

# At the Sign of the Maple

A NEWS DEPARTMENT MAINLY FOR WOMEN

## Englishwomen Trained for Canada

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OUTDOOR occupation is the most agreeable form of work to the Englishwoman. At Studley Castle and Swanley horticultural schools a great number of women take up a course of one, two or even three years' training to equip themselves for the profession which stands for outdoor occupation. Usually a high fee is paid by the pupils and life is simple, but the best possible instruction is given in every branch of work appertaining to outdoor pursuits.

At Arlesey no staff of servants is employed. The Principal, Miss Turner—who at various seasons has been instructress at Mrs. Martin's horticultural school at Bredon's Norton; Viscountess Wolseley's school at Glynde, and also at Swanley—believes that one can only teach pupils thoroughly by charging them with the full responsibility of work. All cooking and food preparation, table-waiting, dusting and polishing, is done by the students, under her personal direction. Miss Turner's partner, Miss Kitson (who, by the way, is sister to Lieut. James Kitson, R.N., who married Lord Strathcona's grand-daughter, Miss Frances Howard), is outdoor instructress. Under her tuition the students learn flower, fruit and vegetable culture outdoors and under glass, also bee-keeping, dairying and poultry work.

The domestic training at Arlesey is particularly thorough. Cooking, laundry work, house-work and needle-work are taught, and certificates are granted to pupils who train for two years. There are many applications from Canada to obtain an Arlesey student as home help, but Miss Turner asks twenty-five dollars a month as minimum salary for her pupils, rightly judging that women who are at the expense of special preparation for the work through which they hope to obtain their ultimate independence, should be able to command a higher rate of salary than the woman who so frequently imagines she can do everything because she has never been called upon to prove that she can do anything.

From the four-acre farm at Arlesey the household, consisting of about twelve persons, is supplied with fruit and vegetables, eggs and poultry; and all samples of produce are taken once a week to the neighbouring town of Letchworth. Two students always go in with the market-cart, and it is quite the favourite "chore" at Arlesey. They sell their wares from house to house, and the income from this end of the proposition averages five hundred dollars a year; although vegetables which would fetch from ten to twenty-five cents in Toronto fetch from six to twelve cents in Britain, and it must also be remembered that the market-cart was started not so much as a commercial enterprise as to give the students experience of the trading end of a gardener's occupation.

Several Arlesey students have already gone out to Western Canada. A few years ago two fellow-students bought land at Enderby in the Okanagan. They cleared several acres, built a most comfortable bungalow, which contained a bath-room with water laid on, and is lit by electric light and furnished with every necessity which must be regarded as a luxury from the point of view of a farmer in the Prairie Provinces. Last year they let the property with the option of purchase to Mrs. Robson, a member of the Lyceum Club, London, England, who went out with her daughter and a friend to start a pig, potato and poultry enterprise.

So far Miss Robson is thoroughly pleased with her beautiful surroundings and the prospect of the commercial end of her undertaking. This week another Arlesey girl, Miss Marie Arnott, sails by the Empress of Ireland for Cowichan, Vancouver Island, to join her friend and former fellow-student, Miss Fox, on a fruit and poultry farm, which they have lately purchased. The greatest interest is being taken by the staff and students of the British schools for the training of women for outdoor occupation in the fortune of those of their number who venture out to Canada.

## The News in General

LAST Saturday an invitation recital, given by the Hambourg Conservatory of Music, introduced Miss Ruth Lewis-Ashley, the famous mezzo-soprano, to a Toronto audience in Massey Hall. The singer was assisted by Mr. Boris Hambourg, his last appearance previous to his departure for Europe.

Miss Lewis-Ashley is joining the staff of the Hambourg Conservatory.

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Superb horsemanship was displayed by the several women who entered the lists at the recent Horse Show, held in Edmonton. Specially commented upon was the riding of Miss Margaret Cuthbert; likewise that of Miss Beatrice Saunders.

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Recently, for the fifth time, Miss Violet Pooley, of Victoria, B.C., won the provincial ladies' golf championship by defeating Miss Phetoe, of Vancouver. Mrs. Ricardo, of Victoria, who held the title last year, was eliminated in the first round, this year, by Mrs. Langley.

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The women of the Queen's University Alumnae Association have been working hard to swell the subscriptions to the fund for a women's residence. The total subscription at present stands at \$20,000, of which sum \$16,000 has been paid. At the recent

ment, which was only one hundred in November, being two hundred and twenty-five at the present time. The body has dispensed much suffrage information by means of both printed pamphlet and public lecture, and has thoroughly fulfilled its aim to be educative. Officers for the coming year are as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. J. C. Cox; president, Miss Burt; first vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Edgar; second vice-president, Mrs. J. G. McNulty; corresponding secretary, Miss L. Abbott; recording secretary, Miss Helen Asselstine; and treasurer, Miss W. Fyles.

