

# Serve the Best Tea

## "SALADA" TEA

### SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Montreal Star: A very delightful luncheon today at her home on University Avenue.

reception was given last night by the wives of the Cabinet Ministers at the House of Commons, the guests being received in the Hall of Fame, which had been decorated with palms, ferns, flowering plants and flags. The railway committee room was arranged prettily and the guests danced there during the evening, an orchestra playing music all evening, and many guests played bridge in one of the smaller rooms adjoining. A buffet supper was enjoyed in the dining rooms of the chambers of the Speaker of the House of Commons and there were about one thousand guests present. In the Hall of Fame the guests were received by Lady Perley who was handsomely gowned in pale blue chiffon; Mrs. Hugh Guthrie, who was wearing white velvet made on long lines and embroidered in silver; Mrs. R. J. Manion, who wore a long graceful dress of white lame made with a short train; Mrs. Hugh Stewart, in pale blue satin combined with blue and silver metallic cloth; Mrs. C. H. Cahan in rose satin; Mrs. Alfred Duranleau, pink chiffon crepe; Mrs. W. A. Gordon, in a simply designed white damask satin, made of long graceful lines; Mrs. T. C. Murphy, wearing gold lame fashioned with a slight train; Mrs. Maurice Dupre in a striking gown of gold lame; Mrs. R. B. Hanson, wearing a model gown of rich blue velvet and Mrs. Robert Weir, who wore a dress of mauve flowered crepe with a sash of purple satin.

Among those who are taking advantage of the C.P.R. week end excursion to Montreal are Miss Ada Fenety, Miss Alberta Hazlett, Miss Rita Quartermain, Miss Mary Foster, Miss Hope Rockwell and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ashfield.

Mrs. W. J. Wright is to be hostess at Dinner Bridge this evening at her home on Lansdowne Avenue.

Mrs. Alfred Wallace entertained at

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hanson entertained at dinner last night at their home in honor of Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, Minister of Health; Hon. H. C. Squires, Speaker of the Legislature, and Colonel A. J. Brooks, Deputy Speaker.

Mrs. J. C. Veness was hostess to three tables of Bridge guests yesterday afternoon at her home on Charlotte Street. The pleasing function was in honor of Mrs. James Inches, of St. Stephen, and the winners of the prizes were Mrs. A. P. Crockett and Mrs. James Inches.

Miss Magdalene Scott is visiting friends in Montreal.

Mrs. Jack Lawlor is entertaining at a birthday party this afternoon from three to six o'clock, at her home in honor of her daughter Miss Joyce Lawlor, who is six years old today. A large birthday cake gaily decorated and containing many secrets will be the centre of attraction. The hostess will be assisted by Mrs. Emerson Edgcombe, Mrs. Jos. Sears, Mrs. Geo. Steele, Miss Alice Irvine and Miss Kate Irvine. The children who will be present at the party are Helen Jean Edgcombe, Shirley Shaw, Eleanor Shaw, Charlotte Myles, Marjorie Wright, Patricia Wright, Eleanor Dickson, Yvonne Brewer, Vera Fox, Margaret Davis Shirley Staples, Shirley Osborne, Kay Haviland, Flora Jean Sears, June Irine, Joan Day, Nora Cain, Nan MacKenzie, Betty Lou VanBuskirk, Alice MacKenzie, Eleanor Boyd, Jean MacDougall, Audrey Porter, Harry Boone, Frankie Richards, Harry Boone, Walter MacAdam, Walter Horncastle, Richard Kierstead, Beau Cain, Bobby Howie, Kenneth Shanks, Ronnie Stevenson and Dick Day.

Last evening fifteen members of Celestial Temple No. 19 Pythian Sisters, motored to Marysville where

### DIVORCE COURT ADJOURNS ITS MARCH SITTING

Final Case on Docket, Sproul vs. Sproul, Set Over Until Next Term; Decree Granted to Evelyn Mae Mersereau.

The New Brunswick court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes adjourned sine die this morning after the final case on the March docket, that of Dr. Francis Edward Sproul, of Chatham vs. Ada Kathleen Sproul, was set over until the next term of the court. Mr. Justice Grimmer, the presiding judge, ordered a decree of divorce to issue in the action of Evelyn Mae Mersereau, petitioner vs. George Mersereau, of Hoyt Station. Costs and custody of the children are the responsibility of the plaintiff.

