

APRIL IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA IS DESCRIBED BY FREDERICTON LADY, MRS. M. I. F. CARVELL

**Haying All Done --- Miles of Bloom --- Sunday at
Long Beach --- Swallows Return Same Date
Each Year at Capistrano**

Santa Monica, Calif.,
April 20th, 1937
To the Editor of The Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

As I write the date I note by your paper received today that the ice ran out on the 14th, that the season has been backward, etc. One has to get miles away from home to fully appreciate the news your paper gives. A daily is the one unfailing touch between home news and those absent. California has, since the middle of March, dealt us out its sunniest weather. Temperatures of 85 and 90 at noon are the order of the day. Alfalfa haying time has been over for two weeks, they harvest four crops yearly. Early April saw the fruit trees blossom in all their glory, since then we have had carpets of gold and royal blue, miles of them to walk over, in the valleys. So many poppies and lupins blooming. I never have seen such gorgeous displays, even the desert is a mass of bloom and mountain sides have never been so green in twenty years due to the heavy fall of rain in February and early March.

The frosts of January were so severe they killed Jacaranda trees forty feet high. Many semi-tropical hedges are dead, also young palms and orange trees, but abundant rains promise a bumper crop in the valleys.

The robins passed over in February. I heard them about two days, then the mocking birds "filled each pause." The swallows came back to an old Capistrano Mission near Los Angeles on March 19, they have not missed that date in 125 years. So sure are the Mission Fathers of the swallows' return on the feast of their patron saint, that a fete is carried on in their honor. Spring has come with the swallows.

The mountain rangers now all wear knee leather boots, as snakes are all lively in the paths they must walk. A rattler will not strike above a man's knee and generally makes for cover unless cornered.

Recently I had tea under a fifty year old wisteria. It had millions of blooms hanging and covered over an acre of ground held up by iron pipes.

I spent a Sunday afternoon at Long Beach recently and marvelled at the various pleasures of thousands there. On Rainbow pier I heard some ten different sects holding religious services. I sang good old Sunday school songs with one party of 300 for an hour, but around us was all kinds of amusements, roller coasters and

other sports larger and noisier than a Fredericton Exhibition in full swing. Major Bowes' loud speaker called the crowds from his car to hear 13 of his artists at a nearby theatre. Men and women played checkers and cards as if their life depended on winning the game. Here, one could see the spots on the sun through a telescope. Beer joints were doing a big business.

Beach games, pitching quoits, riding surf boards, vaulting poles were being enjoyed by many men and women, nine-tenths nude lay sprawled on the sand, brown as Mexicans. Airplanes were leaving and landing on the deck of one of Uncle Sam's fleet anchored nearby; porpoises played just off the bathing beach. Such a jumble of amusements on a Sunday afternoon. I found myself thanking God that our Sundays are not so desecrated in New Brunswick, that liquor is not exposed for sale next to vegetables or meats at a market. After all New Brunswick temperance people have much to be thankful for.

I can never become used to the mad rush of Los Angeles. When I read of the small yearly total of deaths in New Brunswick by auto accidents, my friends could feel with me the shock of reading from three to five deaths, even more, daily in Los Angeles. Of course here, 2½ millions of people are moving.

It's appalling how much this city is sold out to the moving picture industry, even school girls ape their favorite actress and usually she isn't worthy of the compliment. Newspapers devote from four to six pages a day to the doings of the colony. Not so long ago Harold Lloyd paid \$375 at an auction to kiss Ginger Rogers, the money going to the flood area. Drinking and smoking among women and youth seems to be the fashionable amusement. Irving Cobb in one of his recent articles to the Los Angeles Times said: "I remember in 1910 a certain wealthy lady was asked to leave the rotunda of a fashionable hotel because she dared to light a cigarette, but now look at the 'darn things.' It's appalling to note such fine looking young women abusing their mentality and health by these practices—and others."

I love California sunshine, its bloom, and cleanliness, its fruit and fresh vegetables, but good old New Brunswick, especially in summer, will ever hold charms for me.

Yours sincerely,
M. I. F. CARVELL.

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PROBE AIM IS DECIDED BY CABINET

OTTAWA, April 26—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced tonight the Federal Cabinet had agreed upon the terms of reference to the Royal Commission which is to investigate the financial relations of the Dominion and the provinces.

"We have given careful consideration to the scope of the inquiry," the Prime Minister said, following a Cabinet meeting which lasted until 7.30 this evening. "General agreement has been reached on the terms of the reference and all we have to do now is to decide about the personnel of the Commission."

The Prime Minister said no final statement would be issued until the Commissioners have been chosen and then the whole thing will be made public at once.

It is understood he will attempt to secure the service of an outstanding British economist as Chairman of the Commission. The name of Sir Arthur Salter has been mentioned in this connection.

