

# Society

His Excellency the Governor-General arrives in Toronto next week and will stay at Government House.

Lieut.-Colonels Moore and Bruce, and officers of the Thirtieth and Ninety-First Regiments have issued invitations to a ball to be held in the infantry officers' quarters of the Hamilton armories on Friday, February nineteenth.

Miss Frances Barber, Bay street south, entertained informally at the tea hour on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. McBrayne, Hughson street, gave a small tea on Tuesday afternoon for Miss Lillian House, Toronto, who is staying with her. Miss Marjorie Bristol also gave a tea for Miss House and a few of her girl friends on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Violet Crerar is staying in London with Mrs. Adam Beck.

Mrs. Lucas, "Rowanhurst," gave a farewell tea on Tuesday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lucas, who left the following day for their future home in Prince Rupert, B.C. George F. Glasson and Mrs. Bristol presided at the charming tea table, which was placed in the conservatory, and Mrs. Storer, Mrs. Herbert Ambrose and Miss Storer assisted. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Myler, Mr. and Mrs. Collinson, Mrs. C. S. Scott, Mrs. Garshore, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mr. F. R. Martin, Miss Constance Turnbull, Mrs. Nesbitt, the Misses Hobson, Miss Carrie Crerar, Mr. T. H. Crerar, the Misses Lalor, Mr. Gordon Glasco, Miss Lily Bristol, Miss Stinson, Miss Phelps, Mrs. C. C. Thomson, Miss Leggat, Miss Simonds, Miss Edith Ferris, Canon Almon Abbott, Mr. H. M. Patterson, Mr. R. K. Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalley leave next week to spend the rest of the winter in Bermuda.

Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Kennedy, Ray street south, gave an informal tea on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Saunders (Mexico), and Miss Bruce (Toronto), who is staying with Mrs. Kirwan Martin.

Mrs. Ingersoll Olmsted was hostess of a buffet luncheon on Wednesday, when among the ladies present were Mrs. J. Morrison, Mrs. Garshore, Mrs. J. V. Cann, Mrs. Adam Hope, Mrs. Robert Holson, Mrs. H. H. Champ, Mrs. W. R. Marshall, Miss Hendrie, Mrs. Gordon Henderson, Mrs. James Gillard, Mrs. F. S. Glasco, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. W. R. Mills, Mrs. A. G. Osborne, Mrs. David Gillies, Miss Leggat, Miss Bruce (Toronto), Mrs. J. L. Connell, Miss Crerar, Mrs. A. E. Malloch, Miss Bell.

Mrs. William Vallance and Mr. and Mrs. George Vallance have left for Jamaica.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Southam and Miss Alice Macdonald have returned from a trip to Bermuda.

Mrs. F. S. Glasco, James street south, asked a few friends to tea on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Haviland Wanzer, Milton, are staying with Mrs. Jas. Walker, Caroline street south.

Miss Marjorie Fortner has returned from a visit to New York.

Mrs. Robert Holson entertained at luncheon on Friday, when covered were laid for twelve, and the ladies present included Mrs. William Hendrie, Mrs. Kirwan Martin, Miss Bruce (Toronto), Mrs. Ingersoll Olmsted, Mrs. Nesbitt, Miss Jean Holson, Mrs. W. R. Marshall, Mrs. J. L. Connell.

Mrs. H. V. Cann, Herkimer street west, entertained informally at the tea hour yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. O'Hanley, New York, is staying with Mrs. Grenville Finch-Noyes.

Mrs. E. R. Niblett, Wellington street, has sent out cards for an at-home on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

A surprise party in honor of Miss Irene Toye was held last evening at her residence, 128 Fairleigh avenue south. A large crowd attended. Games and music were indulged in, and the crowd broke up at 1 o'clock after having a very enjoyable time.

A delightful at-home was given yesterday by Mrs. R. Y. Parry at her home, Barton street east. Mrs. Parry received in an empire gown of Dresden silk, and was assisted by Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Murray, of Toronto. Mrs. Hall, of Berlin, and Mrs. Huerner Mullin were matrons of honor. The drawing room decorations were carried out in red carnations and red shaded lights, which gave the room a very soft tint. The artistic dining room, in which the afternoon tea was served, was very dainty with red and green lights and crimson flowers. The table was presided over by Mrs. (Dr.) Griffin, wearing a black silk and net gown, and Mrs. Rennie, in a pale green dress. They were assisted by Miss Jean Murray, of Toronto, Miss Elsie Forbes, Miss Frances Barber and the Misses Sutherland.

