

GRAND CELEBRATION.

Many and Beautiful Decorations.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY.

Many Hundreds of Canadians From Other Cities were in Town.

The Street Parade Was the Grandest Ever Seen in Biddeford.

This Most Successful Celebration Closed With a Concert in City Hall in the evening.

The French convention begun in this city Thursday morning and continued throughout the afternoon, closed Friday evening.

The meeting was called to order soon after eight o'clock by the president Hon. Daniel Cote. Rev. J. A. Lousier of this city delivered the oration and several of the delegates continued the discussion begun in the afternoon, and among other things talked over the programme for Friday's grand celebration.

It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of this city, and the various committees had laid themselves out to make this the grandest celebration ever held in Biddeford, and the equal of any ever in the State.

Their plans were well laid and were carried out with perfect success. Everything seemed to favor them. A more beautiful day than this we have not had this summer. If it had been a little cooler and there had been less dust it would have been more comfortable, otherwise there could have been no improvement.

The citizens in general took a lively interest in the celebration and rendered the French societies material assistance. Two-thirds of the stores and business places in both Biddeford and Saco were beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, national and society emblems, overgreens, etc., and many residences along the line of parade were handsomely decorated.

It was a veritable gala day, and both cities had on their way and were ready to receive their visitors. All the mills were closed the entire day, and most of the stores were a portion of the day at least. Everybody was given an opportunity to enjoy or take part in the celebration. From early morning till day's end the streets were thronged with eager sight-seers, anxious to take in everything that occurred.

Early in the morning the country people began to flock into town, and the city people gathered on the streets. By 7.30 o'clock the uniformed members of the local French societies and the delegates in town began to appear on the streets on foot or on horseback, and soon the two Biddeford bands turned out.

At 8 o'clock the local French societies began to get together, and after parading up and down Main street several times they got together in City square and the neighboring streets.

The Salisbury Band of Westbrook arrived on the 8 o'clock train, as did also a few of the visitors.

The band paraded the streets a short time, and favored the crowd on the sidewalks with a selection while in front of K. W. Sutherland's.

About 9 o'clock the Biddeford Light Infantry, preceded by Painchaud's First Regiment Band of this city marched to the Boston & Maine station and took positions on Thornton street opposite Deering's, where they waited as patiently as they could until the train upon which the governor and the visiting societies, bands, etc., were expected to arrive came.

The Westbrook Band then formed in front of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, Uncle Sam, the Indian chiefs, etc., and marched down Franklin street. The St. Jean Baptiste Drum Corps also took a position in this line. The officers of the St. Jean Baptiste Society were on horseback, and the line presented a very handsome appearance in the gaudy uniforms.

The line rested on Franklin street some little time, and then marched up Elm street to Main street, where it remained until the arrival of the train. The last line to leave City Square was composed of the Biddeford Military Band, L'Union Secours Mutuel, L'Union des Marchands Canadiens, etc.

This line marched over Franklin street, through Elm to Vetrom 16, where it took up its stand.

An immense throng gathered at the depot long before the train was due, and patiently awaited in the burning sun eager to catch the first glimpse of some familiar face as a friend should step from the train.

Hundreds of people were there. It seemed as though the entire French population, together with half the Irish and Americans of the city was there.

The train was due at 9.35, but it did not arrive until 15 minutes later. It was a train of eight passenger coaches and two baggage cars, the regular Boston train, and it was heavily loaded. When it proceeded on its way to the Hub of the universe it was practically deserted.

As the people crowded off the cars, almost everybody's hand was grasped by that of some Biddeford friend and heartily shaken.

The visiting military companies, as soon as they had alighted, lined up on the platform in true military style, and went through some of their well practiced evolutions, with a precision that made the eyes of some of the people stick out with amazement.

As soon as possible after the train had been unloaded the line was formed, the visiting companies and societies marching by the home organizations, which duly saluted them.

