews, who has arrived here from Pretoria, says, with reference to the surrender of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire troops at Nicholson's Nek, that after the mules stampeded the force got hard pressed by the enemy. They would have held out, however, but some subordinate, without instructions, hoisted a flag of truce on his own responsibility. Nothing then remained but to surrender. "We were sent out," says Father Mathews, "to occupy a position with the object of preventing two Boer forces from joining. We started at 8:30 on Sunday evening, marched 10 miles and got to the hill about 1 o'clock on Monday morning. The first mishap was that the mountian battery stampeded, and scattered the whole lot of mules. We formed up again, and gained the top of the hill. The guns were gone, but not all the ammunition. I don't know what stampeded the mules. They knocked me down. It was pitch dark. We had just one hour's sleep. The firing began after daybreak, being somewhat slack for a time, but finally the Boers crept round, and then the firing became furious. Our men made a breastwork of stones. Soon after 12 o'clock there was a general cry of 'cease fire,' but our fellows would not stop firing. Major Adye came up and confirmed the order, and then the bugle sounded 'Cease fire.' In our locality there was a rumor that a white flag was raised by a young officer who thought his batch of ten men were the sole survivors, but there were 900 alive, having started with perhaps 1,000. I think many of the battery men escaped. Our officers and men were furious at the surrender. The Boers did not seem to be in great numbers on the spot, but I heard that the main body had galloped off. Our men had to give up their arms and the officers were sent to Commandant Steenekamp. The officers were taken away from the men and sent to Gen. Joubert the same day, traveling in mule wagons and sleeping at night in some store on the way. The next morning they took a train at Waschbank for Pretoria. They are very well treated, and so I have heard are the men. There has been no unpleasantness in Pretoria. The officers are in a school building at the landing and are allowed to walk as they please in the grounds. The surrender in my judgment was a great blunder caused by a misunderstanding. Major Adye was much put out. The white flag was not hoisted by the Irish Fusiliers."

ABSENT-MINDED FELLOWS.

Mrs. Tomkinson, wife of Lieut. Tompkinson, of the Royal Navy, recited Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar," at a concert in the drill hall, Victoria, on the 10th, and in response to her appeal "Pay, Pay, Pay," was a hundred and thirty dollars in silver showered into the canvas spread for the purpose.

PINE'S READING ROOM.

A public meeting was held at the old Cassia hotel, Pine, on Thursday week, the result being the organization of the Pine Reading Room Association. Those interested have secured and made comfortable the room in which the meeting was held, and will have it open from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. every day. Many daily papers have been subscribed for by individuals and will be placed in the room for the use of the public. There will be a library, which will give an opportunity for the exchange of books in the locality. The people of Pine are to be congratulated on their intelligence and public spirit in providing this for spare hours during the long winter. The officers are as follows; President, J. Stables; Vice-President, Mr. Van Wort; Secretary, Mr. Blair; treasurer, Mr. Stubblefield; Librarian, Mr. Read. Committee, Mesdames Curtis, Van Wort, Chisholm, Letherdale and Stubblefield.

DESERVED IT.

At last Tuesday's meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Noyes for the successful issue of the minstrel performance of last week. He was without doubt the prime mover in the black circle; and if there is to be another entertainment given of this kind, he should be given a free hand in the perfection of every detail; a dictator, as it were.

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The arrival and departure of mails since the winter contract came into force is in very satisfactory contrast to what obtained during the summer months when the Irving Navigation Company had the handling of them. This paper maintained all through the season that negligence was being practiced somewhere along the route and events that have transpired since the boats ceased running plainly and unmistakably show that there is more reliance to be placed in the primitive method of carrying mails—in this part of Canada at least—than in the up-to-date steamboat service. The one thing now necessary to further make the carrying of mails a thing of joy to the residents of northern British Columbia is the allowing of newspapers to come through with letters. The plea of expense is untenable, since the number of people wintering in the camp would be covered by say half a dozen bags each week, and the extra expense of brining these in would be the keep of one or two huskies. That is all. It is as easy to bring in eight sacks as it is four. Here is what the News-Advertiser says in this respect:

Those pioneers settlers of the Atlin goldfields, who are there now wintering, are asking of the Dominion postal authorities a boon, which might surely under the circumstances be granted, as it would not seem likely to entail any very large cost and as our province continues to send to Ottawa yearly a big and increasing surplus of revenue over expenditure. At present under the Atlin mail contract, only letters and first class matter are taken into the country during the winter season, which has now begun up north. Hence what the settlers in the goldfields ask, is that the contract be so extended as to cover newspapers and second-class matter, in order thus to give them interesting and welcome general news from their various former homes during several dreary months of the year.

