

The Community's Social Side of Life

Visitors to and From Town During the Past Week, as Gleaned by The Free Press

Mr. Eugene McPherson was home from Toronto for the week-end. Miss Muriel McComb was home from Guelph during the week-end. Mrs. S. J. Reid is in Waterloo, owing to the illness of her mother. Mrs. Wm. Pullon, of Strathaine, is visiting with Mrs. Wm. Johnstone. Dr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, of Waterloo, visited Acton friends this week. Mrs. E. F. Johnston, Doris and Billy, of London, visited relatives here this week. Miss Alma Conway, of Toronto, spent her week-end with her father, Mr. O. A. Conway. Mrs. Wm. Ramshaw, of Rockwood, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Johnston. Mrs. M. O. Overholt, of Toronto, is visiting at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnston. Mrs. W. E. Thompson, of London, spent a few days this past week at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Nelson. Warden and Mrs. A. Mason arrived home on Monday from their holiday trip in Florida and spent a most delightful vacation. On the route home they visited in Washington, D. C., and at Windsor. Mrs. F. E. McCleary spent several days visiting in Brampton the past week. She also visited Mrs. J. W. Howatson, who has been critically ill with pneumonia in Toronto General Hospital, but is now improving nicely. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore were invited guests at the annual concert of the University Orchestra, at Burwash Hall, on Tuesday evening, and to the "At Home" at Amiesley Hall, after the concert.

A "BEAUTIFY CANADA" CAMPAIGN

Canada is a country of great natural beauty to which has been added the handwork of the landscape artist and the horticulturist, and yet there is much to be done before the country assumes the mature charm of some of the older lands. With the progress of time, however, the making of gardens and the embellishment and extension of parks becomes more pronounced. It is necessary only to note the growing importance of the horticultural society movement and the increasing activities of individuals and communities to see how widespread is the interest in outdoor beautification and improvement. One has only to look about to observe that these improvements relate not only to the home grounds, but also to industrial environments and to the reclamation of waste places. Offending scenes, also, in many localities, are being transformed into objects of civic pride. The movement is neither urban or rural; it is both, taking in the country home as well as the town dwelling. Nor is it local or provincial as it embraces the whole Dominion from coast to coast and extends from the southern boundary to regions in the far north, where even in the Yukon some of the finest gardens are to be found. It is to give impetus to this highly desirable tendency that the Canadian Horticultural Council is setting on foot a movement for the greater beautification of Canada. The Ornamental Horticulture Committee of this body, under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Howatson, Dominion Horticulturist, has taken steps to have committees formed in each province, convened or directed by the Minister of Agriculture or the provincial horticulturist. These committees, working with the central office of the Council at Ottawa, it is expected, will carry the work down through the horticultural societies to even the remotest points, just as they are reached by their numerous membership. The work that has been planned to be carried out will include the improvement not only of the homes, but parks, railways and highways. Special attention will be given to reviving interest in the cleaning up and the suitable ornamentation of cemeteries. In keeping with modern practice the Council has adopted a suitable slogan, "Beautify Your Home Grounds and Help Make Canada More Beautiful." But it has gone further than this and has issued an attractive and very practical handbook, which not only lays down the general principles of modern landscaping, but contains explicit directions for planning and the planting of recommended material. The work that has been undertaken will at once appeal to all who in any degree respond to the impulse of patriotism, national, local, or civic. It is a development worthy of every encouragement that reason, idealism and love of country can suggest. Behind it stands the practical wisdom of keen and far-sighted business men, who as railway, industrial, and corporation executives or as leaders in municipal administration, have proclaimed not only in words, but by definite action, the truth of the slogan that "Beauty Pays." Issued by the Director of Publicity, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

ARE DRYS WEAK KNEED?

