

LINERS BRING HUNDREDS FROM HEBRIDES ISLANDS

Today Witnesses Many a Tender Farewell in the Far Away Western Isles as a Party of 400 Splendid Men and 200 Rosy-Cheeked Maidens Leaves for Canada.

NORTHERN BLOOD TO WORK ONTARIO FARMS

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Stornoway, April 21.—Four hundred splendid specimens of Hebrides manhood, not one man less in stature than 5 feet 9 inches, or 155 pounds in weight, and two hundred rosy-cheeked crofter girls from the tiny townships in the bog and the fen, and laughing fisher lassies from Stornoway and Castlebay, set sail today on the Metagama for Canada. Two hundred more young men had asked for places in the party, but their applications had been rejected. Today's party will all be located in Ontario.

This is the second large party to sail from Stornoway for Canada this week. On Monday there sailed on the steamer Marloch four hundred

men, women and children, most of them from the Isle of Eriksa. They will be settled in Alberta.

Start of a Greater Migration. And this is but the start of a greater migration to the west. More people will place a waste of seas between them and the lone shielings of the misty isles of the Hebrides this year than at any time during the past century. The same inexorable law of necessity which emptied the rugged isles when the kelp industry failed, and when the potato famine brought the grisly spectre of want into the black houses of the moor and the hillside, is exacting its penalty. Scores of applications flood the

mail of the tiny emigration office, with flagrant window-bills in a back street of this town. And many Lewismen—hundreds, it is said—are contracting privately to be taken to the new lands overseas.

The history of the romantic islands never held a more suggestive time than April, 1923. Hundreds of Lewismen, in the years before the war, left the island by the mail steamer for Glasgow, there to take passage on the liners that were to take them to their new homes. But this week the liners, called at Stornoway for the first time.

Losing All Her Benjamins.

Lewis is losing all her Benjamins. All the younger sons are going. Look for a young man between 18 and 23 beside their tollowed fathers on the croft when the May lambs come, and the search will be in vain. A few older sons are remaining; the croft and the boats and lines are their inheritance.

Almost every house in Knack, in the Eye peninsula, up past Barvas to Ness and the Butte and down again to Uig and Loch, is losing a son, mostly a younger son. And younger sons are beloved of a mother. At no time before have the mothers of the island—which is the island of Sorow for the mother-heart—sustained such a blow.

And away down in South Uist and Barra, the continuation of the island group, forty families are selling out, lock, stock and barrel, and changing their homes to an islanders' colony in the greater west. And more are now contemplating giving up their crofts.

Threat of Depopulation.

For weeks a common sight in Uist has been the coupling of stock. There are about 4,000 people in Uist and Barra, and the crofts are being so rapidly relinquished that the threat of complete depopulation looms up menacingly. Uist and Barra, some of these days, may become as empty as a coral island in the South Seas. That is no figure of speech. The little black cattle will not sell, and the horses that are bred will not pay prices, and the wool—the famous wool—produces no more money than would buy provender for the chicken run.

The prime mover in this migration is Father Macdonnell, a Roman Catholic priest, who has engineered more than one large movement from the islands in recent years. Emigration! The word is not music in the ears of a Hebridean. There is no doubt it has done more than anything else to sustain life in the Hebrides, for there are townships on the fringes of Lewis that are today mainly supported by remittances from Canada and the United States. The croft alone is a poor bulwark against starvation; the epic loyalty of the exiled Lewis man and woman, that tenuous memory of love and life in the old world, is one of the brightest lights in the strong character of the islanders.

An Economic Necessity.

Emigration for the last 200 years has made life possible to the remnant of the islanders. Yet emigration of the island is not the restless spirit to make good that it is in the south, generally speaking, or the symptom of the colonizing instinct. It is an economic necessity. The islander would not leave his beloved island if he could stay. He always comes back when he can afford to. But

the old crofter's house can no longer roof them, nor the tiny croft provide their frugal fare. Where can they turn? They could never remain a threat to the existence of the old people, for none in their nature.

And so today the broken circle of the Bay of Stornoway, over which the white gulls eternally wheel in their plaintive calls, will witness the spectacle of a human drama more tremendous in its setting and emotional appeal than any since the first Norseman coveted Lewis.

Fine Young Men.

And what of these young men who today bid farewell to the islands of their birth? They are big, shy, likeable fellows, with frank, open features and quick intelligence, slow to talk of themselves. But as one speaks to them one is conscious of their extreme suitability for colonizing. One remembers the words of the old emigration agent in Glasgow: "When I look at these Hebrides men beside the others, I am proud to am a Highlander. They look as if they were capable of taking the others in their teeth and shaking them."

The physique of these men, it is said, is that of giants from whom, it is fabled, they are sprung. Educationally they are all soundly equipped. All of them have passed through the higher grade school of Stornoway and there is no school in Scotland superior for the high standard of results that are obtained. If Lewis could absorb them—ah, then it would be different. Lewis would be a commercial force to be reckoned with.

LISTOWEL BAPTIST CHURCH SELECTS 1923 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser. Listowel, April 21.—At the annual meeting of the Baptist Church Thursday evening the following officers and committees were appointed.