Atlin is now but 45 miles distant by a good trail from a terminal of the White Pass Railway and the Canadian Development Company, which has the winter mail contract, easily takes in the letters by dog team. The Atlin settlers' correspondence is not very heavy, for they only number some five-hundred in all, but they are opening out the Dominion and the Province under hard circumstances, what promises to become a most valuable and productive gold and copper mining country, and therefore surely deserve a little more than ordinary consideration at the hands of the postal authorities. Then too the average addition to the Atlin mail resulting from sending in of the newspapers, would contribute at most one or two sacks to the present usual pack and these might in addition to the present mail be carried over the 45 mile trail, either by the substitution of a horse and rig for the present dog team, or perhaps even by means of the addition of another dog to that team. The extra cost and labor necessitated should consequently be small, whilst the boon conferred on the pioneers of Atlin would be great indeed.

It may in opposition be urged that the grant of the favor asked to Atlin, would create a grievance at Dawson, were a similar boon not there also granted. But against this it may be said, without prejudice to any case that may be made out by the Yukon settlers—that it is a very different and far easier and less costly matter to carry in a few score papers at a time for five hundred men at Atlin over 45 miles of trail than to convey newspapers for several thousand Yukoners over a route of more then five hundred miles of far harder country, under much more rigorous Winter weather conditions.

Is it too much under the circumstances to suggest, as we do without any motive of political partisanship, that Mr. Mulock might not unreasonably give further consideration to the plea of the Atlin settlers? The grant of the boon they ask would assuredly be gratefully received by them and they certainly seem to deserve it.

It is told by the Neepawa Press of Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P., that he was billed to speak in the suburbs of a grain elevator a hundred miles or so from Regina. Heavy rains destroyed a part of the railway track and Mr. Davin could not make the meeting place. He sent this despatch:

"Regina, —20, 189—.—Chairman Conservative Association:

"Cannot come; washout on the line.—Nicholas Flood Davin."

A few hours later Mr. Davin came in from roaming the solitude of the vast prairie, arm-in-arm with his own peerless intellect, when the following dispatch was handed to him:

"——, ——20, 189—. N. F. Davin, M. P., Regina:

"Never mind; borrow a shirt and come anyway.—Chairman Committee."

Toronto Mail and Empire: Hon. Edward Blake, in declaring that Britain's cause is just, has performed a patriotic and noble act worthy of himself and of the land which gave him birth. Even at this late day, there are people who assume that Great Britain is prosecuting a war dictated by the avarice of a few mining speculators. It is all a mistake. The war is not made by Great Britain, but by the Boers, who, after oppressing and robbing British subjects whom they invited to the Transvaal, have conspired with their neighbors of the Orange Free State to sever all of South Africa from the British Empire, and to impose upon it the preposterous restrictions which prevail in the Transvaal oligarchy. The destraction of Krugerism, and the annexation of the Transvaal, will, of course, be the consequences of the war. But these consequences will bring with them liberty and civilization, with added responsibilities of Empire. Britain would have preferred to see liberty and civilization advance without her intervention; but she has been forced to act, and although the task is hard at present, she will perform it cost her what it may.

In his recently published volume of reminiscences, Mr. G. W. E. Russell, a member of the British Parliament, records a conversation in which the late Dr. Jowett, head of Balliol College, Oxford, was discussing with a friend the careers of two successful Balliol men. One of these alumni had just been made a judge, the other a bishop, and Dr. Jowett's friend remarked:

"I think a bishop is a greater man than a judge. A judge, at the most, can only say, 'You be hanged;' but a bishop can say, 'You be damned.'"

"Yes," replied the other, "but if the judge says, 'You be hanged,' you are hanged."

The allegation was publicly made in New York the morning after the big fight between Jeffries and Sharkey that at the end of the 18th round Jeffries was brightened by drug stimulants, administered hypodermically.

The London Gazette announces the promotion of Lieut.-Col. W. A. Yule to the rank of Major-General on the staff, to command the Eighth Brigade of the South African Field Force, with the rank of colonel in the army.