Are the foes of drink weak kneed and white livered or have they character and spine? Champions of booze have a stamina worthy of better cause. The Eighteenth Amendment was ratified by forty-six of the forty-eight states. The combined votes for ratification in the various states made a tremendously strong majority over the votes against. The wets did not give up in despair. They wanted liquor and started for it. The present Congress is around 80 per cent. dry. How hopeless it looks for enemies of prohibition! Yet the wets go on at the tasks of overcoming this handicap. They show no discouragement. The election of President Hoover was a landmark. It was one of the most decisive victories an American president ever won. The issue which had more to do with that victory than all others combined was prohibition. Wets asked for a popular referendum. They had one in the 1924 election. But that overwhelming defeat did not cause the wets to say they would have to yield to prohibition. They began again to fight for booze. If we could have an absolute popular referendum in the whole country and it went 70 per cent. for prohibition the booze crowd would begin next morning to work to overcome prohibition. And to think that this determined effort is put forth in behalf of alcoholic drink! And alcoholic drink has been one of the most debasing and destructively elements in human life since the beginning of human history. The national election just brought some official gains to the enemies of prohibition. Many of those gains were incidental. Dry candidates lost not because they were dry but because they represented the party in power which was being punished. Some of the dry losses, to be sure, were losses because the candidate was dry. And we hear some drys talking as though it was hopeless for prohibition. They would imply we may as well agree to some form of legal mix. Prohibition supporters are in a good majority still in Washington and in the most of the states. Still temperance people cry baby? Even if the wet strength should show much greater increase than it has yet we cannot yield. We cannot maintain our self-respect and consent to any weakening of the ban which would wash down little children by the millions; which would transform multitudes of now happy homes into vile shabby shacks; which would increase poverty, crime and degeneracy. There may be weak kneed, white livered drys but the great body of them will be brave and determined. They will work as persistently for decency as the wets for rum and ruin.—New Hampshire Issue.

THE PATH TO MARY'S

It was six months since Mary Collins had died. She had been a quiet woman and was never in the forefront of anything; but after she had gone people were amazed to find how closely she had been interwoven with all the village life. She had not indeed been in the forefront, but she had been at the very heart of it all. Even now after half a year no event happened in the village that some one did not say wistfully, "It seems as if Mary Collins might come in any minute!" Martha Brooks, who had been spending the afternoon with Mrs. Thayer, had been talking of Mary for some time; Mrs. Thayer had been Mary Collins' nearest neighbor. Presently a silence fell between the two women, a tender silence full of memories. "What's that?" Martha Brooks broke it. She had been looking absently out the window, and suddenly something unusual caught her attention. "Why, Ada, you've moved your dahlia bed!" she exclaimed. Mrs. Thayer smiled. "I was waiting for you to notice that," she said. "Look along the path,—no, the other way,—the path to Mary's." Mrs. Brooks turned. The path to Mary's led along the fence and then, through an orchard, and all the way to the orchard the dahlia stood glowing and splendid in the September sun. "Why—what—?" Mrs. Brooks stopped. "It was Betty's idea. She had been hearing in school about the Lincoln Highway and she proposed making a memorial path over to Mary's with my dahlia's and here." "But it isn't nearly so good a place for them, is it?" Mrs. Brooks asked. "Mrs. Thayer caught her breath. 'As if one could think of that when it was Mary!' she cried. She was silent for a while; then, 'I think of this so often, Martha. Betty isn't going to stay at home always. She will go away to college and then to her own place in life. And it may be in a city—most of our girls do go to cities these days,—and neighbors are not so common in cities. I want Betty's little path of remembrance to be something she never can forget. She has every one of the dahlia named for some lovely girl or service. That long line of scarlet ones is for the weeks when she had scarlet fever and Mary came over every night to relieve me; the variegated one is for the bits of silk and ribbons Mary used to save for Betty's dolls; and so on. Some of them would sound funny to you or me, but my little girl never will forget what it means to be a neighbor.' 'It's a queer notion, but I guess I like it,' Mrs. Brooks replied. PRINTER ALWAYS TO BLAME "I understand your wife is quite ill." "Yes, she had a slight cold; tried to cure herself by reading a daily health paper and is suffering from a typographical error."

Various Items of Local Interest

One Dollar of One Month Per Felt Found guilty of possessing 107 muskrat pelts out of season, John Taitvak, Windsor, was fined \$107 and costs or 107 months in jail by Magistrate D. M. Brodie in Windsor. He paid. Magistrate Brodie said that the regulations of the department imposed a fine of \$1 a pelt, or one month in the county jail a pelt, for persons found in possession of skins out of season.

