

CANADA'S SHIP OF STATE IS NOW GUIDED BY TWO BACHELORS; THE MOST LUMINOUS ELIGIBLES

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William Lyon Mackenzie King is premier of the Dominion of Canada. He is an able, personable, well-to-do statesman.

Richard Bedford Bennett is almost, if not quite, as politically potent as Premier King because he is the leader of the Conservative Party.

He, too, is a man of ability and charm and a generous store of worldly goods.

Yet these men, both of whom are in their fifties, are celibates. And the fact that the wheel of political fortune has put a pair of bachelors at the head of a great dominion, makes Canada unique among the nations of the earth.

These estimable gentlemen have had active political careers. Both have traveled a great deal. Both have been entertained by and have entertained the best known men of the world. They have met some of the most renowned women of today. They are constantly sought after for social affairs. Yet both have remained single and apparently intend to remain in a state of single blessedness.

A premier has many functions to attend, and especially Premier King.

Can Make Friends

When this jolly, red-cheeked, immaculately dressed bachelor arrives in Washington, there is a great to do and state functions, formal and informal dinners and receptions are the order of the day.

This is not altogether due to the important position he fills, but also to a large measure because he is a man who makes friends easily.

He lived in the United States during the early years of the World War and holds regrees from Harvard University and the University of Chicago.

His most intimate friends call him Billy, a nickname of his boyhood days. Whenever he visits his sister's home, at Barrie, Ontario, his old friends come around to see Billy King rather than the Right Honorable William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, Privy Councillor, etc.

It is when he is with this sister, Mrs. H. M. Lay, that Premier King is really at home. And every possible opportunity to visit her is taken. His niece and nephew like him. They offer travel with him and they say that he is "not fussy."

And this man who carries on his shoulders must of the burden of running a nation is very fond of this young niece and nephew. He likes other people's children too. Children are a delight to him.

When questioned about his reasons for remaining single, Premier King is not entirely reluctant to touch on the subject in a sentence or so, but that sentence tells one no more than was known before, and that is nothing. But it is a well known fact that his one and only sweetheart has been his mother. This he has stated many times.

When floral tributes were sent him on accepting the leadership of the Liberal Party, he was at Barrie at his sister's home. He motored to Toronto the next day and at Mount Pleasant Cemetery he deposited all this wealth of flowers on his mother's grave because "she has made me what I am today."

Likes Family Ties

Mr. Bennett is also a man who makes much of family ties. While his parents lived he never failed to visit them at least once a year. And, after they were gone, he regularly paid visits to Mrs. H. W. Coates, his married sister, who lives in Vancouver.

In reply to the oft put question: Why have you never married? Conservative Leader Bennett invariably replies "A man cannot serve two masters."

It may be that Mr. Bennett so speaks humorously. Then again, he may be serious.

Mrs. Coates offers a little more information by explaining that "Dick never had time to go courting when he was young and after he grew up he was much too busy to get himself a wife."

It is her opinion that he is resigned to his single state and that his wifeless existence is no hardship to him "because he is even more set in his ways

than the average unmarried male of 57." Which may, or may not, be true.

Whether it is fact or fable, there is a story to the effect that Mr. Bennett never married because he had a young woman say "no" to him many, many years ago. And the yarn took on new weight when, in a speech in his home town, he spoke of a maid in pigtail who turned him down for a clergyman.

Conservative Leader Bennett has a hostess, however, in his unmarried sister, Mildred, who is, according to him, "his right hand man" at the capital. She presides with her brother at all social functions that he finds it necessary or desirable to hold.

Premier King

Premier King, is, as has been said, a personable fellow who mingles amiably with his people—men, women and children. But when he gets a bit fed up with his multiple duties he steals away to his little farm set in the Gatineau Hills near Ottawa.

Here he has a modest cottage, a small like a woodland in which to stroll with his Irish terrier, "Pat", and a few rolling acres where his sheep browse peacefully. He also raises poultry and good poultry. For some of the exhibits at the World's Poultry Congress recently held in Ottawa came from Kingsmere, which is the rather regal name of the King country place.

No spouse brings the feminine touch to Kingsmere and, apparently, Canada's first citizen is quite content that things are as they are in his pastoral retreat.

But even in this rural spot, Mr. King is not always free of office seekers and well meaning friends and when he really wants to relax from his labors he takes a flying trip to some American city, or boards ship for a change of scene in England and the continent. No office seekers, no legislation boosters follow him on these longer journeys.

The Best Eligibles

Premier King and Opposition Leader Bennett are regarded by the unwed femininity of the Dominion as about the most luminous "eligibles" in the country. Each of them is brainy, successful, a power in the larger affairs of a great nation, charming to meet, gracious and easy with the prince as well as the pauper.

But neither of the celebrated celebrities seems to have any intention of mixing romance and politics. They stand mateless at the helm of the Dominion and it appears that so long as they command the ship of state no petticoats will grace the quarter deck.

Whether it is to the advantage of Canada because her two leading political figures have never taken wives is a debatable question that is often debated.

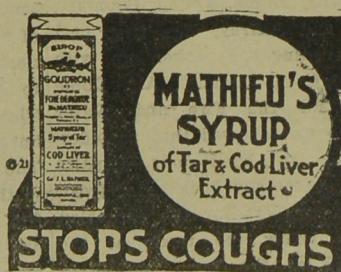
Both the premier and the Conservative leader have at one time or another been accused of being "woman haters" or afraid to take on the responsibilities of married life.

