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Mrs. MacLaren's Death

Fredericton people will regret to learn of the very sudden death at Saint John last night of Mrs. Murray MacLaren, the estimable wife of His Honour Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren. Mrs. MacLaren passed away a few hours after arriving home from a trip to the Old Country which she made in company with the Lieutenant-Governor and their daughter, Miss Margaret MacLaren.

Mrs. MacLaren has since her husband became Lieutenant-Governor, taken a keen interest in social and welfare work at the Capital and during the months that she has resided here has endeared herself to all classes by her kindly manner.

The sincere sympathy of all classes will be extended to His Honour and family on this sad bereavement.

Home Shortage

Missing—from Canada, a large residential city of 75,000 homes. So worded, an announcement of Canada's lack of dwellings would cause a stir.

Actually, the country is 75,000 houses short of what it ought to have under proper living conditions, according to a survey made by the research department of an advertising agency.

In normal years, for every hundred marriages, twenty-seven new dwellings have been built. During the past four hard-time years, only fourteen homes have arisen for every hundred wedding licenses. And there has been a big increase in the percentage of families living in rooms, small flats, or obsolete houses.

There are many thousands of people compelled to occupy hovels unfit for human habitation.

Making good the deficiencies would require a four-year building programme double that of normal years.

Each \$5,000 home erected means 175 days of work in the building trades alone. Supplies must be manufactured, involving additional labor.

It was with the idea of setting this ball rolling that the Bennett Government ticketed \$10,000,000 for the stimulation of home-building by way of loans. The King Administration has carried the plan forward. Combination of government and loan company money created \$50,000,000 available to prospective home owners of limited means.

A lot of that money is still available.

Under the Dominion Housing Act, a man who has \$1,000 in cash or in a suitable site can build a \$5,000 home. The Government puts up \$1,000; a loan or insurance company \$3,000. Interest rate on the \$4,000 borrowed is five per cent. Principal and interest is paid together at a monthly rate; in this case \$26.15. Which is less than what rent would be for a similar house.

The plan is advantageous for the prospective home owner and creates no burden for the taxpayer because it is self-supporting, involving the government in no expenditure that is likely to increase taxes. It combines Government credit and private enterprise in a sound manner.

The man who builds does more than provide his family with a better home. He enables others to earn food, clothing and shelter for their families.

Also, any large scale building programme must inevitably improve housing conditions for those whose earnings are too small to enable them to have an equity in a home of their own.—McLean's Magazine.

Talking About the Weather

There is now no question that summer has finally arrived. It has more than arrived. It has moved in and taken complete possession.

Without quoting the too-often-heard remark of Mark Twain, it is safe to say that there is more said and less done about the weather than any other single topic. It is the one subject on which everyone can always say something.

While making absolutely no attempt to deny that Wednesday was an extremely hot day, it may be asked whether we do not talk too much about the daily changes in temperature, humidity and precipitation. Would a warm day seem so very warm if one was not reminded of it every hour? On Thursday the universal greeting when people met was to tell each other how very hot it was, with the result that everyone felt just that much more uncomfortable. Thermometers, too, are a constant reminder of how much one should be suffering.

It is not, of course, claimed that the mere power of suggestion would have sent people out buying fur coats and lighting their furnaces on a day like yesterday. But would we feel as hot if we were not reminded so often that it was the proper way to feel?

A Damper on the "Sweeps"

Seizure in New York of Irish Hospital Sweepstakes tickets to the value of \$2,500,000 reveals the extent of this particular form of gambling. New York appears to have been something of a central distribution point for a wide area, but all other cities, towns and smaller communities have their supply of tickets. It is the same in Canada. No one needs to be without a sweepstakes ticket on one thing or another, and a seizure in Montreal recently of a couple of million dollars worth of tickets on a Quebec lottery indicates that this country cannot afford to be critical of its southern neighbor as providing "easy money" for any gambling scheme ingenious and bold promoters may launch.

Both in Canada and the United States these sweepstakes are illegal, and distribution of tickets for them through the mail constitutes fraud, the charge on which arrests generally are made. These two confiscations of sweep tickets may put a damper on their wide distribution. An enormous amount of money is taken out of the United States and Canada by the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes. A great fuss is made over the occasional winner of a large sum, but nothing is heard of the thousands who lose, and can ill afford to lose.

Whatever views may be held about this form of gambling, it is against the law. Every effort should be made to stop it, and seizure of tickets seems to be the most effective way. If millions of dollars' worth of these tickets be gathered in by the authorities before each sweep drawing, the promoters will find the carrying on of their business too risky—and unprofitable.

