

GIANT ROCK DEDICATED

At Bon Echo to the Memory of Walt Whitman, the Poet.

Napanees Beaver. The Canadian monument to Walt Whitman, the good gray poet, is now a reality. The giant Gibraltar of Canada overlooking Lake Massanoga, at Bon Echo, Ontario, which for some time past has been known as "Old Walt," is now officially dedicated to his democratic ideals and to his memory. This was made possible through the generosity of Flora MacDonald, founder of the Whitman Club of Bon Echo and owner of the property.

The idea of turning the rock, which is a part of the oldest geological formation in the world, belonging to the Laurentian range, into a permanent memorial to the works and ideals of the poet of democracy was conceived in the mind of Flora MacDonald. The final plans for the dedication of the Canadian Gibraltar were consummated last year during the centenary celebration of the poet's birth. The dedication was performed by Flora MacDonald and the late Horace Traubel on Whitman day, August 26th, 1919.

Although confined to bed for many months, Horace Traubel, who was one of Whitman's literary executors, made the trip to Bon Echo to fulfill his promise to "be here dead or alive." And it was several days after the ceremony that his death occurred at Bon Echo.

It is to Canada's credit that such a unique recognition of the great poet should be given by a country other than his birth. The interest in the accomplishment of this stupendous memorial is not only confined to Canada; it has also aroused comment and enthusiasm among Whitman lovers the world over.

The work of inscribing the memorial on the rock has just been completed. The sculptors spent more than one month in the process of carving the following inscription, which is done in simple letters standing from one to two feet high:

DEDICATED TO THE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS OF WALT WHITMAN BY HORACE TRAUBEL AND FLORA MACDONALD. "My foothold is ironed and mortared in granite. I laugh at what you call dissolution and I know the amplitude of time." The services of unveiling the memorial, which took place the other day on the floating dock at its base, were opened by a short address by George Morris, of Buffalo. He said: "My friends, the work we decided to do a year ago on this rock and which I agreed to see finished is now completed. This gigantic monument needs no word of praise. The beauty and simplicity of the work, this enduring inscription, need no excuse. Both are sufficient unto themselves, and, I believe, as Walt would have them. As I recall the circumstances of a year ago today, when our dear friend, Horace Traubel, was here with us, I feel this work has been inspired. And I know the amplitude of time is just where he placed his trembling, dying hands as with feelings he scarce could control he dedicated this rock to the memory of his beloved friend, Walt Whitman. And today he knows that his work is done."

"The rock and the inscription will stand here as a beacon light and an inspiration to all seekers of truth and lovers of democracy throughout the coming centuries." After a few remarks Flora MacDonald read excerpts from Whitman's "Songs of Myself." Dr. J. D. Cummings, a New York newspaperman, read Traubel's "I Do Not Fear Graceful," and "Worn With the Burden of Rebellious Years." Frank Bain, of Havana, Cuba, read Whitman's "Spirit That Formed This Scene." Mildred Bain, one of Traubel's biographers, sang her own setting of Traubel's poem, "When We Understand." The services were completed by the releasing of the dock by Merrill Denison and Mr. Morris.

Among the people who took part in the services were Reginald Pennington, of East Aurora, N.Y.; Arthur H. Clark, of Cleveland; Mrs. Mary V. Clark, of Cleveland; Mrs. Mary V. Mrs. George Morris, of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bain, Paul and Betty Bain, of Havana, Cuba; Merrill Denison and David Cummings, of New York.

It is the intention of Flora MacDonald to have a permanent committee appointed to act as trustees of the memorial. She is also planning to erect a Whitman library at Bon Echo, which will be a part of the permanent foundation.

Why MacSwiney Is Not Released London, Sept. 7.—The reasons why the government will not release Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, are given in an official statement. They are that fresh attempts would be made to "continue with added activity the long series of murders of policemen," and "would open the way to any person imprisoned for any similar offence to use the case of the Lord Mayor as a precedent, with good hopes of securing release and the opportunity to repeat the acts which led to his incarceration."

Hastings must contribute \$200 per year towards the cost of watchman's services at the Bridge Street Grand Trunk crossing in that village.

