

# At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

Oliver B. Stanton

There is a very interesting story told in the Canadian magazine by Paul Montgomery, of a man who studied the tricks of handwriting as a hobby and is today a terror to certain evil doers. He has made a deep and detailed study of handwriting, not as an index to characteristic traits of the writer, but as a means of identification of the writer or as a method of clearing an innocent party. This hobby of Oliver B. Stanton's was the beginning of a most interesting and profitable side line and his accuracy on this subject has taken him into hundreds of courts in various parts of Canada and today Mr. Stanton is recognized as one of the outstanding handwriting experts in Canada.

The story is told of a widow who sold her property for industrial purposes and received cash for it. Shortly after the deal was completed a neighbor called upon the widow for his commission on the sale. The widow was amazed and was doubly surprised when the neighbor produced a document, apparently signed by herself, promising to pay a rather stiff percentage in the event of the sale of her property. The signature was disputed, however, and the matter went to the courts. The case was decided against the widow and she was required to pay over the large sum demanded.

The case was appealed and among the new witnesses was Oliver B. Stanton, who was called into the courtroom. Mr. Stanton examined the genuine signature and the disputed one and then asked permission to flood the disputed document with a special light and examine it under a microscope he had constructed for this work. His wish was granted. He took one glance through the instrument and then invited the Judge to do likewise. The widow's lawyer looked and a smile of triumph spread across his face. The powerful microscope had revealed little fragments of carbon paper still clinging to the copied signature although it had been handled by a score of persons during the two trials. The guilty person confessed having obtained a genuine copy of the widow's signature, had traced it onto the document and inked it over. Modern science was too much for him.

A large percent of the problems presented to Mr. Stanton are forgeries or alleged forgeries.

February is one of Mr. Stanton's busy months. There are some people who fail to see humor in the Valentines they receive. Even some business men are keen to know the identity of a sender of a Valentine and a great many clerks and stenographers in Canada have been saved from an unjust dismissal merely because Mr. Stanton has pointed out some small but vital difference in the address of the Valentine compared with some entry in a cash book or office record.

The poison pen letters also form a large item in the cases he is called upon to solve. It is amazing the number of poison pen letters that is distributed

in Canada and few of these cases go into court. The identity of the sender, being discovered, as it very often is, the shock is often enough to cure or straighten the peculiar mental kink that develops the poison letter trait.

Mr. Stanton's records tell the story of the discovered identity of poison letters sent to the daughter of a well to do business man. The fiancée of the young lady had been called into the family discussions but could throw no light on the matter. Eventually the same style of handwriting and the same stationery was used in a letter addressed to the young man and also had a similar strain of vulgarity. When they began to effect the health of the young lady Mr. Stanton was called in. Mr. Stanton has had considerable experience with the peculiar psychology that lies behind the poison pen. He realized they were not in the author's normal handwriting. When he came to the letter received by the young man he asked the young lady for any letter received from her fiancée. The family were horrified at the implied suspicion but Mr. Stanton held to his request and one of the letters in the young man's handwriting was procured for him. There was no apparent similarity. On the fourth page of the letter the young man had received Mr. Stanton put a red crayon mark around two or three words that showed beyond any question that the one hand had written all the letters. Mr. Stanton says it is a fairly general practice of writers of poison pen letters to address letters to themselves.

Mr. Stanton's long and varied experience has led him to believe that the forger is playing a losing game. There is always a slip somewhere and the expert discovers it if he has patience.

What a benefit Oliver B. Stanton has rendered to humanity in becoming an expert in this hobby, the study of handwriting.

### DOG'S WARNING OF DEATH

While there is a very common superstition that dogs by their wailing can prognosticate death, this cannot be given as a fact, any more than other superstitions. A writer in Chambers' Book of Days, mentioning that the howling of a dog at night under the windows of a sick room is looked upon as a warning of death's being near, adds: "Perhaps there may be some truth in this notion. Everybody knows the peculiar odor which frequently precedes death and it is possible that the acute nose of the dog may perceive this and that it may render him uneasy."

