

THE PARTING

Beloved, thou art gone,
Just away,
Beyond the veil
To shores uncharted and unknown
By us who stay...

Beloved we shall not mourn
But wait in simple faith and trust
Until we too are homeward borne...

Twenty Years Ago

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Mr. Henry Cole has purchased a residence in Toronto, and will shortly move to the city.

It is reported on good authority that the Council has negotiated the purchase of Flynn's spring for a source of supply of water for the proposed waterworks scheme.

Mrs. Jennie McDougall has disposed of her grocery and provision business and the fittings of the store to Mr. J. Gibbons, of Georgetown. It is said that Mr. Lindsay, the miller, will open a flour and feed store in the premises.

Mr. R. J. Ramshaw has sold his blacksmithing business to Mr. Rumley, of Everett, and Mr. Rumley has purchased the brick residence of Mr. George Nills, on Park Avenue.

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral of the late Darius Wardell, at Guelph, on Friday. Mr. Wardell was for many years a resident of Churchill and Acton. The last few years he was the trusted foreman of the Christie & Henderson time and stone works at Kelso. The pallbearers were all nephews of the deceased: Albert Smith, John Smith, Fred Ryder, William Ryder, Austin Swackhamer and Joseph Leslie.

The Provincial Legislature, by a vote of 85 to 12, requested the Dominion Government for a vote on the importation of liquor into Ontario as soon as possible.

MARRIED

GREGG-COLE - On Saturday, April 17th, 1920, at Bethany Church, Detroit, Mich., by the Rev. Dr. C. W. Lowrie, Ethel, daughter of Mr. Henry Cole, Acton, to Mr. Robert Gregg, of Britton, Mich.

THE PRUNING OF YOUNG APPLE AND PEAR TREES

Young orchards of to-day are the hope of the future, states R. D. L. Bligh, Assistant in Pomology, Dominion Experimental Station, Kenilville, N.S. They must not be neglected now, either in pruning, growth or insect and disease control, if they are to give highest production in the future.

Pruning has a dwarfing effect on the tree and the grower should bear in mind that every pruning-cut will tend to reduce tree size and fruit production. Nevertheless, it must be regarded as an essential orchard practice as it is the only practicable method of developing a strong framework that will support the bearing portions of the mature tree in future years.

Pruning begins with the young tree at planting time. To offset the loss of roots left in the soil when the tree is dug, the practice of removing crowding branches so as to provide a modified leader type of tree with spirally arranged scaffold branches is recommended over the old method of heading back all branches. If this pruning is not done, the greatly reduced root system may not be able to supply the necessary moisture for the relatively large leaf bearing surface and the young tree may die from drying out.

If yearling whips are planted, all buds to a height of 18 inches are rubbed off, all remaining buds are allowed to grow. This makes for a large leaf development which results in a larger root system, with a sturdier trunk. If two-year-old nursery trees are used, the method of pruning is the same as for the whip that has been out a year. Branch selection is practised. Those branches which come out at right or wide angles with the leader are selected for the framework, the lowest branch about 20 inches from the ground and others six to eight inches apart arranged systematically and spirally above this until five or six such scaffold branches are established. Subsequent pruning should be light, only those branches having a detrimental effect on the future shape of the tree should be cut off. Remember that early bearing, yield and size of the tree are largely determined by the pruning methods practised after the framework of the tree is established.

There is no other tobacco JUST LIKE OLD CHUM

Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other Years.

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?



LAST WEEK'S PICTURE

The picture in last week's Album was that of the late Thomas Statham, a man who spent most of his life here and built a successful baking business that was carried on under the family until just a few years ago. Mr. Statham was a veteran of the Civil War in the United States. All the older readers will readily recall him. Only one of the family now resides in Acton, the other members being scattered in Ontario centres and in the United States.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

ISAIAH COMPOSES AN AFFLICTED PEOPLE

Golden Text.—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46: 1.

Lesson Text.—Isaiah 40: 1-11. Time.—About 712 B.C. Place.—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I The Coming Day of Israel's Comfort, 1, 2.

The God of the Bible is "the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1: 3). His revelation to man, the Bible, abounds in messages of comfort to His people. "Fear not" is one of the most constantly recurring commandments of the Word of God (Jas. 1: 9; Isaiah 41: 10, 13, 14, and many other passages). And He commands His messengers and all His people to comfort other believers (1 Thes. 4: 18; 2 Cor. 1: 4). The particular message with which God here commands Isaiah to comfort His downtrodden and distressed and broken-hearted people, was the declaration that Messiah, the Lord Jehovah in human form (v. 10), was coming to rule on earth and be their deliverer. And this is the very message with which God through His inspired Apostle Paul commands believers to comfort one another to-day (1 Thes. 4: 13-18); for the coming of Messiah here referred to is not His first coming to die as an atoning sacrifice for sin, but His second coming to reign as king and to deliver and shepherd His people (cf. Ps. 72).

