



Only Bride at Rideau Hall

UNTIL Lady Mary Hamilton came out to marry Captain Robert Kenyon-Slaney, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Rideau Hall, the home of Canada's Governors-General, had never known a bride. Lady Mary is a socialist of the most distinct type, and for one so young she has delightfully decided views on the serious problems of the day. The cause of the working man and woman is also hers. Prior to coming to Canada a few months ago, she worked in a munition factory in England, receiving thirty-five shillings a week, and living just like any of the other girl employees. Perhaps to heredity can be traced her interest in humanity, for on both sides of the house, her forefathers were zealous asserters of the rights of the people. Lady Mary is the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.

Lady Mary evidently established a good precedent that was followed by Lady Maud Cavendish, daughter of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, whose wedding took place at Rideau Hall, on November 3rd.

Only Woman Judge

MRS. JAMIESON is an ONLY woman in a very unique way. On coming to Calgary from the United States she decided to become a Canadian, and applied at Ottawa for recognition as a British subject. This was the only application of its kind to have come before the Government and was something of a poser for the hoary legislators, there. In due time, however, she was notified that naturalization papers were on the way and eventually she got possession of them. She was gazetted Judge of the Juvenile Court, and Justice of the Peace in 1915 and the following year, she was made Magistrate of the Women's Court for the City of Calgary. It is said unanimously of her that she fulfills her duties with dignity.

ONLY WOMEN



Only Woman Lawyer in Alberta

MRS. CHESTER D. GAINER is the only woman lawyer in Alberta—which seems a long step from Paisley, Ont., where as Lilian Clements, she was born. She received her degree of Bachelor of Arts and Honours in Political Economy, from McMaster University, Toronto, in 1912. Then she went to Edmonton and took an LL.B. in the Alberta University, 1915. She was admitted to the Supreme Court of the province and not satisfied with that, she decided to take another degree worth recording; in other words, she decided to have the prefix "Mrs." as well as a lot of suffixes. Her time is largely devoted to social service work and the passing of better legislation for women and children.

Women lawyers in Canada are, as it were, at a premium, due to the discriminating laws against women in many of the provinces. But it stands to the credit of both Mrs. Gainer herself, and Alberta, as the most advanced province in the Dominion, that she has succeeded so well.



President, Ont. Library Ass'n

FOR the first time in seventeen years a woman was elected recently to the Presidency of the Ontario Library Association, and Miss Mary M. J. Black's chief claim to this distinction was that of merit. For eight years she has been librarian of the Fort William Public Library, developing this highly efficient institution from a modest, not to say meagre, beginning,

the nucleus having been formed in the basement of the City Hall opposite the lock-up cell. The energetic librarian was never discouraged. She devoted herself in the early years to perfecting library administration and technique; and when after three years a splendid new building rewarded her efforts, she directed her energies to library extension. She is unusually gifted.



Business Manager

MISS JEAN GRANT, of Calgary, is the only woman business manager of a market paper we can find. Pioneer work is breath in her nostrils, as her record shows. She was the first woman editor of the local daily paper, and for some time, the only one. Resigning from that post, she went pioneering further and joined a firm of Lady Brokers, whose business—successful business, too, by the way—was to exploit real estate. This firm was the first in Canada and probably the first in the world, to have all its principals women! We do not feel we exaggerate in ranking Miss Grant with the Progressives.



The Need of Encouragement

DID you ever pause to consider the fine courage required to be the only one—of anything? This applies in matters great and small; to the reformer, the patriot . . . to the woman you may know. All are derided, criticized, misunderstood. All have to beat against a solid pact standing for the old order of things; all have to evolve their own mode of procedure for they have no precedent to follow. And if they make mistakes, are you sympathetic, or do you wag your head with satisfaction and say, "I told you so?" Do you rush forward to help or do you sit unmoved with the mob?

Of course, we cannot dash about embracing every strange and unique mode of thought or action; some of them may not be worth living. But, we can be assured that if not, they will die—without our assistance. Take a simple example . . . public speaking is now so general among women, we never dream of questioning the right of a woman to stand on the platform. But consider the reception of the first woman who stood before an audience! For a while she was the ONLY woman. Would you like to have been in her place?

Here we have some only women whose path to their present success was not entirely strewn with roses. It could have been made more thornless, however, if other women had helped them. It isn't too late to begin, though.

Yours faithfully,
Madge Macbeth.