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FOOLHARDY TRIPS.

Men and Women Who Have Gone Over Niagara Falls.

When Charles G. Stephens, England's daring young man of 55, went to his death over Niagara Falls in a barrel he was merely following the trail that was blazed by a woman, comments the New York Evening Journal. The New York Evening Post, Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor, 43, entered an oaken barrel weighed down by a blacksmith's anvil and tumbled over what is never called anything but "the fearful brink." She emerged somewhat hysterical but quite alive, and being a school teacher said she was not sorry she had done it "if it would help her financially."

People will tell you that numbers of mad adventurers have gone over the falls in a barrel, but only two are on record: Mrs. Taylor, the pioneer, in 1901, and Bobby Leach, who made the dive in a steel cask in 1911. Plenty have plunged without a barrel, willingly or unwillingly, and uncounted breath-taking feats have been performed at the Whirlpool Rapids, where the only barrel fatality (also a woman, Maud Willard) occurred. But Mrs. Stephens will by no means be gully of a commonplace in braving the Horseshoe Falls itself. It is a drop of 168 feet, and the time and place of exit cannot be arranged beforehand.

Bobby Leach is the one human being who ever saw the falls, so to speak, from the inside. Mrs. Taylor dropped from the higher to the lower level of the river outside the main flow of wild waters, but the weight of Leach's barrel caused him to pierce the spill and drop through the heart of the cataract, at which point he pulled the plug out of the airhole in order to enjoy the unique glory of the view. He had telephoned his wife that he was coming home by way of the Horseshoe.

Efforts were made to arrest him before he could start on the voyage, but once launched he quickly reached a location to which the police did not care to follow him.

The fashion of doing Niagara stunts began in 1829, when Sam Patch leaped from a tower ninety feet high on Goat Island to safety in the waters of the lower Niagara. The appalling high-torque performances of M. Blondin and the Signorina Speterina followed, and in 1881 Capt. Joel Robinson in his heavily mortgaged old tub, "The Maid of the Mist," dashed through the rapids in order to escape paying levy. After Carl D. Graham, the Philadelphia cooper, began knocking about among the giant waves and wicked currents of the whirlpool in a barrel in 1886, he was followed by so many barrel voyagers, some even journeying in couples, that the feat lost its novelty.

To cap the climax a venturesome cow in 1910, having been brought up beside the falls and hence knowing no better, got into the extraordinary habit of wading out near the whirlpool's edge and standing there chewing her cud, greatly vexing sightseers who had come to be awed.

Esquimo Develop Mentally. Although isolated for thousands of years, anthropologists assert the Eskimo has developed mentally and physically to such an extraordinary degree that he can teach every race many things. He developed theories long ago that modern men are beginning to think about only now. He has outstripped other races in that he has equipped his playmate and the educator of his own children. An orphan among the Eskimos soon finds a home and is given the best of care and education.

The Eskimo regards honesty as paramount. He will never misrepresent facts and although he may want to dispose of an article badly he will rather deprecate it than run the risk of over-praising, a man who lies or deceives another is severely punished.

An Eskimo will not permit a fellow man to need for food or clothing, once he has enough for himself and his family. War, to the park-hooded men of the north, is unknown. They decide differences by staging dance duels and out-singing each other, and old men act as judges to decide winners. In this way honor is satisfied.

In combat nature, fighting the walrus, the whale and the bear with primitive weapons, the Eskimo displays unusual coolness and plans his way out of danger with extreme self-possession.

Alloys Stronger Than Steel. An Italian engineer has discovered a new alloy of zinc and copper which is stronger than steel and less corrosive than copper, says the Scientific American. The most important characteristics of the new alloy, which has been named "Blak-metal," are the highest known breaking point, perfect homogeneity and higher resistance to both heating and chemical action. It has been stated that it can successfully be cast, machined, rolled, forged, drawn and stamped. It is expected that it will prove an acceptable substitute for steel, brass and aluminum.

