



The Fredericton Boy Scout Toyshop Phone 63

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This has now started operations in earnest; and each day will see the premises at the corner of King and Regent in busy occupation. Gifts are arriving, some unsolicited; for many of these, we thank the goodwill of the press, which has so long been a help to Scouting here, and in other places throughout the Dominion. One of our greatest present needs, has been wood to burn in the efficient stove now installed; but this has been forestalled by the prompt action of one of the Scout fraternity . . . or more accurately, sisterhood, in this case.

Friday should see a great increase in the number of toys and whatnot on our shelves and counters, following the Toyshop Matinee on that afternoon. The special films are on the way from Ottawa, all of the eight will be interesting, for, in addition to learning more about local and Dominion-wide wild life, those taking in this matinee will cross Canada in a train, in fifteen minutes; truly a remarkable feat in King Pin Winter's time. But this film, though true to topography, will be a fancy in time; our Toyshop needs are not fanciful but practical, though we may sometimes use the fanciful to attain our ends.

Christmas Happifying: Even when the matinee will be over, there will still be many toys to collect; so help up, kind readers, by calling in at the Toyshop in person, sending along a Cub, Scout or Rover Scout, with your contribution, or calling 63. The best time for calling this week is 7:00 p.m., and after, till, say, 9:30 p.m.

For some little time past, a small, but efficient Boy Scout Troop has been running at Loggieville, eight boys for a start, under Scoutmaster G. Parker Manderson and Ernest Watling. This Troop has evolved out of a nucleus of five Lone Scouts; and is one more of many that sprung up over the Province, during the past year. One such other Troop, but larger, is nearer home, at Stanley, where it meets every Friday, under Scoutmaster Herbert Sansom. It has a good, strong committee to back it; ran a successful Apple Day last October; and has, in conjunction with it, a Wolf Cub Pack, meeting Saturday afternoons, under a local teacher, Mr. Reid.

Westminster Abbey Coronation Organ

As is well known, the existing Abbey instrument has been in process of reconstruction, since the middle of last summer. It may be of interest to readers that, today, news reached us from the Old Country, of the death of Arthur Harrison, head of the firm of Harrison & Harrison, of Durham, who has been commissioned to undertake the reconstruction. Mr. Harrison, who was known to the world over as an artist of rare distinction, died actually at Durham, on November 14. During a long career he had built, or rebuilt, many famous instruments in cathedrals, churches and concert halls throughout the old land. Among his great achievements, are the organs of Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, Manchester, Ripon, Ely, Exeter and Wells Cathedrals; the Royal Albert Hall, in London, now the finest concert organ in the world. King's and Trinity Colleges at Cambridge; and other instruments of equally high standing, but too numerous to mention. It will be remembered, with reference to the actual Abbey organ now being reconstructed, that, from time to time, statements have appeared in the press, to the effect that the Westminster instrument was in the main, two hundred years old. This is not exact. Although it is true that the Abbey has had different organs for a period of far more years, yet, according to an authority, the Rev.

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"Brunswick Motors, Limited," also has been incorporated to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of automobiles, etc., and head office will be in Moncton.

"Capitol Properties, Limited," which will erect buildings, and deal in real estate generally has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000, and head office will be in Moncton.

Andrew Freeman, only two stops of this organ can be as old as two hundred years. These, a nason flute or, the old Choir, and a stopped diapason, on the Solo, came from the organ by Schrider and Jordan . . . Incidentally the latter invented the swell . . . erected between 1728 and 1739 for the coronation of King George II. The actual nucleus of the present instrument would date from about 1837, the year of Queen Victoria's accession, when the firm of Wm. Hill, of London . . . now Hill and Son and Norman and Beard, Ltd., began a hundred years' connection with the Abbey. Additions were made to the organ all through the nineteenth century, more considerably, in 1882 and 1895, when the organ assumed its complete form, prior to the present dismantling, apart from a few additions in 1908, so the instrument cannot be said, as a whole, to be anything like as old as some pretend. A then remarkable addition, in 1895, was the fifth manual; a Celestial Organ, placed apart from the main instrument, over the memorial to Handel, and connected with the screen console by electrical action, then in its infancy. More remarkable still, this department functioned well until comparatively recently, although the mechanism was somewhat clumsy.

