

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

A review of books that make good reading and make splendid gifts.

"A MOUNTY'S WIFE"
By Luta Munday, published by The Macmillan Company Ltd., Canada

This is the story of a city girl who had a love for outdoor life. Early in life she became the bride of a member of the Northwest Mounted Police and from that day on the experiences of a Mounty's wife have been very varied. Their first appointment was to Cumberland House in unsurveyed territory in Northern Canada. It was the first inland post of the Huron's Bay Company established by Samuel Hearne at the beginning of the 18th century. After two years at this point they moved to the Pas. For eight years they lived among the Indians. They spent a few years at Coult's on the Montana border, a short season on the Niagara frontier, and three years in the Arctic Zone. Each of these places have been well described by the writer and the mode of life in each place gives the reader a picture of the decided contrasts of the way many Canadians are living. This is not only a decidedly interesting book, but also one brimming with information of many classes of Canadians.

"SISTER"

By Helen Dore Bolyston, published by Ives, Washburn, New York

This is the war diary of a nurse and is intensely interesting. It is a revelation of the marvellous nerve, nurses and medical men had under great strain. The great sense of humour which each one developed was a saving grace in those strenuous days. One cannot read this sketch of the daily round in war hospitals without realizing the senselessness, uselessness and cruelty of war.

"THE CROSSING"

By Winston Churchill

This is the story of one of the campaigns of the American Revolution. There are many people today who think they are living in strenuous times but reading of experiences in those days, one gets a different idea of the meaning of anxiety and hardship. To make us thankful we only need to read of what the pioneer settlers on the American continent had to endure.

There are some very fine characters depicted in this story, and boys will take a special delight in following up the experiences of 'Davy', the drummer boy. George Rogers Clark was a remarkable leader with a strong personality. The liberty of citizens today was dearly bought. Much heroism and self-sacrifice in the midst of danger and discouragement is vividly portrayed by the author.

"WHAT CHRIST MEANS TO ME"

By Wilfred Thomas Grenfell, publishers Hodder & Stoughton Ltd., London, England

The author of this book is so well known that the reader knows there is something worth reading on those pages. First of all he tells us what was revealed to him in later years he went over his mother's account books. They showed a great deal more of what Christ had meant to him in normal boyhood than he had ever been conscious of. He meant a mother who brought Christ right into the family life by doing daily what he would have

done in her place.

The author tells us something of boyhood experiences and then of an experience in young manhood. He entered a tent where a religious service was in progress and received there a new idea of what religion means. Some of the great truths he has learned from experience he passes on to us. "Real religion involves real courage. It is invaluable to know where you stand."

"Real religion dreams dreams and sees visions that intoxicate with deeds of kindness, justice, chivalry and love. Christ has become to me more and more, doing something, anything well." "Christ to me is the justification and inspiration to keep my body and mind fit and perfect, that thereby I may preserve myself, my soul, fit to accomplish, able to serve, and confident I shall here over there 'well done there are more talents for you and more victories to win. Enter into that kind of joy, which is the joy of your Lord.'" "Christ means to me a living personality today."

"Christ called for faith in Himself. He never called for intellectual comprehension.

"The purpose of this world is not to have and to hold, but to give and to serve."

"We are spiritual beings not material ones, and the meaning of life is its spiritual values, and our unselfishness is the pledge of the better day that awaits us."

These and many more such statements give the reader food for thought

STUDY SOIL TEMPERATURES

One of the most interesting records supplied by the Division of Field Husbandry of the Dominion Experimental Farms is that pertaining to soil temperatures. For the calendar year 1931 an interesting contrast in temperatures at depths of 3 feet and six inches respectively is now available as follows:

	3 ft. degrees	6 in. degrees
January	41.7	28.7
February	40.1	29.4
March	39.4	32.0
April	44.0	44.7
May	49.9	55.3
June	56.2	66.8
July	58.5	73.7
August	63.0	71.5
September	62.1	63.2
October	56.1	51.2
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December		36.0

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News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

Ontario

Guns are unnecessary equipment for deer hunting in Algoma, according to C. Wilson, Willie Makl, Charles Lane, and Dave Driver. Two miles from Sault Ste. Marie, they caught a hundred and eighty pound buck by hand, recently. The buck is as gentle as any pet and is eating out of its captor's hands.

