

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mark Hambourg, the noted pianist, is again in America. He will once more delight a Canadian audience, being booked to play in Montreal early in May. Over twenty-five years ago, Mark Hambourg gave piano recitals in the province with overwhelming success. The celebrated virtuoso even then could charm and allure his audience. His son a cellist of international reputation is no stranger to the members of the Fredericton Community Concerts. It will be a rare treat to hear Mark Hambourg pianist in recitals with his son Boris Hambourg cellist, the nephew Jan Hambourg violinist, the brilliant son of the famous man, both gifted.

The following extract from a Canadian woman's diary in London, which appeared in Canada's Weekly of April 12 is of interest to Canadians. "How well I started the week—by a morning visit to John Buchan, the governor-general designate for Canada, his wife and their two delightful sons. Elmsfield, near Oxford, is a charming house, chiefly of grey stone, abutting on the road, with a high wall, and near by some pleasant thatched cottages belonging to the estate. Inside it is all cheeriness and friendliness, books and boys, and more books and dogs, and more books—as one might imagine. Comfortable rooms and glowing fires (for it rained and shone, and blew, without) and wide windows that showed a view of not-too-formal garden falling away into fields and a far vista, and glorious trees everywhere, and a lily pond and brave daffodils all ablowing and agrowing. The only daughter is recently married, and the eldest son, John, is in Uganda—but William and Alister, the younger sons (the elder at Oxford) were with their mother. They look forward to Canada—and how warmly Canada will welcome them! Of Mr. Buchan's gifts and genius, his capacity for leadership and hard work it is hardly necessary to speak. Mrs.

Buchan—tall, fair, smart—has extraordinary charm, a glinting mind, a quick sense of humor, an interest in everything. I had the pleasure of seeing them also when Mr. Buchan was lord high commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and in the fulfillment of that high office, and as the representative of the King, no two people could lend a

AN APRIL WELCOME

Come up, April, through the valley,
In your robes of beauty dressed,
Come and wake your flowery children
From their wintry beds of rest.
Come and overflow them softly
With the sweet breath of the South,
Drop upon them, warm and loving,
Tenderest kisses of your mouth.

Call the crowfoot and the crocus,
Call the pale anemone,
Call the violet and the daisy,
Clothed with careful modesty.
Seek the low and beauties unaware,
Let the dandelion and fennel
Show their shiny, yellow hair.

—Phoebe Cary.

greater stateliness to the occasion, nor more fittingly observe the ceremonial that pertains to the position."

Mrs. George Black will entertain the members of the Ottawa Women's Press Club at her residence on Saturday evening, April 27.

The W. M. S. of Wilmot Church held its Easter meeting on Monday at 3.30 p. m. in the vestry. The platform and the table were bright with Easter lilies and other spring flowers. The President, Mrs. Curll, was in the chair and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. The roll was called and Mrs. C. A. Smith offered prayer. Mrs. Curll spoke feelingly of two of our members who are worshipping now in the Better Land, Mrs. R. W. Weddall and Mrs. A. T. Murchie. A lesson, "The Magnetism of the Cross," was impressively given by Mrs. Randolph Crocker. Mrs. Bartlett led in prayer. An Easter service was conducted responsively. Solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Inch and Miss Helen Chappelle. The Easter Thank Offering was taken and amounted to \$75. Extracts were read from a very interesting letter written by Miss Eunice Peters, our missionary in Junghsien, China. The letter gave a comprehensive view of her many activities in that station. "A Handful of Clay," by Henry Van Dyke, was thoughtfully rendered by Mrs. Fred Segee. The meeting closed with the singing of the Benediction. All were invited to stay and partake of the refreshments and a happy social half hour was spent.

CANADIANA

"JEAN VADEBONCOEUR ET
MARIE-ANNE LA FRANCE"
A NOVEL OF MUCH CHARM

By F. Van Bruyssel (Revue Mondiale, Paris)

The Province of Quebec has been a favorite setting for many novels. Its historical background, its picturesque beauty and the unique character of its inhabitants are excellent material for the teller of tales. In his novel "Jean Vadeboncoeur," the author, Ferdinand van Bruyssel, former Belgian Consul-General, has made use of all the above elements in order to obtain a complete picture of life in this province.