The whole organ is divided, north and south, with certain larger pipes laid flat along the gallery, underneath the player. The gusts of wind from the mouths were certainly exhilarating, though these pipes stood in too great proximity to the console to enable anyone playing exactly to gauge their proper effect. The instrument has two handsome cases; one, in memory of Henry Purcell, who was Abbey Organist during the closing years of the 17th century; the second case, of similar design, erected for the Coronation of King Edward VIII. The organ now being rebuilt had witnessed many royal and national occasions, and in its Hill-form, lived to see the 1935 Jubilee through; but, after some forty years of constant use, twice daily during the week, and three times on Sundays, not to speak of the incidentals of practice, rehearsals and broadcasting, it had shown bad signs of wear, latterly. We remember being at this organ, with Dr. S. H. Nicholson, during the summer of 1927. Dr. Nicholson had lately returned from Canada, following a triumphal Dominion-wide tour with his Choir; and talk of an organ renewal was then in the air. We remember being told then, that Harrison's would do the work; and that, following its completion, Mr. Harrison was thinking of retiring. He will now not hear his completed work, though he lived to lay down the principles on which the organ was to be reconstructed. He had been for four years prior to his death, President of the Federation of Master Organ Builders, in the old land.

At the time that it was taken down, the Abbey organ was a fairly large instrument, consisting of five manuals and pedals, and 79 speaking stops. A goodly proportion of the pipework will probably be retained, in accordance with Harrison practice; though this will be revoiced and extended, and new mechanism, a most crying need in the older organ, will be fitted. The cost of this work will be £20,000, or \$100,000.

It may be of interest, regarding the Abbey Boy Choir, to mention that, since the advent of Dr. Nicholson some years ago, the choristers were incorporated into a Scout Troop. Dr. Nicholson was sometime Commissioner for Music at Imperial Headquarters, London; and was actively interested in this Chorister Troop, during his tenure of the Abbey organistship. We remember that he was leaving for Scout Camp, the day after we were with him, in 1927. Under his successor and pupil, Dr. Ernest Bullock, both Choir and Troop continue to function unexcelled; and it will be remembered that Scout choristers from the Abbey sang at the wedding of Lord Baden-Powell's daughter, more recently.

ROBERT PUGH,

Provincial Field Worker and Acting District Commissioner.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Bridal Shower for Miss Harrison

In honor of Miss Irene Harrison, whose marriage takes place in December, Miss C. Howie and Miss L. Allison recently entertained at a charmingly arranged variety shower. The gifts were arranged in a huge Christmas cracker and were hauled into the drawing-room on a hand-sled by Miss Anne Howie. Mrs. F. W. Harrison, mother of the bride-elect presided over the tea table which was centred with yellow mums. Assisting were Miss Mary Neill, Miss Pat Clark and others.

Lord and Lady Astor, after a visit to the United States and Bermuda, are sailing for England tomorrow by the Queen Mary. Lady Astor has lately been in Toronto.

Mrs. E. C. Armstrong was hostess at luncheon today in honor of Miss Bessie Touzel, Secretary of the Canadian Welfare Council, and Miss Nora Lea, Supervisor of the Public Protection Department, of Toronto who were guest speakers at social welfare meetings in the city today. Covers were laid for eight, the table being centred with mauve and yellow mums. Those present included Miss Molly Barry, Miss Louise Sterling, Mrs. C. A. MacVey, Mrs. W. M. Kes- sen and Miss Jean Cooper.