Dundalk will have an open-air rink this winter, with Messrs. W. J. Stephenson and Bert Mills as proprietors. The property at the rear of the old power house has been levelled waiting-rooms built, and the slides are now in the course of construction. Lights will also be installed. Situated as it is in a central location, the rink ought to be a popular spot for skaters and hockeyists during the coming winter.

At a meeting of the the directors of Proton Agricultural Society, held in the town hall, Dundalk, on Saturday evening, it was decided to reduce the prize money won at the 1932 Dundalk fair by 15 per cent. Reduced gate proceeds and a record entry in most classes made this step necessary the directors decided. This is the first time in many years that the prize money has not been paid in full.

Burglars failed in their attempt to rob the Wolverton flour mills at St. Mary's early last Thursday when they were unable to break open a safe.

One month's hard labor was the sentence meted out Friday to Adrienne Lapointe, 40, of Ottawa, the woman whose reception to 9-year-old Raymond Menchetti on Hallowe'en was to douse him with a kettle of scalding water. The youngster, following juvenile custom on the night when weird shapes stalk through the streets, had called on the Lapointe woman for apples. The woman's response was to throw the boiling water over him.

Reduced insurance charges for careful car drivers are to become operative in Ontario some time this month. Rates have been so altered by the Canadian Underwriters' Association that any insured driver who can show a clear record insofar as claims or infractions of the law are concerned will be entitled to a 10 per cent. bonus or discount.

Hastily stuffing his overcoat into a large hole in the bottom of his row-boat, caused by his shotgun discharging William Aitkens of Belleville successfully reached shore at Horse Point, in the Bay of Quinte, last Thursday. Aitkens suddenly reached for his gun when ducks lit among his decoys, with the result that the charge made a large rent in the floor of the craft.

Arrested at Dryden, Ont., James Crandall and "wife" were sentenced to thirty days in jail on a vagrancy charge on complaint of the owners of the house in which they resided. The police found "Mrs. Crandall" to be a man dressed in women's clothing. The couple produced a marriage certificate drawn up by a Regina clergyman on October 3rd however.

Alter Sovereign, aged seven, met a tragic death while playing on a lot used by the Hamilton Wrecking Co. Some children were playing on a two-wheeled train. Suddenly the vehicle tipped sharply to the ground pinning the Sovereign boy beneath. His playmates extricated him, and childishly hoping to revive their unconscious comrade they immersed him in a near by puddle. Fred Popynick, passing in his car saw what was going on and rushed to the scene. He had the child rushed to the hospital, but the injuries to the lad proved fatal.

Eleven-year-old Donald Rickert, of Kitchener, with his six-shooter strapped to his side, was having a fine time playing cowboy until his lariat became tangled about the rear bumper of a passing car on Saturday. The youngster was ragged on his "tummy" for two blocks until the driver came to a stop at a through street. Young Rickert was uninjured.

H. J. Slade, Owen Sound, is today searching for an animal which he believes was a wildcat and which pounced on his shoulders recently from the top of his garage. He escaped without a scratch.

Bessie Cocjocar, of Hamilton, told a pitiful tale when she appeared in police court on an attempted suicide charge there. With three children in the family besides herself she said, and they were in receipt of only \$3 weekly in relief. She had thought she said, by committing suicide "there would be one less mouth to feed."

Owing to unusual weather conditions on Lake Huron, there was a fish famine in Goderich over the week-end. Fishermen report that for the past two weeks the catch has been very light and that in recent days they have been unable to lift their nets owing to prevailing currents and "blows".

It cost Reginald Heaton, Essex, \$30 and costs to kiss Mrs. John Strong of Rochester Township. He was found guilty of common assault last week. In Windsor court he swore he had just paid a friendly visit to the Strong home and kissed the woman as an old friend Mrs. Strong claimed that she was kissed four times and that she did not kiss the accused.

Joseph Goodrich, of London, figured out a way to beat these turkey thieves. He bought himself a police dog to guard the turkeys and sat back to wait developments. They came. So did the thieves, who stole ten turkeys, and also the dog.

