

The Man

On Watch

Some one remarked to the Lampman that the royal personages who visited Kingston the other day must grow tired of being received and of making acknowledgment of it all. The Lampman's reply was that this was their business, and if they did not like it, then they should not bear titles and be maintained at the expense of the people. No one, however, has heard of the Connaughts murmuring. They like the people, and the people like them.

According to eye-witnesses, "Tim" Rigney's big lanky red dog received more attention from the royal ladies than anyone else. Some middle-aged grandfathers of the town, who told the Lampman that they took an afternoon off for the special purpose of feasting their eyes upon the princess, wished for the moment that they were "Tim's" dog, so that they might receive the caresses the Princess "Pat" gave the ex-mayor's canine. Some of these young grand dads took up good positions to give the glad eye to "Pat," but the princess, beautiful and stately, had ne'er a smile or even a look for these "old lads."

The Lampman fails to see that the 65th regiment of Montreal has any ground for protest because Col. Sam Hughes has declined to allow it to carry arms on the occasion of a church parade. What in thunder does a regiment want weapons of war for, when it marches to divine worship? The Kingston soldiers, permanent and volunteer, never carry fire arms when going to church. They would be only in the way and look silly.

Militarism is certainly getting a hold of the little "gaffers" of the common schools. Last Wednesday, the Lampman saw two men charge seeing off firecrackers in honor of their king, His Most Gracious Majesty George the Fifth. They occupied the corner where the militia stores building stands, and where an old field gun reposes. One of the little fellows blessed the firecracker in the muzzle of the gun, while the other changed a metal ring at the firing end after the first had given the signal to discharge.

The Lampman notices that Bethel Congregational claims to be the soul-saving church of Kingston. If it is, then it is a sister to the Salvation Army, which the Lampman has understood was about the only religious body in Kingston that really saved souls. The others, he has been told, merely teach doctrines.

The Baptists of Kingston are very active. Both Baptist churches have lately held old-fashioned country "bees," the men getting out and

cleaning up and improving the lawns around the edifices. Town Councilman John Litton's church was the last to resort to the "bee," and as a result, the corner of Johnson and Sydenham streets is now a pretty tidy-looking place. John has had a water tap placed outside so that the grass may be watered—when there is some to sprinkle. Just now the seed is in Councilman Peters' store.

Really Kingston is a very progressive place, outside of building and paving operations. The Lampman notices that some Kingston women are getting more Parisian every day, as he has seen several prominent wedded ones showing their dainty up-holed limbs almost to the knee. The Lampman thought there was a show in town and that chorus girls had got loose, but no siree! it was a case of Kingston's dress progress.

The Stranger At Church

The Stranger was in town last Sabbath, and went to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to hear Dr. John Mackie preach. Glad was he to see an old favorite back in the kirk pulpit, on the occasion of his return to Kingston to summer, after more than two years abroad enjoying a well-earned rest and the beauties of his native Scotland and other countries of the old world. The Stranger chanced to approach St. Andrew's as Dr. Mackie was leaving the old manse with the young minister of the kirk, and he noticed that his step was still firm as he reverently made his way over the path so long trodden by him to the vestry door. And in the course of his touching remarks to the congregation, The Stranger understood why a lump arose in the doctor's throat as he spoke of "the old and happy home"—where he had spent twenty-six years, and to which he had brought his good wife a bride.

And what a touching reference he made to those "dear ones" who since he was last in St. Andrew's, have "passed within the veil." How apt, simple and eloquent was his reference: "Memory holds them lovingly and faith sees them at rest in the peace and joy of the Father's home awaiting for us."

The psalm and the hymns before the sermon told The Stranger the subject of the doctor's discourse—"Love"—a fitting topic truly, understood by many, but more deeply by the older members of the congregation to whom Dr. Mackie was very dear; for had he not been their shepherd for years gone by, and had he not stood before the mortal remains of their beloved dead and comforted those who sorrowed.

Probably there is nothing that binds people more closely to their minister than when death parts them from their immediate kin. The man of God who can go into the home and bring comfort to the mourners wins for himself deep thankfulness, and creates an attachment that only death can sever. Such a man was Dr. Mackie, who, in the house of mourning, was like a ray of sunshine.

