

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The Ella Thorne Circle of the King's Daughters met last evening with Miss Lillian Rankine and Miss Audrey Young as hostesses. The president Miss Gertrude Davis was in the chair. The devotional period was under the direction of Miss Myrtle Moffitt with several members of the Circle taking part; the theme of the service was "The Message of Easter." A special Easter Thankoffering was contributed by each member. The Circle signified its willingness to co-operate with the Central Welfare bureau in its collection of clothes, etc., for the poor. At the conclusion of the business meeting the usual social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Loretta F. Wynne, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Wynne, Seymour avenue, Montreal, to Mr. George W. Millican, son of Mr. J. S. Millican and the late Mrs. Millican, of this city, the marriage to take place the latter part of April.

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Mrs. A. T. McMurray is entertaining the Hospital Aid Bridge at her home, tomorrow afternoon.

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Mrs. F. W. Hill is entertaining at a small Bridge this evening.

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Mrs. A. L. Gerow was hostess to the Monday Night Bridge Club last night at her home. The prizes were won by Miss Gertrude Davidson and Miss Jeanie Hodge.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Hanbury, formerly Miss Carter, of Fredericton, now of Vancouver, were registered at the Mount Royal, Montreal, for the week end.

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Lady Moyra Ponsonby, daughter of Their Excellencies the Governor General and Countess of Bessborough, with Mr. Mark Baring, Mr. A. F. Lascelles and Capt. M. Adeane were guests at luncheon last week of Viscount and Viscountess Colville at their home, "Point Colville", Saanich Arm, Victoria, B. C.

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Ray Gereau, of the staff of the Bank of Commerce in New York, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gereau, in Marysville this week.

## PRELUDE TO SPRING SONG

Today that Robin's note I heard  
Awoke in me a kindred spirit  
And every other bird and bird  
Will start to warble when they hear it.

And when we birds begin to sing  
From throbbing heart and hobbling pen

Our rhapsodies will start gay Spring  
As like as not, back south again.

—ROGER L. WARING.

Sir Michael CulmeSeymour, R. N., who accompanied the Governor-General to Victoria, B. C., as A. D. C. after a stay at Cameron Lake, has been spending a few days with Lord and Lady Martin Cecil at their ranch in the Cariboo.

LAPOINTE WANTS  
VOTE ON TITLES  
OUR CANADIANS

OTTAWA, April 9—Hon. Ernest Lapointe, former minister of justice, suggested to the House of Commons today a referendum be taken this summer on the titles question. At the same time he protested against any Canadians receiving titles at the King's Jubilee in May.

Mr. Lapointe said he had heard reports Canadians would receive titles from London in May. "I hope this will not be done. Last year the House divided upon the question of restoration of titles. The Liberals were unanimous against it and the Independents as well. Some of the Conservatives voted against the institution of titles in Canada. I claim under the circumstances a title is only a Conservative badge."

Titles, Mr. Lapointe said, were abhorrent to the majority of Canadians. He claimed one Toronto man who was in the last honors' list said he would have preferred a member of the nobility to John Buchan as Canada's next Governor-General. This man, Mr. Lapointe said, evidently had "chaos in his brain."

"We are going to have an election this summer," he continued. "I suggest we take a referendum at that time. It will not cost any money. I suggest we put this question to every Canadian and see what the people think."

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MEN'S CLUB MOCK  
PARLIAMENT  
DEALS WITH DUMP

Interesting Discussion  
re City Dump at Parish  
Hall Last Evening—A  
Petition to be Circulated  
by Sponsors.

The Men's Club of Parish Church held its fourth sitting of Mock Parliament at Parish Hall last evening, Ven. Archdeacon Bate opening the sitting with prayer.

Mr. Brooks, who had adjourned the debate on the Reply from the Speech from the Throne, was the last speaker of the opposition and he flayed the government in all directions, with the premier concluding the debate. On the amendment by the opposition that a copy not be sent to the governor, a division was called in the "house" and defeated, 14 to 11. Several bills got a second reading and the "house" went into a committee of the whole, with Jack Akerly in the chair.