Preaching on the subject of War in Bond street Congregational church, Toronto, on the evening of the 7th, after the departure of the brave boys, Rev. Morgan Wood declared war wrong, and said flags should have been at half mast instead of at the top when the volunteers left that city.

Rev. E. B. Lanceley, in Syndenham Methodist church, Kingston, on the 7th, speaking on the Transvaal, said that the people of Canada had sufficient ground to demand Hon. Mr. Tarte's resignation from the government for the following reasons: First—The ill-treatment of Protestant settlers in Anticosti; second, because at a recent meeting in Montreal he said he was a Frenchman before a Briton; third, because he would not allow the British ensign to float over the Parliament buildings in honor of the departing Canadian troops.

SLOCAN LABOR TROUBLES.

The threatened importation of a batch of Italians to take the place of miners in the Slocan, has resulted in the sending of the following telegram to Sir Wilfred Laurier, from the Sandon Miners' Union:

"One thousand Canadian miners of the Slocan with their wives and families are being driven out of Canada by the importation of foreign labor from the United States. The mine owners of the Slocan are importing them to take our places. Our wives and families and all dependent on our labor, as well as we ourselves, appeal to you to assist us in securing the enforcement of the alien labor law. As British subjects we naturally resent the circumstances which are driving us from our native land. Will you, as First Minister of the Crown, secure for us the protection which the Alien labor law provides? Please assure us, by an immediate reply, that we will have your co-operation."

Fifteen men were injured by an explosion at the Ottawa Carbide Works on the 7th.

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September 1st to February 28th. Bittern, ducks of all kinds, heron, meadow lark, plover.

September 1st to December 31st. Caribou, elk, wapiti (bull), grouse of all kinds, including prairie chickens, hare, moose (bull.)

September 1st to December 14th. Deer (buck), deer (doe), mountain goat, mountain sheep (ram.)

November 2nd to March 31st.—Beaver, land otter, marten.

Unless specially provided, it is unlawful to shoot or destroy the the following: Insectivorous birds, English blackbirds, caribou (cow or calf), chaffinch, deer (fawn under 12 months), elk, wapiti, cow; elk, wapiti, calf under two years; gull; linnet; moose, cow or calf under 12 months; mountain sheep, ewe or lamb; English partridge, cock pheasant; hen pheasant; quail of all kinds; skylark; thrush; and eggs of protected birds.

Farmers only may shoot robins in gardens, between June 1st and September 1st.

It is unlawful to buy, sell, or expose for sale, show or advertisement: Insectivorous birds, bittern, English blackbird, caribou, cow or calf; chaffinch, deer, fawn under 12 months; or doe elk or wapiti, of any sex or age, grouse of all kinds, except blue grouse, which may be sold during the open season; gull; linnet; meadow lark; moose, cow or calf; mountain sheep, ewe or lamb; English partridge; cock pheasant; hen pheasant; quail; robin; skylark; thrush at any time.

It is unlawful to buy, sell, or expose for sale, show, or advertisement: Caribou, hare, hull moose, mountain goat; mountain ram, before October 1st; buck deer; duck; blue grouse; plover, during close season.

It is unlawful to kill or take in one season more than five caribou, ten deer, two elk, 250 duck, two moose, five mountain goats, three mountain rams, and to hunt deer with dogs, or kill deer for hides alone.

LATE QUOTATIONS.

Bank rate, 5 per cent. Open market rate three months' bank bills, 4 3-8 per cent. Silver, 26 3-8d. per oz. (bar) standard. Copper, £73 15s. per ton, Pig iron, 70s. 6d. Tin, £143. Lead, £16 10s. Consols, 104 3-8. Canada three and a half per cent., 106. British Columbia three per cent. inscribed stock, 95. Canadian Pacific Railway shares, 98 1-2. Bank of British Columbia, 18. Bank of B. N. A., 59. Bank of Montreal, 530. Hudson Bay, 21 3-4.

THE LEONIDS.