Toronto Saturday Night: The marriage of Lieutenant Eric Fullerton, second son of Admiral Sir John Reginald Fullerton, and Miss Dorothy Fisher, daughter of Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord, took place on Dec. 28 at St. George's, Hanover Square. Lieutenant Fullerton is well known at Halifax, where he was stationed for some time. Miss Fullerton, of Oakville, is a cousin, by the way.

Miss Helen Smith, Mount Hamilton, left for New York last evening. She may be away for a few weeks.

Mrs. Norman S. Jones, Homewood avenue and Kent street, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Rebert, of Buffalo, received for the first time in her new home on Thursday afternoon. In future she will receive on the first and third Wednesdays.

St. Cecilia Chapter, Daughters of the

Empire, are well satisfied with the result of the benefit held at Bennett's Theatre on Thursday evening last. Several offers of the different chapters occupied boxes, and the orchestra seats were all filled. A tidy sum was realized.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Moore, of San Francisco, who have been visiting relatives here, will leave on Monday for California.

Miss May Fairbairn, of Embro, is visiting Miss Teresa Griffin, 157 Robinson street.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hopkins will receive for the first time in her new home, corner of Mary and Cannon streets, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and afterwards on the first Wednesday and second Thursday of each month.

Miss Windred Waugh, James street south, is visiting Miss Amy McKeown, Dorchester street west, Montreal, during the winter carnival.

Miss Hilda Murphy gave a bridge party in Ottawa on Wednesday in honor of Miss Enid Hendrie (Hamilton) and Miss Dell Sylvester (Toronto).

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter E. Murray, Hamilton, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Anna R., to Mr. James Dennis Armstrong, second son of Mr. J. J. Armstrong, of Hamilton. The marriage will take place early in March. Miss Frances Barber entertained some of her young friends at the tea hour on Monday afternoon. The color scheme used in the house decorations was pale pink and carried throughout. The table was presided over by Mesdames F. F. Baquis, J. M. Eastwood, Ernest Watkins and Charteris Thompson, assisted by the Misses Violet Grant, Colquhoun, Bennetts, Rutherford, McPherson and Paterson. Among those present were Mesdames Aleck Zimmerman, R. V. Mackay, Wolffo, Renne, Griffin, McMurtrie (Toronto), Arthur Treble, Ernest Lazier, H. Mullin, R. B. Harris, M. Brayne, William Marshall, Arthur Rowe, Roy Moodie, James Moodie, Onderdonk Allworth, H. V. Cann and the Misses Gertrude Carey, Carrie Crerar, Leina, Miss Agnes and Jean Holson, Mary DuMoulin, Elsie Forbes, Howel, Heintzman (Toronto), Ball and others.

Miss Alice Murton will hold her annual at-home on April 16th next.

Mrs. C. D. Blachford and her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Martin, were at home in the former's home on Thursday afternoon, from four until six o'clock. Mrs. A. C. Blachford received with them. The matron of honor was Mrs. E. B. Arthur, Mrs. Heaman, of London, and Mrs. J. Blachford presided over the table. Miss E. M. P. Brantford, Miss Elliott, Miss Philip, Miss Graham, and Miss Martin were the assistants. The tea-room was tastefully decorated in pink and white and the drawing-room in red and green, the mantel being embellished with ferns and red carnations. Dowling supplied the music. After the event, the assistants were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blachford at a box party at the Savoy on the evening. The costumes were: Mrs. C. D. Blachford, princess pale blue chiffon broadcloth; Mrs. A. E. Martin, princess pale blue crepe over blue silk; Mrs. A. C. Blachford, princess white silk; Mrs. E. B. Arthur, princess white silk; Mrs. J. Blachford, blue chiffon; Mrs. Heaman, pale blue crepe; Miss Martin, turquoise blue; Miss Hampel, flowered crepe; Miss Phillip, light grey silk; Miss Graham, blue gown; Miss Elliott, champagne, tulle over silk.

