

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Alexander MacRae was hostess at luncheon yesterday at her home in honor of Mrs. MacLaren, wife of His Honor Lieutenant Murray MacLaren. Covers were laid for eight. Those seated were Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. MacRae, Mrs. George E. Ross, Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mrs. C. D. Richards, Mrs. John Stephens, Mrs. D. B. Lawson and Miss Harrison.

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Miss Edith MacRae recently entertained at the tea hour in honor of Miss Margaret MacLaren, daughter of His Honor Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Murray MacLaren.

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Mrs. J. H. Ramsay is entertaining at a large tea this afternoon at her home in honor of her daughter, Miss Millicent Ramsay. The house is attractive with spring flowers. The table is appointed in keeping with St. Patrick's Day, centred with a silver basket of emerald green carnations and yellow daffodils. The theme is also carried out in the refreshments, which display a touch of green. Mrs. Frank S. Lister and Mrs. C. Albert Kitchen will preside over the tea-cups. Mrs. R. MacGibbon will usher with Mrs. W. M. Myles and Mrs. Hedley Forbes replenishing. Those serving will be Miss Helen Colwell, Miss Mary VanWart, Miss Rosemary Durick, Miss Dorothy Haines, Miss Sylvia Levine, Miss Elizabeth Freeze, Miss Frances Staples, Miss Frances VanWart and Miss Jean Ramsay. Little Miss Charlotte Myles will admit the guests, who will be received in the drawing room by Miss Ramsay and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Ramsay. About seventy-five will be present.

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Preparations are being made for the annual Junior Tea to be held on Saturday the sixteenth, in the Ladies' Reading room.

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The Golden Rule Circle of the King's Daughters met last evening at the home of the president, Mrs. F. M. Belyea, with the president in the chair and twenty-five members answering roll call. The devotional period was in charge of Miss Violet Knapp who gave a very inspirational reading followed by prayer. Reports were submitted by the various committees and the usual monthly basket of supplies given to a needy family. In compliance with a request from the V.O.N. Board the Circle very willingly agreed to serve refreshments at the Well Baby Clinic during the month of April. A pleasing feature of the evening was two beautiful vocal solos "The Publican" and "The Old Fashioned

Garden" delightfully rendered by Mrs. John Webster, accompanied by Mrs. F. P. Lister. The meeting closed with The King's Daughter's Prayer.

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The Ella Thorne Circle of King's Daughters held their monthly meeting last evening at the home of Miss Josephine Belyea, with the president Miss Gertrude Davis in the chair. An interesting devotional period was given by Miss Sadie Blair. A donation of \$5.00 was voted to the Jubilee Cancer Fund. Lucky number thirteen won the mystery box for Miss Edith Curil. A social hour and refreshments served by the joint hostesses Miss Margaret Ferguson and Miss Belyea brought the meeting to a close.

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The regular meeting of the Cathedral Men's Club was held last evening in the Memorial Hall with a good attendance. Very Rev. Dean Holmes gave a short and interesting Lenten address to the members, which was greatly appreciated. A general debate was then opened on the resolution that "The modern youth is better equipped to meet the world than his father was in his youth." The leader selected at a previous meeting were Selwyn Box for the affirmative and Harry Ryan for the negative. After a spirited debate participated in by all present, the committee of judges three Dean Holmes announced that on presentation and argument their decision was in favor of the negative. The election for the annual Mock Parliament was next in order. This election is unique in its character. To prevent any division on personal political leanings, the members draw their ballots which designate whether they are supporters of the government or opposition. The two parties thus formed selected their leaders in caucus and parliament is ready to meet. The results last night showed G. E. Howie to again be leader of the government and Dr. Wm. Warwick at the head of the loyal opposition. The necessary credentials authorizing the appointment of A. A. Shute as Governor General were also received. The election of speaker and announcement of the members of the Cabinet will be made at the first session of the new parliament. Another interesting feature of the evening was the presentation by the president Mr. H. W. Woods, of the prizes for the cumulative tournaments for the period ended with Ash Wednesday. The results showed the winner of the forty-five tournament to be Leonard Gregg by a very close margin over Robt. Hazlett. The leader of the contract

DIONNES COMPLAIN OF LOSING BABIES

Object to Quintuplets Becoming "Wards of The King"

NORTH BAY, Ontario, March 13—Declaring that it would split his family in two Oliva Dionne, father of the quintuplets, opposes the bill now before the Ontario Legislature to make the five baby girls "wards of the King".

