

SIR AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN AFFRONTED OTTAWA HOSTESS BUT MADE DUE RECOMPENSE

When in Rome do as the Romans do is an old and well worn adage; but when the Roman comes to you?

There is an Ottawa hostess who can tell you at least something in that regard, and her advice to you would probably be, let the Roman do as he pleases.

This lady, one of the capital's most charming hostesses and a social leader of outstanding popularity enjoyed the distinction of being one of the few to have her drawing room graced by the presence while on their recent visit to Canada, of Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain.

The drawing room itself is an institution among the elite of the capital. On this occasion a notable array of select guests, those of whom the hostess had advised the visiting dignitary and his brilliant lady would be willing to meet, were assembled.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was seated with his hostess chatting when the maid appeared with the tea wagon. The hostess poured tea for her guest, passing the cup to him. She then asked him if he took cream; he did. Then she asked him if he took sugar.

Sir Austen took sugar, and is said by a guest to have then reached over and apparently oblivious to the presence of silver tongs along side the sugar bowl, to have helped himself to a lump, using his fingers.

Hostess Horrified

The hostess was apparently horrified at his indulgence; to her it was an unpardonable breach of etiquette she was face to face with a terrible dilemma. It was not good form to take with one's fingers she knew also she knew that the thing simply was not done. She was torn between two desires; should she have a bowl of fresh sugar brought in, or should she let the incident pass without notice in the hope that none of her guests had seen the incident.

Whatever her more mature thought on the matter may have been, she thought it best to make sure that none of her other guests were offend-

ed. She quietly motioned to the maid to remove the tea wagon. This was done and in a moment or two the maid reappeared with a fresh bowl of sugar on the wagon.

While this was going on Sir Austen sat chatting with his hostess, apparently oblivious to her dilemma. When the tea wagon returned he is said to have concluded his conversation with his hostess.

Rising, he strolled, cup in hand, across the drawing room to where Lady Chamberlain stood near the large open fireplace chatting with some friends.

Broken China

Sir Austen stood for a few moments, chatting and finished his cup of tea. This finished he was seen to stoop down and gently but firmly smash the cup he had been using against the backwall of the fireplace the pieces clattering practically unobtrusively to the coals beneath. Then he did the same with the saucer.

Straightening up and turning to his wife he was heard to remark, "my dear, surely if one's fingers so contaminate the sugar that a new supply is needed it would be most unkindly to run any risk of any future guest being contaminated through using the cup one has used."

All this took place so quietly that almost no one other than those in the immediate vicinity knew what had taken place.

The first intimation the Ottawa hostess had of the incident was after her guests had gone. She was mortified and grieved, but it was too late to undo what had been done.

China and a Card

The next day a special messenger arrived at the door of the house with a parcel. In it was a cup and saucer of the same make and pattern as the one used the day before. With it was Sir Austen's card.

That cup and saucer are today a treasured possession of the Ottawa hostess concerned; it points a lesson that will not soon be forgotten. But at that there is much to be said for her side of the story.

TOURIST TRAVEL TO PROVINCE SHOWS BIG INCREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1928

Tourist travel to New Brunswick for the present season shows a sustained increase of fully twenty-five per cent, according to statistics gathered by the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information & Tourist Travel covering the 129 season up to August 31st.

Permits issued for tourists' automobiles from the United States through Canadian Customs houses at international boundary points in New Brunswick for stays of longer periods than 24 hours totalled 25,330 up to August 31st for the present season as compared with 21,574 for the corresponding period of last year; this is an increase of approximately 20 per cent, and it is estimated that touring parties attracted to New Brunswick from Ontario and Quebec and the other provinces of Canada this year have been at least twice as numerous as ever before, making the gross increase of tourists coming to New Brunswick more than 25 per cent over last year.

Many U. S. Cars

The figures showing the number of United States touring parties entering New Brunswick are supplied by the Federal National Revenue Department and are official. These show that 544,305 United States owned automobiles entered New Brunswick this season up to August 31st through the 23 ports of entry of this Province along the international boundary. Of this number 25,330 cars with touring parties were granted permits for stays of periods up to 60 days, as compared with 21,574 similar permits issued up to the corresponding date of last year. In other words these 25,330 cars carried touring parties coming into New Brunswick for periods longer than 24 hours and brought genuine tourists into this Province for vacations lasting up to as long as 60 days.

The Banner Month

The returns which are made public

today show August as the banner month for tourist travel from the United States into New Brunswick and this has been a noticeable feature of each season's tourist travel to this Province for several years. The marked increase in tourist travel to New Brunswick from the United States, as shown by the Canadian Customs returns, and the even greater increase in the number of motor touring parties from Ontario, Quebec and the other Maritime Provinces and the far western provinces as well, all combine to provide ample justification for the expenditure for tourist advertising and publicity made by the Provincial Government this year. New Brunswick spent its money for tourist advertising this season, as it has in recent past seasons, largely with the daily newspapers, and the increased tourist travel is the gratifying result. Hotel men and others interested in the tourist trade of New Brunswick all unite in reporting a greatly increased tourist traffic this season, in which all sections of the Province have participated.

