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Miss Macphail Writes On Finland And Russia

For ten days we have been cut off from the world with which we are familiar It is not only that things look different, that the language is unintelligible whether written or spoken, but one feels the difference in values. The ingredients which go to make up happiness are different and the Russian idea of comfort is certainly not ours.

On our way here we passed through Finland, stopping at the capital, Helsingfors. The Finns and their country were a great surprise. We did not expect to find a capital city without slums, with wide streets, modern buildings and fine parks, topped by really magnificent parliament buildings. The new republic of Finland was set up in 1917, with a president, an elected assembly of two hundred members and an executive who are not members of the governing body. Since that time great effort has been made to build up the republic but strife exists between the Swedes who are the minority and Finns. Both languages are used with the Finnish clearly in the ascendency as was shown by the recent passing of a bill which provides that only those who survive a very severe test in the Finnish language may enter the national university. There are separate schools for all grades below university for the two peoples. Street names, posters, stamps and signs are all written in both languages. The Finnish name which is used for Helsingfors is Helsinki.

Finland offers three attractions to the visitors; excellent and ridiculously low-priced accomodations, a variety of fine handicrafts and the famed Finnish bath. Our spacious room, really a sitting room and bedroom combined, entered through two sets of double doors, with hot and cold water on tap, telephone, etc. cost approximately two dollars a day, with meals. The food was quite similar to Swedish and the national drink which is called schnaps, is the same. Scandinavian countries specialize in coffee which is served at the first meal and in the afternoon.

When we asked about handicrafts the hotel clerk proudly told us to go to the departmental store, "the largest store in the North." We did and there found woven and knitted goods in gay colours reasonably priced, a hand woven scarf costing around a dollar, with handknit mitts about the same. A beautiful peasant blouse, elaborately embroidered on white crepe was priced at the equivalent of six of our dollars. Other attractive work included pictures made of wood, carved wooden reindeer, articles made of reindeer bone or horn, from Lapland, beautiful pottery and silver.

On the way to the bath house fully determined to experience a Finnish vapour bath, steaming needle showers, massage by amazons and all, we encountered a London author whom we had come to know. Our burly friend who would easily top the scales at 250, showed definite signs of exhaustion, pleaded with us not to suffer as he had. He told us that when he felt he could not stand the heat in the steam room any longer, even with liberal quantities of cold water to drink, he rang the bell and told the Finnish woman attendant in English to lessen the heat. Instead she turned on more until in desperation he was forced out of the room. The pressure of the needle showers he was just able with his great weight to withstand, but he feared for us. Then, he said, a very homely woman undertook to improve the circulation by smartly whacking him with gads. after which he was directed to a pool of cool water in which he found other men swimming, under the watchful eyes of the Finnish bath woman. It sounded pretty awful and we decided not to go.

At the border between Finland and Russia each nation had tried to outdo the other in the way of stations, customs equipment, restaurants, etc. Both buildings were beautiful and were way beyond the needs of traffic at that particular point. Everyone on the train was quite excited when we were passing on to Russian soil. The Finnish officials escort the train to the line, where it is received by the Russians. The train passes under an arch which is painted red, showing the hammer and sickle and bearing the inscription 'workers of the world unite." It only takes three quarters of an hour to go from the border to Leningrad, which from the days of Peter the Great until 1917 had been the capital of Russia.

It was in Leningrad—in its streets and squares, that the successful revolution was fought, which gives the city great importance in the eyes of the communists. Besides it is a city of great achitectural beauty and is still the centre of culture and science. Everyone who enters Russia must come through Intourist and this service provides a guide who is thoroughly familiar with Russian affairs. The guide meets the train and in our case stayed with us until we entrained again for Moscow, where we were met by aother guide. It is a very good system and one that could be followed with advantage by the Scandinavian countries. There we had difficutly getting interpretors and often wasted valuable time.

In Leningrad we visited the Winter Palace, now a museum; the Hermitage, which in the old days was a picture gallery attached to the Palace: the Peter and Paul Fortress, where political prisoners were imprisoned before the revolution, and here the Tsars and Tsarinas are buried. We also saw students' settlements, workers' apartments, a mother and child welfare institute and an agricultural scientific institute. We walked in parks, went in shops, attended motion pictures. We were enabled to cover a great deal of ground since Intourist provides Lincoln cars to drive tourists around. The working time in each day, however, was shortened by the difficulty in getting meals served.

Leningrad is distinctive because of the coloring of the buildings. Many of the fine old structures have a stucco finish and this is washed with color, sunny yellow being a favorite shade, with the pillars, figures and trim picked out in white. It is most effective, and would be more so if they remembered to wash the windows after applying the color.