Gov. Burleigh was escorted to one of Gowen's best open carriages, to which were attached four of his best and hand-somest chestnut horses. Mayor Staples and Hon. Daniel Cote, president of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Biddeford, also occupied seats in this carriage.

organ and full orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. P. L. Painchaud. The beautiful solos were splendidly rendered by Mrs. Dr. J. A. Soudard, Mrs. Dr. J. E. Laroque, Mrs. F. F. Beaugard, Miss Emma St. Pierre, Miss Malvine Archaubault, Mr. Etienne Lapointe and Mr. J. N. E. Gelinas.

At the offertory the "Super Flumina de Lambert" Solo and Quartet was sung, the solo being rendered by Miss E. Landry.

A brief sermon was then preached by Rev. P. A. Dugro of Springvale. The service was very impressive throughout, and was one that will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present.

After doing escort duty for the governor, society officials, etc., the military companies marched to the army of the Biddeford Light Infantry, where the home company entertained the visitors.

At the close of the religious services the line for the grand parade was formed, the French Societies, Military companies, bands, etc., forming on Elm street near St. Joseph's church.

The trade representations forming the rear of the procession, formed on Centre street.

The following was the order of the parade:

- FIRST DIVISION. Chief Marshal, Romeo Spinrad. St. Jean Baptiste Band of Brunswick. Cavalry—Commander, Hired Beaudoin. Carriage—Committee of Organization. SECOND DIVISION. Platoon of Police. Saluberry Band of Westbrook. First Division St. Jean Baptiste Society of Biddeford. Carriage—St. Jean Baptiste Society of Biddeford. St. Jean Baptiste Drum Corps. Second Division St. Jean Baptiste Society of Biddeford. Uncle Sam, Jacques Cartier, Jean Baptiste, Indian Chiefs. Carriage—The Goddess of Liberty. Miss Fannie Cote. Platoon of Lewiston Police. Lewiston Brigade Band. L'Institut Jacques Cartier, Lewiston. L'Union Musicals et Littéraires, Lewiston. L'Union St. Joseph, Lewiston. Union Band of Lewiston. St. Jean Baptiste Society, Augusta. St. Jean Baptiste Band of Brunswick. St. Jean Baptiste Society, Brunswick. Biddeford Military Band. L'Institut Canadien Français, Biddeford. Saco Fire and Drum Corps. L'Union des Secours Mutuel, Biddeford. Drum Corps. Club Cremazie, Biddeford. Drum Corps. L'Union des Marchands Canadiens Biddeford. Wheelmen. Carriage—Sto. Cecile—Goddess of Music, Miss Manie Leblanc. Carriage—The Fondeurs de St. J. Baptiste Society. THIRD DIVISION. Painchaud's 1st Regiment Band. Carriages—The Governor and Staff—Hon. E. W. Staples—Hon. J. D. Cote—Pres. St. J. B. Society. Military Escort. Carriages—Invited Guests and Delegates. Biddeford Fire Department. Steamers—Eben Simpson. Hoso Wagon. Steamer Eben Simpson. Welcome Ladder Truck. Carriages containing members of the Canadian Clergy, delegates and private citizens. FOURTH DIVISION. Barge—Children, representing each State in the Union, and the Seven Provinces of Canada. Parade.

The procession was the route taken by the processions. Starting from the church, up Elm street to the depot, then down Elm to the junction of Main and Elm, countermarching down Elm to Vetrom 16, to Main, down Main to Alfred, up to High School grounds, then countermarching down Alfred to Birch, to Sumner, to Jefferson, to City square.

The procession did not start until noon, and when it did it was an immense one, probably a mile in length, which it took over half an hour to pass a given point.

It was estimated by those competent to judge that there were at least 1400 people in line all told.

Lewiston furnished the largest number of any city besides Biddeford, having in line nearly 450 men.

The gaudy costumes of Chief Marshal Romeo Spinrad and his two assistants, Joseph Cordeau and William Roussin, attracted much attention and favorable comment.

