

SERIOUSLY ILL IN DETROIT

Mr. W. C. McLachlan left yesterday morning for Detroit, whither his mother, Mrs. G. McLachlan, went on Wednesday of last week to see her daughter, Miss Vida, who was seriously ill in that city.

LIFE'S FORMULA

Love a little, spurn a little, give a little, earn a little, laugh a little, cry a little, chaff a little, sigh a little, work a little, play a little, shrink a little, pray a little.

SOME REMARKABLE HISTORY ABOUT THE CANARY INDUSTRY

Secret Was Discovered by Spanish Monks a Few Hundred Years Ago. Million Canaries a Year are Sold Because Owners Haven't Learned How to Care for Them.

There are a million canaries sold in the United States every year, and you aren't a bit more surprised to hear it than we were, writes Mann Hutton in The New York Evening Post.

Mr. Sabrowski is general organizer of the United Canary Breeders of America who held their annual exhibition at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, with some 1,200 birds, in collections of four, trying to sing each other down for the grand prize.

The birds were too domesticated to fly far. Neighboring peasants gathered them in and raised canaries of their own. It became a business. It spread to other countries. The businesslike Germans put it on an excellent footing, particularly in the Harz Mountains where basket workers, doing their work in their own homes, had time to raise canaries as a side line.

The average canary listener probably doesn't realize that these yellow songsters (only the males sing) go through a course of training that is in more ways than one similar to that pursued by the tenors and baritones who haunt the concert stages and the opera houses.

"First of all," says Mr. Sabrowski, "they are given a chance to develop properly. They are placed in a large cage where they get plenty of exercise. For it is important that the birds be healthy and robust, just as the same is important for the human singer.

"Then in mid-October, they are placed in small cages. The room is darkened, except for certain times during the day. This is done to keep them from giving all their time to play. They are left for a week to become accustomed to their new cages, to try their perches and to locate their food.

"After that the singing teachers are introduced to them. These are older birds, all of which have been thoroughly developed as singers. Their small cages are placed alongside those of the pupils. They are in the dark most of the time. The young birds lose their interest in play. The older ones sing. The young ones follow, and soon they develop so that they are able to sing themselves. Some surpass their teachers. Others fall by the wayside, for, as with human beings, some have not the temperament of singers.

"There is another step in the training, if the birds are to be placed on exhibition. They are selected and taken into rooms frequented by people. Here they recover from the shyness which their sheltered lives have produced. They learn to sing with people around, so that they will not be frightened at an exhibition."

There are many notes in the song of the canary. The birds are often designated by their style of singing. The choppers sing staccato notes, such as wild birds use. The rollers, however, produce trilling musical sounds. Even these are classified, however. They are the hollow roll, the knorror notes, the hollow bell, the bell roll, the water roll, the chuckle notes and flute notes.

Cross-Canada Happenings As Told By Wire

News From Halifax to Vancouver Boiled Down and Tersely Told

Indications are that the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly would finish its work within three weeks and Parliament would be prorogued before the end of the month.

Plans for the campaign to raise half a million dollars for the University of King's College, Halifax, have been made public by president A. H. Moore. The appeal will be carried on in the three Maritime Provinces.

Two more cases of what doctors fear is rabies have been brought to the notice of authorities by police of Montreal North. A 15-year-old boy and a young woman bitten Thursday are suspected to have contracted the disease. The dog which bit these people, although at large for some time after inflicting the wounds, was subsequently captured and shot. The head of the dead animal will be sent to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa for examination.

Missing documents in connection with the charges against P. A. "Baldy" Robb, Ray H. Winter, and John H. Riggs, in connection with the Peace River election, which disappeared from a court clerk's room in the hotel at Edmonton some hours before the opening of court on Friday, were found by school children and restored to crown officers, but after the cases had been adjourned. While court officials who had journeyed to Edmonton for the trial were breakfasting in an hotel, the documents disappeared. Several witnesses were heard before Magistrate E. Wilkins adjourned the hearings for continuance at Edmonton on Monday, March 15.

Joseph Maughan, teacher of English at Mount Royal College, Calgary, died very suddenly Thursday morning. He was a native of Owen Sound, Ont., and a graduate of Toronto and Manitoba Universities.

A wireless message from the steamer Volendam received at Halifax, stated that the schooner General Smut had been abandoned and set adrift in latitude 44.05 north, longitude 38.27 west. The message gave no further information. It was received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries via Cape Race.

