

## Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

The Advance suggested in 1925 that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade could be considered as of full age, at least as far as the number of boards in the association was concerned, there being twenty-one boards then in the association. These were: Ansonville, Charlton, Cobalt, Cochrane, Elk Lake, Englehart, Halleybury, Hearst, Iroquois Falls, Jagers, Kapuskasing, Kirkland Lake, Swastika, Matheson, Mattice, New Liskeard, North Bay, Schumacher, Smooth Rock Falls, South Porcupine and Timmins.

The Advance twenty years ago had the following paragraph: "Miss Rhoda MacLeod, a popular bride-to-be, was the guest of honour at a delightful miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. F. N. Whaley, 162 Elm street south, on Thursday, June 18th. The guests spent the evening making amusing scrapbooks depicting the future, and these were autographed and presented to the bride-elect as souvenirs of the occasion."

Twenty years ago The Advance had the following note: "Weather for the month—Rain."

A pleasant social evening was enjoyed by a group of friends twenty years ago at the home of Mrs. J. R. Todd, Schumacher, though there was regret that the gathering was due to the expected loss of two good citizens of Schumacher. The gathering was in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Johnson, who were leaving Schumacher. They were a very popular couple whose active interest in the church was much valued. Mr. Johnson had also taken a leading part in educational affairs.

While returning home one June morning twenty years ago after an honest and arduous night's duty, Constable W. W. Orr was insulted as well as injured when he was bitten by a stray dog. Not only was the dog at large when that was against the by-law, but it was a police dog. Constable Orr was laid up a couple of days with the injury.

On June 23rd, 1925, the Timmins Horticultural Society concluded its formal organization at a meeting in the town hall. Officers elected were: Honorary president, John Knox; honorary vice-president, C. W. Dowsett; president, H. Hatton; secretary-treasurer, A. R. Harkness; finance committee, Mr. Overton and G. A. Macdonald. It was decided to hold a show in Timmins on Labour Day. Membership fee was set at \$1.00.

A thirty-foot extension to the north end of the Timmins Presbyterian church was started in June, 1925. The contract was awarded to W. H. Sever. The extension was necessary to accommodate the constantly growing congregation.

After some discussion as to the rights of softballers to use the ball park here, the question was settled in 1925 by the Timmins Amateur Athletic Association accepting the softball league as a member of the association.

There were three accidents recorded twenty years ago by the South Porcupine and Dome correspondent of The Advance. One child, son of John Doran, was badly bitten on the face when a husky dog snapped at a piece of cake the little lad was putting in his mouth. Ronald Vary's son fell off the sofa in the living room and broke his collar bone. Harold Mishaelson stepped on a broken bottle while bathing at Goldendy and cut his foot so badly that he had to go on crutches for some time.

The town council twenty years ago had its problems. One of these was the matter of the street level on Cedar street north between Fourth and Fifth

avenues. Householders there claimed that a previous town engineer had given them wrong levels for their buildings and when the sidewalk was put in and the road graded their buildings were too low. They asked council to pay for the necessary changes. Council felt that it could not do this, though it did seem that the engineer must have made a mistake. Another problem was the question of the high cost of installing water and sewer connections on Elm street north. Unlike Cobalt and Kirkland Lake and other mining towns, Timmins had an ideal site for a town. This part of Elm street was the only part of the original townsite where there was costly excavation necessary for water and sewer installation or other necessary town work. When council mentioned the rock when a delegation asked for services on Elm street, Mr. James Kent exclaimed: "Rock. Rock. Why, if it wasn't for the rock in this country we wouldn't be here." The council twenty years ago even had relief problems. Councillor John Morrison, who was chairman of the "Contingencies" committee, found that the "charity" calls, as they were then named, were so numerous that he found it impossible to investigate them all. It was decided to have the Salvation Army captain and the clergymen of the various churches to assist in the work.

In June, 1925, the Timmins Kiwanis Club and the Golden Chapter I.O.O.F. had a joint meeting with a debate between the two societies. The ladies held that co-operation was the prime necessity for the progress of the world while the men took the side that competition was the essence of advancement. Mrs. I. K. Pierce and Miss Cops for the I.O.O.F. won from V. Woodbury and Arch. Gillies for the Kiwanis. Rev. R. S. Cushing, M. B. Scott and Mrs. Delahunt were the judges. In addition to a lunch there was a programme which included solos by Mrs. M. B. Scott and E. Fortin and an elocutionary number by Mrs. E. Loney.