Boys, who last Tuesday night, smeared with soap scores of windows in the business section of Goderich, thus stretching the Hallowe'en celebration an extra day, were next morning obliged to wash these windows under police supervision. They were caught red-handed in their soap act by Police Sergeant Ross.

Peter Myers, of Walford, claims the wolf-trapping record for that district. This fall he trapped three on his farm. The third trapped just recently, fell into a snare in the potato patch near his home.

Canada

The British Imperial preference so far has had such good effect on Canadian industry, stated N. M. Paterson, steamship and elevator owner of Fort William, in Winnipeg last week, that a number of Canadian flour mills, including some in the west, have received substantial orders for Canadian flour from overseas purchasers.

Here is one man who has had 36 years of penitentiary life and has had enough. W. J. MacLeod is his name. He was a warder at Prince Albert penitentiary when he left the prison for a well-earned rest. "I believe it is the toughest branch of the civil service," he said. "One might say a person is sitting on a pile of dynamite all the time. I have had all I want and one cannot imagine my feeling of relief when I turn my back on the barred front of the institution."

Coming on foot from a score of towns and villages within a radius of 40 miles from Montreal, mainly bareheaded, singing hymns and telling beads and in the intervals beguiling the time with stories and tales, much like Chaucer's "Good-bye Campagnie" of medieval times, more than 3,500 pilgrims yesterday visited the famed shrine of St. Joseph, in Montreal, to pray for surcease from economic difficulties. From five o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon, throngs of foot-sore yet hope ful pilgrims came to worship at the shrine and piled crutches, iron braces, and all manner of canes.

The entire penitentiary at St. Vincent de Paul, federal prison for Quebec Province, was threatened with destruction last Friday, when maddened convicts set fire to the workshops. The Montreal fire fighting force entered the penitentiary to quell the blaze. Their arrival coming shortly after the convicts had been subdued by armed guards.

Pride of Saskatchewan live stock, 42 horses, 9 cattle, 10 poultry, and a car-load of market swine, will represent the province at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, it was announced in Regina last week.

Two gunmen held up two clerks in the Ivanhoe Hotel, main street, Vancouver, last week, and escaped with \$1,200 in cash. W. A. Stewart, day clerk, was relieving W. D. Morris, night clerk, and had unlocked the safe to check the cash when they were interrupted by an order to "stick em up". The intruders, one of whom carried a blackjack, ordered the clerks against the wall, and one of them walked to the safe and scooped out the money. The two then fled through the front door to where, a few steps along the street, an automobile awaited them.

Mrs. J. Petrovsky, of Halifax, is too busy looking after her baby and waiting on customers in her store to report little things like hold-ups until she gets around to it. Tuesday afternoon she told police last Friday, a dark man entered the store, demanding her money. "Get out," said Mrs. Petrovsky, producing a pistol from the cash drawer. The bandit made a quick and moneyless getaway. The baby was crying in a room behind the shop at the time and there were several things to be done, so she hadn't found a minute to telephone in a report.

One man died in Medicine Hat, Alk., and several others are recovering from injuries received when high winds Saturday tumbled a partly rebuilt wall at the arena rink, recently destroyed by fire.

Fire laid waste a block of five buildings in Antigonish, N.S., early Saturday, causing a loss estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Breaking out shortly after three o'clock, the flames raged for six hours before being subdued by the fire brigade, aided by students of St. Francis Xavier University.

The bow of the Canadian National liner Prince Henry crumpled last Thursday when she crashed into the new pier "B" in Halifax harbor. She was attempting to dock without the aid of tugs, and a moderate northerly breeze swung her fifteen feet off her course and against the concrete.

Inspector James P. Blakeney, of the Royal Mounted Canadian Police, was acquitted of conspiring to incite crime by Magistrate J. L. Barnhill at Halifax, N.S., last week. Inspector Blakeney had been tried before the Magistrate on information sworn out by Mrs. Annie Freckleton, mother of Gerald Freckleton, who was killed in the frustrated hold-up at the Royal Bank's Shubenacadie branch last August.

