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SOCIAL LIFE

The event of absorbing interest to thousands of people on Wednesday afternoon was the opening of the provincial legislature by the Hon. William Mortimer Clark, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Long before the hour named, three o'clock, crowds assembled without and within the House, and the gaily dressed occupants of the carriages were closely scanned as they alighted under the porte cochere. Traversing many passages and rooms one came at last to the chamber which presented a most brilliant scene, the rising sunnier of Toronto's fairest daughters, all arrayed in fullest evening dress, the contrasting colors resembling in their effect a many-hued parterre of flowers. Even the garish light of day falling thru the tall windows could not dim the beauty of the scene, although the electric light would have lent a softer and more becoming radiance. Seated before three o'clock, Mrs. Mortimer Clark and Miss Elsie Clark entered and took their seats on the right, close to the Speaker's chair, and then the imposing cortege appeared of the Lieutenant-Governor, the magnificent gold embroidery on his coat making a brave show even among so many colors. He was accompanied by his secretary, Captain Fraser Macdonald, and aide de camp Mr. Alan Macree, and followed by a brilliant staff. On the conclusion of the interesting and impressive ceremony that followed, tea was served in the Speaker's chamber. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. St. John being hostesses and the recipients of many congratulations from their assembled friends. The rooms were most artistically decorated with a wealth of blossoms, banks formed of magnificent bunches of roses, azaleas, carnations and palms, maiden hair fern shedding a misty green over all. The tea table had spring flowers of many hues, and was laden with good things to eat and drink. Some of the dresses were as follows: Mrs. Mortimer Clark, satin of a lovely shade of heliotrope enriched with broad bands of lace glittering with tiny silver sequins, a small wreath of lilacs of the same shade in her beautifully dressed hair; Miss Clark, white satin diamanté; Miss Elsie Clark, white satin with blue, and white flowers in her hair; Mrs. Whitney, pale grey moire velours; Mrs. St. John, pale green poplin with cream lace; Mrs. Wallace Nesbitt, cream satin duchess with lace and gold embroidery; Mrs. Teetzel, silver grey satin and chiffon; Mrs. Bruce Macdonald, cream chiffon velvet with hand some gullure; Mrs. MacMahon, a very handsome black gown with much sparkling jet and ornaments of diamonds and pearls; Mrs. Moss, black over white, white feather aigrette in her hair; Mrs. John Hendrie (Hamilton), apricot satin with gold embroidery; Miss Foy, black gauze; Mrs. Monteith, black satin; Mrs. Hanna, cream silk with lace, ostrich feather boa; Mrs. Davis, white satin and violets; Mrs. Reaume, white satin and rose color; Miss Myles (Ireland), cream satin and lace; Miss Sovereign (Waterford, Ont.), white satin covered with lace; Mrs. Joe Beatty, black sequined net; Mrs. George Marks (Port Arthur), black net and jet, bouquet of violets; Mrs. Eutrett (Nap- anee), pink satin; Mrs. Fetherston- haugh, black chiffon, heliotrope chiffon and violets; Mrs. James Fraser Macdonald, cream satin and lace, pink roses on the bodice; Mrs. Lizars Smith,