### OLD DISHES STILL POPULAR

Peacock tongues and humming bird wings may have lost their place on the festive English menu, but medieval dishes still play their part in the true English observance of Lent. In hamlets throughout the shires eating fried peas is a time-honored tradition on Carling Sunday, the fifth in Lent.

Semmel cakes are eaten in Shropshire and Herefordshire on Medlent or Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, and in Westmoreland ayvers or havers are the rule of that day.

Pancakes are in order on Shrove Tuesday and on every successive Tuesday during the Lenten season.

## OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

### Indications of Business Recovery

Business men are watching keenly for definite signs of a business recovery, and they should not overlook any interesting developments in the intensity of their research. The Financial Post says that an independent-minded economist has collected some material which, he claims, contains definite indications of a business improvement. His optimism is based on facts which are startling, if true. A few of his findings follow: Discarded cigarette butts today are about 14 per cent. longer than they were six months ago. Furnace men are wearing 1930 model hats compared with a 1928 vintage featured last year. Siam bids at contract are made with more nonchalance than they were in 1931, and fewer people are playing for a fiftieth. Smaller crowds are attracted by the sight of two men digging a hole in the street. Three Rolls-Royces were seen on St. James Street in February bearing passengers who were smiling. The weather has succeeded the gold standard as the chief topic of conversation, and last, but not least, two garbage men in Montreal are wearing spats.—Collingwood Bulletin.

### Mr. Spotton Speaks Out

Mr. George Spotton, M.P., of Wingham, has a faculty for speaking out clearly and decisively on issues that are receiving the consideration of the Canadian parliament. Mr. Spotton is opposed to government ownership of radio broadcasting in Canada and he does not hesitate to say so. In fact, he went a step further when he referred to the great burden that was already shouldered upon the people of Canada in keeping up the Canadian National Railways and declared that a government is unable to run a barber shop without a deficit. Mr. Spotton is evidently no supporter of public ownership. There is no doubt that a great many of the better informed people of the Dominion hold similar views.

Speaking more directly on government ownership of radio stations throughout Canada, Mr. Spotton said he was opposed to government ownership. He saw no reason why the fees should have been raised from \$1 to \$2 as the radio had paid its way. If the government took over the ownership of the radio stations, that particular department would have to pay its way. In other countries where there has been government ownership, the fee was as high as \$8. The writer has frequently thought that the hardship of advertising in return for a half hour's free entertainment is greatly exaggerated.

Certainly, at the present time, the government has all it can handle without establishing a new radio department.—Arthur Enterprise News.

