

# TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

Nothing is more refreshing than a boat trip on a beautiful summer day. The invigorating breezes, the bright sunshine and the sparkle of Georgian Bay waters were at their best recently when the first C.P.R. boat excursion attracted many hundreds on a glorious trip to Midland via Nottawasaga Bay and the 20,000 Islands. What a happy crowd boarded the luxurious S.S. Kewatin that bright morning, while the dew was still glistening everywhere, as the giant ship sped out of Owen Sound Bay, the orchestra presented rhythmic tunes, which soon started youthful feet gliding over the polished floor in the observation lounge.

More than half of the happy crowd were middle aged and elderly people. It was perhaps in many cases, their first carefree trip since the lovely days of last autumn. There is a glorious abandon of cares and troubles on ship board. It is traditional that worries are cast to the four winds while travellers are on the high seas. So, in like manner, a day of joyful cruising on the waters of Georgian Bay, brings happy hours, in which cares of the world are crowded out and their place taken by new interests and acquaintances and renewed friendships.

The second C.P.R. excursion of this type was held July 27th from Owen Sound to the Flower Pot Islands near Tobermory, a trip which is always very popular.

On our trip the waters were calm and the weather perfect. There was a sell-out of tickets for the trip, showing the popularity of these one-day cruises.

The outstanding sight-seeing event of the trip was a visit to the Martyrs' Shrine at Fort Ste. Marie, near Midland. This shrine stands on the hallowed ground of the old mission headquarters of the Jesuit Martyrs, who ministered to the 20,000 Hurons of the Georgian Bay region 300 years ago, after reaching the site via a 700 mile journey by canoe and portage over dangerous waters and through almost impenetrable forest. These pioneers erected not only a fort and mission but a church, a residence and a hospital, the latter being the first in Ontario.

Here the Jesuits ministered to the needs of the thousands of Huronic Indians who flocked to them for a period of ten years. Then the blood thirsty Iroquois invaded the colony in 1694. St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lalemont were burned at the stake and their bodies buried at Fort Ste. Marie. During the same year other members of the Jesuit band were also murdered and the fort and mission were abandoned. Yet this first white settlement of Georgian Bay has become the most hallowed landmark and is visited yearly by thousands of tourists and pilgrims from all parts of the world. Atop Lookout Hill is a resting place with a marvellous view of the surrounding countryside. Here the Jesuit missionaries often climbed to watch for the arrival of their fellow workers paddling into the Wye River from Georgian Bay after a 700 mile journey from Quebec.

The shrine is a beautiful place, having been improved greatly in the last decade. For nearly 200 years after the Iroquois attack, when the remaining Jesuits retired to Christian Island for safety, the old Fort Ste Marie was forgotten. Early settlers in Simcoe County wondered at the Indian relics and the pottery about the ruins of the fort. Then in 1842, it was definitely identified and work was begun to restore it in memory of the martyrs, who died to spread the gospel to heathen tribes of Indians.

On the evenings of July 31st and Aug. 1st on the grounds of the shrine there will be a pageant of the Martyrs. Some of the scenes presented are—The landing by canoe—Indian villages and schools—the chiefs and medicine men—the death banquet, Indian dances and pagan ceremonies.

There will be many pilgrimages to the shrine this summer. Hundreds come for many miles to pay tribute to the Christian Martyrs of three centuries ago and to their faith which has lived on, and evidences of which are displayed at the shrine in the form of discarded crutches, etc. Thy faith shall free thee and prayer changes things are truths of the spirit and the life immortal.

A splendid article by Henry Keane, "The Martyr's Shrine" is presented to the public in the Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart, for June 1937.

## EUGENIA

Rev. and Mrs. W. Greenwood and daughter of Adrian, Mich. were callers on Mr. and Mrs. George Lawler.

Little Miss Ruth Graham has returned home after spending some pleasant holidays with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carruthers and three little sons of Sault Ste. Marie are holidaying with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carruthers and his sister, Mrs. Chas. Park.

Mrs. Fred Duckett has returned home from Toronto Hospital and is recuperating after her recent operation for removal of tonsils.

Mrs. James Fawcett and son Herb have gone to Toronto for a visit.

Miss Irene Sloan of Chatham is holidaying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sloan and her aunt Donald.

Mrs. Bill Irwin and daughter Ruth of Windsor have returned home after holidaying with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawler.

Miss Dorothy Genoe of Toronto is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Genoe. We are glad to report Mrs. Genoe feeling well again after having suffered with a scalded foot.

Misses Mary and Isabelle McKee of Toronto are holidaying at their parental home.

Mr. Ray Genoe of Bala was home over the week-end.