Many very fine statues add to the beauty of the city. The most famous shows Peter I mounted on a rearing horse, the whole posed on a single granite rock. The large natural rock was transported from the Gulf of Finland for the pedestal of the statue;

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Recipes Wanted From The Advance Readers

All ladies of our homes are in constant search for new recipes to tempt the appetites of their men folk. In various ways they secure these recipes to the delight of all concerned, but so that the lady readers of this paper, wherever they may reside, may have a chance to exchange their favorite recipes for others, The Advance requests that they be sent to this office for publication. When we receive a sufficient number of these recipes they will be printed in book form and each lady who has sent in one or more recipes will receive a book free of charge. We would ask each lady to please sign her name and address to the recipe she sends in so that we may send her the book when completed. Send in your favorite recipes for pastries, pickles, canned products, etc., so that your success may be enjoyed by others.

Held Scotch Doubles

The Flesherton Ladies' Bowling Club held a Scotch doubles tournament on Tuesday afternoon, when rinks were present from Chatsworth and Dundalk. Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Bell of the Chatsworth Bowling Club won first prize with three wins and a plus of 15; Miss Ruby Akitt and Mrs. R. B. Heard of Flesherton were second with three wins and a plus of 13, and Mrs. McAlister and Mrs. Lockhart of Dundalk took third place.

Schools Opened

Schools in town commenced work on Tuesday. The junior room of the public school had twelve beginners, with a total of 42 pupils in attendance. The senior room has 27 scholars in attendance this year. Saturday evening a meeting of the school board was held and a motion was passed for the pupils to use the old study books for this year.

Misses Laura Pallett of Dixie and Bessie McLean of Lynden are the new teachers at the high school this term. Both come highly recommended. The attendance is not quite as high as last year, only about 85 being in attendance at present.

Former Ceylon Boy Dies When Ditch Caves In

Ceylon district was saddened, Friday evening when news of the fatal accident to a native son, William Norman McLeod, aged 48 years, while working on a Hydro-Electric project at Niagara Falls. He and five others were working in a ditch, when the sides suddenly caved in burying McLeod, the others escaped injury. The victim died of suffocation after being buried alive.

Robert Embleton, Stamford; Walter Filer, Ben Thomlinson and Myles Thompson of Niagara Falls, and Otto Kohnle, Chippawa, scrambled to safety as the sides of the ditch came down on them. McLeod was unable to leap beyond the cavein quickly enough.

Assisted by other employees of the Hydro Commission, the five men dug frantically to release McLeod from his prison. Twenty minutes elapsed before they could reach him. Dr. T. G. Minnis and Dr. G. B. Snyder applied artificial respiration for two and one-half hours after they brought him out of the ditch, but without avail.

Coroner Dr. G. B. Snyder opened an inquest at a funeral home here to-night. The jury viewed the body and adjourned until Sept. 1.

Born at Ceylon, Ont., McLeod went to Niagara Falls twenty-two years ago. He enlisted with the 4th Battalion in Toronto at the beginning of the war.

He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters at home; three brothers, Roderick, Detroit; John, Winnipeg; Alex., Saskatoon; and three sisters, Mrs. Roy Piper, Ceylon, Ont., Mrs. Roy Bean, Red Creek, N. Y.; and Mrs. H. H. Fisher, Toronto. Mrs. R. Stewart and Mrs. Muir of Flesherton are aunts of the deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Piper attended the funeral which was held Monday afternoon at Niagara Falls.

The late Mr. McLeod was well known in Flesherton and district and his many friends extend their sympathy to his sorrowing family, brothers and sisters.

CARRUTHERS—DEWAR

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Church Street, Milltown, N. B., Thursday afternoon, August 27th, of Jean Elizabeth Dewar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor L. Dewar, to Carl Benjamin Carruthers, son of Mrs. Carruthers and the late B. A. Carruthers, of Kimberley, the Rev. J. L. Rose officiating. The house was decorated with pink and white gladioli and asters, and the wedding music was played by Mr. F. E. McAllister. The bride, given in mrriage by her father, wore a gown of aquamarine blue silk lace fashioned on long graceful lines with bouffant sleeves. Her headdress was a halo of small pink rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and white sweet peas. After the ceremony a reception was held, where the bride's mother received wearing a gown of burgundy chiffon with a shoulder bouquet of sweet peas and roses. The groom's mother, who also received, wore a gown of navy blue sheer lace trim. She wore a shoulder bouquet of sweet peas and roses. The bride and groom left to spend a few days at Bar Harbor and Lakewood, whence they will later proceed to Ontario via the White Mountains. For travelling the bride wore a smart dark grey tailored suit with a black velour hat, black blouse and gloves. On their return they will live at Kimberley.

