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### Chatting . . .

with M. H. B.

I FEEL VERY fortunate, this week, to have a guest take over the column. Mrs. Florence Curtis, 36 King St., writes:

"I KEPT A few notes of the highlights of my recent holiday to the west coast and thought perhaps you would be interested in what I thought was quite a nice impression of a strip of our beautiful country . . .

We travelled the CPR route — it takes 3 days and four nights. The first day was spent passing by the picturesque lakes and rocky northern Ontario. Short stops being made at Chapleau, White River and Schreiber. It was dark by the time we arrived at Port Arthur and Fort William but just the same all the bright lights made a pretty sight. Here the time changed to Central Time, an hour earlier.

Between Schreiber and Port Arthur we were travelling along the north shore of Lake Superior and which was a most colourful scene at sunset, dotted with many islands. We went through numerous tunnels, and between high rocks which had been blasted to make the railroad. After another night on the train we reached Winnipeg at 8 a.m. A two hour stop over allowed us to take a look around the town and have breakfast off the train.

THE SCENERY OF our second day was very different from the first, as we were now into the prairie land, but it didn't prove to be as monotonous as expected. The fields of crops were still quite green and it wasn't absolutely flat. Groups of stony trees could be seen most of the time. One thing was very noticeable and that was the terrific distance to the horizon. We passed scattered farms and small towns engaged in grain milling with elevators by the railway. We passed the Five Roses Flour Mills, also we saw several gravel pits.

The new transcontinental highway comes into view in spots most of the way some finished and in other parts still under construction.

THE SCENERY becomes very beautiful at the foothills in Alberta after passing Regina and Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan and Calgary. The train climbs to great heights and down into valleys through many tunnels and ledges which have been blasted out of the high rocks — over trestle bridges, and alongside of rushing streams. These streams were quite a cloudy pale blue caused by the water rushing down the steep slopes of the limestone mountains, tiny particles of which mix in the water and make it that colour.

ON ARRIVAL at Banff we broke our journey for a day and took a tour to see Lake Louise, a very beautiful lake indeed — very deep, in parts 750 ft. It is fed from glaciers, one of which is the Macdonald glacier. Another large glacier feeding the which is very large and is still growing. It is anywhere from 300 to 400 feet in thickness. The Indians named this "the Lake of the Little Fishes" as perch seem to be the largest fish caught here. Another large glacier feeding the lake is the Victoria glacier, named after Queen Victoria. The lake is over 5,000 feet above sea level and is hemmed in with lofty mountain peaks which are over 11,000 ft. in height. The reflection of the snow, sky, clouds and the peaks are all mirrored in the clear water making it a beautiful picture.

On our way to Lake Louise we left the towering slopes of Mount Rundle behind us, and followed the Bow River valley. On our left we saw Pilot Mountain which is 10,000 feet high and a landmark for aviators. We also passed a series of 3 lakes known as the Vermillion Lakes — so called from the reddish sediment which the Stoney Indians used for their war paint and for other colouring uses. The edges of these lakes never freeze, even when the temperature drops to 40 degrees below zero.

We saw a beaver's house in a small inlet — it was dome shaped and made with twigs and mud and mosses and larger branches which appeared to hold it together.

We travelled along the Bow Valley part of the way on the new Trans-Canada highway, parts of which were still under construction. We noticed a group of several large men, and were told that about 75 surveyors, working on the highway, lived in them the year round.

Part of the way we were driving parallel with the CPR and the Bow River — with towering peaks on either side, some of the peaks were even showing above the fleecy white clouds — a very pretty sight. Black and brown bears inhabit these parts and are very tame — even blocking the highway and begging for food. It is against the law to feed them and a \$500.00 fine is the penalty for breaking it. We also saw some mountain sheep, but the goats do not come far down the mountains in the summer as their coats are too warm for them to stand the warm weather.

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### LEGION NOTES

by Leslie Clark

Well, the combination parade for branch and zone is over and it was a resounding success. In fact, the biggest held in the zone in a long time.

Special thanks should go to Mrs. T. F. Grieve, who designed and made the very beautiful floral pieces that were placed in the shape of a cross, in front of the speakers.

Membership drive is starting on the fifteenth. And we might add, one member is away to a head start by bringing in three new members . . . Dennis Wright, Nice going, Denny, me whoy.

Well, the furniture has arrived, well ahead of schedule we might add. So things should be looking up around the branch.

The corn roast is to be held on Sunday. For details see the bulletin board in the club rooms.

Also next Sunday afternoon is the decoration days in Port Credit and in Milton.