The guests were: Miss P. Stewart, Miss Gertrude Phillip, Mrs. C. R. Linton, Mrs. Geo. Forsythe, Mrs. Henry Marsh, Mrs. E. Hender, Mrs. Charles Smye, Mrs. Henry Finch, Mrs. Dr. Miller, Mrs. F. Rutherford, Miss Kate Stoddart, Mrs. F. Rutherford, Miss Kate Phillip, Miss Pulpow, Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Geo. Elder, Miss Hill, Miss Sharp, Mrs. J. and Miss Jean Cox, Mrs. and Miss Lambert, Mrs. J. P. and Miss Steedman, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. A. Lumsden, Mrs. J. J. and Miss Marjorie Evel, Mrs. Miss Babel, Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. Angus, Miss A. Hill, Misses Vesper, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. T. Binkley, Mrs. Lees, Mrs. E. Whitley, Mrs. H. S. Case, Mrs. C. Bamfylde, Miss Mabel Webster, Mrs. Harvey Hill (Dundas), Mrs. W. J. Walsh, Mrs. W. Acheson, Mrs. R. B. Anderson, A. Semmens, Mrs. T. G. Anderson, Misses Israel, Miss C. Richter, Mrs. W. G. Thompson, Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Olmstead, Mrs. H. Robinson, Mrs. George Kendall, Mrs. C. W. Gardner, Mrs. J. H. Horning, Mrs. F. Wright, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. A. Strowger, Miss Ethel Wright, Mrs. W. Henry, Mrs. J. Laidlaw, Mrs. G. S. Kerr and others.

Mrs. H. E. J. Vernon received in her new home, 134 Stinson street, on Friday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 6, and afterwards the first Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. Thompson W. Kirby will receive for the first time since her marriage at 11 Slater street on Monday from 4 to 6 o'clock, and afterwards on the first Monday of each month.

Opera gowns are remarkably brilliant this year, and what they lack in themselves is made up by the lavish use of jewels. The leading idea in this season's display is that too many gems cannot be worn, and that the more the better. Tiaras are preferred to any other form of display, and the prettiest of these is the butterfly tiara. This exquisite jeweled crown made its first appearance in New York upon the head of Grace Van Studdiford, star and prima donna of "The Golden Butterfly," who ordered it especially for that opera. It is not too much to say that the butterfly tiara will make almost any woman beautiful. If it does not do this, it will attract so much attention that the woman under it will be of subordinate importance. In the first place it is so large that the coiffure is not noticeable. The hair may be worn either high or low, according to the special demands of the wearer's style.

The crown of Miss Van Studdiford's tiara is fastened to the head by a thin band, which fits tightly like a fillet. Next to this band is a string of tiny flowers, represented by rare pearls, and from this rises a small swarm of glittering insects, quite the most brilliant that ever rested upon a fair lady's hair. They are made wholly of diamonds, and the diamonds are so cleverly set and



MISS GRACE VAN STUDDIFORD, Who will be seen here in "The Golden Butterfly."

the butterfly is so carefully adjusted that they seem to be poised in the air rather than firmly attached to the golden band. The butterfly tiara promises to be the most popular ornament of the season.

On Jan. 23 a reception was held at "Logie Cliff Farm," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, to welcome their son, Dr. Herbert Le Roy Thompson, and his bride, of Chicago. Also to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Chase, of Boston, formerly Miss Bertie Bowman, sister of Mrs. Thompson. The brides looked charming in their wedding gowns of white satin trimmed with duchesse lace. Caterer Crawford looked after the wants in the dining room, which was decorated in pink and white with abundance of smilax. Among the guests were Dr. J. E. Bowman, New York; Dr. and Mrs. Addison, St. George; Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Lynden; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowman and Miss Sara Bowman, Dundas; Rev. Wm. Smythe and Mrs. Smythe and daughter, Milton; Miss M. F. Bowman, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson, Hamilton. Dr. Thompson is well known in Hamilton, having resided here for a number of years, and is one of the old Collegiate boys. Of his wedding the Chicago Inter-Ocean says:

The marriage of Miss Wynnah McLenahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McLenahan, to Dr. Herbert L. Thompson took place last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the family residence, 4343 Ellis avenue. The Rev. William White Wilson officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. M. E. McLenahan, as matron of honor, and Dr. Thompson had his uncle, Dr. Edward Bowman, of Greenwich, Conn., for best man. The bride wore an empire gown of white satin, and she carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Mrs. Keves wore pink satin and she carried a bunch of Killarney roses. The wedding was a small one. Mrs. George W. Dickenson, of New York, aunt of the bride, came on for the ceremony. After a trip Dr. and Mrs. Thompson had their home at 3971 Ellis avenue after Feb. 15.

**JAPS ARE CAUSING TROUBLE.** California Assembly Will Be Asked to Reconsider Its Vote. Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Governor Gillett will send a message to the Assembly to-day asking that body to reconsider the vote by which yesterday it passed the bill compelling Japanese children to attend separate schools.

This intended action is the result of a message received from President Roosevelt yesterday, appealing to him to devise some means of blocking the measure in the Legislature. The Governor's message to the Assembly will be a strong appeal to the members to stand by the Administration, and will deal with the question of treaties with Japan and other nations.