black lace, pink roses; Mrs. George Kirkpatrick, pink and white brocade; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, black with white fichu; Mrs. Elmsley, black lace with Indian scarf of black gauze, thick with white silk embroidery; Mrs. Nordheimer, heliotrope brocade; Mrs. Burrows, black satin, white lace bertha, Miss Black Barrows, cream silk; Mrs. Holmes, black and jet; Mrs. Grantham, black silk with lace and jet; Mrs. A. Foy, black silk and crepe; Mrs. Goodwin Gibson, grey silk with maltese lace; Mrs. Frank Hodgins, black with white lace; Miss Elaine Hodgins, pink and white; Mrs. King, grey over pink; Mrs. Stupart, white with feather boa; Miss Bessie Macdonald, pink satin with sequined lace and glittering diara; Mrs. Hugh Macdonald, black velvet and scarf of old lace; Mrs. Mackenzie Alexander, black lace and jet, white feather boa; Miss Mackenzie and Miss Bertha Mackenzie, white tulle real lace and sequins, the former a wreath of green leaves in her hair and the latter small white roses; Mrs. Beattie Nesbitt, royal blue velvet with Honiton lace and bouquet of lilacs and violets; Mrs. J. R. Stratton, a very pretty gown of white satin, the sleeves formed of many platings of tulle sewn with diamonds; Mrs. Leigh, grey brocade, white lace; Mrs. Pridoux, pale pink satin; Lady Thompson, black satin and jet; Mrs. Crompton, a Paris frock of real lace over chiffon; Lady Metcalf, black satin Honiton lace; Mrs. Ritchie, cream lace, violets and white feather boa; Mrs. Ramsay, black with orange velvet; Mrs. William Hendrie (Hamilton), black velvet and lace over white satin, sable stole; Mrs. Loudon, grey satin and amethyst ornaments; Miss Phyllis Hendrie (Hamilton), pale pink silk and lace; Mrs. Adam Beck (London, Ont.), Mrs. Bolte, pale grey tulle; Mrs. Ramsay Wright, black lace with scarf of old lace; Mrs. Pyne, gold colored satin; Mrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, black lace and velvet, diamond stars; Mrs. Leavitt, reseda, lace scarf and scarf of old lace; Mrs. C. H. Chiffon and lace with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Godson, black crepe de chene; Miss Naomi Godson, shirred white silk. Others present were, Dr. and Mrs. Harley Smith, Dr. Thistle, Mr. Lionel Godson, M. S. Barnes, Go. S. N. (Bracebridge), Mrs. Roland Hills, the Misses Roland Hills, Mrs. Montague, Canon and Mrs. Welch, Rev. F. and Mrs. Hartley, Mr. R. Douglas Hewitt, Miss Hewitt, Mrs. Charlotte Mason, Miss Ethel Mason, Mrs. S. Alfred Jones, Miss Smallpeice, Miss Eva Smallpeice, Mrs. Herbert Lennox (Aurora).

The state dinner party took place at Government House on the evening of Wednesday, the 22nd, the dinner table with covers for sixty-four guests was beautifully decorated, down the centre large silver stands placed on plateaux of mirror held plants of azaleas in many shades of rose and white, long sprays of fern laid on the cloth and innumerable slender vases of silver and crystal, filled with all the delicate flowers of spring, surrounded silver candelabra with rose-shaded lights, flowering shrubs and palms grouped artistically at the ends of the room, the many doors into the conservatory being open formed such a fairylike picture that one regretted so much loveliness should be thrown away in the main. The guests were in the main of the upper and middle classes, Mr. Mortimer Clark being the only lady present. Those having the honor of being invited were: Hon. J. P. Whitney, Hon. J. Foy, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. A. J. Matheson, Hon. R. A. Pyne, Hon. S. N. Monteith, Hon. J. O. Reaume, Hon. W. A. Willoughby, Hon. Adam Beck, Hon. J. S. Hendrie, Hon. J. W. St. John, W. H. Hoyle, M.L.A., mover of the address; Joseph Downey, M.L.A., second of the address; R. Harcourt, K.C., M.L.A., G. P. Graham, M.L.A., A. C. McKay, M.L.A., J. A. Auld, M.L.A., T. H. Preston, M.L.A., Thomas Crawford, M.L.A., Henry Carscallen, M.L.A., Lieut.-Col. Clarke, clerk of the assembly; J. Lonsdale Capreol, clerk of the executive council; the sergeant-at-arms, his worship the mayor, Rev. Principal Burwash, D.D., Victoria University; Rev. Provost Macklem, D.D., Trinity University; Rev. W. Maclaren, D.D., principal Knox College; Prof. Hut-ton, president University College; His Honor Judge Winchester, R. Kingsford, deputy police magistrate; Dr. Richardson, Lieut.-Col. Grasset, chief of police; J. D. Allan, president board of trade; W. K. George, president Manufacturers' Association; J. W. Flavell, W. D. Ross, manager Metropolitan Bank; W. T. Jennings, C.E., Walter Gillespie, manager Toronto Mortgage Company; F. M. Bell-Smith, president Ontario Society of Artists; Dr. E. Fisher, director Conservatory of Music; J. S. Willison, editor News; J. Ross Robertson, editor Telegram; Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor Globe; Major Tids-well, Hamilton; Lieut.-Col. J. Bruce, Lieut.-Col. C. Denison, Lieut.-Col. Joseph Delamere, Lieut.-Col. R. B.

Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. James Mason, Lieut.-Col. Milligan, Lieut.-Col. G. A. Shaw, J. N. Gunnalus, U.S. consul; A. Heintz, consul Sweden and Norway; G. M. Morang, consul Guatemala; George Musson, consul Brazil; A. Nordheimer, consul Netherlands; M. Rochereau de Sabliere, consul for Belgium; J. E. Thompson, consul for Spain; F. Yeigh, consul for Paraguay; Captain Brooke, Lieut. Young.

The fund that is being raised all over Canada, to present to the new battle-ship Dominion, a reminder of that part of the empire she is named for, is growing apace, everyone being naturally anxious to contribute his or her mite to so patriotic a cause.

Messrs. Gerhard Heintzman are to be congratulated on the success of the concert held at their new piano salons on the evening of Tuesday last. The invitations had been limited to just the right number, and it is safe to say that but few refusals were received. Miss Hope Morgan looked extremely well in white satin, covered with sequins, and her hair dressed in the new way, a plait forming a diadem. Her songs were much appreciated by the guests, as were the contributions to the program given by Mr. Pigott and Mr. Tripp.

One of the events of next week that is being looked forward to is the entertainment to be given in the Conservatory of Music hall by those clever young Englishwomen, Misses Ada and Jessie McLeod. Their recitations were one of the features of a charming little tea, given for them last week by Mrs. Tyrrell.

Miss Nairn, Scotland, is the guest of Miss Fitzgibbon.

Mrs. Erichsen Brown of Galt is spending the week in town.

The home of Mr. McCague, postmaster of Relessey, was the scene of one of those most interesting events on Wednesday, when his daughter Laura was married to Mr. Andrew R. Prentice of Dundee, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Balfour of Rosemont. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Ella McCague of Stayner. The groom was supported by Mr. Edward Lindsay of Collingwood. The bride was very popular, and her many friends wish her much joy in her new home at Dundee.

Mrs. A. H. Brouneker of Parkdale has returned from England, after a visit to her relatives, and will receive the first Thursday in each month.

Miss A. F. Sherwood, 278 Huron-street, is settled in her new house ready to receive her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Livingstone and Mrs. Thomas Dunnett are among the passengers sailing per S.S. Baltic, from New York, for England and France, on March 23.

At St. Thomas' Church on Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Harold McCausland united in marriage Miss Violet M. Patterson, youngest daughter of the late Captain William Patterson, and Dr. Charles E. Treble, M.R.C.S., son of Mr. Treble, all of this city. The wedding was a quiet one, and confined to immediate relatives. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Robert McCausland, wore a handsome traveling dress of fawn silk, poplin, made in surplice style, with a wide white collar and cuffs, and a wide white band of pale blue, and Irish lace chemise. Instead of the traditional veil, she wore a French hat to match. Mr. Darbey, the organist of the church, played appropriate music during the service. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Treble, Mrs. Colwell, Miss Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Patterson, Major and Mrs. Frank McCausland, Major and Mrs. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Walker, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Layton, Mr. Peter Patterson, Mr. Arthur Treble, Mr. Fred Colwell.

The Mystic Number.

The philosophy of Pythagoras was founded on numbers, and the so-called mystic numbers have always interested thinkers. Nine, for instance, is one of them. A cat is said to have nine lives. There are nine crowns in heraldry; possession is "nine points of the law." The whip for punishing evil-doers has nine tails. The idea being that flogging by a trinity of trinites is more efficacious. The hydra has nine heads. Leaves are for 90 and 999 years. The angels were cast out of heaven and nine days they fell. There would seem to be some mystical charm in the number nine, else it would not be mentioned in so many curious connections. At least, it is pleasant to imagine so.