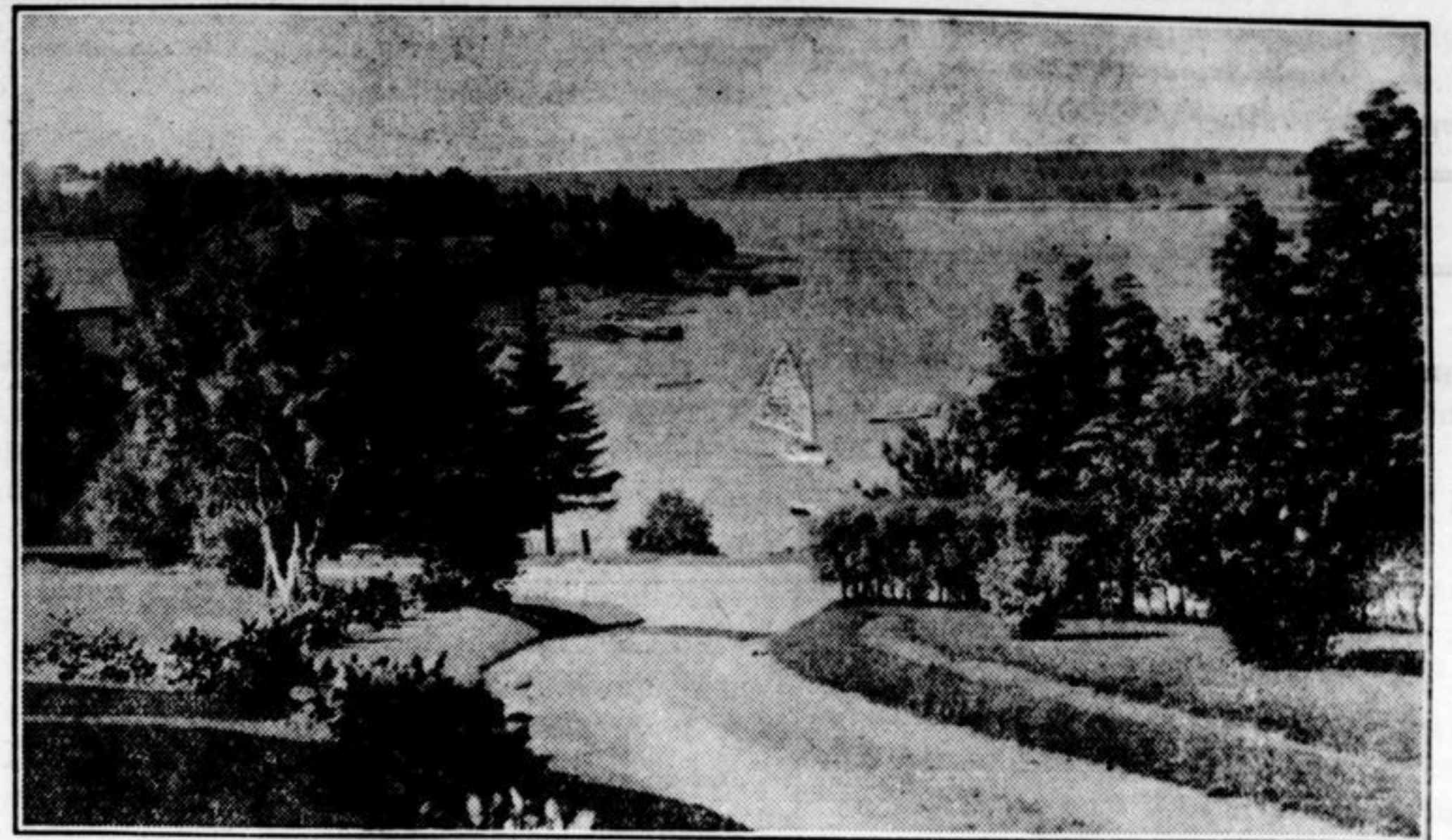
### The Poor Old Globe

The Toronto Globe seems to be doing its best to discredit the Conservative party in Ontario. First, it endeavored, by asking for a royal judicial commission to investigate the payment of a large sum of money by the Beuharnois Corporation to John Aird, Jr., to find out if it had any connection with the Conservative campaign funds of this province and now it says that

# CANADA

## THE WORLD'S GREATEST PLAYGROUND

Wide Variety of Recreational Attractions  
Canadians Fortunate in Holiday Advantages Their Country Offers



The majority of Canadians probably do not realize what a wonderful choice of vacation opportunities this country offers. How many of us in any one province have first-hand knowledge of the wide range of attractions of our neighbouring provinces? Many no doubt have gone abroad to seek a holiday, forgetting that our own Dominion is unequalled in the exceptional variety and range of its recreational resources. Surely a country which attracts visitors from other countries by the tens of millions must have recreational features of interest to its own citizens.

### Recreational Areas Easily Accessible

It is so easy to travel in Canada that an interprovincial tour is a recreation which every Canadian vacationist may well and profitably undertake. All the developed and much of the undeveloped part of the Dominion is easily accessible by train, boat, or automobile. Canada is served by two of the world's greatest railway systems and a number of smaller lines. The equipment and service are of the highest standard. Steamers built specially for pleasure cruising afford many pleasant trips along the coast and on the extensive inland water system of lakes, rivers and canals. A cruise from the head of the Great Lakes to the Maritime Provinces is nearly equal, in distance, to an ocean voyage. Good roads lead to practically all scenic and sporting territories. Canada's road system includes many thousands of miles of surfaced highways, well equipped with direction signs and danger signals. Tourist accommodation, from campsite to hotel, is available almost everywhere.