**Strangers in House of Commons.** One of the most important alterations which members of the House of Commons will notice when the reassemble a month hence will be a strangers' bureau. Its construction, which is now in progress, is the sequel to the scenes created by the suffragettes in the House during last session. In the last month of the autumn session as the result of their conduct no stranger was seen within the House of Commons.

A committee was appointed to draw up

new rules for admission of strangers. The members recommended the passing of an act making it a criminal offence for strangers to brawl within the chamber, and they also recommended that strangers should be made responsible for their own good behavior and should sign a paper accepting that responsibility. That being done the committee saw no reason why women, as well as men, should not be admitted to the strangers' gallery; and it is in preparation for the change that the new bureau is being made. As heretofore, tickets to the gallery will be allotted for by members in advance.—From the London Daily Mail.

**CHILD WIVES IN INDIA.** In India a girl must be married before she reaches the age of 12, or she and often her whole family is ostracized and suffers under the loss of caste. Caste enforces rules and regulates marriages. A man may be infirm, insane, loathsome, diseased, cruel and utterly repulsive, says the National Congress of Mothers Magazine, yet he can receive into his power through marriage and deal with her as he will a little girl of any age under 12 if the caste relations between them are according to the laws of that system.

Accepting these sacrifices to be duty and suffering under caste compulsion themselves, the parents place and often even drive their helpless little daughters into the most cruel unions.

The census of 1891 gives these returns of early marriages in British India: Females under 4 years of age, 258,760; females from 5 to 9 years of age, 2,201,404; females from 10 to 14 years of age, 6,016,759, and these to men of all ages.

In 1901 two women traveled through India investigating these dreadful conditions. With hearts rent with what they had discovered they returned to the United States and spread their knowledge wherever opportunity permitted.

They succeeded in enlisting practical sympathy, which has been embodied in the Indo-American Woman's Restoration League. The purpose of this organization is to aid in bringing about the enactment of a special law to protect the little girls of India until they are 16 from child marriage.

Great Britain in its treaty with India agreed never to interfere with the customs of the Hindu people. No change in law can therefore be made until India petitions that such laws be passed. The Indo-American Woman's Restoration League is working earnestly to organize the sentiment of the most thoughtful and advanced men of the Indian race thus to petition Great Britain.

Race pride and the conviction that child marriages are causing the deterioration of the Indian race may cause a change. The status of woman in India is so low that such a change must be made for other reasons than for the sake of the child.

The movement is one that must be kept distinct from missionary work, for the Hindu would not cooperate in any effort which savored of interference with his religion.

The child is father to the man.—Wordsworth.

# The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

## An enormous special purchase and sale of tapestry carpets

WE secured a great Canadian maker, at less than manufacturer's cost, over 4,000 yards of lovely, hardwearing Tapestry Carpets—fifty-four pieces—twelve beautiful patterns in newest 1909 designs. They're here and on sale now greatly underpriced for all next week.

Regular 60c hardwearing carpets for 51c  
Regular 80c hardwearing carpets for 63c  
Regular 90c hardwearing carpets for 75c

Effective floral, scroll and conventional designs on rich fawn, reseda, crimson and green grounds. Borders and stairs to match many. The sale started last Thursday and scores of homefurnishers are buying Spring Carpets now and sharing the savings. Let us show you Monday how good the bargains are and how desirable the carpets. We know they'll please you immensely.



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### ANNUAL MEETING.

North American Life Report For the Year 1908.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company, was held at its Home Office in Toronto, on Thursday, Jan. 28th, 1909, when the following report of the business of the Company for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1908, was presented:

**Cash Income.** The cash income for the year from premiums, interest, etc., was \$1,897,078.28, showing the satisfactory increase of \$81,980.59.

**Reduction in Expense Ratio.** The business has been conducted on a conservative basis, as is shown by a further reduction in the ratio of expenses to premium income, thereby placing the North American Life in the front rank of economically managed Canadian companies.

**Payments to Policy-holders.** The amount paid on policy-holders' account was \$654,991.05, and of this sum \$268,881.76 represents payments for Dividends, Mutual Endowments and Investment Policies.

**Assets.** The Assets increased during the year by the sum of \$84,762.01, and now amount to \$9,500,638.09. The Assets continue to be, as heretofore, invested in the best class of securities available; a detailed list of these will be published with the Annual Report for distribution.

**Net Surplus.** After making ample provision for all liabilities and paying the sum of \$124,771.26 for dividends to policy-holders, the net surplus was increased to \$876,214.15.

**Insurance.** The policies issued during the year, together with those revived, amounted to the sum of \$4,465,224.00, making the total insurance in force \$40,341,691.00.

