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Across the Ocean.
MISS E. E. GREEN'S LETTER.

Having read, heard and seen so much lately in reference to Queen Victoria, I feel I cannot do better than describe a visit to Kensington Palace, the birth-place of our beloved sovereign.
The original mansion was purchased by King William III. in 1691, and in the following year a fire nearly destroyed the house and the King narrowly escaped being burned in his bed. It may be well to note in passing that this historical abode was formerly called Nottingham House, of which the north wing is part. The King held councils here, while Queen Mary spent much of her time in decorating the building, and over the mantel shelf and in the cornices may be seen engraved in wood the initials W. and M. Queen Anne had the banquetting House fitted up, which place is now known as the Orangery.
Kensington Palace! What a dignified name, and yet how unassuming in detail and character. As we crossed the threshold we felt we were almost on hallowed ground, for a sign-post directed us to the Queen's staircase. I shall not bother you with dimensions as to the height of the walls which confronted us. Suffice it to say they are very high, and the plaster is covered with panelled wood, presumably oak, from floor to ceiling. The width of the hall and the stairs is wide enough to allow at least ten people to walk abreast, so you may imagine how the little princess tripped those ancient steps as she came to or went from her royal home. The walls in the several rooms are adorned with the most beautiful pictures, including the coronation, marriage of the Queen and Prince Albert, marriage of Prince of Wales, christening of Prince of Wales, Queen's first council, studies from art and nature, and many other interesting pictures too numerous to write about from a passing glance.
The cube room contains the font used at the christening of the Queen. It is of solid silver, handsomely relieved by touches of gold and standing on a substantial pedestal. It reminds sight-seers of the sacred act which gave Victoria her name years ago and now supplemented by the title "Good," and when in future ages the children of the present generation call for the best Queen England had, it shall be in death as life, "Victoria the Good."

Wandering from room to room open to visitors (for let me remind you that only portions of the palace are for public inspection), we came across that one the very thought of which touched the deepest depths of our hearts, and our loyal Canadian affection lingered in the sanctum sanctorum of the late Queen. We were informed that this was the room in which the Princess was born, where she received her commission to enter upon that long and glorious reign, despite the disparity of her age when the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Conyngham announced to her the death of the King. Duty was ever the first principle of this noble woman and what mattered the sleep into which she had soundly fallen, when the issues of a great empire and the world were at stake, and as we gazed at the door and stairway leading to the inner room where the Lord Chamberlain met her to announce the news, we pictured the Princess in her snowy white costume raising her voice to God who was the Guide and Protector of her life and court.
The delicacy of the pale blue tinted paper upon the walls helped to throw a pleasant shade upon the toy dolls' house left in this room by Her Majesty's instructions. Here stands the little couch, the dolls, her odds and ends of sewing, tiny tin plates for making pies, shop-keeping articles on a small scale, and last but not least the toy soldier, who, as a real man, figured largely in the making of the vastest empire the world has known. The chairs remain the same, the polished floor, the pictures, all stand in position to tell the story of this wonderful child. Suddenly we approached the windows, and shall I say that thousands would blush to peer through such small panes of glass, and yet they were equal to the simplicity of the Queen's childhood's home, and I wondered how often she had looked through them, and away over the tops of the trees had seen Kensington Gardens, or fancied she saw Hyde Park just beyond the gate, called "Queen's Gate," or straining her eyes to the left side of the window she saw the pond and wished to be out there feeding the ducks or paddling like children on a sandy beach. We passed shortly into a large hall, at the further end of which lies the council chamber, where the Queen held her first council, but before doing so we take a loving glance at the room which in so short a time has become to us the very embodiment of all that is pure and noble, virtuous and praiseworthy, depicted in the sunny days of the child Victoria, or the deeper hours of young womanhood, gradually growing older

into years, denoting the true worth of the wife, mother, ruler and Queen, who affectionately held the ship of state in its proper position, thus affording us freedom as British subjects.
Leaving Rotten Row, that favorite rendezvous of famous horse-riders, we will make our way to Brompton, desiring to see the Oratory. The building is remarkable for its size and the grandeur of its decorations and figures pertaining to the Roman Catholic religion, the most conspicuous altar being that devoted to the late wife of the Duke of Norfolk, who has given largely to the people of his choice and been their leader on pilgrimages to Rome. Like other churches of whatever denomination they may be, in which we found ourselves in the great metropolis, we felt each called forth our admiration from points ecclesiastical or architectural, the body and soul being blessed meanwhile through the wonderful work of man.
Wale, near Manchester,
March 17, 1901.

