

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. John Stephens is entertaining at the tea-hour this afternoon at her home, Elmcroft, Waterloo Row, in honor of Miss MacLaren. The guests will be a few of the 'Girl Guides' of the city. Mrs. George E. Howie will preside over the tea-cups.

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Mrs. J. D. Palmer was a charming hostess at the tea-hour yesterday in honor of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Palmer, and Miss Nancy Chellis, of Vancouver. B. C. Miss Palmer has recently returned from Montreal where she was a pupil at the Mother House of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The guests were received in the drawing-room by Mrs. Palmer and her daughter, Miss Palmer, assisted by Miss Chellis. The house was attractive with a profusion of cut flowers, the dining-room table being centered with a silver basket of Japanese Iris, pink snap dragon yellow jonquils and pussy-willows, flanked with pink tapers in silver candlesticks. Miss E. B. Claridge invited the guests to the dining-room where Mrs. E. O. Turner and Mrs. A. R. Slipp presided over the tea cups. Miss Helen Babbitt replenished and those serving were Miss Barbara MacCunn, Miss Nancy MacCunn, Miss Mary Kydd, Miss Jean Thompson, and Miss Marjorie McMurray.

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At the pleasing afternoon Bridge

Ye Old Tyme Bazaar
In Edgcombe's Store

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 - 13

Fancy Goods, Home-made Candy, Home-cooking, which many regretted not being able to secure last year. A fine display of Flowers and Ferns. GLOXINAS A SPECIALTY, also COLEUS.

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party given yesterday by Mrs. F. H. Rowe in honor of Mrs. George W. Madison, of Moncton, the prize winners were Mrs. F. E. MacDiarmid, Mrs. E. C. P. Salt, Mrs. R. P. Hatt and Mrs. A. D. Taylor of Minto. The house was artistic with a quantity of cut flowers and potted plants in pastel shades the refreshments also carrying out the color scheme in mauve, yellow and green.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held last night at the home of Mrs. Charles Parker. Mrs. A. K. Turner, vice president was in the chair in the absence through illness of the president, Mrs. H. W. Estabrooks. The report of the Relief committee showed that one child had been clothed also clothing and continued assistance being given to a needy family. The report from Captain Deering of the Relief Camp, showed that the money donated to that cause had been spent in buying fruit and other necessities for the Camp hospital, also a second hand radio. The free milk account taken up with Miss Pond showed that ten families had been supplied with free milk. The sum of thirty-five dollars was voted to the automobile fund of the V.O.N. committee. Ten dollars was voted to the Jubilee Cancer Fund and names of delegates to the celebration committee were sent in. Flowers were sent to the president Mrs. Estabrooks, who is ill at the hospital. At the conclusion of business, a humorous playlet was well put on which proved very entertaining, those taking part being Mrs. Clair Young, Mrs. Wm. Goodine, Mrs. Allan Horncastle, Mrs. Mathewson, Mrs. E. E. Burden, Mrs. G. I. Nugent, Mrs. Vernon Rogers. Delicious refreshments were served, a birthday cake in honor of Mrs. Jos. Timms centering the tea-table.

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Many friends will regret to hear

First Robin

(Mrs. H. A. Dannecker)

I did not need to see his rust-red throat
To name the warbler singing at the dawn;
I'd hungered for that optimistic note
Through all the cheerless days he
had been gone.

"Good cheer!" he cries, and in his magic song
I sense through wintry chill each springtime grame.

"Good cheer!" Gray skies and cold are not for long,
Since Robin Redbreast seeks his homing place.

I think the leafless trees wait for his call
To wake their sleeping buds to life again;
It reaches to the sky; the clouds let fall,
Instead of sleet, a gentle, vital rain.

Oh, Robin, how my heart needs your "Good cheer!"
For grief had sapped its very life away;
But there's no death, I know, since it can hear
Your call; there is another life, another day.

of the illness of Mrs. H. W. Estabrooks at the Victoria Public Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment.

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G. H. Gregory Bridges, barrister at law of Moncton, is expected to arrive in the city today, to spend the week end with his mother, Mrs. Hedley Bridges.

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Mrs. Gordon Coy, who spent the winter months at Miami, Florida, has returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Miller, who have been on a holiday trip to New York and other United States and Canadian cities, have returned home.

N. B. Fruit Growers
Will Meet Here

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its effect on different varieties and relation to the whole problem of what varieties to grow and the future of our people growing.

The complete program for next Friday's meeting follows:

9:00 A. M.—Registration.

9:30 A. M.—The President's Address—George W. Dingee, Gagetown. Sprays and Control Orchard Pests—A. Kelsall, Entomological Laboratory, Annapolis Royal.

Observations on Orchard Diseases in New Brunswick—D. J. MacLeod, Plant Pathological Laboratory, Fredericton.

