

Plan Sod Turning For New Library Thursday

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"The first sod for the new public library in Grafton Park will be turned at 11 o'clock Thursday morning," His Worship Mayor J. E. Ahern revealed last night in a civic address of welcome to delegates attending the 29th annual meeting of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

"Without the assistance of the I. O. D. E. when the library's future looked black, the project would probably have been delayed another two or three years," Mayor Ahern said.

Bringing official greetings from the City of Halifax, Mayor Ahern thanked the I. O. D. E. for their support during his three years in office.

Many Delegates

Mrs. A. C. Wiswell, first vice president of the Provincial Chapter, was in the chair due to the illness of the provincial president, Mrs. W. L. Harper.

Mrs. Wiswell presented Mrs. Harper's report on the year's activities. The report recalled that the Order was now 49 years old, had survived two world wars and was steadily gaining in esteem from the public of Canada.

"It is recognized as a potent force for good, not only in the community in which the primary chapter is located, but also in the wider fields of Province and Dominion," Mrs. Harper's report pointed out.

"Its aims and objects form a strong though intangible bond between little groups of women located in small communities as well as towns and cities, drawn together in the common purpose of assisting the distressed, of studying the varied needs of the far flung Empire and of putting into operation, the laudable educational projects to which it has committed itself," the report continued.

In addition to the civic address of welcome, a welcome was extended by Mrs. Tom Moon, Municipal Regent, which was replied to by Mrs. George Wilson, Scotia Chapter, Truro.

Resolutions of loyalty were expressed to His Majesty King George and Queen Elizabeth and to His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada. Greetings were sent to

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

Two brief musical interludes were enjoyed. These featured Mrs. R. M. Benvie's orchestra of New Glasgow, and June Grant, soprano, Halifax.