Edgely
I think our town should go back to its former name, that of Mudville, for the present.
Many changes have taken place during the last fortnight; quite a number of farms and houses having changed hands, and our town has increased thereby.
Farmers have had quite an effort to get their supply of hired help for the coming summer, and have been offering fairly good wages, but I think all have been able to get what help they wanted and are now patiently waiting for seeding time. Wheat prospects are good so far, so farmers are wearing pleasant faces.
Some of the people of our town, especially the ladies, are wearing very serious faces in anticipation of the information they are to give the census enumerator.
We have the pleasure of welcoming to our town many old friends who are spending their Easter holidays at the place of their birth. Among them are Mr. L. A. Whitmore of Chicago, who is visiting his home; Mr. John Moynihan was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Scrivener, over Easter; Mrs. A. Smith and Master Everton Smith of Toronto, are renewing acquaintances here during Easter.

What we would like to know:
When our citizens are going to raise up in rebellion at the condition of the sidewalks?
When the next bargain week commences with our merchant?
When the offensive smell around our cider mill will be removed?
When the next dear hunting season opens? Some of our young are very anxious to know.
We regret to record the death of an old resident of this place in the person of Mrs. Simon Shunk, at the ripe old age of 83 years.

King Township Council
Council met at Laskay on March 30. The following bills were paid:
Chas. Norman, gravel \$ 10 00
J. Billings, salary 29 00
East Gwillimbury, half cost of drain 19 00
B. Williams, stone 10 00
R. McDonald, stone 10 00
W. Bovair, stone 10 00
J. Gillespie, stone 10 00
W. Andrews, work in pit 9 00
J. Crook, work in pit 5 20
W. Evans, work on Yonge St. 5 00
J. T. Scott, grant 6th con 20 80
H. Breedon, grant 10th con 100 00
H. Pringle, bonus for killing dogs 8 00
H. O'Brien, sheep claim 4 83
T. Bone, keep of indigent 12 00
Messrs. Burns, Crossley and Gallagher were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of opening the 8th con. and south townline so as to allow Mr. Readman to reach his farm.
John Crook and Neil McDonald, roadmasters at the north end respectively of 6th and 8th cons., were instructed to post notices at each end of Marsh Road warning the public that such road was unsafe for travel.
Council adjourned to meet at Kettleby on Monday, April 15.
C. PATTERSON, S. LEMON,
Clerk, Reeve.

Carrville.
The population of the village has been somewhat thinned out during the past two weeks, several having left to take situations elsewhere.
Misses Louie and Bessie Mellish are spending several days with their sister, Mrs. Jas. A. Pearson, Thornhill.
We regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Geo. Williamson, and hope he may soon be about again.
Mr. F. Scott and Miss A. Mowat of Toronto, spent Good Friday at Mr. Jas. Baker's.
Mrs. Jos. Grainger, who has been ill, is almost well again.

Miss Alice Little has so far recovered that she can sit up now, though still very weak.
Miss Margaret Wood and Miss Violet Pleasance were the guests of Miss J. Bowen over Sunday.
Mr. Coombs of Maple, spent Wednesday with his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Baker, Moorwood Farm.
Miss Gertrude Appleton of Richmond Hill, spent Easter Sunday at home.
We are glad to learn that Mr. Wm. Patterson is out again after a severe illness.

Sherwood
There has been several changes of residence here lately. Mr. J. Campbell of Maple, has moved on his father's farm. Mr. V. Ash has gone on Mr. Wm. Shunk's farm. Mr. Shunk's family have taken up their abode in their new house on the farm. Miller Bros. have moved across the 4th into Mr. E. Lines' house.
Mr. Quantz, who has been ill with la grippe, has recovered.
The Emporium is being stocked with new goods.
Mr. Thos. Rupert and Miss Bertie Rupert spent Easter vacation with friends in Brantford.
Miss Lilly Reaman of Carrville, is clerking and keeping house for Mr. Quantz.
Mrs. A. Fry visited her parents in Toronto this week.
Miss L. Haffenbrack has gone to live with her aunt, Mrs. S. Oster.
Miss A. Hadwin is visiting her brother, Mr. J. Hadwin.
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lutheran Church met at the home of Mrs. Henry Keffer last week. A pleasant time is reported.

Victoria Square
The semi-monthly shoot of the Victoria Square Rifle Club was held on the afternoon of Saturday, April 6th, with scores as follows:
R. Agar 82
G. Forester, jr. 77
A. Quantz 76
C. P. Reid 76
T. Reid 75
W. R. Cappell 75



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