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Points.**

(Continued)

August 15, 1936—I was up till 2.30 a.m. this very morning in a strenuous effort to bring my diary letter up to date, in which I succeeded but have since recalled many omitted details. One incident which had its point for me and which will help add to my dollar-a-word cheque certainly deserves recording. In the course of the recent course at Gilwell Park we were bothered while eating marmalade and bread in the open dining shelter by frequent visits from many wasps who seemed to grudge us every bite. After persistently blowing them off before each morsel I gradually got the idea that they were not much to be considered and finally neglected the preliminary puff at the jam covered crust—then jumped several yards as I found I had bitten a piece out of a red-hot poker. I could not blame the poor critter for striking for his food, his liberty and his life but I relished food little for the next 24 hours.

I was out of bed rather early to prepare for this expedition and we were at King's Cross Coach Station a quarter of an hour before the 10 a.m. that was the starting time. The coach was soon filled, except for a pair who were to meet us at Stratford-on-Avon in the afternoon and we soon were threading our way out of London through Hampstead, past Hendon Aerodrome, along the Finchley Road and on through Edgware, the scene of Handel's composing of the "Harmonious Blacksmith."

It was very difficult to tell where London left off and "country" began and the road, as we were warned by our conductor, was dotted with little

villages of no interest after passing through them, so we paid little attention to individual centres and I will follow suit.

A by-road bore a finger-post to Edgell, scene of Cromwell's defeat by King Charles, but that was the extent of our noticing it.

Luncheon was at Rose and Crown Hotel, Tring, the village of the wealthy Rothschild family and tea at the Red Horse Hotel at Stratford-on-Avon. Of course we visited Shakespeare's birthplace and Anne Hathaway cottage at Shottery, very near, but called a halt when invited to pay admission to the churchyard to see his grave. Stratford lives on Shakespeare and is his creation as much as any of his plays or poems.—Will Callender, become the Stratford of the Quints?

Farther on our way we came to Warwick Castle after closing time, but our guide was readily able to convince the caretaker that 20 admissions at fifty cents each was not to be sneezed at so we all trooped in. This beautiful and historic castle with its 14th century fortifications, was well worth the rather high price of admission since the buildings and grounds are in a very perfect condition, cared for as only a well-paying asset might be on our side of the ocean and as a workman with pride in his work would keep his workshop in any part of the world.

The exhibition included a collection of paintings of great merit and a collection of arms and armour. Your scribe's persistent query about the "almaine rivet" met with an answer but left the enquirer exactly where he was before getting the answer. The grounds, fortifications, approaches and their defensive measures were both beautifully preserved and interesting.

Leamington Spa, a couple of miles farther on, is a health resort and the briny-tasting mineral water of the spring will probably bring back both youth, vigour and vitality since I have drunk of it.

Passing out of Middlesex into Warwickshire we came over Sunning Hill where was seen a beautiful expanse of the plain of Warwickshire at the foot of the hill. This high land is known as Edgehill and is noted in history as forming the battlefield of that name, one of the first battles of the Civil War where Cromwell's Roundheads were soundly trounced by the Cavaliers. As the war went on popular sympathy added strength to Cromwell's forces resulting in their final victory.

Just outside of London we passed a notice "Round about Ahead" and some of us looked the country over for a "Merry-go-round" but were soon persuaded that the sign merely referred to a large loop or road from which roads branched off in various directions.

August 16, 1936—At Stratford-on-Avon yesterday a story was told by one of our party about a young man, quite a Shakespearean scholar, who enlisted and kept making humorous quotations from various of Shakespeare's plays. After keeping his tent mates in gales of mirth till long after "Lights Out" one night, he was interrupted by the orderly sergeant breaking in on them with "All you chaps are under open arrest and will join the orderly-room parade before the company commander in the morning!"

He retired and the first to break the silence said, "And what does Shakespeare say to this, now?" "Henry the Vth, Act 3, Scene 2—This is a very bloody business."

We started from Leamington this morning and were soon at Kenilworth which was closed, it being Sunday and too early in the morning and our programme being too extensive to take time for a lengthy visit but our party climbed a knoll beside the moat and were given a discourse by our guide on the fortification. It was far from being well preserved but the glamour of Scott's romance gave a deep interest to the ruin.

Shortly we found ourselves driving through a wooden ravine, the valley of the Derwent River, called Derwent Dale and our guide informed us that in Scotland the same valley would be called a "glen." A steep side of the valley suggested Canada, it being called the "Heights of Abraham."

The country became much more rocky, the Derbyshire limestone belt. Quarries, cement works and lime-kilns were dotted here and there.