One of the outstanding bills of the evening was one to beautify the dump in the west end of the city of Fredericton, which got considerable attention. Several ratepayers and property holders were in attendance and voiced their opinion of the matters on the floors of the "house." A. B. Belyea was the first speaker and he pointed out that, although he was not a resident of that section of the city, he was interested in the beautifying of the "dump" and that he hoped to see some improvement in the matter in the near future. W. B. Lint, a resident and property owner of that section of the city, also spoke along the same lines and pointed out that, although "dumping" was not allowed after 6 o'clock by a by-law of the city of Fredericton, it was broken numerous times. L. H. Parks, district supervisor of fisheries, was also present and he spoke upon the pollution of rivers by refuse and articles from dumps. He quoted an article by Prof. E. E. Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fish in 1899, who made a survey of water pollution at that time in this section of the country and which has stood as an authoritative statement. Several members of the opposition and government of the Mock Parliament also spoke upon the matter; it was decided that a petition be circulated in the west end of the city and in the city at large re improvement of the dump and that it be sponsored by the Men's Club of the Parish Church, affiliated with other organizations and presented to the City Council in the near future.

The "house" was adjourned for two weeks, next week being handed over to a different form of entertainment, and the meeting was brought to a close with light refreshments and the singing of the National Anthem.

WOODSTOCK  
PROGRAM IS  
BEING ARRANGED

WOODSTOCK, April 9—A tentative program for the King's Jubilee celebration here on May 6 was outlined at a meeting of the general committee this afternoon. It was decided to hold a parade in the afternoon, when the Carleton Light Infantry with its band, the 89th Field Battery, C.F.A., Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, cadets, school children and members of other organizations will participate. At Island Park there may be a short program, followed by field sports. In the evening it is hoped to have a beacon fire and other activities by the Boy Scouts, the details to be worked out by the Scoutmaster.

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Mrs. Lillian G. Murchie  
Died Suddenly At Her  
Home Last Evening

Mrs. Lillian G. Murchie, wife of A. T. Murchie, former chief lumber scaler for this province, passed away suddenly last night at her home while conversing with friends. Deceased was a very well-known Fredericton resident and during her lifetime here she had been active in various organizations of the Wilmot United and also in the activities of the King's Daughters. She was popular for her many splendid personal qualities and a kindly disposition which won her many friends.

Mrs. Murchie died at six o'clock last evening at her home on 628 George street, the physician who was called pronouncing death due to a heart attack. The late Mrs. Murchie was born at Southampton, York county, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John N. Grant. Surviving is her husband; one sister, Mrs. F. C. Brown, of Woodstock two nieces, Miss Flora Brown, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Allan Sewell, of South Devon; also one nephew, Dr. J. F. L. Brown, of Woodstock. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at the late home in George street at two o'clock, and Rev. J. W. Bartlett will officiate. The remains will be taken on the 4:13 train to St. Stephen, where burial will be made on Thursday morning. Deceased had a wide circle of friends who will learn with keen regret of her death.

SAILING SHIPS  
FIND REFUGE

WASHINGTON, April 9—The three masted square-rigged sailing ship Joseph Conrad, belonging to the author-sailor, Alan Villers, which was rescued recently after having gone on the rocks on the Bay Ridge shore of Brooklyn, is one of the few picturesque wooden sailing vessels that plied the seven seas before the advent of the steam-propelled, steel-hulled craft. Villers tells of the last home of the sailing ships, in the National Geographic Magazine.

"Twenty-six of the surviving square-rigged ships in commission in the world are registered in the small ports of the Aland Islands in the Baltic Sea," he says. "Suez was opened in 1869, and the clippers passed. Steam grew and grew. The wooden ships of the American merchant service suffered; gradually at first, but soon hurriedly, and then in a panic, they were discarded.

"In the great discard of the sail the Aland Islanders, unworried by steam (and unworried by motor ships) bought up such vessels as appeared to be good bargains. They acquired Nova Scotian barks, bluenose barkentines, down-east fullriggers. The vessels were old and pretty nearly worn out when the Alanders got them, but the men were perfect sailors and great ship-owners and could nurse a ship back from the scrap heap and grind a profit form her for years.

