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Had Interesting Trip Through The States

(By Miss A. C. Macphail, M. P.)

Someone has said that the best cure for grief is work. That, I think, is true. Indeed, one could go further and say that work is a necessity. Leisure only leads to treadmill thinking and vain regrets. That is what those we loved would want. The sympathy and understanding of friends strengthens one in making the adjustment, and for such wealth of assistance I am grateful.

In the last few weeks I sought, by fifteen widely scattered speeches, to interpret, to that extent, Canada to the United States. One finds there so much good-will, kindness and generosity toward Canadians. but such a singular lack of knowledge of their northern neighbor. There is a widespread idea that we are governed from from London and a complete confusion in regard to our French and English population. As you know, they have taken an intense interest in the Dionne quintuplets, and in my speech at Terre Haute, Indiana, I told them that the little girls are as interesting and beautiful as they are pictured. Afterwards, a woman came to talk to me about the quints. "You said they are good looking, but a friend of mine who saw them said they are very dark." I replied that they are decided brunettes, being French-Canadians. "But you are not dark," she replied, before her friend could prevent her. (I wish I were as good-looking as many French-Canadians.)

Their knowledge of our geography is fragmentary; if that. They do know something of the geography of the part of Canada lying immediately to their north, but seem to have no conception of the size of this country. Just at this time, however, there is a great desire on their part to know more about us, due probably to their ever-increasing investmtent here.

This lasts jaunt took me to Boston, up into Maine and then, swinging south across Pennsylvania, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas skirting the "Dust Bowl" before turning west again, through Nebraska, Utah, Nevada and California, to San Francisco. It was a great experience, though it did get me back a few days late for the session.

The day I went through the drought area there was a ground drift of dust, low but continuous. A few days later, however, there was a blizzard of dust in the same area, against which passengers in the trains were protected by double windows and wet sheets hung over them. It was harrowing to see the desolate homes and barren fields, with dust fences up to protect the tracks against the drifting earth. Do we sympathize with our western farmers enough?

Until this trip, I hadn't realized the vast extent of sparsely settled ranching land in the far west. There was little snow, except on the mountains, and the cattle, horses and sheep were out of doors. I saw vast herds of shorthorns and polled angus, cattle roaming the range or corralled for finishing purposes.

There is a definite business recession in the United States. Even the business man friendly to the President admits it—and he is a rare bird. The great masses of the people are still friendly toward Roosevelt, but the business community blame him for all their ills. It might be more fair if F. D. R. blamed his difficulties on the business groups. The dislike which the upper and middle classes express toward him is intense; borders, indeed, on hate. It is people of his own class who entertain the greatest antipathy.

Adult education has become a powerful influence in the United States. To take just two examples: in Flint, Michigan, the schools are open every night for adults and senior students. They come together to learn to play in orchestras, to sing in choruses, to learn handicrafts, to listen to lectures and take part in discussions, to follow any line, of interest to a group. The fame of their experiment has spread afar. They have greatly lessened juvenile delinquency, aroused a community spirit and a social consciousness and, in short, made life a full and lovely experience.

In St. Louis, Missouri, the Washington University started an extension service, by way of lectures, many years ago. They bring people from all over the continent, sometimes from across the seas. At first the audiences were small, but the interest grew year by year, until now a great hall, which seats 2,000 people is filled on two succeeding evenings to hear a lecture; that is, each speaker stays two nights. In the same city, a down-town Anglican church carries on a varied and fascinating program, not for members of its own church but for those who need it most. The great Cathedral Club will have two thousand or more working girls in to supper, for a very small sum, served, but not cooked, by the women of the church, followed by speeches, discussion, drama, singing or any other means of healthful development. The same church has a noon club for men. They come, eat, listen, discuss and go to work again. No fees; no obligations. The day I was there Dean Sweet of the Cathedral asked the business men present if they knew of any jobs available and would they co-operate with him in placing some needy men. It seemed to me eminently right that a great churchman was seeking to solve the economic problems of the needy.

Everywhere I met with the greatest kindness, but only in the gloriously beautiful city of San Francisco (with its seven hills, long and graceful bridges, great parks and splendid buildings) did I have a Hawaiian lei, the symbol of affectionate greeting, slipped over my head. This particular lei was made of five dozen carnations strung like beads on a chain. It was presented by a charming old man who had spent most of his life in the Hawaiian Islands; English by birth. Only, too, in this city was the chairman a British consul, and the English-speaking Union and the I.O.D.E. represented in the audience and at the luncheon which followed.