"Three bears," casually replied 16-year-old Jackie Rome, of Kersley, B.C., when his mother asked if he had any luck on his first day's hunt this fall. But his mother regarded the boy's answer as "just another of those hunter's stories," and it was not until he returned, three or four hours later, dragging the hides of three bears behind him, that the family believed him. He had shot all three within a short distance of the Roem homestead.

Foreign

A youth sitting on the bank of a canal at Aboul Shekouk, in upper Egypt, caught a fish, and spotting another one, put the first fish between his teeth it slipped down his throat and bit him. He rushed to the nearest village crying for help, but in an hour he died.

Death stalked close to 775 men, women, and children when a gasoline tank used in connection with the lighting system of the small theatre in Detour, Mich., exploded and the building was burned to the ground. Two men were injured in the fire and several people badly crushed in the rush for the exits.

The main body of the "hunger marchers" who trekked hopefully into London, Eng., 10 days ago, rode home toward Scotland, Wales, and Provincial England in comfortable railway coaches attached to regular trains. The railways offered transportation at the low rate of one and one-third cents a mile and the National Unemployed Workers organization, which sponsored the march on London, raised the funds.

Fineless week at the Cambridge, Mass., Public Library last week resulted in the return of a book, "The Story of Scotland," 38 years overdue. Fines on the book, which originally cost the library 65 cents in 1890, would have amounted to \$290—the sum the borrower escaped paying by virtue of the cancellation offer. The book was returned by mail by "an old gentleman in Wilmington." Records show he borrowed it in 1894.

Succumbing to an illness from which she had been suffering many months, Belle Bennett, 39, the "Stella Dallas" of film fame and probably one of the best known portrayers of mother roles upon the screen, died last week at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Hollywood, California.

A woman physician, Paula Glastner, of Padubitz, Czechoslovakia, shot and killed her nephew, after learning he had been blinded and lost a hand in an explosion resulting from experiments he had undertaken. Pity forced her to kill the boy, the woman said when she was arrested.

Edward Mattigan, 35-year-old and reputed to be the best short stop and better Sing Sing prison's baseball team ever had, was arrested recently on a charge of burglary. Mattigan told the police he was released from Sing Sing in 1930 after serving three years there of a five-year sentence, and added that all his team mates were sorry to see him go. "Warden Lawes will be glad to see me again," police said he told them.

A night club on wheels is the latest wrinkle in the transportation field at St. Paul, Minn., hard hit by declining revenue. The first trip inaugurated by a railroad, was a success, officials of the road said. Two hundred and fifty persons took the journey to New Richmond, Wis., and back again on the night club train. "None of the guests are told where they are going until after the train gets under way."

Fatal gunplay flared in Berlin's wild-cat transportation strike last week, when police and strikers clashed at a suburban car barn. When the battle was over, one man had been slain and three wounded. The main system of bus, street car, subway, and elevated lines remained tied up, forcing thousands of Berlin residents to tramp miles to work for the second day in succession.

Note to wives, if friend husband's hair-trigger temper erupts at the slightest excuse, feed him some calcium right away. The advice is that of Dr. Walter Timms, Columbia University neurologist, who told the Oklahoma City Clinical Society that because of calcium deficiency minor irritations may produce "a behavioristic outburst out of all proportion to the cause, maniacal and assaultive in character."

As the "Lion Man" in a moving picture, Clarence "Buster" Crabbe, noted United States swimmer, mixed it with an adult lion in a rough and tumble bout in Hollywood last week, and got sent to the hospital. The lion bit him on the leg, inflicting severe lacerations. The bout was at a studio which signed Crabbe to act with Frances Dee in a jungle picture. In a scene rehearsed, Crabbe was supposed to handle the lion quite firmly and put him to flight. Somehow the lion got different ideas.

Gabriel Kostas, a farmer living two miles east of Clifford, Mich., in Lapeer county, shot and killed his two sons Steve, 16, and Tony, 14, and then shot himself to death following a family quarrel. Sheriff Byron Courter said Kostas first shot the elder son, Steve, in a barn, then went to the house where Tony Kostas was asleep, shot him in the head with a shotgun and returned to the barn where he ended his own life.

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