London, Nov. 16.—London has been badly disappointed regarding the Leonid showers. Tuesday night was foggy, and last night cloudy and misty. It is believed that no observations were noticeable anywhere in England. From Brussels observatory, between 1:30 and 6 a. m. on Wednesday, numerous Leonids were visible, ranging in brilliance from the first to the third degree, having in most instances a train resembling a comet. At 3:23 a. m. a globe of fire, very bright, was seen in the direction north-north-east, 30 degrees above the horizon. In Austria, the same night, from the Souwenpstein and Hochschneeburg peaks of the Austrian Alps, about 300 Leonids were seen. Good photographs were obtained. M. de la Vaux, who ascended in a balloon from Paris, saw about 100 on Tuesday night.

Dr G. Thompson, manager of the Montreal Transportation Co., died at Montreal on the 7th.

Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the type-setting machine, is dead.

The Port Essington hotel, two stores and a number of cabins and shacks were destroyed by fire on the 13th.

Geo. A. Kruger, nephew of President Kruger, of the Transvaal, and Miss Bertha Buck, of Chicago, were married at Sandwich, Ont., on the 10th ult.

The Winnipeg rumor that Hon. Joseph Martin would be a candidate in Saskatchewan for the next Dominion general elections is denied.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hold services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The steamer Gleaner has finally tied up for the winter, and Capt. Irving, Purser Price, and other members of her crew departed last Wednesday for the south.—Bennett Sun, Nov. 25th.

Nome cannot boast a harbor. Passengers and goods must be lightered ashore, and the charge is only $30 for landing you on an ocean steamer.

We are going to have plenty of turkey for Christmas and New Year. Burns & Co. have on the way, in 1,500 pounds. This means about 5 pounds to every man, woman and child in Atlin.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

Fresh fish at Parsons Produce Co.

T. R. Billett, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Atlin, was married at Winnipeg on Saturday to Miss Sutherland, daughter of Hugh Sutherland, M. P.—Vancouver World—Nov. 14.

Messrs. Scarlett and Donnelly have left the scene of their labors on Spruce creek for the winter and taken up their quarters in Sinclair's cabin on Traynor street. They have done lots of work last summer and fully expect to reap a golden harvest next season. They will be quite an acquisition to Atlin's musical and literary circles.

Mr. J. St. Clair Blackett returned from a flying visit to Skagway last Monday. He made good time and reports the trail pretty good as far as Golden Gate, but beyond that it is rather bad for travel, as Otter lake is not yet properly frozen over, and pilgrims have consequently to take to the hills on its north side and thus incur a lot of extra labor. When the lakes are properly frozen Mr. Blackett says the trail will be quite good enough.

Fresh fish at Parsons Produce Co.

Our jolly friend, Mr. Broder, manager of Jones' restaurant, is nothing if not patriotic. A friend dropped in a couple of days ago and remarked that the Boers had carried Ladysmith by storm, taking Gen. White and his army prisoners. This knocked poor Broder flat for a bit, but slowly recovering from a mental reverie he was heard to mutter to himself, "This Boer war is an infernal Boer, but we will lick them yet, big boers, small boers, and smooth boers as sure's your boern."

Pine City turned out en masse to the grand concert and ball given there last Saturday evening, no fewer than 150 being present. The concert was quite up to the high level which has hitherto characterised Pine City's musical efforts, and the ball which followed was gone into with a vim which plainly showed that the rustling inhabitants of that burg have no intention of hibernating for the winter. Other interesting social events are on the tapis.

Fresh fish at Parsons Produce Co.

Why sits the man with solemn muzzle?
Why is his "phiz" so black and murky?
He's working out the momentous puzzle
How he's to get his Christmas turkey.

Messrs. Muirhead and Stables came down from the Junction in 35 minutes one day last week.

Norman Rant returned from a hunting trip this week with a fine mountain sheep in his game bag. Encouraged by his success, after a couple of days' rest, he has gone to scour the country around McKee Creek and hopes to secure a moose or two.

Capt. Nickerson is enlarging his already vast establishment on First street. He has been appointed local agent for the Royal Mail Co., which carries baggage, passengers, mails, etc., to Skagway, Bennett, Dawson and other points.

Messrs. D. Norton and Captain Cowper are busily engaged in putting the mineral spring near by Sinclair's mill into apple pie order. They are doing this solely to benefit the community and are deserving of every praise for their public spirit. The captain, who is quite an authority on mixed drinks, declares the water from this spring to be superior to Apollinaris.