In an interview here Dionne expressed keen dissatisfaction with provisions of the measure, introduced in the Legislature on Friday by Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare. It would bring the children's welfare under the direction of the Minister with Dionne one of a Board of guardians to be appointed by Mr. Croll.

"Mr. Croll told us that God never intended us to have money, that I was a prosperous farmer, and to go back to my farm and forget about the babies until they are 18, and then we would have 1,000,000, Dionne said. "All we want is a chance to show that we are able to raise our babies. Under the present bill they would become 'state children' and there would be two separate families. We don't want that, we want all our children to have an equal chance", said Mr. Dionne.

Bennett Likely Inactive For Month; May Delay Election

OTTAWA, Ont., March 13—With announcement that the rest cure prescribed by his physician for Prime Minister R. B. Bennett will keep him inactive for a month at least, a fresh crop of rumors of a National Government grew up in political circles. Inquiries among ministers and members failed to disclose any foundation for such a surmise.

It is believed possible, however, that Mr. Bennett's indisposition may result in the general election coming much later in the summer than had been anticipated. This will depend considerably upon the progress of his recovery.

Members of the Government have been advised that according to present diagnosis the prime minister could very well expect to recover the vigor and stamina required for leading the party in a political campaign. But it would require rigid adherence to the rest prescription upon, which Mr. Bennett entered this week. Party associates of the prime minister have urged he leave the remainder of the session in the hands of his cabinet colleagues and devote himself to recuperation so that he may be in perfect condition for the campaign. This would possibly mean selection of a day late in the summer or early fall for the polling.

Meanwhile Mr. Bennett was strictly obeying doctors' orders and last night was reported to be resting comfortably and making satisfactory progress. He has shut himself off entirely from visitors and from cares of state, leaving administrative matters in the hands of Sir George Perley and his cabinet associates.

MIDWEEK MARKET

The market this morning at Phoenix Square was a fairly large one with plenty of produce. Prices were about the same as they were on Saturday and were as follows: Pork, 10 to 14 cents per pound; veal, 5 to 9 cents per pound; butter, 25 cents per pound; eggs, 25 cents per dozen; potatoes 80 cents per barrel; beef, 4 to 6 cents per pound; cabbage, 60 cents per dozen; carrots, \$1.50 per barrel; parsnips \$2.50 per barrel.

MUCH IMPROVED TODAY

There was much improvement today in the condition of Mrs. M. W. Black, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia. Her two sons, Brian and Shawn, who also were stricken with the disease, also are showing improvement.

players was Oscar Harris and the attendance record again went very popularly to Fred Johnson. The National Anthem brought to a close still another instructive and enjoyable meeting of the Cathedral Men's Club.

SUGGESTS VAST HOUSING PLAN

Architect Outlines \$400,000,000 Proposal Under Dominion Financing

OTTAWA, March 13—By an amendment to the Bank of Canada Act which would empower that institution to increase its capital structure by another \$200,000,000, the government could, under the provisions of the present legislation, sell securities of \$400,000,000 to finance a national housing plan. J. H. Craig, Toronto architect, today told the parliamentary housing committee. Under a scheme which he outlined that plan would be self-liquidating over an amortisation period of 40 years.

The added \$200,000,000 of capital stock, on which the rate is fixed at 4½% would require \$9,000,000 annually in interest, said Mr. Craig. But this annual charge would be more than met if the government loaned its borrowed \$400,000,000 at a much lower rate of interest.

Thirty percent of the \$400,000,000 (or \$120,000,000) would be loaned to municipalities for slum clearance at two percent, thus bearing an annual charge of \$2,400,000. The remaining 70 percent, or \$280,000,000, would be loaned to private enterprise at 2½%, which would bring in \$7,000,000, or enough to pay the whole 4½% on the additional stock issue, plus another \$400,000 for administration of the scheme and sundry expenses.

The national housing plan should be administered by a commission appointed by the Dominion government. Mr. Craig urged. It would lend the money to municipal housing commissions to which the amortisation period would be 40 years. The period of amortisation for private persons would be 25 years.