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Mr. James Redmond and Miss Redmond are sailing from England for Montreal about the middle of May, to be present at the marriage of their nephew, Mr. Redmond, to Miss Edith Shaughnessy, which is announced to take place on June 3rd.

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On Wednesday last an event in Toronto was the Shakespearean fete of the Heliconian Club. Songs from the plays were delightfully rendered by Mrs. R. J. Dilworth, Mrs. Frank MacKelcan, Madame Innes-Taylor, Mrs. Denison Dana, Miss Hicks-Lyne and Miss Muriel Bruce, and were illustrated by living reproductions of Edwin Abbey's famous pictures.

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Lady Drummond was hostess at a recent reception in honour of the poet, Alfred Noyes, whose lecture entitled "The Future of Poetry" had been much enjoyed in Montreal by the members and friends of the Women's Canadian Club.

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Mrs. Arthur Murphy, of Edmonton, was recently invited to take the platform at the luncheon of the local Industrial Association. Mrs. Murphy is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and spoke with a great deal of force and good sense along the line of a city beautiful. After the luncheon the auxiliary remained and organized a women's branch of the Industrial Association to do definite work. Officers of the same are as follows: Convener, Mrs. W. L. Richardson; vice-convener, Mrs. Frank Morgan; secretary, Mrs. Strong; and treasurer, Mrs. L. Chown.

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The University Women's Club of Ottawa held its fourth annual dinner, last week, at the Chateau Laurier, which was followed by a reception in the foyer. Various universities of Canada, the United States, England and Germany were represented; and perhaps the ablest speaker present was Professor Carrie Derick, of McGill.

## Halifax Happenings

INTEREST locally in the work of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire has been greatly stimulated by the recent visit of Miss Constance Rudyard Boulton, of Toronto. One result of that visit has been the organization by the public school teachers of the city of a new chapter of the Order, with Miss Kate MacKintosh, associate principal of the Halifax Academy, as Regent. While in the city, Miss Boulton, who was the guest of Mrs. Leonard Murray, addressed a finely representative audience in the Assembly Hall of the School for the Blind; the members of the Teachers Union; and the students of the Halifax Academy.

At its meeting a few days ago the Halifax Board of School Commissioners took a progressive step in the appointment of a school nurse, Miss Nora Larkin, a member of the Nova Scotia Graduate Nurses' Association, being the appointee. The suggestion to appoint a school nurse was made at the last annual meeting of that association, when Mrs. Struthers, of Toronto, gave a very convincing address in which she told of the usefulness of the school nurse elsewhere.

Largely as the result of the efforts of the women of the Halifax County Anti-Tuberculosis League, there has been opened here, at the North-west Arm, a sanitarium for advanced cases, known as "Hazelwood." Among those who have been specially active in the movement which resulted in the opening of the sanitarium are Mrs. Edward Farrell, Mrs. A. J. Mader (wives of two of our leading physicians), and Mrs. William Schon.

On April 18th the marriage took place, in Halifax, of Olive, daughter of the late Mr. Edward Stairs, of the old firm of Stairs, Son and Morrow, and Mr. Robertson, of Liverpool, N.S. Both the principals are great social favourites.

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AT THE MELTON HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

As usual, Lady Diana Manners is centre of the picture. She is called the most beautiful woman in England, and is a favourite mark of the snapshotter on field days when society foregathers. With her in this particular group are Hon. Mrs. Lionel Walrond and Miss Nancy Cunard.

meeting of the Association, in Kingston, a timely paper was read by Mrs. M. E. F. Addison, B.A., of Annesley Hall, Victoria College, Toronto, on "The Value and Importance of Residential Life to University Students." The officers for the ensuing year were elected by the meeting as follows: President, Mrs. John Macgillivray (Kingston); vice-presidents, Mrs. John A. Cooper (Toronto), Mrs. H. A. Lavell (Kingston), and Miss M. Gordon (Kingston); secretary, Miss J. Muir (Ottawa); and treasurer, Miss M. Redden (Kingston).

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Dr. Ritchie England, of Montreal, was the guest of honour at a farewell luncheon given by Mrs. Allister Mitchell and Mrs. J. A. Henderson, at the Ritz-Carlton, previous to her departure for Rome, to attend the quinquennial of the Women's Council.

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Mrs. Langstaff, president of the Daughters of the Empire in the United States, will be one of the interesting visitors in Toronto for the annual meeting of the Imperial Order in May.

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The membership of the Ottawa Equal Suffrage Association was shown at the recent annual meeting to have achieved a remarkable increase—the enroll-