

GOLD IN THE HILLS

Hamtown Corner

A Women's Institute has been organized, unofficially, in this community, to carry on during the winter months, to be organized officially by Miss Weldon, the Provincial Superintendent, during the coming spring. Twelve members have paid the membership fee and several others expect to join later. Officers elected to carry on until spring are as follows: President, Miss Nellie Brewer; Vice-president, Mrs. Benj. Thomas; Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Boulter; programme committee, Mrs. John Hildebrand, Miss Nellie Brewer and Mrs. Lloyd Boulter.

The second meeting of this community institute was held the evening of the 7th, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Brewer. The heavy fall of snow early in the evening kept many at home, who would otherwise have attended.

The meeting, presided over by the President, was opened by the singing of O Canada, after which the Club Woman's Creed was repeated in unison. Benefits to be derived from institute work was the main topic of discussion and an effort will be made to have a full programme for the next meeting. The Institute Ode was sung and meeting adjourned by singing of the National Anthem.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brewer, accompanied by her daughter Nellie.

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GRAIN MOVEMENT SAID NOT SLOWED BY ELEVATORS

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15.—W. J. Dowler, President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, today told the Turgeon Royal Grain Commission terminal elevator companies had not retarded the flow of grain to market, and that exporters were always able to obtain grain when they wanted it.

Activities of speculators, terminal companies and members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange generally were probed by M. M. Porter, K.C., of Calgary, counsel for the Alberta Wheat Pool, in examining Mr. Dowler.

"There may be a time when the Terminal Company might hold grain when they thought it was to their advantage," said Mr. Dowler, "I know of no instance where it has stopped the forward movement of grain."

Always Available for Export
So far as his knowledge went, said Mr. Dowler, the forward movement of grain had never been interrupted. "The exporter has always been able to get wheat when and where he wanted it," he said.

Mr. Dowler said it would be difficult to point to any operator and definitely say he was purely a speculator, although there were speculators who studied market trends. The intent of the buyer or seller had to be known before it could be determined whether he was purely a speculator.

The Grain Exchange had always frowned on business described as gambling and it likewise frowned on any attempt of its members to give "tips" to clients to buy or sell. When such tipster activities had been brought to the attention of the Exchange, "we have seen that they were discontinued," he said.

Hedging—The operation of buying or selling in a future month through the futures market to protect a purchase or sale of actual wheat or wheat contract against price fluctuation—was a form of insurance and in the main practiced by all companies in the grain industry, Mr. Dowler said.

Speculation Desirable
The activity of the speculator broadened the market and, as a holder of surplus supplies, "cushioned" the market. At times, said Mr. Dowler, there were unhedged owners of wheat. He believed the speculator performed a desirable service in carrying wheat.

From his experience, said Mr. Dowler, the time to sell wheat or anything else is when some one wanted to buy it. In a reference to advantages of the open market and futures method of trading, he said there never was a time when he could not have gone in the Winnipeg market and bought or sold wheat.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Tweedsmuir have issued invitations for two receptions to be held at Government House the first on Wednesday, January 20th and the second on January 27th from a quarter to ten o'clock.

The Speaker of the Senate and Mrs. W. E. Foster held a reception in the Speaker's chamber of the Senate following the opening of Parliament yesterday afternoon.

The Speaker of the Commons and Mrs. Casgrain held a reception in the Speaker's chambers of the House of Commons, immediately after the opening of the Parliament yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilfrid Lacroix left Montreal on Monday for Ottawa to take up her residence there for the period of the Session, with her husband, Wilfrid Lacroix, M.P. Mr. and Mrs. Lacroix were present at the Opening of Parliament. Mr. Lacroix is one of the heads of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Company.

The January meeting of the Minnie Smith Missionary Society was held in Wilmot vestry Wednesday evening, with the president, Miss Helen Young in the chair. During the devotional period Scripture passages were read by the members. The business period was taken up with the presentation of the annual reports. Various committees were appointed to look after next month's meeting. Miss Helen Young gave an interesting reading. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Mrs. G. W. Bartlett is leaving this evening for Saint John where she will spend the next two months.

Miss Katherine Davidson entertained at a delightful two-table bridge at her home on Wednesday night. Miss Mary Vanwart was the prize winner.

Novelty Dance Held
An enjoyable evening of dancing was enjoyed by a large crowd at the Castle Hall, Loyalist building, last night. George Olts and his orchestra were in attendance.

Mrs. E. H. Pugh entertained last evening from seven to nine o'clock at her home in Nashua, at a children's party in honor of her daughter, Lois, who was celebrating her eleventh birthday. Games were played after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present included Jean Smith, Robin Pugh, Myrtle Pond, Olive Smith and Inez Barnett.

The State Dinner (in Ottawa)
Government House in Ottawa on Wednesday saw one of the most brilliant functions in its history. From all parts of the Dominion, military, political and ecclesiastical dignitaries together with the diplomatic corps attended the State dinner which traditionally precedes the opening of Parliament.

The dinner—not held last year owing to mourning regulations—was the first formal function of Lord Tweedsmuir's regime as Governor-General and the first attended by members of the present Liberal Government. It marked the beginning of three days of ceremony and pageantry at which lovely women wore gorgeous gowns. Vivid scarlet and blue of dress uniforms, glittering epaulets, embroidery and braid, shining swords and spurs, the rich tones of Papal purple, contributed to a spectacle long to be remembered by those who took part. The menu, received by Lord Tweedsmuir dined in the great ball room at tables centred with huge silver bowls of daffodils and tulips.