The opening of Parliament was undoubtedly the same as usual. It is a beautiful piece of pageantry if not taken too seriously. I read on the social page of a great Canadian daily that it had a "religious" significance. "Religious" is a term which should be used accurately. The opening ceremonies in the Senate are almost pagan in their beauty and brilliance. It is true that high churchmen are present in their ceremonial vestments, but the business of the opening is to hear the Governor-General, the personal representative of the King, read the legislative program for the session to the assembled Commoners and Senators. There are others there, but they have nothing to do with the business. This legislative program is called "The Speech from the Throne" or "The King's Speech," actually Mr. King's.

The speech forecast but little new legislation. It spoke in glowing terms of the Coronation, the Imperial Conference and with satisfaction of the continued economic recovery, stated that the recurrence of drouth in an acute form made the provision of an unprecedented amount of assistance necessary, that further training for youth would be provided, a trans-Atlantic air service inaugurated, a report of present Royal Commission tabled and relief for the strains and stresses on Confederation sought, the first step in the latter being the Royal Commission of Enquiry, which has been appointed to re-examine the financial basis of confederation and the distribution of legislative powers as between the federal and provincial governments in the light of the new conditions which have arisen in the last seventy years.

Unemployment insurance is promised if an amendment to the British North America Act can be secured. Some changes will be made in the Elections and Franchise Act. The Board of Railway Commissioners will be given additional power and (page Mr. Hepburn) legislation will be introduced to further the principle of parliamentary control of the export of electrical power.

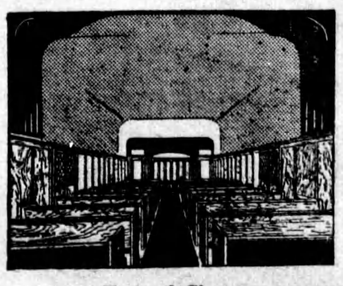
Favorable mention was made of the trade agreements now being negotiated between the United Kingdom and the United States, and also the hope is expressed that the agreement between the United States atd Canada will be extended and revised. The speech concludes with an expression of faith that the promotion of international trade is an effective means of ensuring progress and peace.

So far, the debate, called 'speeches in reply," has dealt with (omitting the political humbug) need of preventing the export of Canadian materials for munitions to belligerent countries, the seriousness of the drouth problem and the attendant dire poverty, the un-British attitude of Premier Duplessis of Quebec as expressed by the Padlock Act and, in view of his attitude, the disturbing friendship of Mr. Hepburn with Mr. Duplessis — the Mitch-Maurice entente; the great need of increasing the earning power of farmers (Deachman, Huron) and the desirability of free trade for Western Canada (Ross, Moose Jaw); and discussion of the monetary problem by the Social Credit group. Many members have already expressed opposition to the export of power; we will undoubtedly hear much more on the subject. The government has been repeatedly asked why they disallowed the financial bills of the Alberta government and did not disallow the Quebec Padlock Act, which curtails civil liberty and in less than three months has been applied some fifty times. It will be interesting to hear the answer.

—AGNES C. MACPHAIL.

OTTAWA,
Sat., February 5, 1938.

Before a man can get married these days he has to show his girl two licenses marriage and motor car.



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Mrs. H. Flesher Dies

Word has been received here of the death of Martha Flesher at Edmonton, on anuary 22 at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Flesher formerly lived in Flesherton with her husband, the late Harry Flesher. The deceased lady had lately been living in Edmonton with her son E. R. Flesher. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. McLeod of Spruce Grove, three sons, W. A. Flesher, E. R. Flesher, both of Edmonton, F. H. Flesher of Abbottsford, B. C., three brothers, Walter Sargent, Ebenezer Sargent and A. J. Sargent of Barrie, Ontario. Interment was made in Beechmount Cemetery, Edmonton.

55 Foot Cedar Pole Taken From Swamp

A few years ago Artemesia and Osprey townships were the scenes of logging operations when large cedar poles were taken out for telephone and hydro use and every day during the winter loads of them were teamed to the station to be loaded on flat cars and taken to distant points Today very few of these large poles are to be found but occasionally one is seen. Mr. Cecil McKechnie of Flesherton delivered one of these monsters last week for the hydro at Gorrie which was 55 feet long. It was taken from Mr. Oliver Turner's swamp on the 10th line, Artemesia, and was cut by Mr. John Boddie, who is logging the swamp.

Semi-Finals Start On Monday Next

Flesherton meets Shelburne Monday night of next week on the local rink in the first of the semi-final games of the Centre Grey League play-offs. The return game will be played in Shelburne on Thursday evening following. Markdale, winners of first place, will play Dundalk, third place, in the latter's arena on Feb. 15th, with the return game in Markdale on Feb. 18th. The winners of these games are decided by the team scoring the most goals, but the finals will be the best two out of three games. The fans should flock out in droves to see these contests, as any of the teams might win the honors. Flesherton has won three and tied one in the last four games played and although ended at the foot of the schedule should make themselves felt, before another team puts them out of the running. Every fan is hoping that the local team will again prove their ability and bring the Centre Grey League trophy home for the second straight term. Let's see the rink crowded to capacity Monday night. If you have never seen a hockey game come out and see this one. You will enjoy it.