**Audit.** A monthly examination of the books of the Company was made by the Auditors, and at the closing of the year they made a thorough scrutiny of all the securities held by the Company. A committee of the Board, consisting of two Directors, made an independent audit of the securities each quarter.

**L. GOLDMAN, J. L. BAIRIE,** Managing Director. The Annual Report containing a detailed list of the securities, will be sent in due course to each policy-holder.

**W. J. WATERS, District Manager.** Room 504, Bank of Hamilton Building.

### THE DAY AT HOME.

Started by Mile. De Seudery in Paris in the Eighteenth Century.

The feminine custom of having a day at home originated in France in the beginning of the eighteenth century with Mile. de Seudery, an authoress and a woman whom all the great personages of old Paris delighted to honor.

Mile. de Seudery was as busy as any modern American woman, and for that reason, being also a wise woman, she organized her activities. She had two days a week at home. Her Saturdays were reserved for her brilliant men and beautiful women who made famous the salon of the Hotel Rambouillet. On Tuesdays she received her intimate friends.

Many French women of the great world of the present time have two days at home a week, says Harper's Bazar; others receive certain hours, say, until 3 in the afternoon, every day in the week, while women of the middle class who have many serious occupations permit themselves the pleasure of seeing their friends at home but one day in two weeks.

In any case French women essentially preserve the charm of the custom established by Mile. de Seudery, who achieved her success by simple means which are quite within the reach of every American woman. Her small house in Paris stood in a garden full of fruit-bearing trees surrounded by tall shrubs and bushes. Conversation—that finest of all the fine arts—was "litteraire et galante," gay and gossipy, according to the character of those present, and if the weather was fine they took a turn in the garden gathering and eating cherries when the fruit was in season. In short, the day was truly and in simplicity a day at home.

The average American woman lives always under the oppressive shadow of the unexpected guest; whether she is making preserves, writing books, shampooing her hair or spanking the baby she is always under the strain of the fear that somebody will drop in; and

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The child is father to the man.—Wordsworth.

such is the open door policy of American hospitality, particularly in small towns, to be in the house and not to receive the unexpected guest is to convert a friend into an enemy. What woman in what small American town cannot provide as much for herself and her friends? Let her try it and see what benefit she will reap from thus ordering her relations with the world.

**FEASTS THAT LASTED HOURS.** Long Drawn Chinese Dinners—When an Esquimaux is Hungry. Sir Robert Hart, the veteran inspector-general of the Chinese customs, speaking at a dinner in London the other day, said that he once in Peking sat out a banquet that lasted seventeen consecutive hours. There were 125 courses, and he tasted them all. Mr. Ward, the American envoy to China, who tried to secure an interview with the Emperor Hsiao Tung in 1859, tells how he was entertained at a dinner that lasted from noon one day until 6 o'clock on the evening of the day following. The total number of courses is not given, but Ward mentions that he had to give in after partaking of 138 different dishes, "whereupon his hosts wondered greatly," presumably at his abstemiousness. Probably, however, the Esquimaux banquet lasted longer than any other and the quantity of food swallowed is also proportionately greater. Ross records that seven of his party, at the invitation of the Emperor, sat at a dinner for thirty-three hours, during which time they consumed 200 pounds of seal meat. Europeans exposed to the same climatic conditions act in much the same way. Capt. Scott, of the Discovery, on his return from his long sledge journey over the inland ice of Antarctica, tells of "not doing great" but eat and sleep for the space of three days and nights, and even then he was still hungry. Commander Peary and his party, returning from their Arctic dash for the pole in 1897, dined on a diet of seven or eight ounces of seal blubber, off the extreme north of Greenland. For two days and nights thereafter they crouched inside their snow huts, eating continuously, and when they had finished the pile of bones outside was "as high as a tall man's chin."—Chicago Daily News.

**A Sign of Death.** There may have been many "signs" of death—so some people believe—but one described here is probably new to many. Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Chesham, Ontario, told me that he had been but not confined to bed, and one sunny day in June when he walked across the garden another man, the face of his father, met him and "apparently passed into him." "Shortly after," said his father, once he said: "Did you see me go across the garden?" I said "Yes." "Well," he said, "I shan't be here long; our family see themselves before they die." Although I had seen this said, "Nonsense." He shook his head and walked away. Shortly after he took to his bed and died on July 5. My father during the few days he was in bed—was he yawning at the time—asked each morning, "Which field are you in now?" When we came to a certain field called "Cudley," he said, with a high, of great satisfaction, "Ah, I shall die now."

He died the