In the defended action of Jessie Milner Searle, of Boston vs. Roy Stanley Searle, of Saint John in which court had reserved judgment Mr. Justice Grimmer gave decision that he would take more time to consider the evidence in the case. Judgment will be given later.

A total of seven decrees of divorce were granted at the session of the court just finished.

### EXCISE TAX ON SUGAR

The supposition hereabouts is that when Hon. E. N. Rhodes brings down the federal budget next week the excise tax of \$1 a bag on sugar will be taken off. This will be a popular move with the housewives who keep their eyes on the family budget.

they were the guests of the Peace Temple Pythian Sisters at their regular meeting. Most Excellent Chief Mrs. Jennie Pike was in the chair and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. After the meeting a short programme was carried out as follows: piano duet, Mrs. Hugh Titus and Miss Grace Walker; reading, Mrs. Harry Christie; reading, Mrs. Stella Cochrane; contest with Mrs. Gwendolyn Staples and Mrs. A. D. Biggs winning the prizes, and Chinese auction, the prize being won by Mrs. Allan Horncastle. A banquet was held afterwards with the tables tastefully decorated in St. Patrick's colors.

On the evening of March 13 the Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters celebrated its tenth birthday at the home of Mrs. Wendall Hay. About 40 were present including members and guests. An enjoyable program was carried out as follows: Guitar selection Mr. John Palmer and Alden Hay; reading, Miss Irene Fitzpatrick; solo, Mrs. Harry McFee accompanied by Miss Mary McLean; reading, Miss Marion Upton; piano solo, Miss Marjorie Erb; Mrs. MacVey gave a short talk on "Canadian Night" at International Convention held in Providence at which meeting a very fine British flag was presented to the Order. Following this games and contests were enjoyed by all and at the conclusion delicious refreshments were served the dining table being centred with a beautiful birthday cake having ten candles, and decorated with the colors of the Order. Among the guests was Mrs. Bertram Smith of Minto, a charter member of the Circle.

### R. C. M. P. WORK IN THE PROVINCE IS REVIEWED

The annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in New Brunswick was tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. H. Harrison, K. C., Attorney General. The period which covered the force's activities from November 1, 1933 to October 31, 1934, was expressed by Major E. C. P. Salt, officer commanding as one in which there "is still an absence of serious crime in New Brunswick as compared with other provinces".

The total strength of R. C. M. P. in this province was shown by the report to be 148 men of all ranks, distributed at strategic points throughout the province.

Respecting the duties of the police force the report read as follows:

"In New Brunswick, our duties remain two-fold: those on behalf of the provincial government and those on behalf of the Federal Government. For the provincial government, we maintain law and order in line with the provisions of the criminal code and those provincial statutes which have been enacted for the benefit of the community at large, of which the most important to us are the New Brunswick Liquor Control Act, the Motor Vehicle Act, the Game Act and the Forest Fires Act. From a federal standpoint, we enforce all the statutes passed by the Dominion government, but those chiefly affecting us in New Brunswick are the Customs Act, the Excise Act, the Migratory Birds Act and the Fisheries Act. Our work in connection with the first two of the latter group, particularly in the air and on the sea, naturally has a direct bearing on the liquor situation in the province. We also make a number of investigations, some criminal in character, for the various departments of the provincial and federal governments. Enquiries are made from time to time for the general public, which are not in connection with criminal matters, such as enquiries for missing relatives, lost property, etc".

### Liquor Act

While the report touched briefly on each of these acts, the reference to the Liquor Act was as follows:

"As hitherto, the enforcement of this act occupies a considerable portion of our time, and as previously stated, the enforcement is closely akin to the Customs and Excise acts. The amount of traffic in contraband liquor is considerably less and this is noticeable particularly in the urban centres. A method of contravening the act being drawn more forcibly to our attention is the dealing in Commission goods by bootleggers in small establishments.

"Considerable difficulty is met with in enforcing the act in this regard, because when searches are made we are unable to prove that the liquor found is illegally in the possession of the occupant of the premises. Illegal sale is still less easy of proof, as people in this trade are usually suspicious of those with whom they deal. The average citizen is both to give the police any information which would assist in the enforcement of this act, as would be done in a criminal matter, and this attitude of the general public naturally increases the obstacles to be overcome.

The Motor Vehicle Act was referred to in the report as follows:

"This act receives our constant attention from the time the roads open up in the spring until they are blocked by snow with the advent of winter. I regret to report that there were 40 fatal accidents during the year, and to add that this is a considerable increase over those referred to in my last report. As to accidents of a less serious character, 33 were investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Our records disclose no change in the cause for the accidents. Most of them could have been avoided had proper care been taken by the drivers of the cars involved.