Funeral of A. McLean

The funeral of the late Archie McLean, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. W. Hankins, at Warren, Ohio, on Sunday of last week, was held on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. Service was held in the Carl W. Hall funeral home at 1.30 p.m., conducted by the minister of the United Brethren church at Warren, of which he had been a member. Interment was made in the Madison, Ohio, cemetery.

The pallbearers were his four sons, Hasold, Will, Everett and Henry, and two grandsons, Gilbert McLean and Wayne Weber.

Beautiful floral tributes were from the following: wife, a pillow; sheaf from the family; sprays, the grandchildren, United Brethren Church, Mrs. Wittekind, Betty Jane Wittekind, Fretchling Dairy, Glien Wagarmona, sister from Oregon, Madison neighbors, Warren neighbors, Anderson family, Bundy sisters, Mr. and Mrs. I. Walding and family, Mrs. Doan and Earl Alexander.

The late Mr. McLean was born at Brockton, Ont., on Nov. 17th, 1849, and moved with his wife to Warren 17 years ago and resided with his daughter, Mrs. Hankins. An article on his life appeared in last week's issue.

ONTARIO MOTOR USERS AID PROVINCIAL REVENUES

Ontario leads all the other provinces in the percentage of the provincial revenue that is collected from the operators of motor vehicles. In 1936 the combined gasoline tax collections and registration fees amounted to $26,924,028, or approximately 41 per cent. of the total provincial revenue of $65,726,985. Quebec was second, collecting 31.6 per cent. of her year's revenue from the motorists, and Prince Edward Island was at the foot of the list, with 18.4 per cent. of provincial revenue coming from gasoline taxes and registration fees.

The share of the gasoline tax paid by commercial vehicles in Ontario is estimated at about 28 per cent. of the total tax collected. Commercial vehicles numbered 76,015 and on the basof 1,000 gallons annual consumption, paid a six cent tax on 76,015,000 gallons, or a total of $4,560,900. The province collected $16,049,857 in gasoline taxes during the year.

Ontario's revenue from registration and license fees for the fiscal year 1936-1937 was $11,144,955. Of this total commercial vehicles contributed 31.6 per cent. or $3,519,147.

Commercial vehicles numbering 12.9 per cent. of all vehicles registered in the province, thus paid 30 per cent. of all provincial revenues from motor ehicles.

No wonder there is strife in Egypt. Imagine a country where a bride has to stay away from her own wedding!

DANCE

EUGENIA ORANGE HALL
under auspices of L.O.L. 1118
has been postponed from Feb. 4th, to
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1938
Ladies with lunch free.
Admission: 25c

Officers County L.O.L.

East Grey County Loyal Orange Lodge held its annual meeting in the lodge room of L.O.L. 797, Dundalk, on Tuesday afternoon of last week. Past County Master W. J. Wellwood had charge of the election of officers, and Past County Master Herb. Corbett, duly installed them, as follows:

I.P.M.—J. J. Jamieson 887.
County Master—John Gott 737.
D.C.M.—W. C. Hutchinson 1045.
Chaplain—Alvin Richardson 353.
Rec. Sec.—Milton Irwin 797.
Fin. Sec.—Gordon Duncan 797.
Treasurer—Gordon Pearson 797.
Marshall—Lloyd Little 737.
1st Lect.—George Moody 797.
2nd Lect.—Robt. Vause 244.
Deputy Lect.—Russell Croft 797.

Mrs. Jas. Freethy

After a brief illness, Mrs. James Freethy died at her home here in her 81st year. Mrs. Freethy was born in Osprey township, and was the daughter of the late Thomas and Rebecca Fisher. When she was six years of age she rode from Osprey to Toronto on horseback with her father, the trip taking a full day, and the road as far as Barrie nothing but a trail through the bush, and even from Barrie on the road was lined with bush for more than half the way.

Mary Jane Fisher was married to James Freethy sixty-three years ago, and has resided in Stayner for the past fifty five years. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Angus Campbell, the last of a family of eight; her husband, who is in his ninetieth year, and three daughters, Mrs. Albert Small and Mabel at home; and Mrs. James Richardson in Toronto. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon with service at the home and in the Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. Wm. Coutts and Rev. G. W. Lynd. Interment was made in Stayner cemetery. —Stayner Sun.

