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KINGSTON AND DISTRICT

Installed Radio Sets.
 Omer Buel and C. Johnston, Mat-
 lortown, have had installed in
 their homes the latest types of radio
 receiving sets.

Removed to Edmonton.
 T. Edgar Guest, Renfrew, recent-
 ly left for Edmonton, Alta., where
 he has accepted a position as electri-
 cal superintendent of the new two
 and a half million bushel govern-
 ment elevator. Mrs. Guest and
 child will follow shortly.

Assessment Increased.
 Arnprior's total assessment for
 this year approximately \$1,965,000.
 Despite the loss of the Arnprior Clo-
 thing Co., the Arnprior Clothing Co.
 and the Campbell House the total
 assessment of the town has been in-
 creased by \$10,000. Assessment of
 the C.P.R. was given a \$20,000
 boost.

Sent To Prison.
 John U. Webber and Herman
 Steele, both life-long residents of
 Clayton, N.Y., were sentenced to
 Auburn state prison for breaking
 into the summer home of May Irwin
 Eisfeldt on the St. Lawrence river
 on April 20th and taking personal
 property of the famous actress in
 the amount of \$1,000.

Ralph Merrick Dead.
 The death took place suddenly in
 Springfield, Mo., of Ralph "Pop"
 Merrick, at the age of fifty-one years.
 The late Mr. Merrick was born at
 Merrickville, but moved to Peter-
 sboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
 Herbert Merrick, when young. On

leaving Peterboro he made his re-
 sidence in the United States, where he
 has since occupied responsible posi-
 tions with great credit. He leaves
 a wife, who was Miss Maude McIn-
 tosh, Spencerville, also two children,
 aged fifteen and twelve years.

Fire Loss Decreases.
 Brockville's fire loss during the
 past year was \$11,471, a decrease
 of \$49,204 from that for the year
 1923, according to the report of
 Fire Chief Hartley, submitted to the
 council at its statutory meeting. In
 the report by Chief of Police Burke
 there was a large increase in the
 number of tramps given shelter at
 the police station, the total standing
 at 752, or 442 more than in the pre-
 ceding year.

Minister Changes Name.
 Difficulty on the part of people to
 understand his name correctly, to-
 gether with the fact that the name
 he has always borne is Portuguese,
 has led Rev. Claude Soares, a minis-
 ter in the Protestant Episcopal
 church at Clayton, N.Y., to adopt the
 name, Claude Lodington. County
 Judge J. Frank LaRue has signed
 an order granting him permission to
 assume the latter name on Dec. 15th.
 Rev. Mr. Soares states in his posi-
 tion to the court that he is of Eng-
 lish descent and that he desires an
 English name instead of a Portu-
 guese one.

She leaves besides her husband, a
 daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) F. Nichol,
 Merrickville, a son, Robert, attend-
 ing Toronto University, a brother,
 Charles A. McCoy, Remington, and
 three sisters, Mrs. Emma Blair, Mrs.
 Archie Thompson, both of Madoc,
 and Mrs. Muffit, of Coe Hill. De-
 ceased was a member of the Metho-
 dist church.

Lost Child and Home.
 Sympathy is extended to Mr. and
 Mrs. John Sutherland, Hybla, North
 Hastings, in the loss of their young
 son, who died a couple of weeks ago,
 and then the loss of their home by
 fire on Friday last. A pall of tar
 boiling over the stove caused the
 conflagration which destroyed the
 home and contents. Mr. Sutherland
 was absent from the house just at
 the time of the accident and ar-
 rived too late to save the situation.
 Fortunately the barn and season's
 crop was saved.

A Very Old Resident.
 Michael McManus, who died in
 Renfrew on Monday at the age of
 eighty-six, was one of Renfrew's old-
 est citizens, not only in respect of
 years, but in regard to length of
 residence here. He went to Ren-
 frew in the '50's, and has been there
 ever since, never being away for any
 length of time except when in the
 lumber woods. He was a genial,
 whole-souled son of Erin, quick of
 wit and active in body until seized
 by his last illness, which was of a
 month's duration. He never mar-
 ried, and is survived by one sister,
 Miss Kate McManus, and one bro-
 ther, Patrick, both of Renfrew.

Printed in Kingston.
 The romantic side of seeking rare
 books is cited by Miss Janet Car-
 nochan of Niagara, who has so faith-
 fully chronicled the records of her
 own locality and built up, with the
 co-operation of several other zealous
 workers, a remarkable local mu-
 seum. Miss Carnochan tells of the
 anxiety of Dr. James Balm, late li-
 brarian of Toronto, to secure a copy
 of "St. Ursula's Convent," which
 was offered at a sale at Montreal.
 He was afraid the bidding would be
 too high for him, but he secured the
 volume.

"I would be afraid to tell you
 what I paid for it," he afterward
 told the Library Association, "but
 when I told Miss Carnochan, to my
 astonishment she said: 'Why, we
 have one, but we did not pay any-
 thing for it.' It is only a small book,
 written by Mrs. Beckwith of New
 Brunswick, she being seventeen
 years of age. It was printed in
 Kingston in 1824. A list is given of
 subscribers in different parts of Can-
 ada, even some in England and the
 United States. There was one sub-
 scriber in Niagara and one in St.
 Catharines. Instead of dealing with
 what might be supposed the Roman
 Catholic church, it is a most extraor-
 dinary story of shipwrecks, of lost
 children, of children restored, etc."

GAMBLING AT CARDS

By Albert Apple.
 The mah jongg craze is beginning
 to wane. It still has millions of en-
 thusiasts. And it will be popular
 for years. But cards are coming
 into their own again.
 This runs true to history. Thou-
 sands upon thousands of gambling
 games have been invented. But in-
 variably man goes back to "the
 greasy pasteboards."
 When people play cards, they are
 handling a gambling device so many
 thousands of years old that the
 origin is lost in the mists of anti-
 quity.
 The very ancient Hindus had a
 game called "Chaturaji"—which,
 many experts believe, was the origin
 of playing cards. "Chaturaji" (the
 name of "four rajahs or kings") was
 really highly complicated chess.
 Life to the ancients was a lottery.
 They symbolized this belief in the
 four divisions of cards—hearts for
 love out of which life is born, clubs
 for knowledge, diamonds for wealth,
 and the spade or spade for death.
 In the Middle Ages, card games
 took clearer shape. Hearts came to
 represent bravery. Spades repre-
 sented swords. Diamonds signified
 shields. Clubs were symbolic of army
 provisions. It was a military age,
 and cards became games of war.
 The four kings stood for the famo-
 us champions of long ago—David,
 Alexander, Julius Caesar and Charle-
 magne.
 The four queens represented Ar-
 gine, Pallas, Esther and Judith—
 who were, respectively, symbolic of
 majesty, wisdom, piety and fortitude.
 In some decks of cards, with a little
 imagination, you can discern these
 qualities in the facial expressions of
 the grotesque ladies.
 The four knaves represented the
 gallant captains, Ogier, Launcelot,
 Lohre and Hector de Gallard.
 But if you ask a Chinaman, he
 will tell you that his race invented
 cards thousands of years before
 these celebrated personages were
 born. To a Chinaman cards repre-
 sent the stars, the human virtues
 and, in their various combinations,
 about everything under the sun.
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 be played when mah jongg and even
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