It was a thoroughly gospel sermon that Dr. Mackie preached last Sabbath morning, a sermon devoid of doctrinal and scientific references.

He ever gave his congregation the pure and adulterated gospel, and The Stranger thinks they were the better for it. They appreciated it, at any rate, when, after a pastorate of more than a quarter of a century, they urged him not to leave them.

Few rewards do the ministers of the gospel get, but those who have been true to their calling have their reward in the love of those to whom they ministered and those whom they have helped. The minister's home is truly a place of "poor relief." Few people know the extent of it. The Stranger knows that St. Andrew's manse was a popular place for needy people to call, for they knew that within there were two kindly Scotch hearts, and that no one went away empty-handed.

Some time ago a good Roman Catholic citizen told of one cold night, very late, seeing a certain clergyman quietly issuing forth from his home with a well-filled basket in his hand. He hastened to the north part of the city on his errand of sweet charity, to relieve the need of some poor family. The daytime was not chosen for the errand, but night, so that no one might see or know. The clergyman to whom he referred was Dr. John Mackie, who last Sunday morning occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, and whom The Stranger holds in great esteem.

GOVERNMENT OF SPENDTHRIFTS

Borden Government Sets Record in Expenditures.

The main estimates amounted to \$191,000,000. The supplementaries provide for a further outlay of \$17,000,000. Altogether the expenditures will total more than \$208,000,000. But this is not all, for the \$208,000,000 does not include the \$1,200,000 to be voted under the legislation by which the depositors of the Farmers' Bank. Neither does it include the amount to be granted under the Fenian land bounty act nor take any account of the \$45,000,000 bond guarantee for Mackenzie and Mann. The total appropriations will exceed \$269,000,000.

In the last year of liberal rule, the outlays, amounted to \$122,861,253. Taking into consideration the outlays under statute by the Borden government and the special outlays, it will be seen that in three years the present premier and his colleagues will have brought the total up to \$269,000,000, an increase of \$138,000,000. In other words, the increase under Borden is equal to \$17 for every man, woman and child in Canada. On revenue account alone the expenditures have been increased by over \$68,000,000, or \$40 for every average Canadian family.

The Bright Young Clerk

"Joseph," exclaimed the manager to the bright young clerk with the best of references, "the bookkeeper tells me that you have lost the key of the safe, and he cannot get at the books."

"Yes, sir, one of them. You gave me two, you remember."

"Yes, I had duplicates made in case of accident. And the other one?"

"Oh, sir, I took care of that. I was afraid I might lose one of them, you know."

"And is the other one all right?"

"Yes, sir, I put it where there is no danger of its being lost. It is in the safe, sir."

Told In Twilight

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Mrs. John McKay, Sydenham street, returned from Montreal on Thursday, where she has been for some time.

Miss Marjorie Pense, who has been visiting friends in Toronto, returned home on Thursday.

Miss Mildred Horsey, who has been with Miss Ruth Anglin, is now the guest of Miss K. L. Jones, King street, for a few days.

Mr. Leonard Birkett, Bagot street, left this week for Montreal.

Miss Clara Farrell is spending a few days with Miss Evelyn Nickle at "The Shieling."

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Young returned on Thursday from New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Robert Fraser, West Street, is entertaining informally at bridge this afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Mylks, of Prince Albert, who are on their wedding trip, arrived in town to-day and are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Mylks, William street.

Mrs. Hugh Macpherson has kindly offered the hospitality of her beautiful home, Elmhurst, for a garden party next Friday afternoon to be given in aid of the Infants' Home.

Mrs. J. C. Cooper, her two young sons and Miss Marjorie Cooper, who were in town for the wedding of Miss Hazel Massie, returned to Toronto on Thursday.

Miss Helen Campbell, who has been the guest of Miss Isabel Reid in Toronto returned to town to-day.

Mrs. James Massie, Earl street, was hostess at an informal reception on Wednesday afternoon in honor of the visitors who were in town for Miss Hazel Massie's wedding.