ROBINSON-HAWTON

A quiet wedding took place at the United Church parsonage, Collingwood, at 1.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29th, when Evelyn D., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hawton, Feversham, became the bride of Mr. Ross Robinson of Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson of Banks. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. S. Kerr.

The attractive young bride was most becoming in a dress of wine sheer with lace trimmings, and wore a brown coat with fox collar and brown felt hat. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, when a few friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will reside near Collingwood. Their hosts of friends wish them a long and prosperous journey through life.

DIED IN U. S. A.

Mr. John Pedlar of town received the news last week of the death of Mrs. Jos. S. Pedlar, which occurred at her home at Loup City, Nebraska on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. Mr. Pedlar predeceased her in August 1929.

The way they are sazing fine buildings in Spain and China is simply hair raising.

The name of Louis Tessier was called in Sudbury police court, and, when he didn't respond, a summons was issued. Two days later the police found that they had been holding him in jail awaiting trial.

If every bachelor in Canada between the ages of 20 and 35 made up his mind to marry there would not be enough brides to go around, because there are 249,000 more bachelors than maidens in this age class. However, for the sake of our unmarried friends, we hope this news does not make the girls more independent than usual.

St. John's United Church

"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

FLESHERTON
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Public Worship.
12 noon — Sunday School.
Monday—8 p.m., Y.P.S.
Friday—7 to 9 p.m., Trail Rangers; 8 to 10 p.m., Young Men's Club; 8 p.m., Choir Practice.

CEYLON
1.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Public Worship
Wednesday—8 p.m., Choir Practice.

High School Held Skating Party

The skating party held last Wednesday by the high school was a great success both socially and financially. In the hockey game Dundalk secured a shut-out over the local high school when they skated them to a 4-0 beating. Flesherton boys put up a game fight but could not match the speed and stickhandling ability shown by Copeland of Dundalk. Cornett, Copeland, Mortimer and McKee were the goal getters for Dundalk.

Dundalk—Goal, Harrington; defence, Copeland and Thompson; centre, Mortimer; wings, McKee and Cornett; alternates, Statia, Mackintosh, Wright and Marshall.

Flesherton—Goal, Turney; defence, McTavish and Graham; centre, Banks; wings, Leavell and Archibald; alternates, Morgan, Henry Piper and McCracken.

The broomball game after the hockey match cost the high school another defeat when they lost to the speedy town team by 2-1. Patton and Hopkins combined on a scramble in front of the net to give the town team the lead, then midway through the game Patton scored to put them two up.

The high school averted another shut-out in the dying moments of the game yhen Monaghan took a perfect pass from Piper and slammed the ball home to end the scoring and the game.

High School—Goal, Leavell; defence, McTavish and Turney; centre Piper; wings, Morgan and Monaghan; alternates, Henry and Archibald.

Town—Goal, Alexander; defence, Phillips and Akitt; centre, Ferris; wings, Hopkins and Gorrell; alternate, Patton.

Skating to music was enjoyed by the large crowd present for a couple of hours after the games.

Died Suddenly

The sudden death of Thomas Hughes of Irish Lake, which took place at his home on Wednesday morning, February 2, as a result of angina, came as a great shock to his wife and family and to the community. Although Mr. Hughes had been subject to heart trouble for some time, he was apparently in good health until that morning when he became ill during breakfast and passed away a short time later. He was 38 years of age.

Mr. Hughes was the son of Mrs. Hughes and the late Thomas Hughes of Irish Lake. Surviving besides his mother are his wife, five sons and three daughters, the eldest about fifteen years of age.

The funeral took place on Friday morning with service at St. John's Church, Glenelg, at ten o'clock.

BORN

STEVENS — On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1938, at Markdale private hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Stevens, a daughter, Donelda Fay.

HIGHWAS BRING TOURISTS

About $255,000,000, it is estimated, was spent by tourists visiting Canada in 1936 and it is probable that the estimate for 1937 will show an even larger tourist expenditure. Approximately 62.5 per cent. of this expenditure, or $159,743,000 came from automobile tourists and was thus directly attributable to the good highways that Canadian motorists have built with their tax contributions to provincial governments.

The difference between direct and indirect taxation is shown by the fact that there was not as much said about an increase to 8 per cent. from 2 per cent. in the sales tax, which everybody pays, as there was when the radio license was increased from $2 to $2.50. In one case, it is an increase of 400 per cent.; yet the radio license fee has gone up only 25 per cent.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Fred Ashton, Minister

ERVICES NEXT SUNDAY—
10 a.m.—Bible School.
11 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7 p.m.—Gospel Service.

ROCK MILLS—
2 p.m.—Bible School.
3 p.m.—Divine Worship.
'O Come; Let us Worship the Lord in His Sanctuary."