A. H. Stracey, E. Roselli and "Sandy" McPherson are three of a kind that always win—aces every-one of them, and "Sandy" the joker. They all got tired of the whirl of Atlin gayety—minstrels, afternoon teas, golf, hockey and the other innumerable time-killing pastimes Atlin is the possessor of. Accordingly they left on Tuesday, knowing full well St. Andrew's—'Sandy's' favorite day—would be met with at the Gate, perhaps at Jack Byrons, and there they could invoke his blessing and be thankful for that which they were about to receive. Inward travellers located them there and say they held high audience with the prince and left the day following with hatches battened down, parkies trailing in the wind and the retinue close-hauled. "Sandy's" trip out is for the purpose of reporting on the Leonids, a shower of which are expected in Vancouver about the end of the year, and incidentally let the web-footers on the coast know that the "ladies" of Atlin, true to themselves, have characterized him a man of superlative beauty. That's right, Mac.; you may have been a homely baby, but that was in the century past.

Thursday was St. Andrew's day and also American Thanksgiving. With the exception of sprigs of heather worn by two enthusiasts—A. W. Shiels and H. B. Cameron—we failed to notice any celebration amongst our Scottish or American friends.

H. G. Dickson returned to Atlin on Tuesday from White Horse, where he was engaged surveying the townsite for the W. P. & Yukon Railway.

Jack Byron, of the Kootenay, has a happy faculty of being abreast of the times. He has enlarged the billiard and pool room perceptibly during the past week and now the large army of devotees who congregate at this now famous house, have millions of feet in which to nurse the ivories or make a long table shot. A pool tournament is about to be inaugurated, and those who desire to enter should lose no time in placing their names on the list.

Messrs. Mead and Barnes made a flying trip to McKee Creek this week. They found a total population, in sight, of five souls. Snow is six inches deep. Mr. McKee is running a tunnel into the bench by way of prospecting. The travellers report game very scarce in that section, having seen only one rabbit and one grouse in the entire trip.

Fresh fish at Parsons Produce Co.

Commissioner Graham and J. McKay leave to-morrow for the coast. Mr. Graham will go as far as Skagway, while Mr. McKay will proceed to Vancouver, where he will spend three weeks and then return.

We are pleased to be able to say that Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P., has so far recovered as to be able to leave St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver.

Pine has invited the minstrels to a one night's show. Accepted.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

The Established Church concert last evening at the Arctic Brotherhood Hall was a pronounced success. The hall was filled to overflowing. After a violin and piano selection from "William Tell," Mr. Bickford sang "True Till Death," in a telling way. The septette, "Drifting," by Mesdames Blackett, Gregory, Stephenson and Messrs. Pringle, Wollaston, Stephenson and Lumsden was very finely rendered, the voices blending harmoniously. Mr. Pavey was not up to his former self in his sketch last evening, a lack of preparation being evident. He was followed by Dr. Lewis in a comic reading, entitled "The Firsth Baby Thucking his Fisth," which convulsed the audience. Mr. Gregory rendered McSorley's Twins, in costume, in the rollicking manner essential to an artistic rendition of this classical piece. Miss Brownlee sang a song which we couldn't catch the name of, with a taste and feeling which many of her seniors would do well to imitate, and Mr. Lumsden wound up the first part by rendering "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," in his usual magnificent style and was vociferously encored.

The second part opened with a selection, two violins and guitar, very sweetly performed, followed by a quartette, "March of the Men of Harlaw," by Revs. Pringle and Stephenson and Messrs. Wollaston and Lumsden, exceedingly well done and effective. Mr. Richardson's comic song was all right. Mr. Wollaston's "I fear no foe," was in that gentleman's best style, which is saying a good deal.

Mrs. Gregory sang "Mona" in her clear, faultless style, leaving nothing to be desired. Mr. Noyes gave a recitation; the audience called for another, and then another, for which he substituted a whistling solo, playing his own accompaniment. This gentleman does everything he attempts in an artistic manner and he would be a valuable acquisition to any community. Mr. Brown wound up the concert part with "Soldiers of the Queen," the audience joining in the chorus.

The drawing for the magnificent three-decker cake, planned, designed, built and donated by Mrs. J. H. Brownlee, followed a period of agonizing suspense, until number 22 and the cake tallied, and the winner was found to be that lucky beggar, A. C. Hirschfeld. We wish him joy and hope he won't forget old friends in his new-found prosperity.

Profuse refreshments were then in order and a social dance finished an altogether pleasant evening.

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