Some Statistics

Following figures show the number of automobiles owned in the United States with touring parties for which permits to tour in Canada for periods over 24 hours but not exceeding 60 days have been granted and issued by Canadian Collectors of Customs along the New Brunswick border during the 1929 season up to August 31st, as compared with the same period last year:—

	1929	1928
Andover	1,784	1,489
Aroostook Jct.	7	4
Bloomfield	78	58
Centreville	448	1,037
Clair	738	414
Connors	81	89
Debec	5	67
Edmundston	974	660
Fosterville	80	84

PHILADELPHIA VIEW OF CAVE MAN STUFF

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

In every civilized bosom there exists, probably, the urge to return to nature, the desire to attain to that primitive and, alas, illusory happiness which, as we like to think, is a part of nature's sweet facilities. The impulse is wholly artificial, and there are few of us who would gratify it if we could. Occasionally, however, there emerges from the common ruck of mankind an individual of more heroic stature who puts these cherished theories to the test. Such a one is Mr. Burt M. McConnell, of New York, who has announced his intention of betaking himself for a three months' sojourn in the trackless woods of New Brunswick, a pair of spectacles his only weapon; and, indeed, his only raiment. It is Mr. McConnell's plan to eat such food as he can kill with his hands, to wear skins for clothing, and to keep a diary no birkbark with a charcoal pencil. The diary, it is perhaps unnecessary to add, will later be transformed into a book.

It has been done before. Mr. McConnell's originality consists principally in the spectacles, and in this is it possible to detect a certain inconsistency. His aim, apparently, is to prove that the modern city man, so far from being corrupted by civilization, is able to meet nature on her own terms and give her a drubbing; to this end he will dispense with the armor of civilization when he engages her. But spectacles, it is obvious, are as much a part of civilization as a rifle, an electric oven, a suit of clothes or a stenographer. If he wants to be a really convincing caveman, Mr. McConnell should leave his glasses with his clothes.

BRITISH LORD'S FAMILY MOVES INTO COTTAGE

London, Sept. 17—"From riches to poverty" has been the theme of writers for ages, and sometimes the victims throw up the sponge and admit defeat. Lady Armstrong, however, and her husband smilingly accept conditions as they are and she says that there is nothing in the wide world quite so satisfactory as cutting your suit by your cloth.

Her husband is a great-nephew of the first Lord Armstrong, who founded the vast Elswick armament works. Lord Armstrong inherited an estate worth \$5,000,000, and part of it consisted of the magnificent residence near Rothburg.

The tremendously high taxation and the reduced value of money have closed down many fine old houses in England, the Armstrong residence among them.

So Lord and Lady Armstrong have been forced to close their mansion, dismiss most of the help and they now are living in a small house on the grounds known as the cottage in which formerly the agent lived.

"There is no use of trying of maintain extravagant appearances," says Lady Armstrong, "and when incomes will not cover the scale of living one has followed, obviously the only thing to do is to diminish expenses. A great many families have been hit hard by post-war conditions, ourselves among the number. We believe that all should share the common burden."

The Armstrongs, however, despite their modified establishment, maintain their interest and contributions to the worthy charities with which they have been connected.

Four Falls	185	124
Fredericton	—	1
Grand Falls	1,339	747
Green River	30	12
Milltown	196	186
McAdam Jct.	8	11
Richmond Road	5,451	4,700
River de Chute	221	124
St. Croix	708	598
St. Hilaire	34	111
Saint John	147	42
St. Leonard	2,624	2,741
St. Stephen	10,189	8,251
Woodstock	3	29
	25,330	21,574

Here and There

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"The greatest apple crop in the history of Nova Scotia," is the almost unanimous opinion expressed by prominent fruit growers and Government experts of the province. It is estimated the crop will reach 2,500,000 barrels, at least half a million barrels more than any other crop ever raised in Nova Scotia.

In preparation for the opening of the 1929 big game hunting season in New Brunswick, 25,000 hunting licenses have been sent out from the Department of Lands and Mines to 300 vendors in all parts of the province.

E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, accompanied by a group of directors of the company, is now on his annual tour of inspection of company's properties and conditions in the west. Resorts, agricultural centres, experimental farms, mines and smelting plants, as well as the system itself was inspected during the tour which started September 5 from Montreal and closes at Winnipeg October 2.

"I am watching with the greatest interest the progress being achieved in the United States where railways are experimenting in the use of aeroplanes as adjuncts to their railway services," said E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, interviewed at Toronto recently. "There they are using planes by day in certain places and rail travel by night and the experiments are very interesting to me," the president added.

Two first prizes, three seconds, and a third award were won by the Canadian Pacific Railway supply farms championship Holstein herd from Strathmore, Alta., at the 60th annual provincial exhibition at New Westminster recently. This is a follow-up to the Vancouver Show where the herd led all others.

Up to the end of August, says Colonel J. S. Dennis, chief commissioner of the railway's department of colonization and development, the Canadian Pacific brought to Canada 1792 boys for placement in agricultural employment under the distributive schemes of the company. "This is the largest number of British boys brought out to the Dominion by any one organization," says the Colonel.

Back from a month's wanderings along the line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway in Nova Scotia, Miss Juliette Gaultier de la Verendrye, noted folksong artist, stated that she had discovered 300 folksongs that were either quite unknown hitherto or else were interesting variants in melody and tune to similar songs in vogue among the French-Canadian habitants. She will sing some of them at forthcoming concerts.

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At this distance you may feel as if you'd like to get your hands on an Arab. Boston man slapped his wife while she slept. Thought the rule was to slap 'em to sleep.

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