P. A. Kerr, Reid McManus and C. J. Vaughan of Moncton, are in the city today.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

The mourners at the funeral of Mrs. Lavinia A. Charters, which was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Hudson, Marysville, were: Mrs. Clara Hodgson, Mrs. Roy C. Robertson, Mrs. Samuel Stafford, Mrs. Edgar Dennison, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Miss Martha Charters, John M. Charters, Miss Charters, Alfred Smith, Samuel J. Stafford, Roy Robertson, Herman Stafford, Perry Stafford, George Stafford, Ray Charters, Edward Stafford, Howard McMininman, Robert Stafford, Paul Hodgson, John Hodgson, George Hodgson, Charles Hodgson, Donald C. Charters, Charles Charters, James Charters, John Charters, Jr., Wain Charters, Bernard Charters, William Marshall, Walter Robertson, Osborn Gereau, George Morgan, Mrs. Frank Gereau, Mrs. Fred Bailey, Mrs. Ben Morris, Bertha Andrews, Howard McMininman, John Morgan, Reuben Morgan, Harry Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Redvers Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McMininman, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. Harry Mott, Mr. and Mrs. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. John Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith. The pallbearers were Robert Stafford, Percy Stafford, Charles Charters, Edward Stafford, Paul Hodgson, John Hodgson.

H. E. D. Golding of Sussex, registered at the Queen Hotel today.

Cathedral Aid Sale

Don't forget the Cathedral Aid Sale today. If you are looking for something different in the line of Christmas gifts you will be sure to find such at this sale. A sandwich tea is to be served and the sale promises to be one of the most attractive events of the season.

MacNabb-Sandwith

Yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock a very happy wedding took place in the parsonage of the Gibson Memorial church at South Devon. The marriage was solemnized between Miss Edith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sandwith of Royal Road, and Harold Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua MacNabb, of Springhill. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Burge and was witnessed by friends and near relatives of the bride and groom. Miss Hazel Sandwith and Roland Sandwith supported the bride and groom, and William Sandwith gave his daughter in marriage. The bride was beautifully attired in wine-colored crepe with accessories to match. After the ceremony and signing of the register the bridal couple left by afternoon train followed by good wishes from a host of friends for a happy wedded life. On their return they will reside at Springhill.

Friends will be pleased to hear that Mrs. R. P. Allen is improved in health after a recent attack of la grippe.

SPEAKS ON WELFARE WORK

A public meeting in the interests of child and family welfare work is taking place at three o'clock this afternoon at the city hall with Miss Nora Lea the speaker. This evening Miss Bessie Touzel, secretary of Public Welfare of the Canadian Welfare Council will speak at the city hall at eight o'clock. Their addresses should be of great interest, since their work and message is a valuable one. Miss Touzel and Miss Lea are guests of the Queen hotel this afternoon. This morning the two ladies conferred with Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, minister of Health and Labor, at his office here.

Alderman Mundle

(Continued from Page Eight) that as a matter of courtesy His Worship Mayor Kitchen should be entitled to a second term in office. Ald. Mundle's many friends, however, will be glad to know that he will be a candidate for Wellington Ward, which he has so well represented in recent years.

R. J. McCombs of Newcastle is in the city, a guest at the Queen Hotel.

F. A. Kirkpatrick of Toronto, is staying at the Queen Hotel.

W. S. Miller of Saint John, is a registered guest at the Queen Hotel.

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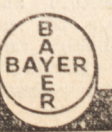
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In regard to General Franco's statement as to the blockade of Barcelona, the matter is being taken up in the British House of Commons. A bill brought up in the House a few days ago contained a clause in regard to interference on the high seas being resisted by force. The government is anxious that the bill should be passed. Considerable discussion has taken place, mention being made that possibly the British fleet would not protect Dominion ships. Other topics discussed were malnutrition in the tropics which matter will be taken up by the Under-secretary of State and to which the British government is to give its full support.

Brings Mementos of Moose River N. S. Mine Drama

W. S. Schofield, foreman of the mechanical department of The Daily Mail, has returned from New Glasgow, N. S., and other parts of Nova Scotia, where he spent several days. He brought back with him two mementos of the Moose River mine drama, where two men were miraculously saved from death, and one, Herman Magill, succumbed in the depths of the mine. One was a flashlight, one of two in use at Moose River during the rescue work, and which was presented to The Daily Mail by Walter H. Smith, expert diamond driller, employed by the government for many years. Mr. Smith was one of the first to volunteer his services and one of the last to return home after the men, Dr. Robertson and Albert Scadding, had been rescued. Another memento is a bit of oilcloth, used to wrap the body of Herman Magill, when he was being brought to the surface. This was presented to The Daily Mail's foreman by Mrs. Sidney Collis.

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