Mrs. William A. Mitchell, William street, and her sister, Mrs. W. F. Coy, of Vancouver, who is her guest, will go to Montreal early next week to be present at the medical convocation at McGill when Mr. Filmer Coy will receive his degree with honors.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Soby, Napanee, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Elizabeth F., to Mr. Carroll J. Williams, of Toronto. The marriage will take place very quietly the middle of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark W. Wright, Colborne street, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Mary Richardson, to Mr. Thomas Egbert Esterson, of Toronto, on Wednesday evening, June the twenty-fourth at nine o'clock, at twenty-five Colborne street, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cheesbrough, Napanee, announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Mary (Lottie) to Mr. C. S. Madill, son of Mr. Carroll J. Williams, Napanee, the marriage to take place the middle of this month.

Whence Largest Emeralds Come

A flawless emerald is said to be valued by jewelers at three or more times as much as a flawless diamond of like weight. The first emeralds are supposed to have come from India, but there is doubt as to their true identity, and some of them seem to have been the rare green variety of corundum, the remarkable stone that in red gives us ruby and in blue and yellow is sapphire. Mines in Egypt yielded emeralds, some of which were probably included among Cleopatra's jewels.

The Spaniards obtained fine stones from Mexico, Peru and Ecuador, and the mines in Muzo in Colombia are now the chief source, although emeralds are found in Russia and the United States. The Muzo mines yield 700,000 or 800,000 carats a year, in several grades.

From these mines came the most valuable single emerald known, which is the property of the Duke of Devonshire, and is a perfect six-sided crystal, measuring two inches in length and two and one-half, two and one-fifth and one seven-eighths inches in its three thicknesses, and weighing eight ounces eighteen pennyweight.

The Hope emerald, weighing six ounces, was also found in Colombia.

The Non-Jury Assizes

The non-jury assizes of the high court of justice were held on Tuesday afternoon and only lasted three quarters of an hour. These cases were disposed of:

In the matter of Albert Sills and Edward Sills vs. Alice A. Harris, formerly Stames, the judge ordered the accounts to be probated.

In the case of Johanna M. Short et al., executors of the last will and testament of Rev. William Short, deceased, and Thomas J. Lyle, et al., other legatees devisees, the Methodist Church Missionary Society, of defendants, the judge ordered the application to get parties to represent the different classes of legatees in the will.

Farmers Want Help

The farmers of the district are still short of help and though immigrants are arriving every day they are not sufficient to go around. Immigration Agent Hunter said to a Whig representative Friday: "I could place forty men on farms in this district before night, if I could get them." Two were placed Friday by Mr. Hunter, one in Cataraqui and one in Pittsburg.

DEER MULTIPLYING RAPIDLY

Reminder of Effect of War on Forest Animals

Springfield Republican.

The report that the severity of the winter has been followed by the re-appearance of wolves in Maine, where they have been seen for many years, is a reminder of the variable effect which encroaching civilization has upon the wild beasts of the forests.

Doubtless the too common idea is that before the coming of the white man there were more wild beasts of all sorts than to-day. This is far from being true. For, by hunting down and killing off certain species, man has in various instances made it possible for other species to multiply as never before.

A case in point, according to the old woodsmen, is that of the deer and wolves in Maine. Fifty years ago, when wolves were comparatively plentiful in sections in which to-day they are never seen, the deer were scarce. But as the wolves were killed off the deer increased.

The earlier condition may be seen today in portions of Canada, in which, in spite of apparently good feeding grounds, deer are practically unknown, although the more powerful moose survives in spite of the wolves.

"ON THE KING'S BUSINESS"

Corps of Messengers a Part of the English Government

London Chronicle.

The king's messengers rarely figure in public, and it is only the strictly personal business of his marriage to Miss Henniker Heaton that recently brought Major Adrian Porter to the fore. He is one of the little corps of nine men who wear the badge of the silver greyhound. They are the king's messengers, picked men and usually military officers, who even in these days of a swift postal system and wireless telegraphy still carry the sovereign's autograph letters to brother rulers and also the more important despatches of the foreign office.

These all go "by hand," as business men say, and the king's messenger is strictly charged that the documents must never leave him by day or night, and until safely delivered, he must defend them to the death. During the Franco-Prussian war one of them, Captain Haworth, was nearly shot as a spy. All things considered the salary when on duty is not excessive.

The people who are hard to get along with are those who object to our having our own way.

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