Guesse Weather Until 1936

Dr. Aler, Professor of Astronomy at Kansas University, after returning from England, where he has made studies, predicts that the first half of 1931 will be deficient of rain. In 1932, there will be much rain in the second half, and the same in 1934 and 1935, he says, according to Mr. Harry Westoby, Nineteen thirty-six will be a year of drought. "It will be interesting to see if the six predictions are realized," said Mr. Westoby, and pointed out that Dr. Aler has studied the matter on a basis of periodicity for the last 200 years.

Talkies Introduced in English Schools

Middlesex, England, has started a new idea in the educational line—an idea which is proving very popular with the school children. "Talkies" have been introduced, used for the first time at the Southfield School, Bedford Park, Acton. Some 400 school boys sat before the silver sheet and gained knowledge through films on Cyprus, a visit to the coral sea and a frog. They saw and heard Mr. Massfield, the Post Laureate, reading his "West Wind." Each film lasted just over ten minutes and, in the afternoon, the pupils did written work on what they had seen and heard.

Wines Membership Trophy

The Palermo division, Sons of Temperance, was signally honored during the March meeting in the presentation of a silver cup by the Grand Division of Ontario. W. E. Walton, a Grand Officer, presented the trophy to the Palermo Lodge, which had won it over all other divisions in Ontario for having reached the highest percentage in increase in membership during 1930, the Palermo Worthy Patriarch receiving the cup. The division has commenced this year's work with vigor and assisted by a competitive programme between two sides, the Thomas and the Rosen, is gaining steadily in membership and interest in the work.

Death of Joseph J. Filman

John J. Filman, an old and respected resident of the Burlington district, died suddenly in his 70th year, at his home at Filman's Curve, west of Burlington. He made quite a record on having for 44 consecutive years led a party of Burlington district hunters. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Annie Smale; five daughters, Mrs. Russell Emery, of Aldershot; Mrs. Lavorne Kerns and Mrs. Clara Jarvis, of Burlington; Mrs. Irene Jamieson and Miss Della, at home; one son Leslie, Filman, at home. The funeral was held from his late residence to the Hamilton Mausoleum.

"ODD TOM"

Old Tom Welt had a habit of doing queer and unexpected things, and thus came to be known throughout the region in which he lived as "Odd Tom." Some of his oddities appeared in some peculiarity of dress, as when he wore his coat wrong side out, because, as he said, he had "got tired of the look of the right side." One day Tom went to his next neighbor, Zebah Green, to hire his horse for the day. "What d'ye want 'im for?" was Zebah's inquiry. "Oh, jest to go down to the village to do some marketin'," was the answer. "Praps I might go on afterwards as fur as Job Stone's, 'n' look at his oxen." "Wal, I don't want 'ya to have 'im," replied Zebah, referring to the horse; "but 'ya may jest for 'commodate 'ya, if 'ya won't go no further'n jest to the village—'ya know that's 'most ten miles." "Why of course not," said Tom, "not unless 'ya're willin'." "Wal, then, take 'im, but don't 'ya drive 'im no further'n the village, or I'll never let 'ya have 'im agin'." So Tom harnessed the old horse, and started for market. As he passed Zebah's house on his way, he heard, faintly wailed from his neighbor, who stood in the barn door, "The sure 'ya don't go no further'n jest to the village!" Toward night Tom was seen, laden with bundles, coming slowly up the road from the village—on foot. Out rushed Zebah, open-mouthed. "What 'ya done with old Bill!" he cried. "Wal," answered Tom, with the utmost coolness, "ye assumed so all-fired sure for fear 'ed drive him further'n jest to the village that I didn't dare to drive him home agin' 'n' so I left him there, under the store shed."

IDENTIFIED

The bank teller in a mippy way said, "I don't know you, madam!" The woman was red-headed, and she got "red-headed" in a minute. She said, "Oh, yes, you do. I don't need anyone to identify me. I'm the red-headed 'beast' next door to you whose 'imps of boys' are always running across your garden. When you started to town this morning your wife said, 'Now, Henry, if you want a dinner fit to eat this evening, you'll have to leave me a little money. I can't keep this house on 'Christian Science.' 'Here is your money,' interrupted the paying teller, very faintly.

QUALIFIED AFFECTION

Genuine sorrow is sometimes expressed so strangely that the listener finds it hard not to smile. A case in point is mentioned by a clergyman. While passing a summer vacation in a thinly-settled portion of Maine, he was called upon to officiate at the funeral of a farmer, who had died leaving a widow with whom he had lived in wedlock for nearly half a century. After the service the widow came to the side of the coffin for a last look at the face of the departed, and as she stood there she heaved a deep sigh, and turned to the clergyman to say with perfect simplicity: "Wal, I ruther lik'd him."