After dinner the Lady Tweedsmuir received the guests in the Chinese Room where they were joined by their wives and daughters who in turn were presented to Their Excellencies. Later supper was served in the enclosed ballroom courts.

The debutantes to be presented at the Drawing-Room of Their Excellencies this evening will include: Miss Olive Beauschene, in American Beauty taffeta.

Miss Patricia Beauschene, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beauschene, black satin gown trimmed with burnt orange velvet flowers and she wore gold sandals.

Miss Francisca Patenaude, daughter of J. O. Patenaude, King's Printer, and Mrs. Patenaude, in a green satin gown with slippers of the same shade.

Miss Muriel Curphy, gowned in black cire satin.

Miss Betty Hooper, in madonna blue taffeta made in buffout style and wearing pearl ornaments.

Miss Joan Fraser in a dress of pale blue brocade.

Miss Andree Leduc, daughter of Hon. Paul and Mrs. Leduc, in black taffeta made with a high neck line and a flaring skirt.

Miss Ruth and Miss Reine Mullin, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mullin, in pale pink chiffon dresses, with sashes of silk velvet in pastel shades and wearing shoulder knots of pink roses.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Morrison entertained last evening at their home on Brunswick street at a charming double buffet supper bridge. Covers were laid for sixteen guests, the table being centred with red tulips and red candles. The prizes were won by Mrs. A. R. Slipp, Mrs. John Malcolm, Kenneth Golding and Robert Fitzrandolph.

Mrs. Ross, wife of Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Mrs. W. M. Clark, returned last evening from Truro, N. S., where they attended the annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ross, president, was in the chair.

Don't forget the food sale tomorrow sponsored by the women of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Arthur McF. Limerick. The regular routine business was carried out after which refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

C. S. T. Entertained at Waverly Hotel
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dewar entertained at a dance at the Waverly Hotel. Those present were the members of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists who were guests at the hotel and their friends and several more from about the city. About fifty were present. This dance has been held annually for four years and it proved the most successful of all.

Mrs. George K. Bell entertained at a very enjoyable bridge at her home last evening. Prizes were won by Miss Edna Belyea and Mrs. Arthur Bailey. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Fred W. Gunter and Miss Edna Belyea.

Shower Held
A shower was held last evening in honor of Mrs. Douglas Macauley, nee Miss Phyllis Wilby at her home on Saunders street. Games and bridge were enjoyed by thirty guests. Many gifts of silver, china and linen were received by the bride. Refreshments were served to end a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. R. P. Gorham is visiting relatives in Montreal.

The annual dance given by the pre-medical students of the University is taking place on Monday night at Castle Hall.

Among those present at the Opening of the Canadian Parliament yesterday were Lady Borden, wife of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., in a handsome gown of jade green satin with jade green shoes and carrying a jade green ostrich feather fan. She wore diamonds.

Mrs. Michaud, wife of Hon. J. E. Michaud, K.C., L.L.B., Minister of Fisheries, gown of gold crepe fashioned with a long full skirt and slight train. Miss Annette Michaud, daughter of Hon. J. E. and Mrs. Michaud, golden brocade, simply designed. Miss Alice Michaud, daughter of Hon. J. E. and Mrs. Michaud in a dainty dress of white satin.

Mrs. Foster, wife of Hon. W. E. Foster, Speaker of the Senate, a lovely gown of black georgette embroidered in black and white. Miss Joan Foster, daughter of the Speaker of the Senate and Mrs. W. E. Foster, black net dress prettily embroidered with a flower design in silver. She wore silver ornaments. Miss Charlotte Foster, daughter of the Speaker of the Senate and Mrs. W. E. Foster, dress of midnight blue crepe, the draperies caught with brilliant buckles.

Madame Lapointe, wife of Hon. Ernest Lapointe, L.B., K.C., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, a handsome novelty black gown designed with white velvet pointed and made with a long full skirt forming a train. Miss Odette Lapointe, daughter of Hon. Ernest and Madame Lapointe, lovely gown of black satinelle with white painted stars and trimmed with white organza.

Mrs. Ilsey, wife of Hon. J. L. Ilsey, K.C., L.L.B., Minister of National Revenue, gown of black flowered net.

Mrs. Crockett, wife of Hon. O. S. Crockett, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada gown of cream lace mounted over chiffon.

Mrs. W. G. Clark in a gown of black silk lace.

Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of Dr. Mackenzie has arrived from Montreal to take up residence with her husband Dr. G. B. Mackenzie of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick. They expect in a few days to take up an apartment at the residence of Col. C. J. Mersereau, on University Avenue. Dr. Mackenzie has taken the chair of geology succeeding the late Prof. Stanley Perry.

Miss Mary Kidd was hostess at a two table bridge last evening at her home.

Mrs. Fred Harrison of Clova, P. Q., with her daughter Constance, is visiting her mother Mrs. Stanley Douglass.

Mrs. Allan G. McAvity, accompanied by her son Douglas, and her daughter Miss Eva McAvity, is leaving Saint John shortly for Toronto, to attend the wedding of her son, James Malcolm McAvity, to Miss Margaret Temple, which is taking place in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, on Saturday, January 30. Miss Eva McAvity will be one of the bride's five attendants.

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