Miss Mary Weber of Markdale spent a few days last week in the village.

Mrs. Ray Genoe has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ratcliffe at Vandeleur.

Messrs. Henry Tudor and Chas. Martin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Harold Lever, Flesherton.

Mrs. Frank Wray and aunt, Mrs. McRae of Toronto, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and family of Paris, are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. Francis Genoe and brother, Mr. Duncan Williams and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Widdifield of Toronto visited over the week-end with relatives here. Mrs. Widdifield (Miss Millie Campbell) remained to visit friends.

Harold and Helen Parker of Rob Roy visited their cousins, Lyle and Ivan Short.

Mrs. Harry Falconer has returned home from Hamilton where she has spent the past week with her son Gerald, who is ill in the hospital.

The Women's Association of the United Church held their meeting on Thursday afternoon, July 22nd, when they had as their guests the societies from Maxwell, Wareham and Mt. Zion, also Rev. Mr. Elliott and his wife and daughter. A very enjoyable time was spent. The visitors put on a fine program of music, singing and readings, after which all partook of a sumptuous repast in the basement of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jamieson, ac-

## HARKAWAY

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawken gathered at their home recently and presented them with a miscellaneous shower. At 12 o'clock the bride and groom were seated while they were presented with lovely and useful gifts. Both replied, thanking their friends, and everyone sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Miss Jean Summers returned home after spending three weeks with her cousin, Marion Summers at Vandeleur.

Miss Beth Hawken and Glenford Corbett passed their entrance examination successfully. Beth obtaining the highest mark in the inspectorate. Both the teacher, Miss Doris Bannon and the pupils are to be congratulated.

Mrs. Ralph Hutson and little daughter Lois Elizabeth are spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lyons.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patton were: Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Heath and daughter Mary of Regina, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heath, Bill, Teddy and Marion of Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heath of Orton and Mrs. M. Henderson and family of Holland Centre.

The ice cream social held at the church on Thursday evening was very successful, when a fairly large number of people attended and enjoyed a good treat of home-made ice cream and cake. A good program followed with our new pastor, Rev. R. K. Burnside, acting as chairman. Proceeds amounted to \$16.60.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin were Mrs. W. C. Pearce or Delto; Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearce and Lorraine of Toronto; Mr. R. W. Quinton and Miss Olive Quinton of Walters Falls; Miss Hilda Quinton of Woodstock and Mrs. John McGinnis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Erling Marshall and family and Mrs. C. Marshall at Walters Falls.

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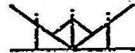
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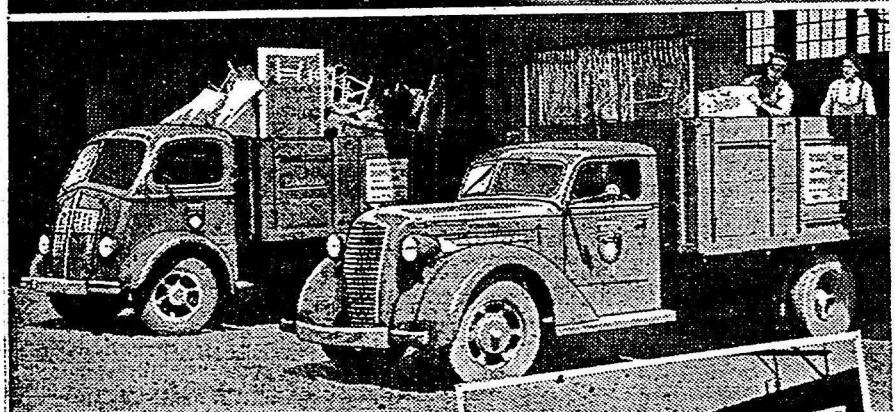
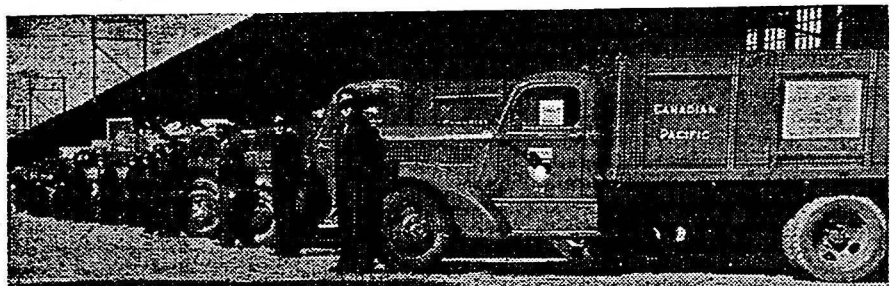
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