A seal that had traveled far from its native haunts met death at the hands of a farmer boy near his yard at Kennelcook, near Windsor, N.S. The animal was 54 inches long and 49 inches in girth. It had ascended the river from the mills beyond the tidewater and then went up a brook four miles before taking to the island.

Hon. L. A. Taschereau, in his capacity of Attorney-General of the Province of Quebec, presented to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council a Ministerial decree appointing the members of the commission which is to conduct an investigation into work done in certain factories of the Province on Sundays.

Hugh Armstrong, 68, pioneer resident of Manitoba, and former Provincial Treasurer in the Roblin Government, is dead at Winnipeg after a protracted illness. Mr. Armstrong represented Portage La Prairie in the Provincial Legislature for 20 years. He retired from politics in 1915. Previous to going to Manitoba 40 years ago, Mr. Armstrong lived in Carleton Place, Ont., and was educated at Richmond, Ontario. He was born in New York City.

Authority to construct a spur railway into the mining district of Northeastern Manitoba is being sought by a group of Winnipeg mining men headed by J. D. McArthur, industrial magnate. Application has already been made to the Manitoba Provincial Government for the right to build the road. The proposed line is to be about 50 miles long, running north from Pine Falls to the Bulldog mining district. If the bill is passed during the present session of the Legislature, work on the road will be started early this spring.

Advices received at Prince Rupert, B. C., state the United States auxiliary vessel Boxer is still hard and fast on Whitecliff Island, where she struck early Saturday morning during a snowstorm.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Montreal, which arrived at Halifax from Liverpool, had among her passengers 43 boys destined for Woodstock, Ont., where they will be trained for farms in Western Ontario.

Prophylactic treatment has been given to ten people in Montreal suspected to be suffering from rabies or hydrophobia by doctors in the Royal Victoria Hospital Rabies Clinic since it opened Saturday morning. City police have already found it necessary to do away with a number of dogs which showed symptoms of rabies.

The snowfall in Montreal to date has exceeded the whole precipitation of 1925, according to figures obtained at the Public Works Department of the City Hall. To date 100 inches have fallen, as against 99 1/2 for the whole winter last year. At the same date 1925, there had been but 84 inches. With three weeks of the month yet to come, March, 1926, is

why, but it is always the case. "Now if you were forced to sit all through the winter right next to a window, the chances are you would die. It is exactly the same with canaries. They get cold, too, and they deserve a comfortable spot if they are to be kept at all—a spot the temperature of which is such that a human being could live in it, not too high nor too low, not too warm and not too cold. Given this, they'll live and live happily, and they'll sing to prove their happiness."

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INSTITUTE "AT HOME" WAS HELD THURSDAY

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Grey. During the past year, they had held 100 meetings with an attendance of 2,500, and over 150 papers and addresses had been given. Blessed always with a good attendance, the local branch had contributed in no small manner to the success of the county organization. Besides papers by the members, there had been addresses delivered by the local doctors, Barrister Middlebro, Dr. J. F. Grant on dental work and care of the teeth, and others. Dr. Smith had expressed himself as favorably impressed with the difference in the women in the sick room, due, no doubt, to the various discussions they had listened to and the practical application of the helps dropped at these discussions.

This year the South Grey Institute was branching out in its work and on top of the other work hitherto looked after, had taken upon itself to adopt one of the Armenian boys now on the farm at Georgetown. This would mean an outlay of \$1,000 in five years, but the speaker had no hesitancy in saying that the members, as in other things, would rise to the occasion in this and go "over the top" in their work of better fitting the child of their adoption to wrest his living from the world. Each branch in South Grey was expected to do a certain share, the smaller branches, of course, not so much as the larger ones. In this instance, Mrs. McEeachern, the Holstein branch was the largest in the district, and closed her address with an appeal for an increased membership for the Durham branch.

Miss Jean Harding again captivated the audience, with one of her clever dances, this time a "Dutch Doll" dance, excellently rendered and well received. She also contributed another dance, the "Sailor's Hornpipe," and showed by her versatility in the two offerings, a training that bespoke careful training and teaching. Her mother, Mrs. J. H. Harding, supplied the piano music for the execution of the movements.

Other numbers on the program were excellent solos by Mrs. Middlebro and Mr. W. Benson, and a duet by Mrs. Stonehouse and Miss Ramage.