There were special anniversary services at the Timmins Salvation Army twenty years ago, with several distinguished Salvationists visiting here. Lieut.-Col. Adby, who was one of the first members of the original group organized by General Booth, was a visitor to Timmins. Although in Salvation Army work for 42 years, The Advance commented that his voice was still rich and true, while his concertina playing was a delight. Commissioner Chas. Sowton of the Canada East Division, was another visitor here. He expressed the greatest satisfaction and pleasure at the work being done here by Capt. and Mrs. Cornthwaite, then stationed in Timmins. Col. G. Miller and the Headquarters Staff Quartette also visited Timmins twenty years ago. There was a "Festival of Praise" at the Empire theatre, with over three hundred present. G. A. Macdonald presided at this meeting. At another largely attended service Rev. J. D. Parks presided, making effective reference to the good work done by the Salvation Army not only in the North but in the world at large.

There was a pleasing surprise party twenty years ago when a large number of friends dropped in on Wm. McCoy, one of the old-timers of the camp, to mark the occasion of his birthday. It was a happy evening with all the old-timers swapping reminiscences of the good old early days.

The following is from The Advance of twenty years ago: "On Friday, June 12th, 1925, the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. MacDonald, New Liskeard, was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their elder daughter, Doris, became the bride of John Robert Walker, Timmins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walker, of Cartier Street, Ottawa. Rev. W. M. Whitley, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, New Liskeard, officiated at the ceremony. In the presence of relatives of the contracting parties. . . Immediately after the ceremony, about one hundred of the friends of the bride and groom were received at the home of the bride's parents, after which the young couple left for Ottawa and Montreal on a honeymoon."

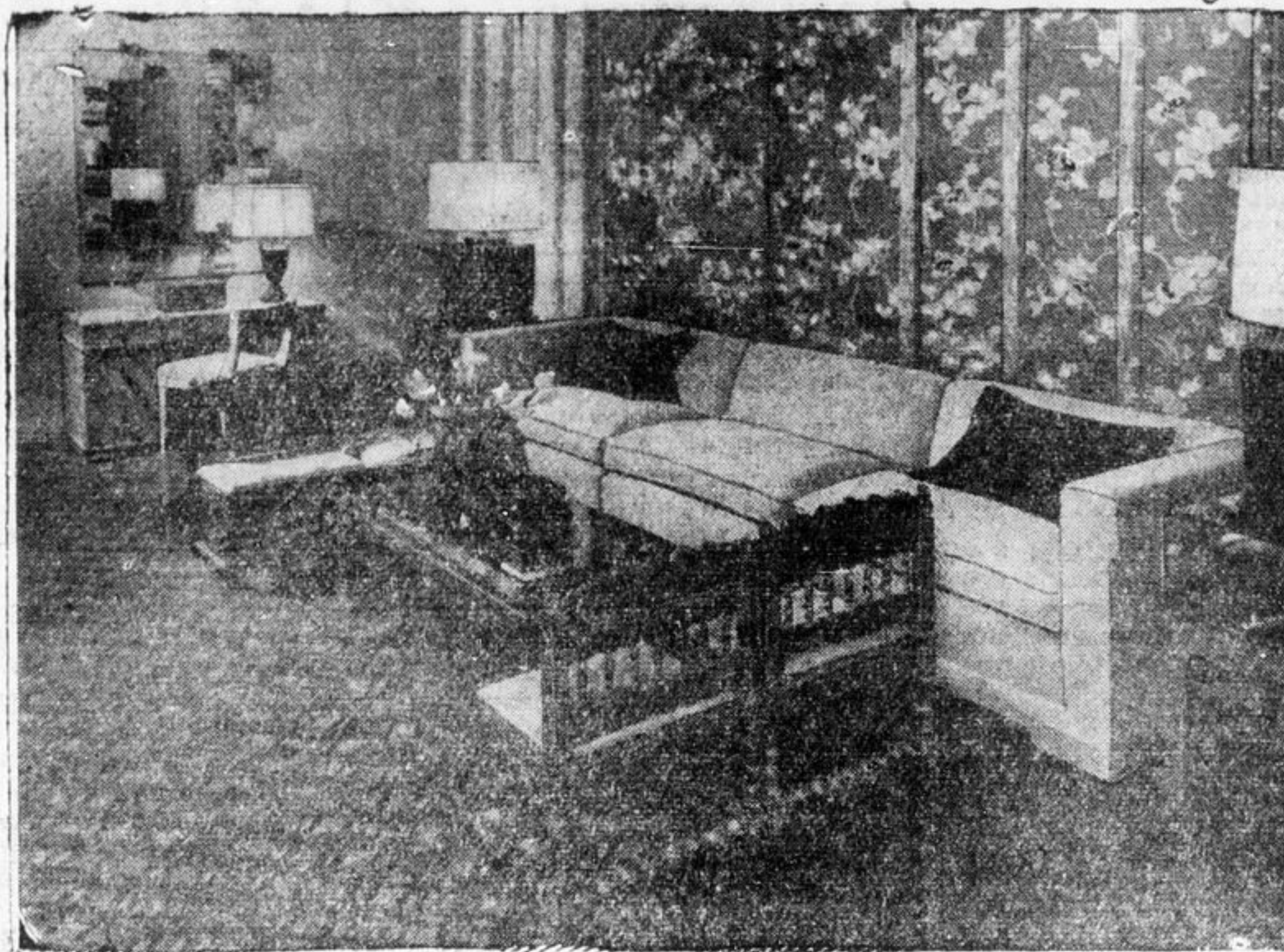
Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following: "Mrs. W. G. Smith left on Sunday for a holiday visit to Aurora and other points south." "Master Harry Martin, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Martin, of South



## PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

FLOOR GLAMOUR PRESENT AND FUTURE  
The Rug and Linoleum Shortage Inspires Strand and Wonderful Floor Treatments



A many winged screen covered in bright deep pink is the focal point in this smart new room. The long, sectional sofa in front of the screen is covered in off white damask. The chairs are of an

East Indian carved design that have been bleached and pickled, and the floor is covered in a parquet design made of gold and silver tea box paper protected with shellac.

(By Elizabeth MacRea Boykin)

The floor show for spring makes up in glamor what it lacks in reality. For one of the most serious shortages in the home furnishing field is the scarcity of rugs and linoleums. Not that you can't buy both—you can—but you must shop for what you can find rather than for what you had in mind! And if what you find won't do, you'll have to make do.

There are some very spectacular capers in floors featured in the current exhibitions of new rooms. As in dress fashions, this paradoxically a season for fancy and fantasy—just when you'd expect and everybody had predicted that we'd be practically puritanical by now! Maybe it's good for morale, war nerves and such like—we are merely the reporter, so we aren't passing judgment.

### Papered Floors

The last word is the papered floor—and in this category you can choose flowers, or a parquet effect achieved with gold and silver tea box paper.

Honest—we've seen both types in action during the past weeks. For durability coats and coats of shellac are said to provide a reasonably durable surface. (Use real shellac if you can get it—otherwise there are synthetics on the market). Needless to say, this is an idea for sophisticates who don't have rowdy-dow little boys tramping through.

If you have a good hardwood floor, to keep it bare and waxed to a glittering looks smarter right now than ing radiance. And incidentally there is

Porcupine, left last week for a summer holiday in England, with his grandparents in Devonshire. Quite a few of his friends were at the station to see him off. "Mr. and Mrs. P. C. H. Simms are visiting in Toronto and other southern centres." "Mac Lang, M.P.P. for this riding, was a visitor here last week." "Born—in Timmins on June 19th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore—a son." "Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rinn are on a month's holiday visit to the south."

no shortage of wax, for all it is at war almost every front, as a protective covering for everything from guns to apples!

The most popular surface for hardwood floors is shellac but the real thing (made of a resin that comes from India) is hard come by these days. If it's unavailable, use the synthetic shellac mentioned above. Or time-honored varnish is a good finish too.

### Painted Floors

Painted floors for casual rooms aren't new, but for formal rooms they look different, new and stimulating. A current exhibition has a stunning big entrance hall with plywood floors painted in broad stripes with different shades of grey. Very smart and very easy to repair as spot show wear.

Pickled floors are challenging too—they're achieved by giving the raw wood a thin coat of white paint, then wiping it off and covering with shellac or varnish. Flowers and plaids are painted on contemporary floor too.

In planning painted floors, keep in mind the fact that the idea isn't recommended for beautiful hardwood floors—they're nicer in natural wood finish. Paint floors that aren't so much at best—then you stand a good chance of turning an ugly duckling into a swan.

As for the future of floors, we're wondering whether the new trend toward the use of tile and various ceramic surfaces for floors, combined with the predicted heating of floors by pipes under the surface, may not mean a revival of the beautiful decorated tile floors of Europe and China. The drawback to them in the past was that they were cold. With plans afoot to heat our homes by warming floors and walls, that objection to tile will be eliminated. Incidentally it's an idea the Chinese have been on to for many centuries—they built huge konges or platforms of concrete or tile which are used for sitting, sleeping, serving tea or whatever because they were the warm spots in the winter—underneath a fire would be kept burning, often stoked from an outside opening.