"Jean Vadeboncoeur" is the story of simple people whose simple lives become complex as civilization invades the remote parts of their country. It is the story of Jean, son of a French-Canadian habitant who lives on a farm near Quebec city, and of Marie-Anne, the girl whom he loves. But it is also the story of a people who grew out of a soil watered with sweat and blood, who grew strong, fearless and lovable.

The book, although an admirable work in many respects, has a number of faults, the chief one being a tendency on the part of the author to display his great wealth of documentation. M. van Bruyssel proved himself extremely well-informed in the pages of this volume; the fauna and flora of the Lower Saint Lawrence, the obscurely idiomatic language of the habitant, the peculiar customs handed down by the Indians to their descendants—all these he subjects to a close scrutiny and explains in great detail. But these explanations are made in the form of footnotes, detracting from the reader's interest. Perhaps a glossary appended to the volume might have been preferable; perhaps the unusual terms employed, as they obviously were, for the sake of local color should have been self-explanatory.

Miss Grace Olts entertained the Bridge Club of which she is a member, last night, at her home, on Waterloo Row.

Miss Catharine Fitz Randolph, of Ottawa is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Major and Mrs. Percy Flynn, in Quebec.

The Past Noble Grands Club of the Rebecca Lodge held an enjoyable Tea and Social last night in the Odd-fellows Hall. Tea was served at small tables which were centred with tiny baskets of flowers in yellow and mauve. The guests were received by Mrs. Hugh Smith and Mrs. Arthur Barton. The contributions were taken by Mrs. Oswald Merrithem. Those who poured tea and coffee for the first hour were Miss Gladys Bridges and Mrs. Merlyn Fox, and for the second hour Mrs. A. E. Sinnott and Mrs. Wm. Clark. Replenishing were Mrs. T. J. Burt, Mrs. Alfred Woods, Mrs. Howard Alexander, Mrs. Farris, Miss Dorothy McFarlane and Mrs. Yerxa. The ticket for the P.N.G. chair was drawn by Miss Areta Gerow, was won by Mrs. Arthur Grant.

Many friends will be glad to know that Dr. George W. Bailey, medical inspector of schools, is improving every day after his recent illness. Dr. Bailey is still confined to the house.

The many friends of Miss Jeanette Beverley will be sorry to learn that she is confined to her home through illness.

Miss Helen Crocket last evening entertained the Monday Evening Bridge Club of which she is a member.

Charles W. B. Maxwell has arrived from Montreal, where he has completed his course for M.S.C. degree at MacDonald College. Mrs. Maxwell and baby, John, are spending a few days at McAdam with the former's brother prior to taking up their residence at Lincoln.

STILL ALARM

The firemen were called at 1.30 p.m. today to extinguish a chimney fire in the home of Joseph Nason, Needham street. No damage was done.

DEVON TOWN
COUNCIL DRIVE FOR
ARREARS TAXES

The Town of Devon will make an extensive drive to collect arrears taxes it was decided at a town council meeting last night. If necessary the town will proceed against delinquents through executions or warrants which will be carried out to the letter.

Mayor A. J. McEvoy occupied the chair at the meeting which was attended by the full board of aldermen. A report on the tax collections was submitted. It was found that collections have been somewhat better than in previous years, but they are not really prompt enough. It was decided that there were many who could pay their taxes, but were delinquent and it was for the purpose of collecting from these people that the council unanimously decided to resort to executions or warrants if necessary.

ONE ROOSEVELT
FEAT TOO MUCH
FOR "SISTIE"

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23—Here's an accomplishment of President Roosevelt which is not listed in Who's Who, official biographies, or of record elsewhere.

It was revealed by "Sistie" Doll, little granddaughter of the President.

"What are you trying to do?" asked a teacher at the private school attended by "Sistie" as the child, during a rest period, sat sticking out her tongue.

"I am trying," replied "Sistie," "to touch the end of my nose with my tongue. My mamma can and my grandpa can—but I can't."