SNAPSHOTS

Mouldy rotten oranges at a bargain were displayed in a local chain store window this morning.

It takes all kinds to make a world. We struck one of the odd kind today when enquiring for information about a former prominent man who died in the West. The party had the information but wanted it for private consumption.

They say that all is not well in local Tory ranks. They certainly can't be accused of fighting over the spoils, so why are some of the boys including the leaders, sulking in their tent?

This is the kind of weather that makes small boys decide that they don't want to grow up and be firemen, after all.

The strong seldom hate. You don't hate a man if you are sure you can lick him.

"The foolish things one writes are soon forgotten," says an author. Not if one becomes a candidate ten years later.

15,000 to Attend

(Continued from Page One) ed, he said, to maintain the principle of religious and civil liberty for all classes of people, regardless of the church in which they may worship or the political party with which they may be affiliated.

Mr. White said "this broad principle of tolerance has continued to exist and spread its influence for 248 years. It has built, supported or maintained homes for fatherless and motherless children in every province of the Confederation with the exception of Quebec, and in these homes thousands of children have been cared for and trained in the duties of good citizenship for more than 40 years. It has paid out upward of \$1,000 a week to care for aged parents, widows and orphans, and it is continuing to carry on this work for the benefit of the world."

Another feature speaker was Mrs. Joseph A. Taylor, West Saint John, past grand mistress of the L. O. B. A. of the British North America. She spoke on the L. O. B. A. as an auxiliary to the men's order, it standing for the same ideals and supporting the same principles. She stressed the question of equal rights for all and upheld one school, one flag and a united Canada as necessary to the unifications of the citizens making up our population.

On School Question

S. B. Perry, Moncton, spoke on the school question and the "Orange Sentinel," the order's official organ. J. Arthur VanWart, Hampstead, spoke on the work of the primary lodges in New Brunswick and stressed equality on the school question and unity as being necessary towards world peace.

J. A. Robinson, of L. O. L. No. 62, representing the English-Speaking League of Moncton, touched on the question of French aggression saying that the French presses were now claiming that the ultimate aim was a French Dominion of Canada. He also touched on the matter of barring Rev. Henry Lanctin from the air. A. J. Brooks spoke on the school question and other matters of interest to the order.

E. J. Garland

(Continued from Page One) ill-distribution of labor under Capitalism and pointed in detail to the causes of the present crisis under Capitalism. "There is displacement of labor in every field of industry under the present system," he said. "The present system doesn't operate to produce goods, but to make a profit," said Mr. Garland. Capitalism uses an economy of scarcity, that is when goods become plentiful there is no price, so production is artificially restrained to make the price rise and to maintain the profit system at the expense of millions who might be in need. Thus there is wholesale destruction of products under Capitalism in order that the price might be artificially stimulated. These goods are destroyed not because the needs of the consumers are satisfied but in order to make room for the new crops, or to jump up the price. The speaker cited instances of the burning of wheat, and the instance of under production in United States agriculture. Farmers are paid to under-produce in order that there may be scarcity and thus a higher price. Mr. Garland described such Capitalistic technique as "unjust, criminal and un-Christian."

"It is inhuman, unjust and it can't last," declared Mr. Garland.

Unemployment cannot be ended under Capitalism. The debt of the Dominion is rapidly increasing. The twenty nine years from 1900 to 1929 has witnessed an increase in debt of 5200 per cent. The cost under the

Our Mail Bag

HARD TO BUDGE

Editor, Daily Mail
City,

Dear Sir:

I am interested in following your various articles regarding schools, examinations, and the school board. Every one, especially the parents, who have to stand the brunt are aware that there is something wrong. We all discuss the matter in our homes. Many of us agree that the Mail is taking the right stand. But no person, not even the Aldermen are taking any action to remedy matters. We lack public spirit in Fredericton. The words addressed to a leading organization recently apply to our case exactly. He said: "So many of us take no interest whatsoever in the vital issues which constantly arise and with the solution of which is bound up the welfare of our country. So many of our people are so apathetic, that when elections come around, they do not even take the pains of going to the polls to record their votes. We seem to be suffering from an inferiority complex that has come down to us from the penal days. And God knows we have no reason to consider ourselves inferior to others, either in intelligence or in capacity for public affairs, and it is more than time that we got rid of the hang-over which made us hide ourselves and others from the searching gaze of the public and got busy doing our duty in aiding our country. We are good citizens but we are not doing our part to our country. We should consider ourselves bound in conscience to take our part in everything that pertains to our community, and to make our voices heard in directing public affairs. But we have become asleep at the switch and allow a few self-constituted people who imagine that they are leaders to run the business for us, and run it as they like."