Winter Hardiness of Commercial Varieties of Apples—Donald Blair, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The Apple Maggot Situation in New Brunswick—A. G. Turney.

1:30 P. M.—Reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor.

Pest Legislation and Its Effects on Canada's Export Trade of Plants and Plant Products—L. S. McLaine, Secretary, Destructive Insect and Plant Advisory Board, Ottawa.

New Varieties of Apples under test in New Brunswick. What varieties shall we plant today? Discussion led by A. G. Turney, C. F. Bailey, and L. C. Young.

Policies of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association—A. Kelsall.

Unfinished Business. New Business. Answers to Questions. Resolutions. Election of Officers.

EXHIBITION OF
GYMNASTICS TO
BE HELD APRIL 11

The boys of St. Paul's United Church and of Brunswick St. Baptist Church will be seen in Brunswick St. Baptist Recreational Hall on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock in a program of drills, stunts, gymnastic games, etc.

During the past six months the boys have been under the direction of Mr. Murray Ross, of M.C.A. Physical Director and they will entertain you to your heart's content if you will honor them with your presence on this occasion. Their specialties in Tumbling and Springboard and Horse features will be worth the price of admission alone.

The Beaverbrook Gym Team in daring and tricky work will be a special feature of the program and then you wouldn't miss the Indoor Hockey game between the Men of Brunswick Street Church and St. Paul's Church.

Come along and encourage the boys in their enterprise. They desire to contribute towards the upkeep of the Maritime Religious Education Council and are turning their ability to play in the direction of this Church organization.

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Moreover, Mr. Hepburn has the redemption of his promises to consider. He promised a revolutionary programme. His proposals of repudiation of the 40-year contracts presumably entered into in good faith between the Hydro-Electric and several Quebec concerns may well be claimed as evidence of a determination to prove his sincerity in that regard. But Mr. Hepburn's best friends, his real friends, will tell him that his act of repudiation, unprecedented by proof (that inferentially he may have up his sleeves), may inflict upon Canada an injury compared with which his Treasury gain would be so small as to be difficult to discover.

If Mr. Hepburn has evidence of wrong-doing, it is right that it should be exposed and penalized. But he should not have been willing to run the risk of damaging his country's interests and pauperising thousands of innocent investors by a more than doubtful experiment that involves the possibilities of irreparable damage to the Dominion's credit.

If Mr. Hepburn yields to the advice of his discerning friends appoints a probing commission and proves his claim, his terrific blow to Canadian Credit will be softened and he will not suffer; rather will he gain applause. But as matters stand, he runs a very serious risk of discrediting not only himself, but his Province and his country, by hasty, ill-judged and what may prove to be illegal action, contrary to the laws of the land.

The "considerable alarm" which the Financial Times says exists in London as the result of Premier Hepburn's repudiation proposals is clearly already widespread in this country. Perhaps no bill introduced into the Ontario Legislature in years has been the cause of such intense and immediate controversy, and it is significant that the strongest opposition to the proposed action is, so far as can be gathered at this early date, to be found in Ontario itself, rather than in Quebec, where the consequences of Mr. Hepburn's action might be expected to be most severely felt.

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In one sense the Hydro-Electric contracts were a bad bargain for Ontario. They undoubtedly do commit the Province to the long-term purchase of a lot of power for which it has no immediate need and which may not be required for some time to come. In other words, it was doubtless the sort of too optimistic bargain that everybody—Governments, corporations and individuals—constantly made in the decade ending with the collapse of 1929. But it was considered to be justified by the increasingly serious power shortage that was crippling Ontario's industrial progress from the early 1920's onward and that seemed certain to leave that Province definitely behind Quebec as the Dominion's leading manufacturing Province.

The bill by which these contracts are repudiated carries within itself a provision that renders hopeless any legal action which might be taken to recover any part of the loss which that repudiation will unquestionably entail. Even the cumbersome and always uncertain flat procedure is denied to the unfortunate holders of these bonds. Such losses will be widespread. It should be noted that one hundred million dollars' worth of the bonds are held in Ontario itself; enough in other words, to create a serious backfire from a shot which had been expected to work its greatest damage on this side of the Provincial boundary.

The contract with the Gathenau Company stands and the new bill authorities further purchases from Quebec as needed. It is within the bounds of possibility, of course, that Mr. Hepburn may now execute a volt-face on the St. Lawrence power development and strive.

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DIED AT SILVER SPRING, MD.

A telegram which was received this afternoon announces the death at Silver Spring, Maryland this morning of W. H. Whitney, formerly of Saint Stephen. The funeral will take place at St. Stephen on Tuesday. Mr. Whitney, who was only ill four weeks, married Miss Sadie Sterling, of the city and the announcement was received by the Misses Sterling this afternoon.