Lunch was at the Royal Bath Hotel at Matlock Bath and your scribe made enquiries as to whether this had been the hospital where he had spent a few days after the close of war but was informed that it was the Royal Hotel a short distance away that had been used as a hospital and

**BIRTHS IN CANADA SHOWED
DECLINE IN 1935; DEATHS INCREASED****Marriage Show a Slight Recovery Says Statistics
From Ottawa**

Live births in Canada showed a slight decline in 1935 as compared with the preceding year, deaths showed an increase and marriages continued the recovery noted in 1934 though at a slower pace, according to the Preliminary Annual Report of

Vital Statistics for 1935, issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The infant mortality rate declined very slightly and the maternal mortality rate was the lowest recorded since 1926, the first year for which statistics of all provinces compiled on a uniform basis are available.

Live births numbered 221,226 in 1935 as compared with 221,303 in 1934 and the rate was 20.2 per 1,000 population as against 20.5. There were 8,327 illegitimate births recorded, forming 3.8 per cent of all live births, as against 8,070 and a proportion of 3.6 per cent. Stillbirths totalled 6,444 or 2.8 per cent of all births. In 1934 they numbered 6,452 with the same percentage.

Exclusive of stillbirths, there were 105,511 deaths during 1935, giving a death rate of 9.6 per 1,000 population compared with 101,552 deaths and a rate of 9.4 in 1934.

Deaths under a year numbered 15,723, the rate was 71 per 1,000 births as against 15,870 and a rate of 72 in 1934. All provinces except New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario showed higher rates in 1935, but the Quebec rate fell from 97 to 92. A reduction in the mortality from diarrhoea and enteritis accounting for the whole of the decrease.

Maternal deaths totalled 1,093, a reduction from the preceding year when there were 1,167 deaths. The maternal death rate of 1935 was only 4.9 per 1,000 live births as compared with 5.3 in 1934.

The natural increase of the population of Canada in 1935 amounted to 115,715 as against 119,721 in the preceding year. The rate of natural increase, 10.6 per 1,000, was the lowest during the period commencing with 1926 for which uniform national statistics are available.

The marriages of 1935 numbering 76,883 showed an increase of 3,791 from the preceding year, in which 73,092 marriages took place, and an increase of 14,352 from the year 1932 which was the lowest year for marriages during the depression. The 1935 figure closely approached the total of 77,288 for the year 1929, which was the peak year for marriages in Canada, but the marriage rate of 1935 was only 7.0 per thousand and population as against 7.7 in 1929.

The deaths and death rates from certain causes for the year 1935 were as follows, the corresponding figures for 1934 being given in parentheses: Typhoid and paratyphoid fever, deaths, 272 (293); death rate per 100,000 population, 2.5 (2.7); Smallpox, deaths, 6 (3); Measles, deaths, 490 (188); rate 4.5 (1.7); Scarlet fever, deaths, 242 (226); rate 2.2 (2.1); Whooping-cough, deaths 891 (875); rate 8.1 (8.1); Diphtheria deaths 263 (232); rate 2.4 (2.1); Influenza, deaths 3,382 (2,004); rate 31.0 (18.5); Tuberculosis, deaths 6,591 (6,431); rate 60.3 (59.5); Cancer, deaths 11,150 (10,581); rate, 102.0 (97.8); Cerebral hemorrhage, cerebral embolism and thrombosis, deaths 2,530 (3,124); rate 23.1 (28.9); Diseases of the heart, deaths 16,065 (16,352); rate 146.9 (151.3); Diseases of the arteries, deaths, 8,299 (7,379); rate 75.9 (68.3); Pneumonia, deaths 7,408 (6,530); rate 67.7 (60.4); Diarrhoea and enteritis, deaths 2,766 (3,730); rate 25.3 (34.5); Nephritis deaths 6,172 (5,643); rate 56.4 (52.2); Suicide, deaths 904 (927); rate 8.3 (8.6); Homicide, deaths, 153 (142); rate 1.4 (1.3); Automobile accidents deaths 1,225 (1,115); rate 11.2 (10.3); Other violence, deaths 4,611 (4,285); rate 42.2 (39.6.)

CANADIAN WHEAT FOR U. S.

Buffalo Evening News: The droughts of 1934 and 1936 have exposed the fallacy of crop reduction. The importation of Canadian grain is bound to irritate those American farmers who have no crop to sell and cannot take advantage of the mounting price of grain. Nature has played a sorry jest upon the bright young men who have planned to make America over.

**21 DELEGATES
ATTEND A.Y.P.A.
MEETING HERE****Business Session, Sight-
Seeing and Banquet
Today**

The first of the three day session of the Anglican Young People's Association conference concluded last night in the Christ Church Parish Church Hall with a delightful social gathering. The local branch was host to some 21 delegates from all over the province. The afternoon was spent in registration of delegates and assigning billets. The "get-acquainted" meeting of the evening featured songs, games and refreshments. Rev. D. T. Haviland, rector of St. Anne's Parish Church played the piano for the sing-song and Robert Davis supervised the games and contests. The young ladies of the local branch handled the refreshments.