JUST THE NAME

"Do you act toward your wife as you did before you married?" "Exactly. I remember just how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to lean over the fence in front of her house, and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. And I just did the same way now."—London Tit-Bits.

REDUCTION IN IMMIGRATION

Immigration to Canada for the calendar year 1930 amounted to 104,800 compared with 164,992 for the calendar year 1929, according to a statement issued by the Canadian Government Department of Immigration and Colonization. Immigration for the last six months of 1930 amounted to 33,011 compared with 62,633 in the same period in 1929. The effect of the regulations passed in August last restricting immigration have only recently made themselves felt in full measure as commitments made previously were allowed to come forward. Canadians who have gone to the United States to reside and who returned to Canada in 1930 declared their intention of remaining permanently in this country numbered 31,668 compared with 30,479 in 1929.

Fashions for the Smart Woman



DECORATIVE SEAMING

Wherever the haut monde gathers for tea, frocks of this type are outstanding favorites. This particular model is made in Patou's cream beige faille crepe, and bears the Paris cachet in its beautifully simple lines and clever seaming. Silhouette, inserted in decorative points, confine the softness at the top, and the hip becomes exquisitely and fluid in graceful folds at the fashionable ankle-length hemline. To relieve the simplicity of the costume, there is the pendant necklace and wide bracelet of coral, carved and combined with lacy, antique gilt.

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CORRECT FOR SHOPPING

As the season advances, some of the smartest women appearing in the new plain costumes similar to the one illustrated above. The ensemble may be fashioned of a lightweight—woolen—combining a plaid frock with a plain jacket. This type of costume is ideal for shopping when worn under the fur coat and is just perfect for those early spring days when one wishes to discard the heavy coat. The diagonal theme is carried out to great advantage in the frock with its tailored collar while the fitted collarless jacket has the smart single-button closing.

MARKET REPORTS

DAIRY PRODUCTS Quotations to Shippers These are Toronto quotations: Butter— Creamery, No. 1 pasteurized 31 1/4 to 32 do second 30 1/4 to 31 Above prices for goods delivered Toronto. Quotations to Retail Trade Butter— Creamery, No. 1 pasteurized 34 to 35 do second 32 to 33

POULTRY AND EGGS Quotations to country shippers delivered. Fresh extras 23 to 00 do firsts 21 to 22 do seconds 17 to 00 Quotations to Retail Trade Carton, fresh extras 31 to 00 Fresh extras 20 to 30 do firsts 28 to 29 Pullet, second 22 to 27

Quotations to Shippers Poultry— Alive Dressed Spring chickens— 14 to 18 2-3 1/2 lbs. 14 to 18 4 1/2-5 lbs. 10 to 24 Over 5 lbs. very good 20 to 27 Patted hens, over 5 lbs. 20 to 25 do 4 to 5 lbs. 18 to 23 do 3 1/2 lbs. 18 to 22 Old roosters, over 5 lbs. 16 to 20 Young turkeys, over 12 lbs. 00 to 38 do 10-12 lbs. 00 to 33 do 8-10 lbs. 00 to 27 Ducks, over 5 lbs. 20 to 25 do 4-5 lbs. 18 to 24 Quotations above indicate the general market range in value in eggs and poultry on delivery basis.

WHOLESALE VEGETABLES Vegetables at wholesale houses are quoted— Domestic— Potatoes, per bag 0.00 to 1.25 DRESSED MEAT Wholesale dealers in dressed meats quote the following prices to the trade— Beef, forequarter, cwt. 8.00 to 10.00 do hindquarter 12.00 to 15.00 Carcasses, choice 12.00 to 14.00 do medium 11.00 to 12.00 Calf, forequarter, cwt. 12.00 to 13.00 Heavy hogs, cwt. 9.00 to 10.00 Light hogs, cwt. 10.00 to 11.00 Abattoir hogs 10.50 to 11.00 Mutton, cwt. 5.00 to 5.50 Lambs 18.00 to 20.00

HIDES AND WOOL Toronto wholesale dealers in hides and wool are quoting prices to country shippers as follows— City hides, green, 40 per lb.; salted, and grand, 20 per lb.; Country hides—green, 30 per lb.; cured 3 1/2-4c per lb. Calveskins, green, 7c. Veal kips, 6c per lb. Calveskins, cured, 7 1/2-8c per lb. Horse hides, No. 1 and 2, \$1.50; No. 3, 75c; Horse hair, 25c per lb. Wool, flat rate, free of rejects, 7c per lb.; rejects, 4c per lb.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for car lots— No. 1 Northern, 61c. No. 2 Northern, 60c. No. 3 Northern, 58c. No. 4 Northern, 56c. No. 5 Northern, nominal.

