

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Miss Doreen Harper, M.A., B.S.L., Provincial Librarian, Traces History of the Institution Going Back Over One Hundred Years.

(Continued from Last Issue)

In 1902 a list of authors and titles represented in the Library was made on cards, so that it was an easy thing to add to it. The principal object of the Library is to have it supplied with books of reference for the Members to inform themselves on any question that may arise, and at this time it was felt that the Library was not up to the requirements and needs of the province.

In 1905 it was decided to have the Archives collected and placed under the care of the Librarian. The question of extending the Library to house the Government-owned specimens of natural history as well as the books was discussed but nothing definite was done.

In 1908 so many books were missing that it was necessary to send out a circular letter requesting their return.

In 1917 the books were insured for \$25,000 and it was decided that the Chief Superintendent of Education, Chancellor and Professor of English of the University of New Brunswick should be ex-officio members of the Library Committee. Furthermore an effort was made to popularize the Library with the public as it was not playing the part in the social and industrial life of the province that it should. At this time it was necessary to add extra shelving to take care of the ever-growing collection, and in 1918 some of the older books had to be stored to make room for the new. In that year a standing offer of \$15,000 was made to the province for the Audubon books.

In 1919 the Library was to be opened three times a week, and an assistant was appointed.

In 1927 it was decided to buy the works of New Brunswick and Canadian authors, and there was at this time a Purchasing Committee to buy the books and have general supervision of the Library. It was composed of the Members of the Government, Chancellor of the University, Principal of the Normal School, and two others who were to be appointed.

In 1930, the Commissioners of the New Brunswick Public Library Commission had their Secretary survey the Library, and make a report. The valuable Canadiana and some of the rare books were commented upon, particularly a facsimile of the first folio of Shakespeare, the original of which is in the collection of the Duke of Devonshire. At this time the French section was arranged according to fixed location by Mrs. J. L. Neville. In 1931 the Audubon books and two volumes of the Domesday Book were loaned to the University of New Brunswick to be returned at any time the Legislature so desires.

In 1934 it was decided that any of the public who wished to be subscribers could be recommended by a Clergyman, Judge, Magistrate, Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, Principal of the Normal School, Head of a Government Department, Clerk, Official Reporter of a member of the Purchasing Committee; and upon the payment of a \$1.00 a year they were entitled to the full use of the Library. These regulations are still in force at the present time.

In 1935 additional shelving was added to the Library, and the sprinkler system was also installed that year. A desk and chair used by three generations of Flewellings, Members of the Legislative Council, were presented to the Library, as well as six carved chairs from the Old Government House. At this time, it was decided that the Library was not to be used for Committee meetings, or as a cloakroom. A Canadiana section was arranged in one of the alcoves according to fixed location.

The Librarians from the earliest times to the present were Messrs. Mark Needham, Alward, Wetmore, Thompson, and Mrs. Allen, also Misses Alward, Evans and Wynn.

The Legislative Library of today is rather unique due to the fact that it still acts as reference library for the Government, as well as a public subscription one for the citizens of Fredericton.

(To be continued)

A FARM WIFE'S LIFE IN THE CANADIAN WEST IS TOLD BY PIONEER

Woman Who Has Been Almost Quarter of a Century in Alberta

TORONTO, Dec. 11—"My goodness! And to think I was scared stiff of interviewing you!"

The reporter was looking from five foot three down at five foot nothing. "Goodness nothing!" retorted five foot nothing with a grin. "I was scared stiff of seeing you."

"Then we ought to get along swell." Five-foot-nothing was Mrs. Kathleen Strange, married in 1919, mother of three children and still able to pass for 25 years of age.

The youthfulness of her pretty little face was accentuated by her straight, bobbed, black hair, with its row of bangs. Five-foot-nothing was the English girl who never saw a farm before she went to the wild and woolly west of Canada with her husband right after the wedding.

Now she's the winner of a \$1,000 prize for her yet unpublished book, entitled first of all, "A Modern Pioneer," and to be renamed, "With the West in Her Eyes."

She was wearing a smart Paris hat, a London dress and high-heeled shoes when she stepped from a train somewhere out in Alberta seventeen years ago. All she saw was an elevator and a little shed-store.

"I hawled when I went there," she said, in the office of George J. McLeod, Toronto, "but I hawled even more when I left it ten years later."

The scattered neighbors protested against the riding breeches the young English girl wore when she settled down in the West. They objected,

too, when the Stranges held a house-warming dance.

"My dear," said a motherly old lady at the party, "can you expect God's blessing on your home when you do such things as this?"

Mrs. Strange's eyes filled with tears as she recalled that these same people had been her help in time of trouble.

"The first year was hard, she said. "I lost my first baby soon after it was born. The new life was so difficult. But these people pulled me through."

Mrs. Strange made her first public address at the Canadian Women's Press Club of Toronto on Friday. She admitted afterwards that she'd been frightened to death.

Once, she added, her little girl's teacher asked her to come along and address the class during devotion period. Mrs. Strange went along reluctantly—and read her paper.

"And what did the children think of mummy's speech?" she asked her daughter later.

"Oh they didn't say anything about it," was the reply, "but, oh, mummy, they did think you looked like Claudette Colbert."

Eight years ago Mrs. Strange returned to England for a holiday. She couldn't get back to Canada quickly enough.

"England hadn't changed," she said "but I had. I longed to get back to the West and that 40-below-zero weather."

The prize-winning book is a record of this fascinating English woman's life from the time she left her cultured surroundings in England for the hard life on a western farm.