The bride is a graduate of Toronto University and Toronto College of Education and has been on the teaching staff of Flesherton High School for the last four years. The groom is a graduate of Toronto Normal School and at present is employed with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The silk stocking shouldn't have any trouble keeping at the head of the procession—it runs so easily.

Our idea of a calamity would be a water famine and the Hydro off at the same time.

It is said that an instrument that will match colors perfectly has been invented. It isn't a husband.

There are ten doctors in the new Quebec government but will they ever agree on what ails the province?

Moved To Town

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langford and family of Wiarton, who moved to town last week and are occupying the C. J. Crossley residence on Toronto street. Mr. Langford is district agent for the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada and has been connected with that company for the past seven years in Owen Sound and Wiarton. Besides the life insurance he also carries agencies for all clasess of insurance, including farm fire, car and various other casualty lines. He is ever ready to assist you in your insurance problems and would be pleased at any time to have you consult him on any branch of insurance.

Pockets Picked At Conservative Rally

Grief was brought to many people at Owen Sound on Thursday last during the Conservative gathering at Harrison's Park, when pickpockets became active and managed to make a clean sweep from the pockets of many of those present. They were professional at the art as their victims had no idea that their property had changed hands. Mr. Dan McTavish lost $16 in cash and a cheque for $25 and notified the police of the fact. Altogether it is known that from two sources $65 was taken, but how much more is not known, as the losses were not reported. Several pocket books were found in a building at the park and on downtown streets. It is many years since a pickpocket has worked to such advantage in Owen Sound and the police there are hoping this visit will be the last. The thieves were not caught.

Autos And Sleep Cut Church Attendance

A local minister said the other day that he estimated about twenty per cent. of the people of Fort Erie attend church. He was basing his estimate on the size of his congregation as this particular service compared with the congregations total.

Fort Erie is really not such a heathen community as that estimate would indicate. No town of 5,000 people which maintains nine churches and two or three religious sects in addition can be termed non-Christian. In fact Fort Erie probably ranks very highly in the number of churches per 1,000 population.

But it is a fact that church attendance has fallen off, particularly in the summer time, not only here but in most places. For this the motor car is chiefly responsible. People can travel farther and more comfortably than they could a score of years ago; they are away from home more often and the church as a Sunday evening attraction has given precedence to the auto.

As far as morning church service is concerned, the auto plays its part in decreasing attendance at those as well. Families planning a long Sunday trip want to get an early start or else the car needs a little fixing up. But the car is not entirely responsible. An ever increasing number of people are coming to literally regard Sunday morning as their day of rest and in a contest of sleep versus church the former wins.— Fort Erie Times-Review.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

If you want to know what's going on in a town get hold of a newspaper from that town. If you want to know what kind of a town a town is, get hold of a newspaper from that town. If you want to know if a town has a live, aggressive and progressive bunch of merchants, get hold of the newspaper. If the paper is filled with good, well-written advertisements you can be sure there is a live up-to-date group of merchants and you can be equally sure that there is a good community and a good town. Good communities draw good merchants, and good merchants, advertise.

A lamb in Essex is said to be able to run at a speed of thirty miles an hour. It clearly intends to try to keep up with Mary.

A white ground hog has been shot near Hastings and it is presumed that the animal was bleached through overdoing the sun-tan routine.

Collect County Taxes In Former Manner

Subject to any variation or alteration in the equalization assessment that may be made by the court in the appeal against the decision of the Grey County Council made in June last, on which was based the tax rate for the coming year, the County Council, in special session at the court house on Friday afternoon, passed a new by-law to take the place of the one which was quashed several weeks ago by the Supreme Court of Ontario, fixing the rate at the same figure as designated in the previous by-law, which is 11 mills on the dollar on the whole equalized assessment of $26,110,000.00.

The new by-law was passed only after a letter had been received and read to the council from Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn assuring the Council that in view of the fact that the method of fixing the tax rate for the county in one year for the year following had been in vogue for so many years and had proved to be a most satisfactory method from the standpoint of economy he would undertake to have legislation passed at the next session of the Legislature ratifying the system in vogue in the county.

The letter was read following the presentation of the report of the special committee appointed at the special session of the County Council held at Meaford on July 30th to deal with the matter and interview the government.

This Committee composed of Reeves Angus McArthur, W. F. Riley, Chas. Holm, W. S. Hunter, Warden John E. Dolphin, County Clerk F. H. Rutherford and County Treasurer, J. C. Mercer, accompanied by Mr. Roland Patterson, M. L. A. for North Grey and Mr. R. Farquahar Oliver, M. L. A. for South Grey, met Hon. David Croll, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Hon Mitchell F. Hepburn, Premier, and discussed the possibility of having the government pass such legislation at the next session of the Legislature which would validate the present system of collecting the county rate. Since the visit of the Committee the Premier's letter announced that the Government in in accord with the wishes of the Committee.

