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**INCREASED TRAFFIC ON NARROWS BRIDGE**

Traffic over the Second Narrows bridge in the first nine months of this year shows substantial increases in every department as compared with the corresponding period of last year according to reports issued by bridge officials.

In the nine-months period of this year, 295,218 more persons, 122,191 more automobiles, 29,586 more trucks and 2562 more vehicles of other types crossed the bridge than in the nine-months period of 1927.

Totals for the nine months of this year are: Persons, 1,903,691; automobiles, 662,909; trucks, 96,374; other vehicles, 17,090. Last year's totals were 1,608,472 persons, 540,718 automobiles, 66,788 trucks and 14,528 other vehicles.

With the increased traffic, earnings of the bridge also show a gain. The average daily earnings for the nine-months' period of the year were \$520 against an average of \$432 for the corresponding period of last year.

The average daily earnings for Sundays and holidays in the first nine months of this year was \$1246.

**The Ruling Passion**

Golf's a mighty funny game,  
I never got it right;  
You buy a ball for ninety cents  
Then knock it out of sight.

You hunt around in weeds and thorns  
And find it in its den—  
And take a club and try to knock  
It out of sight again.

**GARDENS AND GARDENING**By MINA G. HUTT,  
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Our last two articles have dealt briefly with the propagation of plants by cuttings, and we planned to continue along this line until we had covered in detail the propagation of each of the commoner and best loved plant in our present day gardens. However, due to the fact that the season for bulb planting is fast approaching, we are going to deal with the planting and care of tulips, hyacinths, scillas, crocus, etc., returning to the articles on propagation at a later date.

The tulips, those lovely flowers of rich and brilliant color which make such a welcome appearance in early Spring may have their stay extended over a period of two months by a careful selection of varieties. There is the early Duc Van Thols, the Cottage Tulip for the main season and then the late Darwins. Their habits and shape is such that it may be used in almost any place and particularly for "spotting in" either singly or in groups among the shrubbery or in the flower borders.

The treatment of fall planted bulbs is so similar that they may almost be considered as one variety, with the exception of the crocus and scillas, which which should not be planted more than three or four inches deep. Bulbs are of the easiest culture, but of course will do much better if a little extra care is given. One of the main points

to remember is that it pays handsomely to secure good bulbs rather than poor bulbs simply because they are cheap. Mostly the cheap ones are "no bargain."

For outdoor spring bloom the bulbs should be planted during the next two or three months. A sandy and well drained soil, worked to the depth of a foot or more is best. Dig in a generous quantity of leaf-mold or well rotted manure. Never use green manure for any bulbs. Bone meal is an excellent fertilizer and as the bulb may be set right into it the nourishment is immediately available when growth starts. If the location chosen for planting bulbs is inclined to be wet and soggy it is best to raise the level of the bed several inches, or the bulbs may be set in a handful of sand so that water will not stand causing rot.

The bulbs should be planted to a depth of from four to six inches (from the bottom of the bulb) and from four to nine inches apart, depending on the class and size of the plants. The closer distances are for the early single tulips, narcissi, crocus, scillas, etc., and the greater distances for the hyacinths, and larger and later tulips. Remember to place the bulbs as nearly as possible at the same level so that they will all bloom at the same time.

When the ground begins to freeze some light protection may be given such as leaves or straw, which should be removed early in spring.

Next week we will deal with the pot culture of tulips and hyacinths, for indoor bloom.

In last week's News we noticed in the Correspondence Column a letter from Mrs. Tinney in connection with gardening in West Vancouver, and one this week from Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley. It is a real pleasure to us to see the garden lovers of West Van. taking such an interest in their gardens that they take steps to interest others. If some of the champion tomato growers will tell us just how they get two or three hundred tomatoes on a single plant, we will restrict our tomato planting to one plant next year. We are inclined to think it is a combination of good gardening and good soil.

NOTE—The writer will consider it a pleasure to answer questions concerning the garden in this column. The questions should be addressed to the writer in care of the Editor. The answer will appear in an early issue or if a personal reply is desired a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

**LITTLE RAINFALL HERE LAST MONTH**

Precipitation Two Inches Less Than Average, Report Shows.

September weather was notable for the small amount of rainfall, according to the monthly report of Mr. E. B. Shearman, Dominion meteorologist. Only 1.35 inches were recorded, which is more than 2 inches below the average for the month in previous years.

The total precipitation since January 1 has been 28.38 inches, which is deficient from the average of previous years by 5.11 inches.

The amount of bright sunshine, 199 hours and 12 minutes, was in excess of the average for the month by 23 hours. Mr. Shearman explains that the total of sunshine hours might have been higher, if smoke conditions had not prevailed during a large part of the month.

The highest temperature was 80.9, recorded on the second of the month, while the lowest was 41.1 on the twentieth.

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**THE KING'S ENGLISH**

Who should speak the King's English correctly if not the man who is someday to be himself the King? Yet an Englishman of letters, Mr. St. John Ervine, has ventured to criticize in print the way in which the Prince of Wales pronounces his words. In a recent address made at Oxford the very sanctuary of cultivated speech, he committed, say Mr. Ervine, these offences: He pronounced the t in "often," he said "acoostics" and "dir-rection," he accented the first syllable in "illustrate," and "pursuit," and twice he said "laboratory." The Prince is not without much good company in some of the locations though others seem to be the result of personal eccentricity. We have never heard any one else put the accent on the first syllable of "pursuit" and few, if any, who put it on the first syllable of "direction," though some persons are over careful to sound the i therein with distinctness. As for "of-ten," it is common enough, though none of the dictionaries allow it, and it is usually in the mouths of those who think they are called to reform the language by speaking it as it is printed and not as it is spoken. However, our little counsellor, the Oxford Dictionary (volume VII) admits that the t is often sounded in the south of England, and in singing. Perhaps the Prince is merely in advance of the dictionaries. His authority may help to make "of-ten" the correct usage.

So with "illustrate." There is no doubt that it was formerly stressed on the second syllable. The dictionaries still prefer that pronunciation, but they recognize illustrate as well. Mr. Fowler, who has written a standard work on the English speech, says the latter form is gradually winning its way and is "now general." Verdict: The Prince is as nearly right as Mr. Ervine and is acquitted on this account of the indictment.

**NORTH SHORE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY INSTALS OFFICERS**

Representatives of the Council of Scottish Societies, Clan MacLean, Sons of Scotland, Heather Lodge, Vancouver St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society and the West Vancouver Scottish Society attended the installation of officers of the North Vancouver St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society held in the K. P. Hall Monday evening.

Three presentations featured the evening's programme. Miss Annie Lamont, dancer, who has represented the society in many competitions, was made the recipient of a suitcase. Mr. J. C. Kirkness, who has held the office of treasurer for many years and who is now retiring, was presented with a tea service. Mrs. J. Spencer was presented with a sweater. The presentations were made by Mr. Alex. Sutherland, president of the society.

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