

### THE WORK DONE ON RIDEAU CANAL IN 1830

#### Building of Locks at Kingston Mills—Blockhouses Built for Protection.

Ottawa Journal. The newspaper review of the Rideau Canal works which appeared early in 1830 set forth the progress which had been made all along the line up to that time. Between the "stupendous works" being carried on at Kingston Mills and those approaching completion at Bytown, all was activity and contractors were hurrying to end their tasks. At Kingston Mills the contractor, Robert Drummond (who died at Kingston

of cholera on August 20th, 1834, shortly after he had entered into partnership with James McCutcheon in the brewing, distilling and forwarding business) had a force of nearly 300 men at work. These had the masonry of three of the locks well under way. This was built partly of limestone brought a distance of four miles from the shores of Kingston Bay and partly of freestone found close at hand.

The newspaperman was much interested in the operation of a species of steamboat which Drummond had constructed for the purpose of pumping out the works. It was simply a steam engine mounted upon a scow, yet it was upon this strange craft, remodelled and christened "The Pumper," that Colonel By and his family, members of his staff, Drummond and a few other associates made the first trip from King-

ston to Bytown after the completion of the canal. The swampy valley at the head of the locks at Kingston Mills was still filled with timber, some of the trees alive and others in a state of decay. Mr. Drummond was also engaged upon the construction of a small lock and a small dam at Bower's Lower Mills, having taken over a contract which had been abandoned.

#### Old Block-House.

At Brewer's Upper Mills two locks were being built by Mr. Brewer, who, although not a practical man, was doing satisfactory work. The material, a freestone, was brought from five miles away. A small dam needed to overflow the Cranberry Marsh had not yet been contracted for, and it was thought that it would be built by the Engineering Department under the day labor. Nor was the construction of the dam at the Whitesh Falls, the outlet of the Ganarhogue River system, yet begun. This, too, was a small work. A few years ago a concrete dam took the place of the original structure a short distance from the village of Morton. On a high rocky bluff overlooking it, there still stands in a state of decay the log block-house which was built under Colonel By's command for the purpose of protecting the works. Most of these block-houses have been preserved, but that at Morton is falling into ruin.

At Jones' Falls, however, there was great activity. Here Messrs. McKay & Redpath were the contractors. When they arrived to commence work, not a tree had been cut, not a building had been erected and there was not a road leading to the place. The mill-site and the land in the vicinity were owned by Hon. Charles Jones, M.L.C., of Brockville, who also owned the water-powers at Yonge Mills, at the Narrows about three miles from the Isthmus (Newboro) and at Furnace Falls (Lynchurst) by virtue of his association with the "Family Compact" of the day. Mr. Jones planned the development at Jones' Falls of a village to be known as "Charleston," named after himself, but this failed to materialize. His town-site of the same name, laid out a decade earlier, was absorbed in the village of Brockville. McKay & Redpath suffered from the inaccessibility of the place where they had been commissioned to build five locks, a basin and a dam 65 feet in height, the highest on the canal. They were obliged to bring stones for nearly six miles at a cost of 5s 6d per ton of 16 cubic feet to transport and for the purpose of commissariat use, pork cost 23 5s per barrel, potatoes 1s 3d, oats 1s 11d and flour 21 10s per barrel.

#### Divorce Case Dismissed.

Watertown, N.Y., Nov. 18.—The divorce proceedings brought by George E. Barker against Ruth C. Barker, both of this city, came to an abrupt end in special term of supreme court when Justice Smith granted a motion to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that the plaintiff had failed to furnish sufficient evidence.

Shortly before the motion was made and after nearly two days of trial, Justice Smith announced that there was nothing in the evidence on which he could find the defendant guilty of violation of her marriage vows.

Both of the above parties formerly lived in Frontenac.

#### Girl Abductor Remanded.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—A further remand of two weeks was made when Ann MacMillan, aged 14 years, appeared in juvenile court yesterday to answer a charge of delinquency, which was laid following her abduction of Baby Robert Muldoon from a department store on Nov. 6th. The baby was returned to its parents on Nov. 8th by the girl's father.

A remarkably clean bill of health was presented by the medical officer of health of Galt. Only 195 cases of communicable disease, without one single death, were recorded.

#### A GERMAN FRAULEIN



Frau Elli Hirshfeld of Wien, Germany, a social favorite of the continent, is also a great dog fancier. This shows the lovely fraulein posed with two of her pets.

#### Will Be No Election in Manitoba in 1926

Virten, Man., Nov. 19.—There will be no provincial election in 1926, Premier John Bracken, of Manitoba, intimated in an address here last night. Premier Bracken said that the Government's five year term runs from 1922, and it was its intention to carry on for the full term unless some issue arose demanding an election, and no such issue had yet presented itself. In view of the fact that in all

probability a Federal election might be held within a year, Mr. Bracken said his Government did not consider it advisable to saddle the province with an additional expense of \$150,000.