When that glad day comes, "the Blessed Hope" (Titus 2: 13, 14) of Israel as well as of the church, Israel's "warfare," that has lasted through so many centuries, shall be "accomplished" and so finished forever; and not until then. Then will be the day of universal and perfect peace for all nations (Isa. 2: 1-5), but first of all for Israel (Zech. 14: Rom. 11: 25-27). All Israel's countless wanderings from God and Israel's sins shall be pardoned in that day, and all Israelites living in that day shall be saved (Rom. 11: 26). Every Israelite shall repent in that day when the Lord Jesus descends upon the Mount of Olives for Israel's deliverance from the nations that have gathered against Jerusalem (Zech. 14: 1-4), and they "look upon him whom they have pierced (crucified)" on Mount Calvary (Zech. 12: 9, 10, 11-14), and every sin of theirs shall be blotted out and forgotten forever (Isa. 43: 25; 44: 21-24). That Israel "hath received double of Jehovah's hand" does not mean

a "double" punishment, but a double reward (Isa. 61: 7).

"II. The Glory of Jehovah shall be Revealed, and All Flesh Shall See It Together, 3-5.

"The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of Jehovah" was John the Baptist (John 1: 22, 23). He came before the Lord at His first coming and Elijah. In whose "spirit and power" John came, may also precede Him at His second coming (not His coming for His people in the air—1 Thes. 4: 16, 17)—but His coming with His saints to the earth for Israel's redemption (Matt. 17: 10-12). Verse 4 is to be taken literally. At that time "the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed" It has already been revealed in nature (Ps. 19: 1), it has been more fully revealed in the person of the Lord Jesus at His first coming (John 1: 14: 14: 9), but it shall be fully revealed when He comes again (Col. 3: 4; 1 John 3: 1, 2). What is recorded in these verses may appear very improbable, but it is absolutely sure: "for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it."

III. "The Word of our God shall stand forever, 6-8.

"All flesh," all men and all men's knowledge, philosophy, science, art, skill, "is grass," apparently beautiful for a few days, but bound to wither. "The breath of Jehovah bloweth upon" human pomp and wisdom and science and philosophy and it "withereth" and the fair blossom of it (all its beauty) "fadeth." But God's Word shall stand forever" (cf. Matt. 24: 35). How true: this has all proven to be already in history; man's most boasted scientific and philosophical reasonings have come and gone, and the scientific wisdom of yesterday is the laughing stock of to-day. But the Word of God endures amid the crash of empires and republics and philosophies.

IV. Behold the Lord Jehovah Will Come as a Mighty One, and His Arm Shall Rule for Him, 9-11. The coming of the Lord Jesus will be the coming of "Lord Jehovah." Those who "tell good tidings to Zion" and "to Jerusalem" when He descends upon the Mount of Olives for Israel's deliverance will say "Behold your God." He will come "as a mighty one," indeed as an almighty one, stronger than all things and all armies, stronger than Satan and all hosts. "His (almighty) arm shall rule for him." In that day He will fully reward and recompense His people (Matt. 16: 27). He will also be the shepherd of the flock. In the New Testament the Lord Jesus is "the good shepherd" (John 10: 11). In the O.T. (vs. 10, 11) "The Lord Jehovah" is the good shepherd. Who, then, is Jesus? Evidently He is "the Lord Jehovah." Here He appears as the "shepherd" of Israel, but He also has "other sheep" than Israel (John 10: 16).

The last prayer in the Bible is Rev.

RARE GULL ON EXHIBITION

Now on exhibition at the Quebec Zoological Garden, near Quebec City, is a specimen of the Ivory Gull, one of the most beautiful and rarest of the gulls. Ivory Gulls are inhabitants of the far north and because they are so exclusively Arctic, white men seldom see them.

Last winter, however, a number of Ivory Gulls appeared along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, attracted by the operations of seal-hunters. Specimens were obtained for the National Museum of Canada, and one beautiful adult was captured alive and shipped by airplane and railway to the Quebec Zoological Garden, where it is now attracting widespread interest.