It was a friend, and not she, who entered it in the Canadian book contest sponsored by George J. McLeod, Ltd., of Toronto, and the Dodge Publishing Co. of New York, with the co-operation of the Canadian Authors' Association.

"The Globe quoted me as saying 'I'm fainting' when the news came over the telephone that I had won," she said. "And so I was. I'm not over the shock yet."

NOTICE OF SALE

To Nellie H. Parent, wife of H. Ray Parent, of the Parish of Saint Mary's in the County of York, Farmer, and the said H. Ray Parent; Fred Fox, of the City of New York, in the United States of America, Farmer, holder of a second mortgage on the lands and premises hereinafter described, and all others whom it may in any wise concern:

Take Notice that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the City Hall in the City of Fredericton in the County of York, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of December, next, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises described as follows: All that tract, piece or parcel of lands situate, lying and being in the Parish of Saint Mary's in the County of York, known as No. 18 and being part of a grant of land from the Crown to the Corps called American Loyalists, and bounded as follows: On the Northwest by lands granted to Lieutenant Jas. Henley, on the southeast by land formerly belonging to Caleb Fowler, on northeast by land granted to Joseph Camet and associates and on the southwest by River Saint John measuring in front on the said River thirteen and two-thirds rods or thereabouts and extending back four miles or thereabouts and containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less.

Also all that certain other tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Saint Mary's aforesaid and being a part of the original grant to James Henley and being and comprising two undivided equal third parts, of one undivided equal fifth part of the lower half of the same grant containing by estimation sixty-six acres more or less.

Saving and excepting thereout and therefrom all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land formerly sold and conveyed from off the rear of said lands and premises.

Also excepting that portion of the said lands and premises conveyed by Walter Limerick and wife to the Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal and Railway Company by deed of date August 28th, A.D. 1913, and duly registered in Book 152, page 177 of York County Records, being the same lands deeded to Fred Fox by Frederick Fearon et ux, registered in York County Records in Book 200, page 291; and now in the occupation of the said Nellie H. Parent and H. Ray Parent.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

The Sale hereinbefore stated will be made under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 24th day of January, A.D. 1936, registered in York County Records in Book 227, page 347 et sequitur, and made between the said Nellie H. Parent, wife of H. Ray Parent, and the said H. Ray Parent, of the first part, and the undersigned, Charles Wood, of the second part, default having been made in the payment of the interest, taxes and insurance, contrary to the provisions in the said Indenture contained.

Dated this twenty-third day of November, A.D. 1936.

CHARLES WOOD, Mortgagee.

F. H. PETERS, Solicitor.

S. 1. Nov. 25th. Dec. 2-9-16-23.

LINCOLN DEATH TOLD IN LETTER OF ARMY CLERK

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 11—An account of the last hours of Abraham Lincoln, transmitted to a friend two days after the President's death by a War Department clerk who had been at his bedside, came into the possession of the University of Michigan today.

The manuscript was given by Mrs. Nellie Strawhecker, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to the William L. Clements Library, the university repository of many rare relics of America, including a similar account of the death of George Washington as penned by Tobias Lear, the first President's steward at Mount Vernon.

Corporal James Tanner, then a clerk in the War Department, writing on April 17, 1865, said he had been summoned to take statements of witnesses of the assassination.

"I went into a room between the rear room and the front room," Tanner wrote. Mrs. Lincoln was in the front room, weeping as though her heart would break.

In the back room lay His Excellency breathing hard and with every breath a groan. In the room between were witnesses and many dignitaries.

"In fifteen minutes," Tanner wrote "I had testimony enough down to hang Wilkes Booth, the assassin, higher than any human ever hung."

Of Mrs. Lincoln's last leave-taking from her husband, the corporal said: As she passed through the hall back to the parlor after she had taken leave of the President for the last time, she went by the door and I heard her moan, O my God and have I given my husband to die? And I tell you I never heard so much agony in so few words.

Then, telling of watching the President die, Tanner wrote: I finished my notes and passed into the back room where the President lay; it was very evident that he could not last long. There was no crowd in the room, which was very small, and I approached quite near the bed on which so much greatness lay—fast losing its hold on this world. The head of the bed was towards the door. At the head stood Captain Robt. Lincoln, weeping on the shoulder of Senator Sumner. General Halleck stood just behind Robert Lincoln and I stood just to the left, between him and General Meigs. Secretary Stanton was there trying every way to be calm and yet he was much moved.

Utmost silence prevailed, broken only by the sound of strong men's sobs. It was a solemn time, I assure you. The President breathed heavily until a few minutes before he breathed his last, then his breath came easily and he passed off very quietly."

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3 Years	20,000 votes

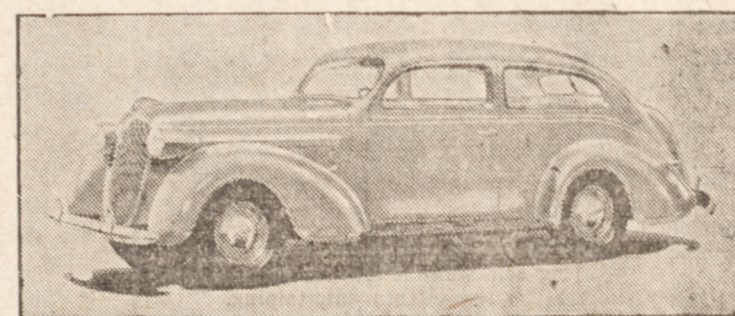
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