There was no change in the new by-law to fix the tax rate from the old one, with the exception that the rate is struck subject to the decision of the court on the appeals by the municipalities of Hanover, Keppel, Neustadt, St. Vincent, Flesherton and Dundalk, which are now pending.

The same special committee appointed at the special session in July to take the matter before the Government was continued in office, and will appear in court when the cases are heard before His Honor Judge G. W. Morley on Friday, September 4th, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

CLOSE SEASON FOR MUSKRATS

The Ontario Government has passed a law that no muskrats are to be trapped for a period of at least one year in Ontario. This step has been found necessary, it is said, as a consequence of the tremendous drain upon the wild life of the province—of fur-bearing animals, at least—due to the increasing popularity of furs for both winter and summer wear.

A man named Sherry was bitten by a race horse at Regina. With a cognomen like that the horse just naturally had to have a nip.

Wearing spats is said to be the best method of preventing cold feet. You've probably noticed how many bridegrooms wear them.

Fruit Crop Conditions

In both Central and Eastern Ontario apple production will be larger than last year, but, of course, much smaller than the years preceding 1933 when frost killing was severe and extensive.

In Western Ontario moisture conditions have continued unfavourable and sizing of apples has been adversely affected in practically all districts. Scald damage was more pronounced on early and fall varieties than on the winter varieties. Temperatures have been unsatisfactory for good colouring, particularly in the case of early varieties. Fungus is less prevalent than usual, but side-worm injury is becoming noticeable. The apple crop in Western and Southern Ontario is estimated at 25 percent. below last year.

At August 15th, the apple crop for the entire Province was placed at 80 percent. of the 1935 output, with varieties showing the following prospects, expressed as a percentage of a year ago—early varieties 83 per cent.; Wealthy 87 per cent.; Baldwin 90 per cent.; Spy 125 per cent.; Greening 100 per cent.; Stark 108 per cent.; Snow 60 per cent.; McIntosh 63 per cent.; and other varieties 95 per cent.

Pears have not been affected as greatly as expected by the drought and the fruit is sizing slightly below normal. Unless early precipitation is received, however, Bartletts and later varieties will be undersized. Pest injury so far is very slight. The 1936 yield of pears will approximate about 70 per cent. of last year's crop.

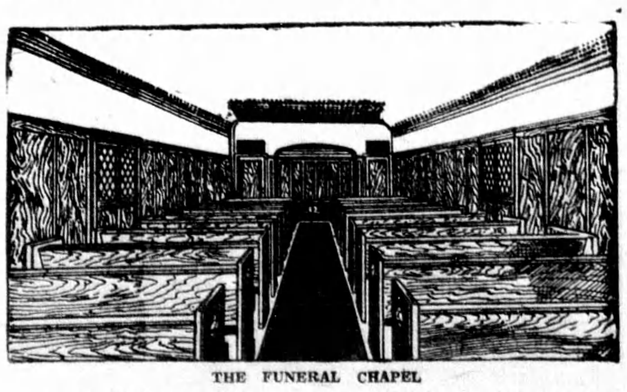
The sizing of peaches has been fairly good to date and pest injury has been generally negligable. Drought has increased to some extent tree mortality throughout the Niagara Peninsula. With early rainfall peaches are expected to be a fair crop of excellent quality, and only about 35 per cent. below the heavy yield in 1935.

The grape crop is considerably reduced this year and is now estimated at 60 per cent. of last year. The drought is causing serious vine mortality in many vineyards and the fruit is somewhat smaller than normal at this time of year, particularly on vines located on poor moisture retentive soils. Blues and Whites are mainly a two-bunch crop, with Reds showing heavier. Hopper injury has been very light. First shipments of early Champions, Portlands and Fredonias are expected about August 25th, with commercial mixed carlots, together with Wordens, by September 1st.

New Regulations Will Affect Prices

The new regulation regarding butter trading, whereby all creamery prints will be required to bear marks denoting the grade, have already affected the price of No. 2 Ontario Solids, and it is expected the new regulation will make greater changes once it gets working. The regulation is intended to secure to consumers the necessary protection, whereby they will know exactly what grade of butter they are buying and paying for.

There is no doubting this new regulation, once it gets working will affect all grades of butter excepting the first quality, and it naturally follows that cream will be paid for in the same way. It must be. Inferior cream, or cream that has not had the proper attention will not bring as much money at the creameries of the province as heretofore. First grade, cream, naturally will command a higher price, but it may be, too, that this will depend a lot on the amount of first grade cream coming into any one particular creamery.



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