### 15 BELOW ZERO

This morning turned out one of the coldest of the winter season, even if spring is "just around the corner." The thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero this morning.

### VALLEY FARMERS GET AWARDS FOR SEED GRAIN

A number of Valley farmers figure prominently in the list of awards made in the seed grain competitions for the Saint John River districts as announced by the Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, here today.

These competitions are an annual feature of the work of the Department of Agriculture to encourage the production of wheat and oats of first class quality and are open to entry to every farmer of the province.

The Dominion Seed Branch, Ottawa, co-operates with the Provincial Department in conducting these contests. The standing fields of grain were examined just before cutting and the graded seed was tested for purity and germination at the Dominion Seed Branch Laboratory, Sackville. The prize-winning grain represents the best commercial grade of seed offered in the Canadian trade.

In the competitions open to this district there were entered fifteen fields of oats and nineteen of wheat.

### Population Gain, Prompts Division

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per cent now making a total population of 5,300. The parish of Drummond pays 29 per cent and has paid as high as 34 per cent of all the taxes in the county. The other six municipalities pay a little less than 12 percent. The parish includes 262,000 acres belonging to the New Brunswick Railway Company of which 100,000 acres would go to the new parish in the event of a division. Although the Danish element of the parish have not yet, since their settlement 62 years ago, required any help from the poor tax, they have been paying the poor tax regularly. Those opposing the division in the parish claim that the Danish element have no poor to look after and the division would make the burden heavier for the French and English people.

Mr. Jensen claimed that the other new parish would have 100,000 acres of the New Brunswick Land Company's land and the taxes on this would help pay the poor taxes for them. Upon questioning Mr. Jensen stated that the division was to a certain extent racial. The proposed parish of Denmark would be practically all of Danish descent and the other parish would be 95 percent French.

C. R. Hawkins

C. R. Hawkins, counsel for those opposing the bill, appeared in support of a petition signed by many of the residents of the parish of Drummond and submitted the grounds for opposing the bill. He claimed the fact that Mr. Jensen's colleague in the parish, Coun. Cody, had signed the petition himself, showed that the people had not considered the division fully. Coun. Cody had previously seconded the motion made by Coun. Jensen. He maintained that in a matter of this kind a vote should be put to the people to decide, rather than forcing the change on them without allowing them a voice in the matter. Mr. Hawkins claimed that the fundamental principle of the bill was the fact that those who supported the bill were trying to get rid of looking after the poor. He maintained the principle was wrong and would meet with complaints in any municipality in the province.

It was decided to consider the bill in private session.

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### "Saint John Field Day" in the House

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pert hydraulic engineer should be consulted as to the benefits of a standpipe.

R. W. Wigmore, commissioner of water and sewerage in Saint John stated that there were only about forty families in Lancaster receiving inadequate water supply. He added that the people in these districts had agreed before the extension were made to putting up with the inconveniences if they could get the extension. Commissioner Wigmore stated that the installation of a standpipe is the only solution to the water question.

### Mayor Brittain

Mayor J. W. Brittain stated that he saw no reason why the bill should be presented to the government. He denied that the city of Saint John was holding an "axe over the head of the county of Beaconsfield or any other county". Co-operation, he added was necessary for success. He accused the county of lack co-operation.

Chairman E. C. Atkinson suggested that the conflicting parties get together and reach an agreement concerning the bill. The suggestion was accepted and the bill was stood for further consideration pending the result of the conference.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

A bill regarding women's institutes was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, who explained that it would consolidate the former act and amendments to the same which had been requested by the advisory board of the New Brunswick Women's Institutes. A few changes in connection with membership were included, the minister pointed out.

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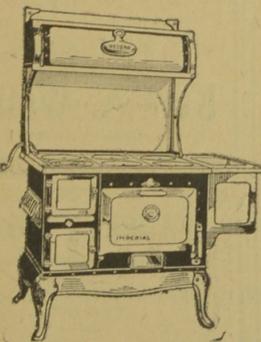
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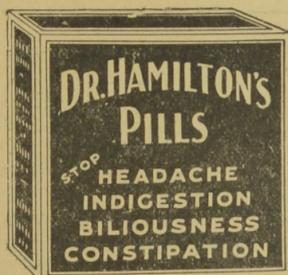
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