Hartland Paper Has Good Word For Dr. W. W. White

(Hartland Observer)

The retirement of Miles E. Agar of Saint John to accept a place on the Liquor Control Board and the appointment of James M. Scott as registrar of deeds for York means that Dr. Walter W. White of Saint John is now the senior private member of the Legislative Assembly. It is an honor which the genial doctor bears with becoming modesty and dignity. He spoke on the Address early in the present session and delivered what is generally conceded to have been one of the most illuminating speeches which has emanated from a private member of the House in many years. With a background of two university degrees, a long professional career, many years' experience as alderman and mayor of Saint John, to say nothing of a lengthy business experience, Dr. White certainly has a good background for public life, and those who should be in a position to judge say that he would be an outstanding figure in any deliberate assembly in Dominion. As a director of one of Canada's large banking institutions, he is well qualified to discuss financial matters, and when he says that the present government is deserving of great credit for its administration of the affairs of the province, he makes a statement borne out by the facts and one that is certain to carry weight with all reasonable people. Dr. White descends from good old Queens County stock and members of a branch of his family have been prominent in the public life of Carleton County.

SITTING UP TODAY

Friends will be pleased to learn that Harry Crotty Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crotty, has improved so that he was able to sit up at his home this afternoon. He is now well on the road to recovery.

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Old Times Recalled

JAMES BARNES

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Jim Barnes represented Kent at the same time as Col. Urban Johnston, John B. Gagin and others. He was engaged in the lumber business in Kent county and was later interested in mining at Grand Lake. He was a very fine type of a man.

Mr. Barnes was first elected to the

Legislature in 1895, and was again returned in 1898, 1903, and later years. He was a Liberal and a member of the Anglican church. He was always a pleasant man to meet and he was a good talker on almost any subject one wished to bring up.

J. D. Phinney, K.C., who later practised law in Fredericton and who died in this city, was a colleague of James Barnes. He in his day was one of the ablest members in a House of able men.

James Barnes has been dead now for some years.

ADAMS HAS IDEA OF ONE HOCKEY LOOP

"Baz" O'Meara, the Montreal Star sports commentator tells of the plan of the new international loop. He says:

"Jack Adams has rallied to the idea of one International group in the N. H. L. Joe Simpson is against it, but then Joe may not be in the League as a master mind very long if gossip along hockey row is to be taken at its face value. Adams thinks there is something wrong with a playoff system that excludes a team such as Wings which have a better point standing than Canadiens who have made the grade. 'We have more points, more goals for less goals against than Canucks, yet we are out and they are in'. Jack thinks the league should be one complete section with six teams qualifying. Since the idea is sanctioned by usage it may not be such a revolutionary suggestion as it seems.

"Six teams qualify now in two sections. It would be no different if they qualified in one. The writer has suggested this idea for some time with a playoff allowance for 4 clubs. Anyway let us have one section. Playoff arrangements can be made very easily. The playoffs have come to stay in one form or another. At present the amateurs are emphasizing their worth by an extensive four or perhaps five game finals with no one worrying very much because the gate angle obtrudes so sharply. The public likes the playoffs no matter how much they may deride them in mid-season, and would no doubt feel very badly if they were discontinued—for that, is the fashion of customers whether amateur or professional all over the hockey domain".

MRS. DUGAN DIES

Janey Dugan, aged 65 years, wife of James Dugan, passed away at her home here after a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband, Jas., two sons, John and Fred, at home; one daughter, Mrs. George Whittier, of this city; three brothers, Robert, of this city; James, of Fairville, and Neill, of Calais, Me. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning, leaving the home at 845 and High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at 9 o'clock at St. Dunstan's church by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney. Interment will be made at The Hermitage.

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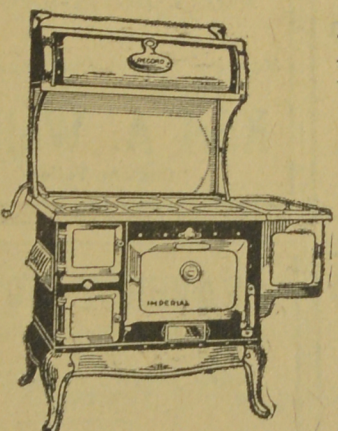
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