CATTLE MARKET QUOTATIONS Choice heavy steers 6.25 to 6.40 Butcher steers, choice 6.25 to 6.75 do fair to good 5.50 to 6.00 Butcher heifers, choice 6.25 to 6.75 do medium 6.00 to 6.50 Butcher bulls, light, choice 4.00 to 4.50 do heavy 3.50 to 3.75 do Bologna 3.25 to 3.50 Cows, good 4.50 to 5.00 do medium 3.25 to 3.50 do canners and cutters 1.00 to 2.00 Baby beef 7.50 to 8.50 Feeders, choice 4.75 to 5.00 Stockers, choice 4.75 to 5.00 Calves, good to choice 9.00 to 9.50 do medium 7.50 to 8.00 Springers 7.00 to 7.50 Milk cows 4.00 to 6.00 Lambs, ewes, per cwt. 9.00 to 9.50 Buck lambs 6.50 to 7.00 Sheep, yearlings 5.00 to 6.00 do choice 5.00 to 5.50 Heavy sheep and aged bucks 3.75 to 5.50 Hogs, bacon, f.o.b. 7.50

WE DARE TO SMILE

Young Lady Motorist: "It's knowing and sleetin', and I'd like to buy some chains for my tires." "I'm sorry. We keep only groceries." "How annoying! I understood this was a chain store."

"Have you a Charles Dickens in your home?" asked the polite book agent. "No!" she snapped. "Or a Robert Louis Stevenson?" "Or a 'Geno Field?'" "No; we ain't, and what's more, we don't run a boarding house here, either. If you're looking for them fellows, you might try the house across the street."

WITH CARE

"Here!" screamed the station master, "what's the idea of throwing those trunks around like that?" "The porter gasped, the passengers were dumb with amazement. Then he continued: "That's no way to act! Look what you've done to the platform!"—Montreal Star.

NEAT CHICKEN

Diner—"What on earth is this broth made from, waiter? Surely it isn't chicken-broth." Walter—"Well, sah, dat's chicken-broth in 'is infancy. It's made out of de watah de eggs was boiled in."

Acton Flour and Feed Mills PRICES FOR THIS WEEK

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NELSON & CO. MILL STREET, ACTON PHONE 37

NEW For Spring!

Straw Hats in Entrancing Variety Hats are HATS again—and you'll find so many to suit you perfectly that you may find it hard to decide. Flattering new Wattleaus, Halos, Bandeaux, Tip-Tilt brims and busts of other styles in lovely new straws in coarse, fine and fancy weaves in black and new spring shades. A delightful showing.

It's Time for New Spring Coats

Everything's right about them, including their prices! Hosts of smart styles—with ingeniously designed sleeves, collars in big lupel, long rever and horse-shoe shapes—and even belts that are original in styling. Distinguished modes in the new chonga-like fabrics, open-work, flecked and nobby tweeds, silvertones and broadcloths—trimmed with the important furs of the season—squirrel, wolf, mole, silver muskrnt, lapin and fox. Just the sort of coat you need when you lay off your heavy winter coat.

Frocks that Tell of Spring

A marvellous selection in the popular new prints in gay spring-like colorings, as well as lovely plain shades. New style details include Eton jackets, Russian coats, new peplums, lingerie frills, inset flares, new pleats, buttons, scarf collars and hosts of other innovations. A charming variety for all figures, for all occasions.

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GREGORY THEATRE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 "THE BAT WHISPERS" A baffling mystery story, starring Chester Morris, Comely, "Rocket Cheers," Fox Movietone News.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 "THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS" Starring Reginald Denny, Chapter 8 "The Indians Are Coming," Comedy, "Their Wives' Vacation."