The cavalry, commanded by Alfred Beaudoin, numbered 24, and presented a very handsome appearance.

Then came the committees in carriages followed by Deputy Marshal Grant and five of his officers.

The St. Jean Baptiste Society of this city in two divisions, with the officers in carriages presented the usual handsome appearance, as did also L'Institut Jacques Cartier of Lewiston, L'Union Musicals et Littéraires of Lewiston, and L'Union St. Joseph of Lewiston, which followed in this order.

Miss Fannie Cote as the Goddess of Liberty sat easily in her carriage, apparently very comfortable under the huge Japanese umbrella which was held over her head by an attendant. She presented a scene of beauty such as is seldom seen, and was truly a Goddess of Liberty.

Then came the St. Jean Baptiste Band of Brunswick, a most excellent band, followed by St. Jean Baptiste Society of Brunswick, which made a pretty appearance, in uniforms rather novel. The St. Jean Baptiste Society of Augusta, a large society marched in perfect step and did credit to themselves and to the parade.

Next in line was the Biddeford Military Band followed by the Institute Français of this city, a large society with which everybody is familiar, and which is often seen on our streets in parade.

The Saco Fire and Drum Corps, one of the best organizations of the kind in the State, led the Union de Secours Mutuel, which was followed by a drum corps, the Club Cremazie, another drum corps, and L'Union des Marchands Canadiens of this city, all of which added much to the length and appearance of the procession.

The Carriage—Sto. Cecile—Goddess of Music, the part being taken by Miss Manie Leblanc, was well gotten up and was the cause of much amusement among the crowd of spectators.

The Carriage—the Fondeurs (founders) of St. Jean Baptiste Society was another very interesting feature.

In the fourth division, headed by Painchaud's First Regiment Band, came the carriages containing the governor and staff, His Honor, Mayor Staples, and President Cote of St. Jean Baptiste Society, followed by the Military Escort, and carriages containing invited guests and delegates.

arranged linen and fancy shirts and ties, etc. On the back were tastefully arranged a large assortment of hats, caps, etc.

Daniel Cote had a complete grocery store on wheels, with advertising matter on the sides, and a canvas roof over the whole. One of his obliging clerks sat at a desk in the front of the wagon, ready to attend to any imaginary customers that might appear.

The most novel and interesting feature of the trade parade was a fully equipped blacksmith and carpenter shop on wheels drawn by immense and handsome horses.

A diminutive donkey was inside the blacksmith portion of the structure, a fire was burning in the forge, and several workmen were there in their working clothes all ready for business. This establishment was contributed by J. Bourassa and D. O. Jeanson, and as an advertising scheme could hardly be improved upon.

Peltier Brothers had one of their carts and two of their handsoem pairs of horses in line. The cart was beautifully draped with bunting and flags, and presented a very attractive appearance.

Another interesting feature was a large and heavy wagon, tastefully draped, upon which was a cotton machine, mangle, sheeting, run by a diminutive upright engine, and in full operation. This represented the labor and industries of this city.

F. X. Cote & Co. had a handsome team in the parade, decorated with the usual flags and bunting and containing furniture and household necessities, in which they are extensive dealers.

W. Guilbault had a handsome little team appropriately decorated, in the line, advertising his business as an optician. Mr. Guilbault is one of the leaders in his profession, a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and a worker in everything that is of interest to the French citizens of this city.

The Singer Manufacturing Co. had three teams in a row in the procession, advertising their machines.

N. Bonapure had a long cart drawn by a single horse, on which were arranged several lawn swings and chairs, which were occupied by fantastically arrayed individuals.

N. P. Renouf and Co., photographers, had a wagon advertising their business, and the procession wound up with a fantastic team, of which there were several in the line.

The Lewiston Societies were accompanied by the Brigade and Union Bands of Lewiston, among the best in the state, the music of which was truly appreciated.