### National Parks Cover Large Area

National and provincial parks in Canada cover nearly 25,000 square miles. They are areas which have been withdrawn from exploitation and are being preserved in their virgin beauty and wildness, for purposes of pleasure and recreation. The largest national parks are in the Rocky Mountains section of Alberta, a region of unsurpassed scenic splendour admirably equipped by nature for all forms of sport and recreation. There are also important parks in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Accommodation ranges all the way from large modern hotels, to log cabins and tents. Fishing is

one of the chief attractions in the parks, but game animals and birds are rigidly protected and their fearlessness never fails to interest visitors.

### Summer Resorts Numerous and Varied

Throughout the Dominion there are many summer resort districts which offer a wide range of attraction and variety of accommodation. On the Atlantic coast, in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, are typical sea-shore resorts, where salt-water bathing, sailing and deep sea fishing are the principal attractions. The rugged beauty of this coast and the picturesque charm of the fishing villages, at the head of every inlet, cannot fail to enchant the summer visitor.

Quebec's summer playgrounds are of the most varied nature including as they do, sea-shore, mountain, lake and forest resorts. Along the lower St. Lawrence, summer colonies have been established at many points. North of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers the Laurentian mountains, clothed with pine forest and dotted with lakes, constitute a vast summer and winter playground. The Eastern Townships, which adjoin the international boundary, also have a number of well-established resorts, on picturesque lakes and rivers.

Ontario has perhaps the largest number and greatest variety of developed summer resorts of any of the provinces. The Thousand Islands, Lake of Bays, Muskoka lakes and Georgian bay are known throughout America, but there are in addition equally attractive, only

slightly less known, districts. Accommodation includes everything from campsite to palatial hotel, and cottages may be rented, in any district.

In the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta many attractive resorts are located along the shores of the lakes and rivers. The Canadian Rockies are world famous for scenic beauty and contain some of the most highly developed tourist resorts on the continent.

British Columbia, with varied and splendid scenic attractions, is a tourist wonderland. The province has majestic mountain ranges, and extensive lake area, stately forests, an imposing coast line, and many attractive resorts in settings of exceptional natural beauty.

### Government Bureau Free Information Service

For a number of years the Department of the Interior at Ottawa has been engaged in the promotion of the Canadian tourist industry, more especially the development of tourist travel from the United States to Canada. It is also endeavouring to influence Canadians to spend their vacation in the Dominion. The National Development Bureau of that Department will gladly furnish interprovincial road maps and other information for the use of those planning a Canadian tour, and where necessary will refer enquiries to provincial and local tourist organizations. Applicants should be as specific as possible as to the section of Canada in which they are interested, in order that available information may be supplied.



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that party may avail themselves of the forthcoming visit to Canada of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, High Commissioner to Britain, to appeal to him to return to provincial politics and "save the situation." Then it goes on to say that from all accounts there is considerable discontent in party circles throughout the province concerning the record provided by the administration during the legislative session just closed. The poor old Globe probably has lost prestige with Ontario Liberals and may be "thinking up things" to regain favor.—Elmira Signal.

### DODDER CAUSE FOR ALARM

Geo. H. Clark, the Dominion Seed Commissioner, calls special attention to the alarming extent to which Clover Dodder, otherwise known as Lone Vine, has increased, particularly in southwestern Ontario, during the past few years. Its spread has been largely due to the absence of sharp September frosts during the past three years. These early frosts usually prevent the maturing of Dodder seed, but with little or no frost injury until late October Clover Dodder has become well established in some localities, with an inevitable result that there has been considerable distribution of Dodder-infested clover seed from farm to farm. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of seeing that only inspected and certified red clover seed, free from the seeds of this parasitic weed, is used.

## How Much Are You Paying For Your Insurance?

The motoring season is here, and you should protect yourself against accidents.

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