

MARCHIONESS OF DONEGALL.

English Home of Former Fredericton Lady Entertainingly Described.

(Correspondence Montreal Star.)

LONDON, September 24.—In England most Canadians seem to gravitate towards homes with romantic histories. The coincidence is capable of two explanations, either that nearly all English houses are old enough to have a story, or else that interesting abodes have a natural attraction for those who come from beyond the Western Ocean.

Mrs. Twining, of Halifax, like so many others among her countrymen, has combined many attractions in her choice of an English home. Milbourne House, Barnes, where she resides for most of the year, was once the home of Fielding, the novelist, whose tenancy has just been observed. The house which is full of antique furniture, is a charming old-fashioned stucco building, with numerous small pained windows on either side of the central doorway. The greyish yellow color of the walls is almost hidden by the great trails of ivy that clothe it in a garment of glossy green. At the back of the house there is a large garden, the front windows giving on a big pond where numerous swans find a home.

Residing with Mrs. Twining, is her daughter, the only Canadian Marchioness, Lady Donegall, widow of the seventh Marquis, and mother of the youngest peer in Great Britain, a beautiful boy, who on October 7th, will celebrate his fourth birthday.

Already entered at Lord's Cricket Club and at the Travellers', the little marquis is rather a sportsman-like person, and by the time he has reached his majority may be expected of him. In appearance, he is a particularly handsome boy, golden haired and hazel eyed, sturdy as to figure, a real little Canadian in his fondness for fun, his enjoyment of boyish pursuits, and his charming manners. Little Lord Donegall is a most precious small boy and as his health is looked after very carefully it has not yet been deemed advisable to take him very far from England. Next summer, however, Lady Donegall hopes to revisit Canada and bring her son with her, as she feels he cannot too soon see the country with which he is so closely associated.

TRAVELLER OF MUCH EXPERIENCE.

The day I visited the quaint old house at Barnes, Lady Donegall picked me up at my club in Piccadilly, and in her smart dark blue Panhard we soon covered the most inconceivable distance to a traveller of much experience, and her home is full of delightful souvenirs of her journeyings in remote places. The walls are hung with sketches of the places she has visited, and conspicuous among her souvenirs are Canadian trophies of various sorts. Among the interesting places which Lady Donegall knows well, is Palestine, through which she went on horse back on a camping trip from Damascus to Jerusalem. She has visited Khartoum, knowing the Sudan and Egypt rather well. In Constantinople, in Russia, and in Poland she has seen many things. She has made several trips to the west coast and to South Africa, and on her return from one of these voyages some years ago she brought back with her from Madagascar what is still her greatest pet, a lemur, a small white and grey cat-like creature with a ringed tail twenty-four inches long. This animal shows great fondness for its mistress, and is secured by a silken cord so it will not stray away, and it spends much of its time in a silken bag, curled up asleep. Between the lemur and Lord Donegall, a sort of armed neutrality exists, and the cat resents the attention bestowed upon the little boy, who returns the compliment by disliking the animal which disdains his friendship.

Two years ago Lady Donegall revisited Canada and went as far as the Pacific Coast. Last winter she went to Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia and Roumania. As a souvenir she has some very beautiful autographed pictures of the Queen "Carmen Sylva," and of the Crown Princess Marie, who is a daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh. Next winter Lady Donegall goes to India for three months, and next summer, if nothing intervenes, she will again visit Canada.

INTERESTED IN CHARITIES.

The "Marchioness of Donegall" is a name which appears very often in the lists of those interested in various

charities, and one might safely say is never absent from any philanthropic scheme which has to do with the betterment of the condition of poor children or dumb animals. Lady Donegall's interest is largely centred in the relief of poor children and both she and her mother, Mrs. Twining, are warm supporters of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Lady Donegall agrees with Mrs. Twining that the best way to bring up English children as Canadian citizens is to allow them to grow up with the land of their adoption. She is very keen on the success of the experiment started by Mrs. Twining in New Brunswick, an experiment which promises well as already four farms have been placed at the disposal of Mrs. Twining, one I believe, by a Montreal lady.

Lady Donegall's second philanthropic interest lies chiefly in the direction of the society known in London as "Our Dumb Friends' League." In connection with this hard-working and most praiseworthy association is a hospital for animals where anything from a broken down horse to a broken winged sparrow may receive attention. The list of those associated with the movement includes many of the most aristocratic women in England. Of the committee, Lady Donegall is chairman.

In addition to the many philanthropic movements, with which she is identified, Lady Donegall takes a very keen interest in anything pertaining to Canada. Just now she is helping to organize a new Imperial Club in London, which is to be known as the Imperial Colonial Club. It is to be a "mixed" club, and already promises to draw closer the bonds of Empire. Among those who are original members of the club is Her Excellency the Countess of Minto, and among those interested in the Canadian section are the Marchioness of Donegall, Lady Dunlop and Lady de Blaquiere.

To show her interest in Ireland and Irish affairs, Lady Donegall does all she can to support the Irish industries. Her amusements include golf and various other sorts of outdoor sports and she is particularly fond of riding, and is a keen motorist. Books occupy a large portion of her time and once, at least, she had literary learning, for a number of years ago, when she first visited South Africa, she contributed to the Montreal Star an account of her journeyings in out of way places.