This living specimen, possibly the only one of its kind in captivity in North America, appears in its new home, and eats heartily of fish and raw meat but, unlike the other gulls of the Zoo, it has so far been silent.

The plumage of the adult Ivory Gull is of a striking snowy whiteness without spot or mark of color. Its legs and feet are black and its beak is chiefly dark, but with a bright orange tip that inevitably attracts the eye of the beholder because it is the only color anywhere in this Arctic bird's ensemble. Ivory Gulls frequent the most northerly parts of the world, nesting on Melville Island, northern Greenland, and Spitzbergen. When autumn comes, the ice and snow forces them to leave their breeding-grounds, but they usually go no farther south than they are forced to do, spending the winter along the southern edge of the pack ice. It springs they move northward as rapidly as the opening of the northern seas permits.

GETTING NEWS OUT

An American pressman arranged with his monthly paper to send his reports from Germany in blue ink if true, and red ink if false. The first, written in blue ink, ran as follows:

"No grumbling; unity everywhere; conviction of victory. Food is plentiful; so are raw materials; red ink is the only commodity unobtainable."

22: 20 and it may well be our prayer also, and it would be Israel's prayer, too, if "blindness in part" had not "happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11: 25), but when "the fullness of the Gentiles is come in," then Israel will see and will clearly "behold" Jehovah Jesus as their "God" (v. 9), and so "all Israel (then living on the earth) shall be saved" (Rom. 11: 26). In that day the Lord Jesus "shall come out of Zion the deliverer" and "he shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11: 26; cf. Isa. 59: 20, 21).

LAKE SAILORS' WAGES

In behalf of owners of Great Lakes vessels, Travers Sweetman, K.C., pointed out Saturday that with the new wages now in effect, the pay in 1940 will be 56 per cent. greater for deck hands and watchmen than in 1936.

"It may be stated frankly that the reason for the rapid advance since 1936," Mr. Sweetman added, "is that conditions have been getting better in the Great

Lakes shipping trade. While it can be contended that the rates of pay in 1936 and in the years immediately preceding were low, it also is a fact that the shipping companies operated at heavy losses in those years. Some owners kept their vessels in operation mainly to provide employment."

The statement added that the increases for ratings other than the 56 per cent. applying to deckhands and watchmen are 48 per cent. for wheel-

men and others, 31 per cent. for first cooks, 32 per cent. for firemen and 61 per cent. for second cooks.

The lowest pay this year is \$65 per month for second cooks. Board, valued at not less than \$30 per month, is in addition to the monthly cash pay. The advertised rates are \$62.50 for deckhands, \$70 for watchmen, \$85 for wheelmen, \$80 for firemen, \$85 for others, \$117.50 for first cooks, and \$65 for second cooks.