And we apologize deeply to the W.A. for our unparadonable mistake in last week's column, where for some unknown reason, we managed to get the dates of the Acton and Georgetown hospital drives mixed up. We are deeply sorry, and owe an especial apology to Mrs. Alex Taylor, who had spoken to us specially about it.

Major Conover and the officers and men of the Lorne Scots are to be congratulated on their very fine show Sunday. In our opinion they really did a wonderful job in very little notice.

Parade marshal Henry Shepherd and sergeant major of the second section of the parade Dave Bowman, did swell jobs handling a difficult parade. Thanks, boys.

Service officer's school in Milton on Monday, Sept. 17th.

Sunday's ceremony had an interesting sidelight in the fact that it was probably the first time the Branch has had the Warden of Halton County numbered among its members. We mean our good friends and reeve, Stan Allen, who marched in the parade and was with the group at the speakers rostrum.

Branch 120 Does It Again . . . Harry Bottoms gave us the following report on the Darts at the Exhibition which we are proud to report, as our own team won the Canadian team championship.

The team consists of Ken De Rose, (captain), Joe Stamp, Earl Hornby, Gord Jamieson, Alex Korzack, Ed McDermott, Rocco Lorusso, Harry Bottoms.

Men's Doubles: Ed McDermott and Harry Bottoms were put out in semi-final; Men's Singles: Ed McDermott got as far as semi final. In one of his games he also got top score of 3 treble 20. Ladies of the W.A. were put out in the first round by last year's winners Ladies Singles: Nellie McDermott got as far as quarter finals. An excellent showing for first time. On the return from Toronto Mr. and Mrs. McDermott gave a party for champs to celebrate their victory.

Gord Jamieson threw the winning dart and Rocco got another trophy without throwing a dart, and the trophies are really nice.

### 4-H Success Story

Of the many 4-H success stories in Canada one of the most outstanding is that of Ralph Barichello, Langley Prairie, British Columbia.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barichello who came to Canada from northern Ontario in 1910. With his first Jersey calf, Ralph became a member of the Murrayville Calf Club in 1937 and from this small beginning he has progressed until today, at the age of 32, he is recognized as one of Canada's leading breeders of Jersey cattle.

In 1942 Ralph attended National 4-H Club Week in Toronto as a member of his province's dairy team and last January he was awarded the Constructive Breeder Award by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. Requirements for this award are high, in fact, at the time, only 17 breeders have qualified for this coveted distinction.

The Barichello family is prominently known throughout British Columbia. Ralph is still a firm believer in the value of 4-H work and since 1944 he has been the leader of the Langley 4-H club, under which all projects in the district operate jointly. Mrs. Barichello is also a staunch supporter of Jerseys and 4-H, and they now have four prospective 4-H members. In addition, Ralph's sister, Kathleen, was a member of last year's 4-H delegation from British Columbia to National 4-H Club week.

story of Mrs. Curtis' trip to the coast. Next week we will conclude it in "Chatting."

### Burlington Publisher Life Member CWNA

Eighty year old former editor and publisher of the Burlington (Ont.) Gazette, Egan A. Harris, and Adam L. Sellar, president and editor of the Huntington (Que.) "Gleaner" were made life members of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association at its annual meeting at Murray Bay, Quebec.

Former mayor of Burlington, Mr. Harris is well-known in Canadian newspaper circles. He joined the Canadian Press Association in 1902 and is one of the 11 living foundation members of the CWNA. He has served as a director of both organizations.

During his turbulent newspaper career he was served with six libel suits, although none reached court proceedings.

Active in public affairs he was elected reeve of Burlington from 1921-23, warden of Halton County in 1922 and became mayor in 1923. In earlier days Mr. Harris fought through the editorial columns for establishment of secondary education and various public works for his community.

Editor Adam L. Sellar was born in Huntington, Quebec, where he has published "The Gleaner" since 1922.

The well-known Canadian newspaperman and publisher is past president of CWNA. He established La Gazette, Valleyfield-Beauharnois in 1936 and became owner and publisher of Canada-West Indies magazine in 1951.

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### New Pumpkin Contest Acton Fair Highlight

A gala parade through Acton will start Acton Fall Fair on its second day, Saturday, September 15. This is followed by an afternoon program highlighting the official opening by W. D. Black, agricultural representative of Wellington County, livestock exhibit, midway, rides, contests, road races, stock parade and hall exhibits. The fair culminates with a dance in Acton town hall Saturday evening.

Friday evening September 14th, sees a sparkling variety show in the arena, highlighting the popular Nickings of Hamilton.

Acton Citizens' Band will be playing both days of this popular district fair which attracts crowds from a wide radius.

Unique feature this year will be the naming of the Central Canada Junior Pumpkin Grower. Pumpkins are expected from all parts of Ontario. Over 90 are entered.

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