The Westbrook Band which led the procession is a good one, and the two local bands, Painchaud's First Regiment and the Military never did better, each covering itself with glory. The several drum corps also gave some excellent music, for which they deserve praise.

The Biddeford Fire Department never presented a handsomer appearance than it did today. The members of the companies marched ahead of their machine, steamer, hose wagon, or ladder truck, whichever it happened to be, in even step and in perfect time and were a commanding element of the men.

The Indian chiefs, who each had a beautifully draped till to their backs, and in which could be made, and that the chiefs and wore white plug hats, were proud of their pots was evident by the way their faces shone.

The horses also were perfectly groomed and seemed aware that they were on exhibition. At any rate they behaved their prettiest.

Behind the department, and just in front of the trade procession came probably 25 teams containing members of the Catholic clergy, officers of the various French societies in the line, and citizens generally who cared to ride in the procession.

It was half past two when the weary and dust covered veterans of the parade arrived in City Square.

They formed a hollow square around the carriage containing Gov. Burleigh, President Cote and Mayor Staples.

President Cote delivered an address to his Excellency the Governor, which was as follows:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR E. C. BURLEIGH.

Excellency—This day will be long remembered by the people of this city; it will be over held in joyful memory by the French Canadians of this city; yes, more, of the State of Maine; but especially by the members of St. John Society who commemorate on this occasion the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of their organization.

It is but gratifying to us, that in our endeavors to give to this celebration all the magnificence and splendor befitting its character, that we should meet at the hands of our American friends, fellow-citizens and the public generally, the warmest sympathy and most hearty co-operation.

Just then may we feel honored to have today in our midst and as our guests, the Chief Executive of the State, the ladies and distinguished gentlemen present; the militia from sister cities as well as from our own home, who all kindly responded to our invitation and thereby contribute so much to make this event, the one most important in the history of the St. John Baptiste Society and of the French Canadians and Acadians of the Pine Tree State.

For these considerations and for the high honor conferred upon us, we feel and will ever feel sincerely grateful to your Excellency, to the ladies, to our friends and to our many distinguished guests.

In behalf of St. John Baptiste Society and of all who take part in this day's celebration, we say to you and to all here present, please accept the thanks of grateful hearts.

The members of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Dated at Biddeford, Me., the 15th day of July, 1892.

Gov. Burleigh fittingly replied in a clear and distinct voice as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I thank you sincerely for your kindly greeting. It is a pleasure to me to be present with you upon this anniversary occasion of an organization that is worthy representative of a large and growing body of Maine citizens. The French Canadian people have already contributed generously to the material growth and prosperity of our State and will undoubtedly play an important part in the future development of those great natural resources of Maine the full scope of whose possibilities we are only beginning to understand and appreciate.

It has been a pleasure to me to note the increasing readiness of your people to assume the responsibilities of citizenship and to fully identify themselves with the community interests of the localities where they reside. It is a moment that merits the most hearty commendation and encouragement. The

people of Maine have been glad to share with you these most cherished rights and rejoice to see you so freely mingling with and becoming a part of our organic life. We trust and believe these rights and immunities of citizenship will be carefully cherished by you and transmitted to your children as a priceless heritage to be guarded with jealous care. But my friends I did not come here to weary you with any extended remarks. I assure you I shall remember this occasion with genuine pleasure, and trust that it may mark a mile-stone in the vigorous and healthy growth of your association.

Alphonse Pare, Honorary President of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, then proposed in turn three cheers for His Excellency, Gov. Burleigh; for the militia; for His Honor, Mayor Staples, and all who had helped make the celebration the success it had proved; for the delegations, all French societies at home and abroad, who were present; City Marshal Tarbox and the police; the fire department, and for everybody present.

Each in its turn was given with a hearty good will, and was echoed by the various bands.

It was three o'clock just when the procession was finally disbanded, and the hungry men were allowed to go to dinner. The governor and party were dined at the Biddeford House, the delegations and visitors in St. John's and Secours Mutuel Halls on Adams street, and the bands in the hall of Post Sheridan, No. 28, G. A. R., on Alfred street.