This Never Happened! It was a woman, of course, who, driving in the middle of the road had forced the mere man to turn his car into the ditch where it churned angrily but futilely. Unlike others of her kind, however, she stopped and apologized profusely. "Well, why didn't you give me room to pass?" wrathfully and ungallantly demanded the victim. "Oh, I admired your car so much when I saw it coming that I simply had to drive over near it to see it better," she explained. "I didn't think you'd mind." But the mere man had fainted.

Forty Mice a Day Owl's Task. The barn owl, when she has young, brings a mouse to her nest about every twelve minutes. As she is actively employed at both evening and dawn, and as both male and female hunt forty mice a day is a low computation for the total capture.

Advertisement for Abbey's Effervescent Salt. Features a large illustration of a hand holding a glass of the beverage. Text includes: 'The Ideal Health Regulator', 'Abbey's EFFERVESCENT SALT', 'Try it YOURSELF', and a list of ailments it treats such as 'head aches', 'stomach upset', and 'nervousness'. It also states 'Pleasant to take—suitable for every member of the family'.

HISTORIC RESIDENCE OFFERED FOR SALE "Stone House" Has Been in Peugnet Family Over 100 Years.

Under date of August 28th the Waterbury Times printed the following from its Cape Vincent correspondent: Cape Vincent is experiencing an unprecedented activity in real estate and houses are at a premium as they never were before. The village has been thronged with visitors during the summer and the season has never been better according to hotel men and others. There is a possibility that some of the oldest homes in the village may change hands, according to recent reports.

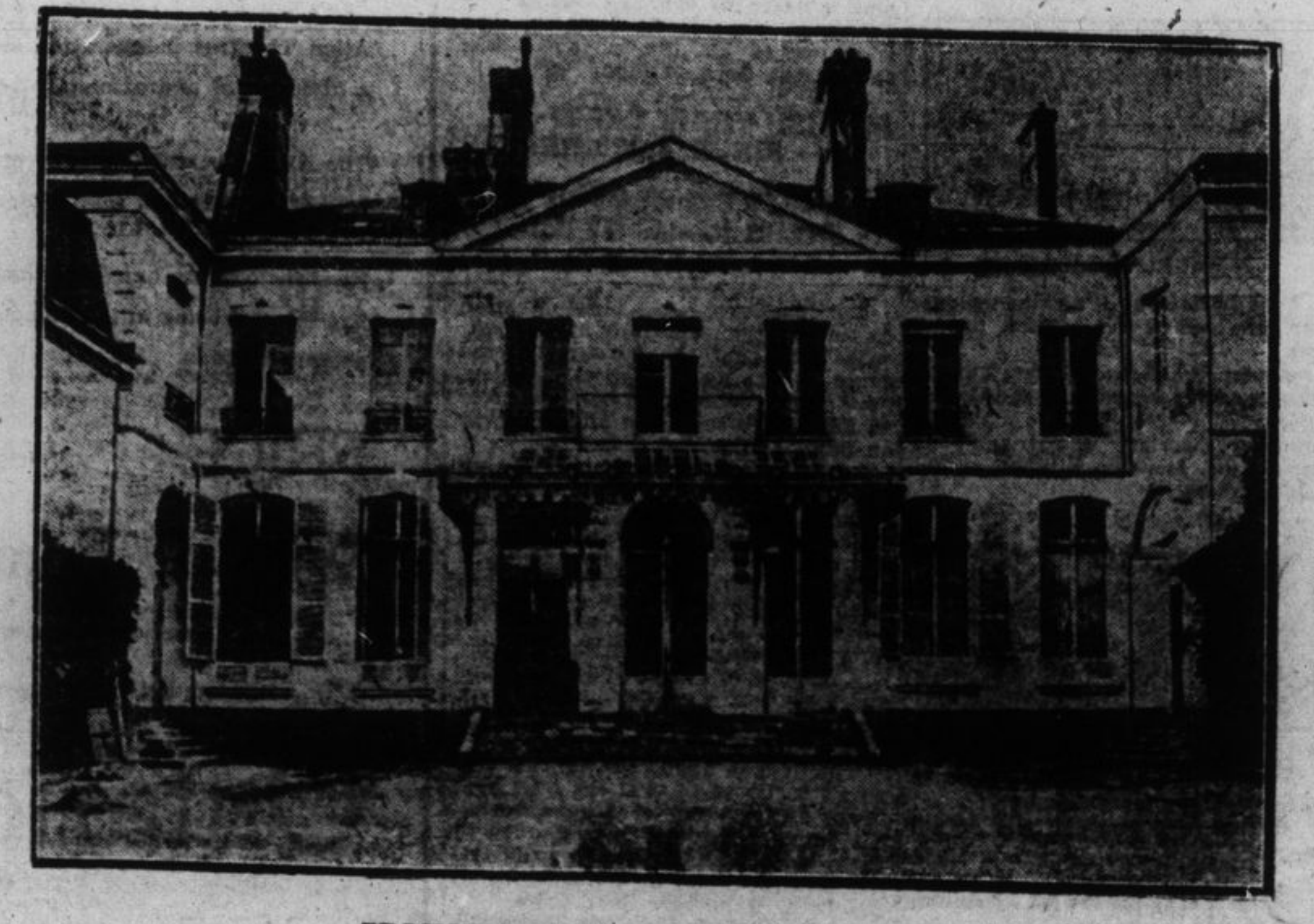
Negotiations are under way for the sale of the old "stone house," one of the oldest and most historic residences in the village. Built more than 100 years ago, it is still in an excellent state of repair and is occupied during the summer months by Mrs. Frances Fort and her sister, Mrs. Emil Vatable, both of New York. The property now belongs to the Fort estate, it having passed down to the late Madame Nathalie Fort, New York, mother of the present occupant, Madame Fort died twelve years ago at an advanced age.