Deacons, Carl Ross, Sidney Greenslade, William Fench; church clerk, Albert Baker; treasurer, Carl Ross; parsonage fund, treasurer, Sidney Greenslade; missionary treasure, Mrs. Bonnett; financial secretary, Mildred Hood; hymn leader, Miss Hood; choir leader, Mrs. Gonder; ushers, S. Greenslade, C. Ross, A. Chapman, A. Heard, George Tompkins, J. D. McKinnon, H. Bennett, W. Fench, S. Greenslade and Myrtle Fields.

WABASH YOUNG PEOPLE AUGMENT MISSION FUND

Special to The Advertiser.

Wabash, April 21.—The young people of Wabash provided an entertainment in the Methodist Church at Turnerville Tuesday evening in the form of a four-act drama entitled "The Village Lawyer," and between acts music was given by the Burwell orchestra. Recitations by Marie Leeson and Fred Ross, and vocal solos by Eva Boyle and Cora Gibson were also favorably received.

Proceeds amounted to \$28.70, which will be donated to the mission fund.

BELIEVE BROOK'S ARREST WILL CLEAR MYSTERY

Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, April 21.—The arrest in London of James Brooks is believed to clear up the fraudulent check escapades of "T. J. Boyd of Mitchell" here last January. Boyd passed a check at J. A. Forbes for \$400 in payment of furniture when he selected to the value of \$375 getting \$25 in change. From J. H. Moore he purchased \$75 worth of goods and gave a \$100 check likewise securing \$25 in cash.

ARKONA

Special to The Advertiser. Arkona, April 20.—The Baptist E. Y.P.U. presented a comedy, "The Pill Bottle" Tuesday night in the Baptist Church with a good attendance present.

Mrs. M. Zankay of Kitchener is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zankay. Rev. Mr. Hooper of Parkhill will preach in the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

PORT LAMBTON

Special to The Advertiser. Port Lambton, April 20.—A meeting will be held in the Methodist Church tonight to decide whether a new church will be built or the old edifice repaired.

Mrs. John Knight and daughters, Hattie and Dorothy Hogwood, are on a two weeks' visit with friends in Detroit.

The election pot is beginning to boil here and the necessary preparations of organization of the different parties will be completed this week and meetings of the executives announced.

PETROLEA

Special to The Advertiser. Petrolea, D.J. Matheson of Carp, Ont., has been appointed as assistant to Mr. McDonald, agricultural representative for Lambton.

During the past couple of weeks several Hollanders have arrived in Petrolea and been placed on farms in the district.

Word has been received from China of the illness of Miss Edith Tufts. Miss Tufts was a former teacher at the public school here and resigned her position to go to China as a missionary.

At the recent sale of work the Women's Association of Christ Church, under Mrs. T. C. Fisher, realized over \$134.

SOUTHWOLD

Special to The Advertiser. Southwold, April 20.—Mrs. Collins of London is visiting her daughter here.

Mrs. Alf. Betterley and three sons have returned from visiting the former's father Mr. Carter of Kingsmill. Miss Lyall Walker is spending the week-end at her home in North Yarmouth.

Mrs. Wm. Heron is visiting with her son in London.

LISTOWEL

Special to The Advertiser. Listowel, April 21.—Miss E. Krutzer, Toronto, is visiting friends in town. L. L. Anderson is in Buffalo this week.

Alvin and Johnston Kelly spent a few days in Toronto this week. Mrs. Whitmore of Vancouver is the guest of Mrs. W. J. Bartley. Mrs. H. Wilkin of Harrison is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Long.

Irvin S. Cobb Confesses Parenthood is Serious Job



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Does Not Claim To Be Able To Give as Good Advice as Authorities Not Hampered by Children.

(By IRVIN S. COBB.)

There are so many angles to this subject of the responsibilities of parenthood I hardly know where to begin. I am certain that did I undertake to go thoroughly into it, I shouldn't know where to stop. It is pretty generally understood—and conceded—that the best authorities on the science of rearing offspring are those who have never had any. In this field they are the professionals. Not being hampered by children of their own, they naturally have more time to devote to the task of telling other people how to rear the children that these other people have or have had or expect to have. As compared with them, I merely am an amateur.

But if I were trying to sum up, in a paragraph or two, my views on this

topic I should say, that a joint obligation rests upon parent and child alike. Either of them should strive to mould his or her life and acts in such a way as to retain the affection and the respect and the confidence of the other. I do not believe this calls so much for discipline as it calls for co-operation and an honest effort on the part of the senior member to get upon a basis of complete and proper understanding with the junior of the old established firm of Parent & Child.

We cannot rule the lives of others. To undertake to do so is, in my belief, a mistake. But we can seek, largely by example, to guide into good channels the lives of those who will bear our names and the strain of our blood in the next generation. That's a sufficient job for any man

or any woman, and to my way of thinking, a most laudable one. (Copyright, 1923, in U. S. and Canada by Women's News Service, Inc. Released exclusively through North American Newspaper Alliance. All rights reserved.)

WILL BEGIN SEEDING.

Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, April 20.—Seeding operations may be commenced next week in Perth if present weather and conditions continue. M. C. McPhail, district representative of agriculture said today. Already plowing has been commenced. Last year plowing commenced April 23.

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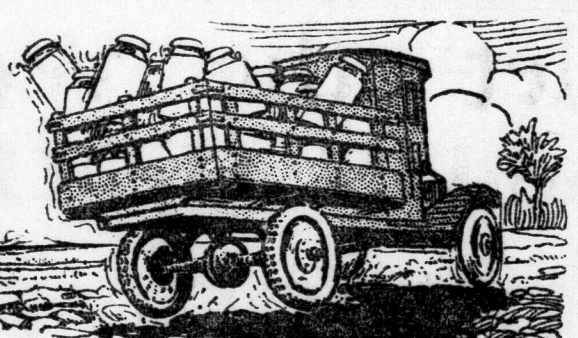
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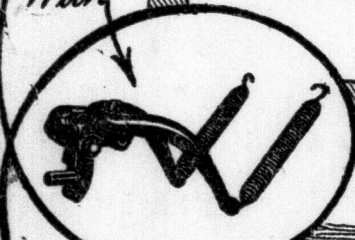
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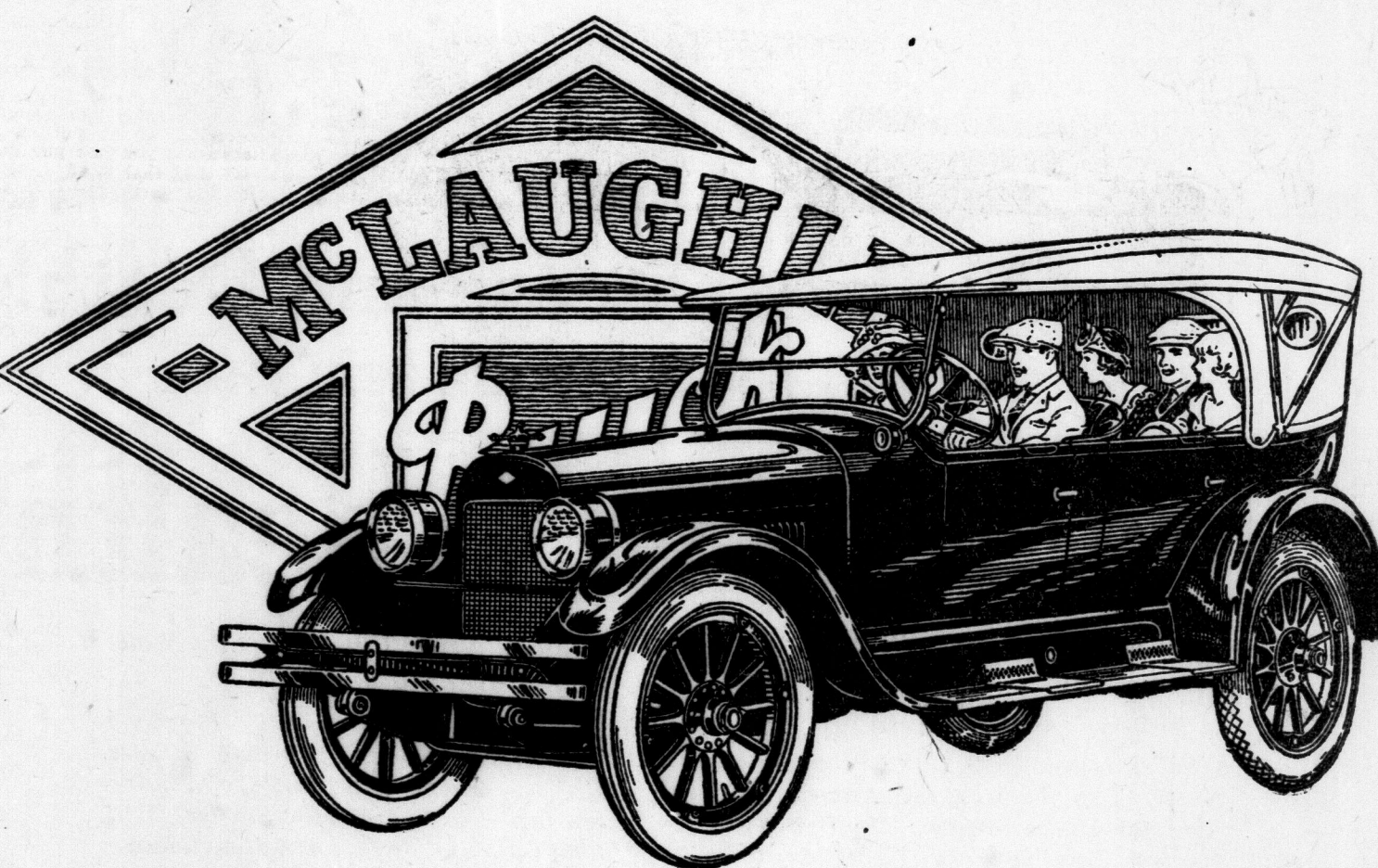


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