Friends of these gentlemen defend them staunchly, however and point to "The Half Circle" that organization of wives of members of the British House of Commons.

These women, whose spouses are at their jobs most of the day and, more often than not, for into the night, get together to console each other and to escape boredom. A busy statesman it seems, has little time to spend with a wife and children.

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NEW STORAGE DAM NEARING COMPLETION

Gatineau Power Company, controlled by Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation, Limited, a subsidiary of International Paper and Power Company, reports that its new storage dam on the upper Gatineau River is nearing completion. The reservoir above the dam already holds three billion cubic feet of water and storage of the balance of its capacity will be commenced about September 30 when construction on other cut off dams is completed.

The new dam-storing the waters of Lake Cabonga—and the present Mercier storage dam will form reservoirs ranking with the large water-storage systems of the world. The aggregate capacity of the two reservoirs will be 145 billion cubic feet or one and two-thirds times that of the reservoir created by the famous Assouan dam on the Nile River in Egypt.

Of a capacity of 45 billion cubic feet, and draining a territory of 1,150 square miles, the Cabonga reservoir will materially assist the Mercier reservoir in regulating the flow of the Gatineau River on which Gatineau Power Company has three hydro-electric plants of a combined designed capacity of 562,000 horsepower, of which 436,000 horsepower is installed and in operation. The largest of these stations—the Paugan plant—is thirty-five miles north of Ottawa, has an installed capacity of 204,000 horsepower, and is delivering electric energy to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in the Toronto area to supplement the power now being supplied from Niagara Falls.

Gatineau Power Company has had a particularly impressive growth and now ranks as one of the largest producers of electric power in the world. In the first four months of this year the Company generated 643,664,000 kilowatt hours, 89 per cent greater than the output of the Company in the same period of last year.

THE NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA ARE PRAISED

Montreal, June 10—"Eastern Canada has in Algonquin Park one of the finest and most picturesque out of door playgrounds that it has been my pleasure to visit," declared J. Eaton, Manager of the Grantland-Rice "Sport Lights" films, on his return from Lake Traverse, where with his camera man, Ernest Corts he was making a motion picture film of trout fishing activities for display in "Sport Movie" theatres of the United States. Both Mr. Eaton and Mr. Corts were enthusiastic over the scenic grandeur and also of the possibilities for out-of-door sports to be found in the territory which they visited. Mr. Eaton expressed his anxieties to return later in the season with movietone equipment to make a sound picture of the roaring rapids of the Petawawa River in the North end of the Algonquin Park.

The Grantland Rice Movietone people were accompanied by a party of Montrealers who fished speckled trout along the Lavielle Waterway, near Lake Traverse, which lies on the Canadian National Railways main line across the northern portion of the Park. Splendid results were obtained during the fishing trip, the anglers succeeding in landing speckled trout of three and a half, four and five pounds in weight.

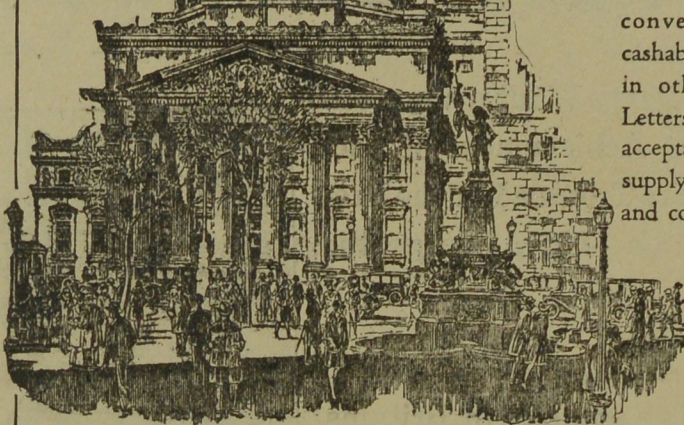
"The provincial and national parks such as Algonquin Park in Ontario, Laurentides in Quebec, and Jasper National Park in Alberta may well be considered as the great out of doors playgrounds of the Continent," said Mr. Eaton before his departure for New York on the "Washingtonian" of the Canadian National Railways. "Your Governments are taking wise steps in preserving the wild game of the country, and providing your people a place where they can enjoy the best of recreation facilities when they seek their vacations."

This opinion from the mind of a Detroit woman will not stir bitter masculine opposition: "The ambition of any average woman is to be the envy of someone else."

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BAKED TONGUE WITH VEGETABLES

Place a whole tongue in a kettle, cover with boiling water and, as the meat boils, keep the surface of the water clear of the scum that rises. After the meat has boiled for about an hour, add salt and pepper, a cupful of carrots and celery, cut in small pieces, a sprig of parsley and two medium sized onions. Cook until the vegetables are well done. The entire time for cooking should be at least two hours, and the tongue, if not fairly tender at the end of the first cooking before the vegetables are added, should be simmered long-

er before adding them. When done remove the tongue to a platter, cut away the skin and the root and cut in half lengthwise. Place in a roasting pan, strain the vegetables from the liquid and mash them thoroughly. Add to them three cupfuls of the liquid from the meat and one cupful of tomatoes. Pour over the tongue. Bake in a moderate oven for a half hour, basting with the sauce from time to time. The sauce may be thickened for serving, if desired. Arrange tongue on a hot platter and surround with the sauce and garnish with small, whole cooked beets and slices of thinly sliced cucumber.

The Backfire

She—"I have decided to accept you after all."

He (who has changed his mind)—"But I can't marry my sister!"

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