Seaside Holiday Has Charm and Appeal

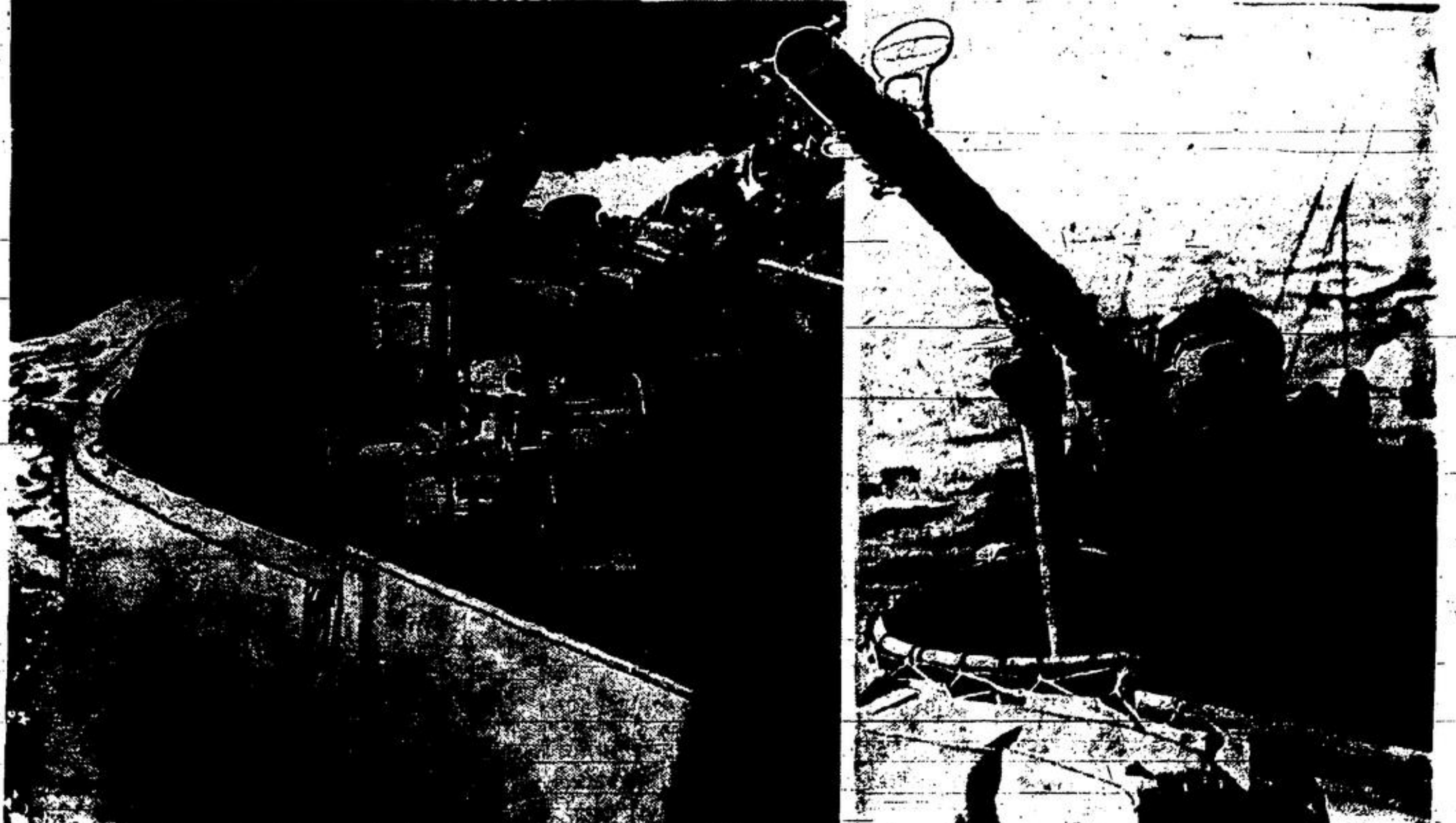


ONE of the few remaining frontiers of unspoiled vacationland is to be found in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where splendidly appointed resorts dot the peaceful inland countryside and the sandy inlets and rocky-bound promontories on the coastline. The Maritimes, naturally air-conditioned by cooling salt-laden sea breezes, are ideal for every type of holiday, and are rich in historic interest, and in truly beautiful and restful scenery. From Saint John, the Princess Helene takes visitors across the Bay of Fundy to Digby, picturesque gate to Nova Scotia, the most popular way across the province is the "Evangeline Route"

of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. New Brunswick's most popular resort is St. Andrews-by-the-Sea overlooking blue Passamaquoddy Bay. The Algonquin Hotel there is the scene of summer fun and sports activities each year for thousands from Eastern Canada, the United States and England. Two splendid golf courses, Katy's Cove, where the sheltered waters of the Bay, and the warm sands combine to make the ideal swimming beach; tennis courts, fishing and hunting in season and interesting country to explore are the outstanding attractions.

In Nova Scotia the historic view with the scenic for attention; energetic sports and the comfortable lethargy of warm weather are found side by side, and neither of them incongruous. Cornwallis Inn at Kentville, centre of the Annapolis Valley, is an ideal spot from which to view the magnificent Apple Blossom Festival early in June or for visits to Grand Pre, home of Evangeline, at any time. Two particularly popular Canadian Pacific resorts right down by the seaside are The Pines at Digby, open from June 28 to September 7, and Lakeside Inn at Yarmouth, open from June 28 to September 6. Photographs show swimming and boating activities, "Evangeline Church" at Grand Pre and The Pines at Digby.

Canada's Navy Keeps Supply Rout to Britain Open



Living up to their tradition of being "the silent service"—the Canadian Navy is grimly pursuing its duties in the Atlantic and Pacific, protecting the ugly, unromantic freighters which carry vital supplies to Britain in an never ending stream, through waters where German submarines in the last war spread havoc among Allied shipping. Submarines and mines are not the only danger

faced by the men of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Navy as they patrol far out in the Atlantic, aircraft is a new danger, of this war and Canada's sailors must ever be on the alert for an attack from the sky. Aboard one of the Canadian destroyers on convoy duty, these gunners are shown as they man their guns and swept the sky with keen eyes for any signs of hostile aircraft.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



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