They bought ships cheaply and they bought good ships. One of their ship-owning principles was that a ship should return her cost in three years. Buying cheaply, they could do this; if freights did not pay, they laid their ships up. The capital investment was so small, and usually there were so many shareholders, that it did not matter. They could wait for better times, and there was no flag upon the earth with which they could not compete.

"So the turn of the century found them gradually adding metal-built ships to their large fleet, though there were many oldtimers who looked on ships of iron and steel with apprehension, holding that it was not right to build ships of metal when there was good wood. Wood would float, they said. Iron sank. Give them wood.

"Now, the British were steadily scrapping their big sailing vessels, the wooden ships from America were worn out and could no longer be used for the deep sea. They descended to carrying timber in the Baltic and North Sea, and they were kept at that, with windmill pumps sending the clear water through their old sides, until they fell to pieces."

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## SCOUT NEWS

The fifth week-end camp for the Gilwell Course was held Saturday and Sunday last, under Commissioners Pugh and Good. Fourteen candidates turned out, including Mrs. James, Captain, and Miss Josephine Washington, Lieutenant, of the St. Anne's Girl Guide Company, and Misses Chestnut and Killeen, Patrol Leaders of the St. Dunstan's Company. The usual programme was carried out, a giant elm tree being cut down during the afternoon, and a large campfire being held at the camp, in the evening. On Sunday, at the Scouts' Own, Mr. Pugh gave the address on the Investiture Ceremony, which followed, when four candidates were invested as Scouts, and six reaffirmed the Scout Promise. Once again, fine weather made it possible to carry out the schedule according to plan; though some sharp snow squalls struck the party on their way to camp on Saturday afternoon.

The following are the results of the Patrol Leaders Written Examinations: Murray 117; A. G. Ross, Wm. Harrison, 118; William Simcock, 114; R. Fairley 110; W. Upton 107; Charles Fisher, 102½; Charles Forbes, 95; Glendon Morgan 92; R. Burpee 90; Hilton Dunbar 88; B. O'Leary 87; F. Cumming 83; J. Claydon 77; A. Wade 76; J. Neilson 75½; Maurice Scammell, 74; C. Lyons, 73; Percy Duncan, Lloyd Bailey 72; Perry Forbes 65. These are out of a possible total of 130.

Third Fredericton Cub Pack held a hike on Saturday, to the Group Camp.

A visitor to town during the week, has been Cubmaster Dolton Brown, of Carroll's Crossing. He attended the regular Rover meeting of the Third Fredericton Crew, on Tuesday last. He reports that the Carroll's Crossing Rover Squires are now ready for investiture and that he is preparing to go to Saint John with his boys, in June.

The Rev. Reginald Barker, Scoutmaster of Prince William, is also planning to attend the Provincial Jamboree.

The following new organizations are reported. A new group in St. Stephen, with Rev. J. T. Ibbott as Scoutmaster and Rev. Lloyd Fulford

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ORANGEMEN TO  
GATHER SOON

Plans are being made for the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge of the Orange Order to be held at Woodstock on April 24 and 25, it is learned.

In addition to Rev. W. C. V. Martin, provincial grand master, and other grand lodge officers, several members will attend the meeting.

The Grand Black Chapter will also meet at Woodstock this month, convening on the day previous to the grand lodge gathering.

as Cubmaster. This group is sponsored by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and will be known as the Second St. Stephen. Father Allen is also starting a Cub Pack, with Father Coughlin in charge. In Saint John, a new troop has been started, in the Victoria St. Baptist Church, North End; and another under the Syrian Protective Association. A new troop is also reported in Lewisville (Moncton) and has made a good start.

We are officially informed that Girl Guides taking part in the Jamboree, will participate on one day only: Saturday, June 1, returning home on the same day.

Eighth Fredericton Pack and Troop are making very satisfactory progress, the one, under Cubmaster Fred Blair, the other under Scoutmaster Salway. Gerald Hudson is now acting as Assistant Scoutmaster. Owing to the large increase in numbers it has been found necessary to form two Cub Packs at the Parish Church under Cubmaster Manchip.

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