But the real future in floors is probably in plastic coatings that will make any surface practical and as washable as a china dish. Look for glass floors in the future too, not to mention effects in wood you never dreamed of before.

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## South End Honours Rev. J. C. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson

South Porcupine, June 27, Special to The Advance.

On Tuesday evening in the United Church a very special meeting was called as a farewell expression of esteem and goodwill to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson who are leaving at the end of the month for Toronto.

It was a regular meeting of the W. A. of the Church but it was made a special occasion. It also was the fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. F. H. Hall, President of the W. A., gave an opening address and a devotional period was led by Mrs. J. Armstrong.

Following this a presentation was made to Margaret McGregor, our Scottish evacuee, who is leaving soon to return to her native country. A lovely overnight dressing case was presented from the Church and Margaret made a very pleasing reply of thanks in which she expressed her love of Canada and its people and a desire to return later. (She is a niece of Mrs. David Houston of town and Mr. J. P. Douglas, of Dome Extension).

Mr. J. Andrews then presented Rev. Thompson with a purse from the congregation and gave an address telling of the good wishes of all for his future success and their appreciation of his work with us while in S. Porcupine. Mrs. A. E. Stanlake gave two songs "In the Garden of Tomorrow," and as encore "Bless This House". Miss Mary Houston, speaking for the

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Senior Choir, made a presentation to Mrs. Thompson of Spode China, expressing their thanks for her work with them.

The Senior Young People, with Miss Ruth Pritchard acting, then, gave her a gift of Spode China from this body, with good wishes for her future.

A very lovely address was given with the presentation.

A community sing song, led by Mrs. Thompson, followed, and Rev. Thompson then gave an excellent address of farewell, thanking all for their kindness.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was the concluding hymn.

## Order of the Moose to Convene at Kirkland Lake

Kirkland Lake, June 27—Kirkland Lake will be the scene of the Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec Loyal Order of Moose convention and will bring to "The Hub of the North," it is anticipated, more than 250 delegates.

Delegates will come from Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Iroquois Falls, Halleybury, New Liskeard, Cobalt, Kirkland Lake, Timmins, Ansonville, Kapuskasing, Rouyn, Noranda, Val d'Or, and many other points.

The convention will be held on June 30, July 1 and July 2 and headquarters will be at the Curling Club and the local Loyal Order of Moose Hall. Already reservations for the convention are being placed at local hotels.

Outstanding Moose officials will attend the convention among them being Mr. W. Leinweber, Superintendent of Mooseheart Home, Illinois, where dependent children of Moose members can be educated and cared for up until they graduate at the age of 18. Norman G. Heyd, K.C., Toronto, a member of the board of Directors for Moose Haven, Florida, a refuge for aged members of the order, and Thomas Allen, Slave, Pennsylvania, also a member of the Moose Haven Board, will be speakers. Other speakers will include Mr. William Godfrey, Chatham, the District Deputy Supreme Lodge Auditor; Mrs. Margaret McGee, Toronto, an outstanding member of the Women of the Moose.

As Governor of the host lodge Henry Jones will welcome the visitors to Kirkland Lake.

On Saturday, June 30, the convention will open with an evening entertainment and there will also be business sessions. During the convention there will be ritualistic competitions for the William Ramsay and the Norman Heyd trophies, and on the Sunday the members will attend church parade to their respective churches. Sunday night there will be a banquet at the Curling Club and Monday, following further business sessions, will see the end of the convention.

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## Winners in Second Round of Robinson and Fogg Event

Fifteen members of the ladies' section of the Timmins Golf Club took part in Friday's competition on June 22nd.

Mrs. Karl Eyre was winner of the first flight and Mrs. I. T. Brill won the second flight. After the game the players and other members of the club gathered in the club house where tea was served.

The third round of the Robinson and Fogg trophies will be played on Friday, June 29th.

### LEARNING FAST

During the history lesson the teacher pointed out to the class that a surname often indicated the trade of the ancestors of those who bore the name. He gave the obviously simple examples of Smith, Taylor and Baker.

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CANADA THEIR NEW HOME: W. Garfield Weston, Canadian-born member of the British House of Commons, who has given up politics to devote all his time to his extensive biscuit and pulp and paper interests in Canada, was enroute to his new home in Vancouver with his wife and five of their nine children on the Canadian Pacific

Railway's transcontinental Dominion when this picture was taken. The two older Weston girls went on to Toronto, their father's home, to visit after the family arrived in Montreal by freighter. Still in England are the two older boys, one serving on a Canadian Navy corvette and the other at Oxford waiting his call.

—Photo by T. V. Little.

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