#### Sir Henry's Prediction.

London, Nov. 19.—Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, addressing the National Railways staff at a gathering here to-day, predicted that the railways' net earnings this year would approximate \$25,000,000.

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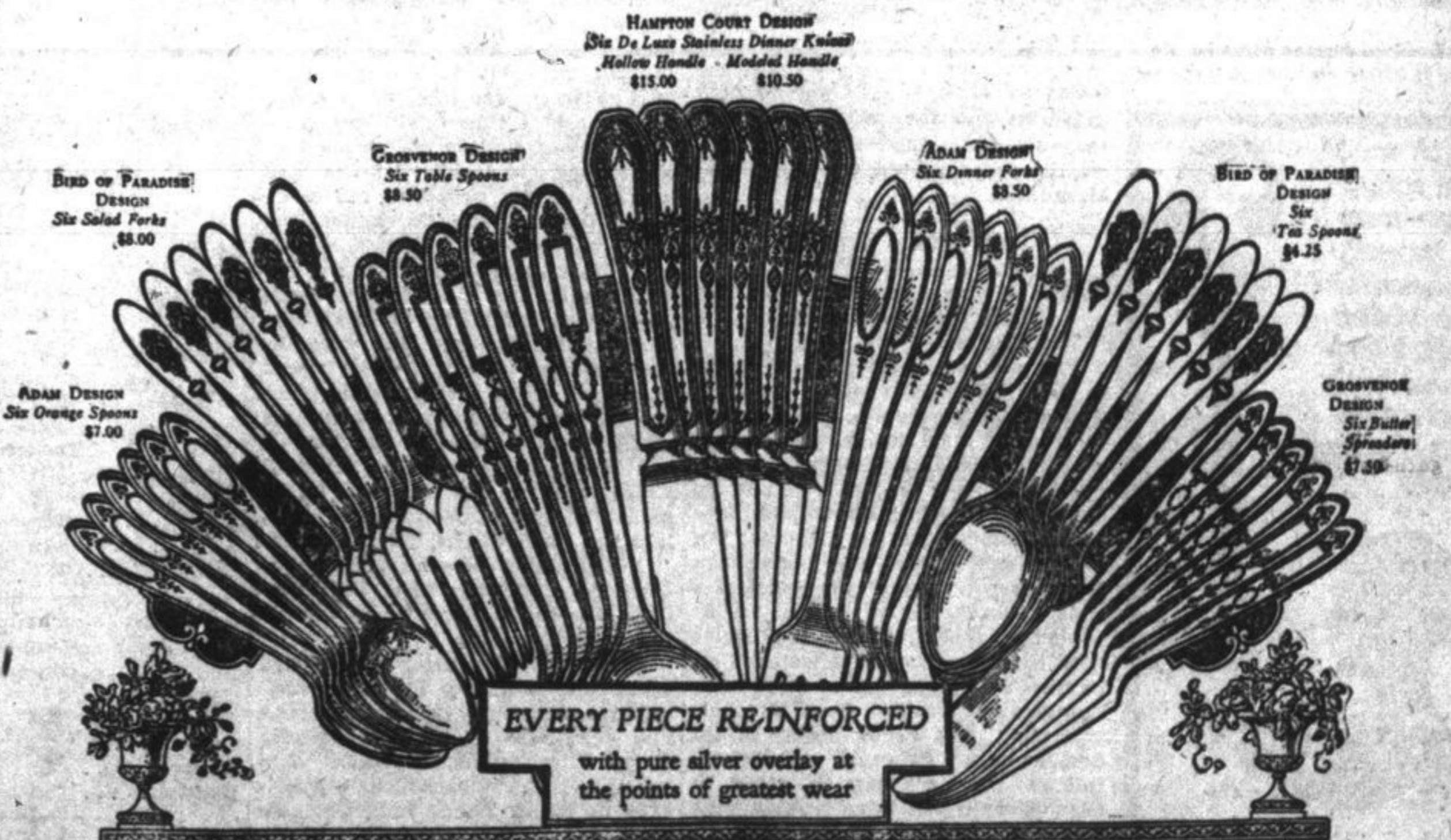


A titled visitor to the United States is Lady Muriel Paget, who has come to lecture in New York for the League for Political Education.

Her life has been varied and eventful. Her experience in Russia and Siberia during the revolution were widely heralded. She succeeded in withdrawing across Asia from Petrograd and Kief the doctors, nurses and personnel of the Anglo-Russian hospitals and the Red Cross societies.

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