The house was built by James Le Ray, Count de Chaumont, for his son, Vincent, for whom the town of Cape Vincent was named. Vincent LeRay sold the property to Hyacinth Peugnet. The Peugnets also came from France and were among Napoleon's friends. The old "cup and saucer" house in this village belonged to relatives of the Peugnet family and around it is a legend that the

WELLINGTON NEWS

There Have Been Many Visitors in the Town. Wellington, Sept. 4.—Joseph Haight, of Mount Pleasant, while sinking a well for Mr. Calder, on the 5th, con., of Hillier, today, accidentally stepped on a stick of dynamite and was blown to pieces. The death of Richard Garratt, on Monday last, has cast a gloom over our village. Mr. Garratt was eighty-seven years old and was highly respected. He was a member of the old order of Friends.

Dr. and Mrs. White and Mrs. Fanning, Lindsay, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wood Thomas. Mrs. Seath has visitors from Montreal and Belleville. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Klons (nee Lulu Platt), Rochester, are at the home of Mrs. Klons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Platt. Mrs. Layhew and family have returned to their home, Stanstead, Que., after spending the summer in Wellington with her parents.



FRANCE'S GIFT TO MARSHAL FOCH. Above is a view of the chateau recently presented to Marshal Foch by the French government. The gift was particularly acceptable because of the fact that the marshal had been unable to obtain a house in Paris.

Advertisement for Slate Roofing. Text includes: 'SLATEX SHINGLES', 'SLATEX ROOFING', 'WATERTITE ROOFING', 'See our window display.', and 'W. H. COCKBURN & CO. Cor. Wellington and Princess Street. Phone 216.'

Large advertisement for Rinso detergent. Features a large illustration of a woman washing clothes. Text includes: 'Rinso Saves Your Clothes from being "Rubbed Out"', 'NO need for the wash board any more. Use Rinso. It is so rich in cleansing power that all the dirt in the clothes is loosened while they are soaking in the bubbly Rinso suds. Think of it—no work for you—no wear for the clothes.', 'At Night—put the clothes to soak with Rinso.', 'Morning—rinse them, that's all. The clothes are sweet, spotless, clean.', and 'Rinso does the work yet it's so pure that the clothes are as safe as in pure water itself. Don't wash even once more the old-fashioned, hard way. Get Rinso—one package does the week's wash. At your Grocer's—today LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED TORONTO'