A HALIFAX LADY.

Lady Donegall, who is an exceedingly pretty woman, with deep violet blue eyes, and golden brown hair, was Miss Violet Twining, daughter of Mr. Henry St. George Twining, of Halifax. Curiously enough not only the first of Mr. Twining's relatives to go to Canada was a bishop, Bishop Twining—but Mrs. Twining's first ancestor to settle in the Dominion was the Wesleyan Methodist Bishop Black, who went out from Scotland, and who now shares with several other pioneers in the cause, a monument erected in the Central Church, London, setting forth the fact that he and his associates helped to introduce Wesleyanism into Canada. Mrs. Twining was before her marriage, Mrs. Black, niece of Allan Wilmot, a governor of New Brunswick after confederation and granddaughter of the Hon. W. A. Black.

On the selection of immigrants sent to Canada, Lady Donegall can speak with some authority, for she has served on several committees interested in the subject. Knowing not only her own country, but the conditions existing here, she strongly advocates the sending of children to the new land, and thinks it practically useless to transplant men and women, who have become settled in their habits. Lady Donegall does not confine her interest in her country to the land itself, but extends it to her countrywomen, some of whom she has presented at Court. She does not entertain, as yet on a large scale, but her garden party held some time ago was attended by a number of Canadians.

The old house at Barnes, with its many literary associations and its air of age would be worth a visit under any circumstances, but when to its many attractions it adds that much discussed, curly-haired, half-Canadian boy, the youngest peer in Great Britain, it assumes an added interest, for it is an open question if even Fielding himself ever had a more interesting and more lovable companion than the present Marquis of Donegall.



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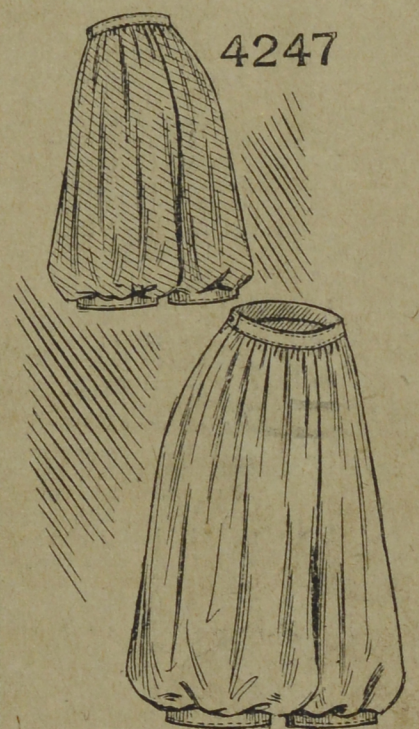
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Two interesting cases concerning the rights of beekeepers and their neighbors are reported in the Law Journal. In one case the question of property in bees was the issue, and in the other the question of nuisance. Incidentally, the right of a bee to a first sting, analogous to the dog's first bite was raised.

"A beekeeper's swarm flies into a neighbor's garden and settles on an apple tree," says the Law Journal. "First question: Has the keeper still the property in the swarm, or has it become the neighbor's and annexed to

the ownership of the tree?" "Answer: The swarm is still the property of the beekeeper, but he cannot go and recover it, if the neighbor objects, without committing trespass. And this is what the neighbor in Quantrell v. Sprague did.

He not only objected to the beekeeper coming after his property, but he shook down the swarm from the apple tree, with the result that the bees were lost. Now, in that he was wrong. The shaking down of the swarm was not only an unneighborly act, but tortious in law.

"It was analogous to the case where a man drives trespassing cattle on his land to a great distance, or hunts them off with a fierce dog, in which case he is liable for the injury, if any, done to the property of the cattle. Here, then, was a 'contest of demerits,' trespass on one side, tort on the other, a conflict best met, the learned judge thought, by making each party pay his own costs.

"In the other case—of nuisance—the beekeeper had ten hives with half a million bees at work, and he might fairly congratulate himself on the law abiding instincts of his swarms, for they had only stung five persons in two years. It seems a very moderate allowance; still, it was too much for the stung plaintiff, who was not satisfied with a boarding which the beekeeper had providently set up, but claimed an interim injunction to restrain the keeping of the bees altogether, so near his property.

In the course of the argument the theory was broached on behalf of the beekeeper that a bee is entitled to his first sting; but this is erroneous. A bee is *ferae naturae*, not *mansuetae naturae*, like a dog, and must be kept—as a tiger is—at the keeper's peril." That is to say, that a bee is of the nature of a wild beast, not a tame one.

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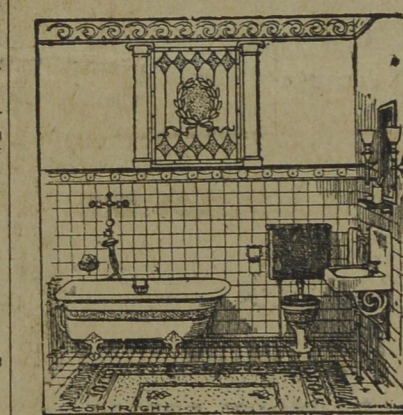
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