Mr. King thought it possible that the organization of the Commission might be completed before he returns from the Imperial Conference. This will depend upon the success he meets in obtaining the co-operation of an eminent British economist to act as Chairman.

In the meantime a good deal of preparatory work will be done in Canada by technical assistants who will gather much necessary data. "What will probably happen," the Prime Minister said, "is that some phases of the organization work will be developed during our absence in the Old Country."

CHANGES IN STUDY COURSES ARE PLANNED

**Protestant Board Decides to Modernize
Many Text Books**

MONTREAL, April 27 — Definite changes in the course of study for the pupils of Montreal schools were outlined and approved yesterday when the Protestant Board of Education met at the Protestant School Commission Office, McTavish street. Text books which have been in use for more than 20 years in some instances and more than 40 years in one case are to be scrapped and new courses substituted, according to the ruling of the board.

A whole new course in Latin has been prescribed for grades 8 to 11, inclusive. A new course in chemistry and physics will be instituted, and grades 8 to 10 a new geography course. A new Canadian history book "Romance of Canada" will replace one used in grade 9 for more than 2 years. New elementary writing book are also planned, the former one being of the same type as used 4 years ago.

Combinations Made

To facilitate teaching in small rural schools certain combinations of assignments have been made so that geography classes for grade 6 and 7 may alternate, allowing for the two grades to be taught as one group in this particular subject.

With regard to the changes in text books, Dr. Percival, director of Protestant Education, said that for some years an attempt has been made to bring the courses up to date and make changes in books as infrequent as possible.

Arrangements were made at the meeting whereby final year high students leaving on the organized Coronation Tour will be able to write their examinations in September. For the lower grades the pupils may be passed on recommendation of the principal.

Changes were also announced in the granting of teaching diplomas. In future, graduates of education will be given an interim certificate, valid for three years during which the graduate must teach successfully for two years, when the certificate may be exchanged for the diploma.

Scholastic Merit

Awards of the Order of Scholastic Merit were also announced at the meeting and the honor will be conferred on the various teachers receiving it at a special meeting of the board on Thursday, October 7.

The awards were given in three degrees, the third degree being the highest, as follows: First degree: Mrs. H. M. Avery, M.A., Kenogami; Miss Ruth P. Bibby, Shawbridge; Mrs. Margaret Lindsay, Ormstown; Miss Agnes Pease, Roslyn School, Westmount.

Second degree: F. N. Stephen, B.A., Commercial High School, Montreal; Miss Hazel Murchison, B.A., West Hill High School; A. R. McBean, M.A., Montreal High School. Third degree: D. C. Logan, B.A., Montreal; and W. A. Walsh, B.A., M.P., Outremont.

IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY CARRIAGES MAKES FOR COMFORT AND PLEASURE

**Honeymoon Couples Made to Feel at Home ---
Passengers Counted as Guests**

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 27—What the railways have accomplished in the last few years to add comfort and pleasure to travel and the interest taken by the average railwayman in seeing that the passenger enjoyed his trip was the theme of an address delivered before the Saint John Rotary Club at their regular noon lunch today by A. A. Gardiner, of Montreal, Que., assistant general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National Railways. One of the greatest returns railwaymen receive for their efforts is the intense interest connected with their work, Mr. Gardiner said. This interest frequently displays itself from the very first contact with the patron. The experienced ticket clerk at once recognizes a shy and hesitant enquiry for a trip to Niagara Falls a honeymoon trip. One of the experienced gatemen of the Company located at an important terminal knew the same couple when they were on their journey. He had fixed as a formula the fact that whenever a young couple passed out to the train and both were wearing new boots they were off on their honeymoon trip. These and similar phases of recognition is what enables the conductor to make people feel at home. He does not see merely so many passengers but counts them in terms of "guests" and regards it as a duty to make them feel thoroughly at home.

After some years in which they met with intense unregulated competition the railways in these latter years have made a very remarkable comeback. Coach excursions, which continue to move on an average of 1,000 passengers a day, have not only restored the railway travel habit to many who for years had given it up, but a number of initial railway "rips" are being made on these excursions by younger people, old enough to vote but who had previously never ridden a train.

To those who have travelled, air conditioning and the added comfort and attractiveness of the equipment has been an ever increasing delight. Succeeding generations of railway car builders had somehow or other failed to ask themselves the question "why should the interior of a railway coach be dull and drear?" Perhaps it was a carryover from the old stage coach days, where regard was had for the effect of mud splashes from the horses' hoofs carried into the coach through the partly open window. Or perhaps it just happened. Now-a-days, however, there is a definite trend to make not only the exterior of the car effectively attractive and as nearly streamlined as the conditions permit but the interiors are being "cheered up." The dining car with every window a constantly changing landscape picture, is also responding to this trend toward popularization and substantially reduced charges are greatly increasing the patronage of this necessary means of providing for material refreshment by an unadulterated pleasant means of whiling away the time on the journey.