The Play

The program over, Mrs. Jones and her company of entertainers showed, in a play entitled "Mrs. Jones Entertains the Women's Institute," just how the Institute should "not" be entertained. The cast was made up of fifteen characters, and the play was funny to the nth degree, but would have to be seen to be understood. It was, of course, a strictly "ladies" meeting, and by the same token, was run on a strictly ladies' idea of parliamentary procedure. If there was anything done correctly, they failed to note it, and if the ladies had, we have no doubt that they would have changed it and made it wrong. It made little difference to the President, Mrs. Jones (Miss D. McEachern), if a motion had a second or not, especially if she favored it, or if the meeting voted against it—it carried anyway, and from first to last was a good burlesque, cleverly executed. The cast included: Mrs. Jones (Miss McEachern), Ellen the "hired girl" (Miss M. Metcalfe), Mrs. Higginson (Miss W. Blyth), Mrs. Thorpe (Miss P. Wolfe), Mrs. Jameson (Miss B. Ritchie), Mrs. (Rev.) Steele (Mrs. P. Lawrence), Mrs. (Dr.) Browning (Mrs. J. S. McIlraith), Mrs. Johnson (Mrs. Giles), Miss Dunwoodane (Miss Annie Smith), Mrs. Rawlinson (Mrs. S. Pust), Mrs. Dearborn Allan (Mrs. J. C. Nichol), Mrs. Hatley (Miss A. Ramage), Miss Spenser (Mrs. Leeson), Miss Gantleer (Mrs. Stonehouse), and Mrs. Lee (Mrs. Moon).

During the play, the members of the company sang "Goin' Thru the Rye" and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." They got through these very well, but when it came time to sing the Institutes Opening Ode, sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, the deaf Mrs. Johnson (Mrs. Giles), who was asked to lead it, misunderstood her director and sang instead the real Auld Lang Syne while the remainder of the "Institute" sang away on the Opening Ode to the same tune.

A burlesque paper on "Women in politics" was read by Miss Spenser (Mrs. Leeson), and though we were not privileged to catch all of its contents, what we did hear convinced us that it possibly was not as "burlesque" as intended by the author. The play, a most popular one, was presented at the Toronto Exhibition last year in a contest, and with great possibilities as a burlesque and comedy number, is a side-splitter when the full fun of the situation is worked out.

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purpose of improving the Egremont and Proton Town Line. The Council granted the sum of \$700 to be expended on the Egremont and Proton Town Line providing the Council of Proton Township grants an equivalent amount, the work to be arranged for at a later date.

FOX LEADING LADY GIVES FIRST AID TO INJURED GIRL

War Experience Enables Lucy Fox to Save Life of Unfortunate Stranger.

Lucy Fox, who plays the heroine so charmingly in the land of make believe, had occasion to play the same role in real life while on location at Lake Tahoe, California, with the Tom Mix company making "Teeth," the William Fox production which is coming to the Veterans' Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

One day when the leading lady was not working, a high school girl, guest at the Tahoe Tavern, wandered too near the edge of a high cliff, lost her balance, fell down the mountainside and was severely cut about the head. No one capable of giving the girl proper care was present, so Lucy volunteered her services. Having been a Red Cross nurse during the war, she knew exactly what to do and how to do it, and was instrumental in saving the young girl's life.

When complimented on her Good Samaritan action, the little actress disclaimed that any credit was due her and simply said, "My experience in the war taught me the necessity of always being provided with a first aid kit, and I am only too glad I had one along and that I could help the poor girl."

Egremont Council

Council met March 8. Members all present. Minutes adopted. Commissioner Calder reported: A. Brown, erecting snow fence \$5.00; E. Shier, winter work \$2.00; P. Mutch, winter work \$4.50; A. Ross, grading, 1925 account \$5.00.

Commissioner Wilson reported: H. McEachern, dragging road and raking stones, 1925 account, \$1.70.

Commissioner Mack reported: P. Black, winter work Egremont and Proton Town Line, \$1.20; R. Moughton, Egremont and Proton Town Line, \$1.20; J. Marshall, winter work \$3.00; R. Morrison, winter work, \$1.20; Cecil Eccles, bonus wire fence \$13.35. Reports adopted.

A deputation consisting of Donald McQueen of Egremont Township, William Stephens and Robert Harris of Proton Township waited upon the Council stressing the need of and soliciting a grant for the

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Chronicle office, printing account to date \$91.00; A. Hill, sales tax on steel for Dowser and Walker bridges \$29.50; Members of Council in attendance at meeting to date \$15.00; R. Christie, use of room \$2.00. Council adjourned to meet on Monday, April 12, for general business. —David Allan, Clerk.

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