THE DECORATIONS.

Union Block presented a very handsome appearance. Most of the occupants decorated, the stores of C. E. & F. P. Brackett and C. H. Leighton presenting a particularly handsome appearance. No structure looked handsomer than Marble block, where the occupants, C. A. Dumas, Geo. G. Bellevue, the York Mutual Aid, and others had clubbed together. Streamers in the national colors extended from top to bottom.

Ion. Daniel Cote's store and house were both beautifully decorated.

Sanborn Bros' store looked very nicely, the doorway being tastefully arranged with flags and bunting. C. A. Lacroix also had a very handsomely decorated store, and the Biddeford House looked well, as did also the hall of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and that of Sheridan Post, G. A. R., on Alfred street.

The stores of H. W. Ayer and McKenney & Heard were beautifully decorated and attracted much attention.

The decorations were all very pretty, but special mention of more than a few is impossible.

The following is as accurate a list of those who decorated as could be obtained:

- Adams street St. Jean Baptiste Hall, Luther Bryant. Alfred street Atkinson House Furnishing Co., J. P. Billings, David Mercier, J. B. E. Tartro, Madame Edmond Lalanne, Dr. Gratton, Cosgrove & Pruneau, Charles Riley, N. P. Dion, First Regiment and Military Band halls, Grant and St. Sheridan Post halls, Joseph Lajoie, J. Costello & Co., J. Goldsborough, Joseph Mayer, John Pare, O. D. Bell, J. Leclerc, J. L. Gaudin, Broom Street Allen P. H. P. L. Polak, K. H. S., William Roussin, Joseph Carter, Peter Lemieux. Centre street Julius G. G. A. P. Simard, Alexander Gelandier, Dr. Thivierge. Elm street: N. B. Osgood, Pierre Boardman, Louis Lamou, Louis Pierson, Fred Gertin, Deering Bros., Joseph Allard, Dr. J. E. Laroque, F. F. Beaugard, Dr. J. E. Laroque, Henry Cartier, Wakefield Bros., Landry & Messier, Joseph Cartier, Gilbert Sawyer, Beat Bros., John M. Akory, C. F. Hurd, Joseph Ledeau, Mrs. Labonta, St. St. Marie, Noel Volandrio, Walfrum Gendron, Alphonse St. Marie. Jefferson street: Robert McArthur, Adolphe Gagnon, Leon Cote. Main street: Dr. N. T. Thivierge, J. B. Pare, Abran Godkowski, York Mutual Aid, Louis Nadeau, N. E. Renouf, Perry & Gagnon, John E. Emond, Frank Meeds, Provencher's barber shop, Charles T. Charland, J. B. Hamelin, Frank Cousins, P. L. Painchaud, McKenney & Heard, Dr. Davis Dennis O'Connor, K. W. Sutherland, J. N. Coffin, Miss M. C. Cowan, George Cartier, John Berry, Harris Shoe Store, Frank F. Smith, Fenderson & Cole, Wm. Lalanne, E. E. Sawtelle, Biddeford Journal, Biddeford Times, Biddeford Strand, Dr. Lapointe, C. E. & F. P. Brackett, J. T. Thivierge, Dr. J. E. Laroque, S. G. Twambley & Son, Murphy Bros., Victor Cordeau, Joseph Dion, John Canara, William Kearney, Brunelle Bros., Michael Reddy, Edward Little, Geo. G. Bellevue, Moran Bros., Institute Hall, E. H. Roberts, Sanborn Bros., L. F. Shute, Scanlan's barber shop, Jos. & O. Nadeau, Henry Goshou, Home Dining Rooms, L. V. Guertin, F. X. Cote, R. D. Flood, Biddeford House, E. L. Cowan, C. A. Dumas, J. H. Fenderson, Eli Girouard, Parkhurst & Murrane, Julius Cohen, C. A. Lacroix, William Lalanne, Doyle's Variety Store, D. F. Libby, Sam'l Smith, Jr. & Son, G. W. Kinney, C. H. P. Hampson, C. H. Leighton, Mason & Weymouth. South street: City Marshal Fred Tarbox, Father Dupont, Wm. A. Roberts. Sullivan street: Alphonse Bolduc Nelson Provençal, Paul Sevey. Summer street: C. A. Lacroix, Magloire Bisillon, George E. Labelle, O. Nadeau, Anthony Little. Water street: J. B. Pare, Dudley block. Comparatively few of the Saco stores were decorated, but those that were looked well. W. W. McIntire, A. M. Coker, Webber, O. P. Greene, Durell & Wentworth, J. Q. Sawyer, D. F. Littlefield, James W. Littlefield, Wm. P. Moody, Arthur F. Wentworth, George F. Owen, William J. Bradford, John Tounge & Co., E. L. Preble & Co., and a few others put out flags and bunting.