The railways have shown, especially in these last few years, that they are well in step with the aim of modern civilization as described by a noted French writer. He said that the aim was that of making a pleasure of each necessity. For example, to travel is a necessity. The railways have

made travelling so much of a pleasure that many travel without the necessity for the mere pleasure of doing so. Eating is a necessity. Dining car meals most fully meet the aim by making the act a high and enduring pleasure. And so on.

Mr. Gardiner related several instances of his own experiences with interesting and distinguished users of the national system, particularly that of the recent trip with their Imperial Highnesses, Prince and Princess Chichibu of Japan who crossed Canada by the Canadian National on their way to the Coronation which he stated would for long stand out as a movement particularly replete with human interest.

With a word for the heroism of the men who labor in all weathers that the trains may go through on time, and the assurance that nothing was in sight that could replace the railway as a safe, reliable, everyday essential servant of the Canadian people, the speaker asked his hearers to continue their sympathetic interests in the railways of the country and to continue to look for the adoption of new and improved methods as experiments proved their worth and economic conditions permitted.

RAIN BOLSTERS PRAIRIE CROPS

WINNIPEG, April 26—Rain fell over Western Canada today and gave new incentive to crop hopes as farmers proceeded with seeding operations.

Showers were reported throughout the grain areas of Southern Manitoba where rainfall since the beginning of the month has been well above normal.

Light rain fell in the Regina district but some dust was blowing. Eastern and Southern Saskatchewan reported minor precipitation.

Farmers of Northern Saskatchewan greeted the first extensive rainfall of the season and began seeding operations with renewed confidence. Three to four inches of snow were reported in some northern districts. Seeding conditions in the North Battleford area were 60 per cent. better than last year, farmers said.

Rain and light snow was welcomed by ranchers and farmers in Southern Alberta after a month of drought and dust storms which caused soil drifting damage.

Throughout Central and Northern Alberta heavy rain and snow were reported. Grain men still viewed dubiously conditions in the drought areas of Southern Saskatchewan. Although it was too early to estimate accurately, reports indicated there would be a reduction in wheat acreage.

DEATH RATE CUT BY HUMAN MILK

**Depot Established in
Montreal Reduces Infant
Mortality 50 Per Cent.**

MONTREAL, April 26—Establishment of the first human milk depot in Canada and a corresponding reduction in the maternal mortality rate from .70 to .38 per cent. were reported today by the Royal Victoria Hospital in its annual report for 1936.

Frozen human milk is stored in quantity at the hospital, said Dr. J. R. Fraser, who presented the medical report, and is available in its original form at any time. A total of 67 gallons has been distributed free to needy maternity cases in the city. Introduction of "prontosil" from Europe to fight childbirth fever was also referred to by Dr. Fraser. "It's use during the year," he said, "has accomplished much toward removal of one of the greatest dangers incident to childbirth."

It a Cold Threatens..

Timely use of this especially designed aid for nose and upper throat, helps prevent many colds.

VICKS VAPOROL



"Democracy—that's ME"

"I've been keeping an eye on Europe lately," said Mr. Picobac of Essex Centre, applying a match. "But I find that one eye is not enough. I'm getting cross-eyed."

Mr. Picobac chuckled between puffs, while the incense of prime, fresh-lit Canadian Burley spread like a benediction of peace, comfort and human kindness to all the brotherhood of man.

"They're getting too far away from democracy over there," said he, shaking his head. "I tell you us folks in Canada ought to be glad we're here."

"Look the world over", commanded he, passing his "SEAL-TIGHT" Picobac pouch. "Where do you find the happiest people? Tell me that. Isn't it in the democratic countries—countries patterned after old England? And of all the democratic countries of the British Empire where can you find the beat of Canada? . . . The land where every man is as good as his neighbour."

"And most of 'em a danged sight better," agreed Cy Parker, the postmaster, settling down for a mild . . . cool . . . sweet smoke.

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FLOODS IN ALTA. FOLLOW ICE BREAK-UP

EDMONTON, April 27—Minor flood conditions were reported today at Pelican on the Athabasca River, 175 miles north of Edmonton, following the ice break-up. The Government telegraph station was reported caught in the swirling flood waters. Later reports said flood waters had dropped two feet and were now just five feet above normal.

Not Dead Enough to Quit Paying Taxes

SIMCOE, April 27—Henry Howard informed Assessor John Rutherford today that he was still living. A mix-up in names caused Howard to be removed from the Assessor's roll when a man named Howard died.

"No, I am not dead," explained Howard. "This is the second time they have had me dead and it was not right either time." So Howard will continue paying taxes.