Knights of Pythias
Entertain at Gala
Easter Party

A most enjoyable party was held in the Castle Hall last night when the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters entertained about 200 guests at a dance and supper. Gay Easter decorations and novelties featured the dance. Supper was served in a large room decorated with flowers and the merry guests were serenaded while they ate, by a group of Hawaiian musicians.

The party which was one of the finest of the season was conducted by the various committees appointed from the ranks of the Knights and Sisters of the Pythian Lodge. The general committee was headed by Gordon Foster who was assisted by Frank Estey and Frank Vanstone.

The general ladies' committee was headed by Mrs. William Johnston who was assisted by Mrs. Allan Horn-castle, Miss Gladys Bridges and Mrs. Harold Pickard. George Olts and Frank Segee composed the orchestra committee and decorations were handled by Oscar Harris.

The Hawaiian Orchestra was composed of Miss Ray Hamilton, Miss Phyllis Lawson, Alden Hay and Hamilton Gerrard.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

The very many friends of Mrs. George Jamer, of North Devon, who suffered a paralytic stroke early Sunday morning, will regret to learn that her condition today is unchanged.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Fredericton Local Improvement Association will be held in the MAYOR'S OFFICE,

APRIL 25th

AT 4.30 P. M.

R. H. SIMONDS,
Secretary.High School
Oratorical Contest

The final of the Oratorical Contest for the girls of Fredericton High School, sponsored by the Victor-Hatheway Chapter of the I. O. D. E. will be held in the High School Auditorium Thursday Evening, at eight o'clock, APRIL 25th. Those interested are invited to attend.

Old Times Recalled

The following paper by Rev. Dr. Wightman was read before the York and Sunbury Historical Society on Wednesday. At the request of a number of our readers who are interested we are publishing the paper in installments.

OUR FORGOTTEN BURIAL PLACES
AND THEIR HISTORIC VALUE

(Continued from yesterday)

A third type of cemetery must receive a passing word. These are the community cemeteries of early days. Every city and larger town is likely to have a place called "The old burying ground." These were inaugurated as a rule by common consent of the people, but without either church control or proper incorporation. The result has generally been that, when these became filled and other arrangements made, they have been left without authority or funds or any special interest to care for them. The consequence has generally been utter neglect. Where these old community cemeteries have existed close to the town, or where the city has grown around them, in order to obviate an eye sore and disgrace, some big-hearted and public spirited society has undertaken to care for them. An example of this fine disinterested care is the old cemetery now in the centre of this city, but formerly back of the town. In contrast to this, there is one of these old cemeteries in West Saint John, where many of the city founders lie, which is a disgrace to any civilized community.

The fourth and last type of cemetery is that with which I am now chiefly concerned, namely, the community or family burying plot often on private premises. These came into existence through sheer necessity. When the early pioneers occupied their primitive farms they antedated all churches and other forms of community life. No doubt many of these families lived long without any visitation of death. Others were less fortunate, and within a brief time after they located, death, from one cause or another, broke the family circle, and, there being no church or perhaps community cemetery, there was nothing to do but select some spot on their own farm and lay their dead away. This was the common practice for

many years after the first settlement. Some of these private cemeteries afterwards merged into the community and church cemeteries. In other cases, the remains were later removed to community cemeteries when these were established. But in most instances, they remained only to fall into decay after property changed hands and near relatives died or moved away. Many are entirely obliterated, while others remain as pathetic relic of a well nigh forgotten past.

It is of one such burial place I wish to speak more particularly at this time, since I recently visited it. It is however, typical of very many. This one is located near Robertson's Point on Grand Lake. I believe it is sometimes called the Dykeman Burial Ground. Through the kindness of Mr. Theodore Murchie, I visited this neglected God's acre last September 12th, 1934. It is now wholly reverted to forest and is difficult to locate. Judging from the numerous fine monuments, I should judge it was a place of considerable importance in the past. That there was ever a church in the vicinity there is no evidence. Possibly a number of families joined the earliest users and from a strictly family plot it, for a time, was more widely used.

(Continued tomorrow)

RETURNS TO HILLSBORO

Albert Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanson, who spent Easter with his mother, has returned to Hillsboro, where he is employed as a highway engineer.

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