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BEARING THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

New York Post: Occasionally a few repeat: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof," even while hundreds of millions know that the earth is man's, and all the riches thereof.

Therefore, when men of Aryan blood, particularly if they be of a race strengthened and quickened by the hardships and rigors of cold, rough and ungenial country, see a land full of latent riches, they are driven by an inherent craving, a demand to industry, to possess that country and to make those idle resources give work and wealth, leisure and comfort, and a culture to those who strive to win such good.

Wherever a land of such dormant richness is found held by a people that can not or will not turn those resources to good account, men of daring and understanding will be tempted by the spirit of progress to get control of that country, and to make it afford opportunity to industry, to skill and to enterprise. They will endeavor to change the old modes of acting and thinking must yield to the new; and the few who are fixed to those old ways may suffer, that the many may profit, such changes often cause suffering, but change is the law of nature, and they who continue to resist must pass away. No human power can stop progress of humanity at large. All attempts to check the advance of mankind have resulted in the downfall of the conservative, in party, church or state, in nation and in race.

Fortunately those who can adjust themselves to new conditions benefit by the changes. A shining example is in the recent history of Egypt. For generations her people were in a condition which is well described by United States Consul Morgan, at Cairo, when he says it is only a few years since any display, not of wealth but of being one degree above the limit of abject poverty, would have brought round the government to wring out the last coin for the benefit of a depleted treasury. The fellah's craving for modern comfort, his growing prosperity and feeling of absolute security. Iron bedsteads and wooden iron mattresses have replaced the old "an- garas" (a sort of couch); wooden floors take the place of reed mats; bent-wood chairs and substantial tables provide with creosote and cutlery, and a tablecloth, replace the old mat and brass tray which formerly represented the furniture of the dining apartment—and so on thru a whole chapter. The picturesque squalor and poverty, once the delight of the artist, must be looked for now on the limits of civilization, not near the Nile or the neighborhood of the larger towns.

That change has come because Great Britain has for years been the most powerful influence in governing Egypt. Like changes have come to every land in which Britain has administered affairs. Her rule gives peace and security, liberty and justice. So American administration will bring freedom and quiet, security for person and property, and a large measure of justice to any land which may come under that influence, with the added advantage that under American control there is almost none of that brutality towards the weak which is said to be a marked characteristic of government by some Europeans.

CLOSES ANDERSON STREET.

Judge Anglin on Saturday ordered that the city must close Anderson-street as a thoroughfare. The University contended that the city, under the terms of the lease of the park and avenue, had no right to remove the fence which was originally there and which allowed an entrance way of six feet. The fence was taken down to enlarge the entrance. The court says it must go back.

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The Guards' Chapel, scene of an interesting Shrove Tuesday, Lady 15 years of widowhood wife of Capt. Jeffreys, by many Canadians. The of the Grenadier Guard the bride being escorted Mr. Heseltine, she look and graceful in a cream crepe and beautiful s Louise, Duchess of Ar bred the ceremony with shade of rose. Another Magheramcne, who m Baring, whose sapphires with priceless point la ding gown. The new are to settle in Amer Baring is a member of ing house of that nam

The February number deeply interesting qua the Imperial Order D Empire, contains in a stirring poem, articles of the great work go the empire under the order the affiliated n excellent picture of son of our Canadian hero Cemetery, South Africa

The marriage will take of Miss Frances Charl est daughter of the Lister and Mrs. Lister McConnell, only son of McConnell and Mrs. L dastreet.

Mr. Davidson Harma are delighted to hear far recovered from his that he has been able City to further recuper

Heard at the opening legislature: First lady, missing a ionable scarf: "Oh! my ly stretching out an front (other movement ble). "Madam, you ha deed I have not," with of scorn.

First lady: "Well, n good as hers anywhere. The excited females chairs, kicking vigorou of chairs in front, ind cupants a near appro prostration: "Oh, dear place!" Her friend: look!" (as the sergea in bearing the mace); royal golden scimitar were unanimous in dub newly invested in his "the very image of a

Friday night a mos was spent at the hom shaw, 124 Simpson-st of the friends and m view-avenue Congre gathered together to of their pastor, Rev. V a handsome marble c token of their esteem

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