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GRAND CELEBRATION OF FRENCH SOCIETIES ENDED.

Battalion Drill Not Given, and Many People Disappointed—Brief Reception by the Governor—Grand Concert in City Hall Fri. Evening—Most of the Delegates Have Returned Home—Notes.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the St. Jean Baptiste Society is over, and most of the out of town people who attended have returned to their homes.

Several hundreds of people were greatly disappointed after reaching the spot where the battalion drill was to take place, because it did not occur as had been advertised. They went over there and waited two hours, many of them, but the Militia did not appear.

Late in the afternoon Gov. Burleigh gave a brief reception in the Biddeford House, and then took the train for home. He had matters to attend to which made it impossible for him to remain to the concert in the evening.

Just before 7 o'clock the four companies of militia came out and took the car tracks in front of the Biddeford House. They were on dress parade for about a quarter of an hour, and then the Biddeford company and Painchaud's First Regiment Band escorted the visiting companies to the Boston & Maine station, and they took the 7.24 train for home.

About the same time the Lewiston Brigade Band gave a little concert of its own in the City Hall.

The concert given in City Hall in the evening by the Sto. Cecile choir, under the direction of P. L. Painchaud, was a most excellent one, and the participants are deserving of great credit for their work.

The audience was a good sized one, though the hall was not crowded. The following was the program rendered:

- Director... Prof. P. L. Painchaud Accompanists, Misses Leblanc and C. Painchaud FIRST PART. Overture—C. Lavoie Painchaud's Orchestra O Canada—C. Lavoie, Ste. Cecile Choir with band accompaniment. Duo Xelophone—"Selma Polka." Miss C. Painchaud and E. Poisson Solo—"L'Esclavo Muresque" L. Boriesse Mrs. F. A. Soudard, Ernest Gagnon Les Chants Canadiens with Piano and Orchestra Duo Cornet—Alr. varie, "Genevieve" J. Gorton Prof. P. L. Painchaud, J. Pombiant, with piano accompaniment. Solo—Le Vallon, "Lamartine" music by Gounod Mrs. F. F. Beauguard. Solo—Piano... Miss Josephine Dion SECOND PART. Grand Vocal March of the Amazons and Knights of yo Olden Times in Brilliant Costumes. Amazons. Knights. Mrs. J. A. Soudard Dr. N. Thivierge. Miss E. V. Landry, Dr. J. A. Soudard. Miss Emma St. Pierre, Mr. J. B. Brardis. Miss S. Messier "Joseph Girard. Mrs. P. L. Painchaud, "J. B. A. Chavaler Miss A. Archambault, "John Cote. Miss M. Archambault Ed. Painchaud Miss C. Labouchard "J. N. E. Gelinas. Solo, "Robert Robert" "Que j'aime" "Cavari" "Le Robert le Diable" Meyerbeer. Comic Scene Mrs. J. E. Laroque. "The Pilgrim" Mr. Joseph Cartier Adams Mrs. J. E. Laroque. Solo, "The Pilgrim" Ste. Cecile Choir with vocal and orchestra accompaniment. Solo, "La consiliner bougeois" (comic) E. Bourget Music by F. Parizot. Mrs. J. E. Laroque. "L'Immo au Drapier" and Star Spangled Banner, followed by the Grand Spectacular Tableau, "United States and Canada," introducing the Goddess of Liberty. Miss Fannie Cote. Washington, Lafayette, Champlain, Jacques Cartier, Union Square, the Biddeford Indian Warriors brought together on the stage over one hundred people. Bands. Final—"National Airs".... Bands