The president of the A.Y.P.A., of Diocese of Fredericton, Gerhard Magee of Fairville was present and welcomed the delegates to this first conference. Other members of the Diocesan Council attending the sessions are Marion Ryan, secretary-treasurer, Fredericton, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest McCordick, McAdam, and Rev. Harry Dysart, Norton, superintendent. Following is a list of those who have registered as delegates:

Gerald Raymond, Bloomfield Station; Douglas Mackay, Belleisle Creek; Cyril Wilcox, Sussex; Miss Bertha A. Muir, Belleisle Creek; Miss Fannie Hughson, Bloomfield Station; Miss Doris McEwen, Sussex; Gerhardt Magee, Fairville; Miss Elisabeth C. Wetmore, Fair Vale; Miss Louise E. Peters, Lr. Norton, Rev. H. Dysart, Norton; James E. Hoyt, Lr. Norton; St. Anne's Robert Dann, Donald Cummings, Cathedral, Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead, Selwyn Box, Miss Eleanor Clarkson; St. Margaret's, Fred Rankine, William Timms; St. Mary's Rev. C. LeRoi Moores, Eugene Thornton.

This morning there was a Corporate Communion at 7.30 followed by a conference breakfast at 8.15. The general business meeting and group discussions filled most of the morning. Discussion followed topical and practical questions and problems of young people's groups.

At 2.30 this afternoon the entire delegation were given a sight-seeing tour of the city which included visits to points of general and historic interest. Tonight's session will consist of service of communion with Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead as chief speaker.

that it had been burned down a half-dozen years ago.

The scenery and vegetation in Derbyshire remind me very much of the Nashwaak Valley.

A few miles farther on we made a detour to see the beautiful Haddon Hall, scene of the legendary elopement of Dorothy Vernon and Sir John Manners. It was a beautiful drive and we saw a most typical manor house. Shortly after we saw the hunting park of the Duke of Devonshire, Chatsworth. The hall was plainly to be seen from the road with some contented cows grazing in the valley. Some of our party said they saw some deer in the park but your scribe must blame poor eyesight and admit he failed.

(To be Continued)

**ALL ACTIVITIES OF LIQUOR
COMMISSION SUSPENDED****Duplessis Serves Notice That He is Taking Full
Charge of All Provincial Affairs —
Pays First Visit**

MONTREAL, Sept. 6—That his Government was in charge of the affairs of the province and intended to exercise full control over the affairs pertaining to the welfare of its people was the statement made by Premier Maurice Duplessis this morning, on his first official visit to Montreal. This statement was made following another in which he announced that he had given orders to L. B. Cordeau, retiring chairman of the Quebec Liquor Commission to the effect that all activities be suspended, in every sphere possible, that could engage the new administration of Quebec.

Dawn of New Regime

It was the dawn of a new regime, succeeding another that had ruled the province for nearly 40 years, as was evidenced at the Government offices. There was a great crowd of well-wishers and friends, to which may be added that of the office seekers. New faces were to be seen in every nook and corner of the corridors and ante-chambers of the Premier, all eager to see Mr. Duplessis and to shake hands with him.

Everything possible was done to satisfy all. Arriving at 10.30, he sat in the offices, so long occupied by his predecessor, former Premier L. A. Taschereau, and started receiving visitors immediately. Among those who visited him this morning are his colleagues, Hon. Martin B. Fisher, Provincial Treasurer, Hon. William Tremblay, Minister of Labor, Hon. F. J. Leduc, Minister of Roads, Hon. H. L. Anger, Minister of Colonization, and Hon. Bona Dussault, Minister of Agriculture, and members of the Legislature, Gerard Thibault, of Mercier, Philippe Monette, of Laprairie-Naperville, Alexandre Tache, of Hull, Geo. Anger, of Gatineau, Hortensius Beique, of Chambly, and among others Brig-General A. C. Smart, former member for Westmount, Ald. Zenon Lesage, Dr. S. J. McNally, defeated candidate in Pontiac, and Noel Beauchamp, K.C., of Hull.

Premier Duplessis, after submitting with good grace to the photographers, gave a short statement to the press.

"I have come here today," he said, "to take possession of the Montreal end of the Provincial Administration. As already stated, we intend to govern with the principles of honesty and justice for ever in our mind. We intend to apply the reforms promised by us in their entirety, and will not stand for any obstruction that may be offered."

Orders to Commission
At this point, Mr. Duplessis, who had been telephoning with his usual

energy and emphasis, announced that he had given orders to the chairman of the Quebec Liquor Commission that he abstain from any activity that might be binding on the new administration, whether it be in the nature of license transfer or new licenses, insurance, policies or contracts.

Asked if that would apply to all commissions, Mr. Duplessis asked whether that was not enough news for one day. Later, he said, that he was returning to Quebec tonight to preside at a Cabinet sitting tomorrow noon. Wednesday, he will attend the Sherbrooke exhibition with his colleague, Hon. John L. Bourque, Minister of Public Works. Thursday, he will be back in Quebec where he will preside at Cabinet sittings every day of the week until further notice.

Other Ministers present were also kept busy receiving friends and visitors, all through the morning.

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