The Fredericton Mail is doing a good service. But you, Mr. Editor, seem to be ahead of your time as far as Fredericton is concerned. If you can budge the Fredericton people into action in anything you will be a wonder. As you say yourself, they will say, "The thing is wrong but it has always been that way." Go to it, old boy, but you have a stiff necked bunch to work on.

Yours truly,

LINCOLN—NOT ABE.
Lincoln, July 13, 1936.

present system of caring for the insane is in the millions of dollars. The error of Capitalism lies in allowing to operate for private profit, rather than for the good of the society. The government of the country under the present system are forced in the present crisis to either go in debt further or tax us.

"There is no depression, it is the end that was begun in 1914," said the speaker.

The purpose of the C.C.F. is to transfer ownership into the hands of the community. Anything that dominates the community should be owned by the community.

The C.C.F. party plans socialization and extension of schools, highways, reforestation—the aim being to add to the wealth of the country. The party will extend university education courses for all classes.

Public ownership of finance is the only way to have the present immense debt paid, and it is impossible to pay debts under Capitalism, said the speaker.

The speaker explained the mechanical revolution and its effect on labor. Whereas formerly 6,000 men did a certain job in industry, today only one man is required. Science only needs six men to do the work that 600 were formerly employed at. This revolution in industry has created a problem which Capitalism has not solved, nor cannot. Millions are unemployed.

"It is pointed out that we ought to be proud of such a system," said the speaker, "but there is no mention made of the fact that we ought to be happy." The speaker said that Canada's future lies in water power development. Electrical power is unlimited and we have merely scratched the surface. So far we have harnessed it in order to use it but we know very little else about it.

Henry Harvey Stuart of Fredericton Junction acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced Mr. Garland. After the speaker's address he answered questions asked him by members of the audience.

DIED

BEARSTO—At her home at Lower St. Mary's this morning, July 13, Mrs. Jane Barnes Bearsto, widow of Rev. J. K. Bearsto.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon with service at the home at Lower St. Mary's at ten o'clock and at the United church at Glassville, at two o'clock, to be conducted by Rev. George Telford. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Glassville.

Mrs. Murray MacLaren

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tive in New Brunswick, Mrs. MacLaren gracefully fulfilled the many duties of hostess and patron on many occasions; functions and social events for which her hospitality and charming manner will be long remembered.

In the circle of her church—the Presbyterian congregation of St. John and St. Stephen—Mrs. MacLaren was a worker and sponsor of many activities. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and took a particular interest in the choir. Rev. C. J. St. Clair Jeans, minister, said early this morning Mrs. MacLaren's death had removed a benign and much-loved lady from a congregation who loved her deeply and appreciated her consistent generosity and example.

In Ottawa, where the Lieutenant-Governor held the portfolio of minister of pensions and national health for a number of years in the cabinet of the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Mrs. MacLaren was hostess on numerous occasions and enjoyed widespread respect in official circles and among the people of the Capital City at large.

In this, her home city, Mrs. MacLaren was known and beloved. Her kindly, motherly disposition endeared her to all. The MacLaren home was a joyous place to visit and official and semi-official functions, within its hospitable walls, were made doubly enjoyable because of these fine qualities of its hostess.

Mrs. MacLaren was an enthusiastic worker in the Girl Guide movement and held the office of president of the Saint John Girl Guide Association. By virtue of her husband's appointment as Lieutenant-Governor she became president of the provincial association.

She was an aunt, by marriage, of Mayor MacLaren. Both the mayor and Mrs. D. L. MacLaren were in attendance last night at Government House.

Arrangements for Mrs. MacLaren's funeral are pending.

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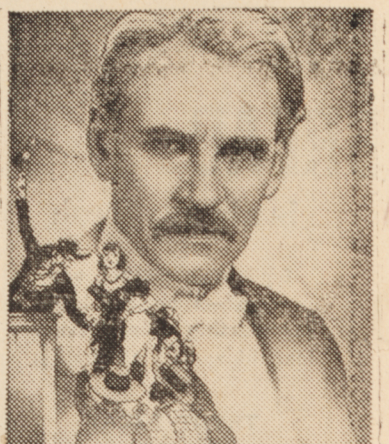
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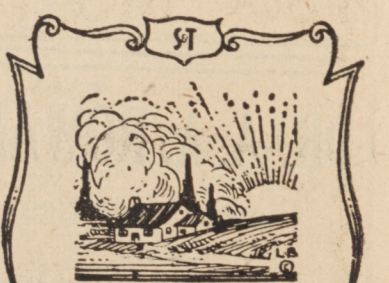
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