The entire programme was of much interest, but some portions of it proved worthy of special mention.

The Xelophone duet by Miss C. Painchaud and E. Poisson was an attractive number, and the vocal solos by Mrs. J. A. Soudard, Mrs. J. E. Laroque, and Mme. Wyso-Fournier were first class and were received with applause.

The comic act by Prof. P. L. Painchaud and Fred Pombiant, with piano accompaniment was well played, and well received, as was also Miss Josephine Dion's piano solo.

The Sto. Cecile choir as a whole did itself proud and gave some faultless music. The anvil chorus from "Il Travaite" with anvil and orchestra accompaniment is very old in reality, yet ever new and was one of the best features of the entertainment.

The grand vocal march of the Amazons and Knights of yo olden times, participated in by eight ladies and an equal number of gentlemen in brilliant and attractive costumes was a very interesting feature of the programme, and was successfully carried out.

The grand spectacular tableau representing the United States and Canada, with Miss Fannie Cote, as the Goddess of Liberty, was very beautiful, and was greeted with loud and continued applause.

The best song of the evening, perhaps excepting that of Mme. Wyso-Fournier, was that of Mrs. F. F. Beaugard, who sang Le Vallon, "Lamartine" in splendid voice, and with precision. Mrs. Beaugard is a splendid singer, and thoroughly deserves all the praise that can be bestowed upon her.

Of Mme. Wyso-Fournier, too much can hardly be said. She is a professional musician, and a thorough artist, as well as a splendid singer with a perfect voice. She received the ovation of the evening, which must be particularly gratifying from the fact that nearly all in the hall were strangers to her. She was accompanied by Charles White of Lynn, on the violin, the only American who took part in the concert. This was one of the best numbers of the programme.

Joseph Cartier's comic scene was very amusing, and fairly brought down the house.

The representation of Washington, Lafayette, Indian Warriors, and numerous other people, was very realistic, and brought over a hundred people upon the stage at the same time.

The consolidated bands played national airs and the splendid concert was over.

NOTES. The cotton machine and steam engine in the street parade were contributed by the Laconia company.

One pair of horses on the steamer Eben Simpson in the parade were Willie I. Shevenell's truck horses. They matched the regular horses perfectly.

The horses attached to the Welcome Ladder Truck were on a barge which was not used as was expected, and were hired by the members for that purpose.

Mr. THOMAS PETERS, ANOTHER SOLDIER. SAYS: I AM CURED, THANKS TO GRODER'S SYRUP. Under date of Aug. 21, 1891, he writes: I am now seventy years of age, and have been out of health for the past fifteen years, especially for the last five years. I have suffered everything but death from a stomach trouble. I would have palpitation of the heart, distress after eating, sharp Pileury pains in my sides, and became so debilitated by spells that it was with difficulty that I could get my breath. I would be so nervous that night after night I had to get up unable to sleep. I employed the best Physicians, and would cure relief, but the old troubles always came back, until I used Groder's Botanic Dyspepsia Syrup. That removed all the troubles. I can now eat heartily, my food digests properly, and the Constipation has disappeared. I have not enjoyed so good health as I do now, since I came home from the army. My wife has also used the Syrup with good satisfaction. Yours respectfully, THOMAS PETERS, Winslow, Me.

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