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SOCIAL LIFE

Invitations have been issued for the opening of the first session of the 11th parliament of Ontario by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on Wednesday the 22nd inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon.

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The past week has not been a very inspiring one from a society point of new music bridge parties and a few teas will form the chief entertainments until Easter arrives, and this year the season promises to be an unusually gay one. Owing to the visit of their excellencies the governor-general and the Countess Gray in the first place, the postponed festivities in their honor which will then take place, and secondly Easter falling so much later in the year than is ordinary, thus allowing for the return of the many people who have gone away to avoid the trying month of March. Among the departures for Atlantic City that took place during the past week were those of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. C. Clarkson, Mrs. John Cawthra with Mrs. Adamson and her little son, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jones, Mrs. Lally McCarthy sailed for England on Saturday, as did Mr. and Mrs. Colvill Jones. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cockburn with their family will spend the next four months in Europe. Miss Alice Shaughnessy and Miss Evelyn Mackenzie have returned to Montreal and Mrs. and Miss Gooderham have gone there on a visit to Mrs. A. E. Greenshields. On Wednesday Miss Birdie Warren, Gerrard-street, had a tea at which the guests consisted mainly ow her girl friends with a sprinkling of young married women. The decorations were of yellow and white flowers, the tea table having puffed tulle with ferns scattered here and there and brass vases of double daffodills with a tall lamp of brass, shaded with daffodil silk in the middle; those helping in the tea room were Miss Agnes Keating, Miss Norah Warren, Miss Naomi Temple (whose engagement to Mr. I. E. McMullan, Montreal, has just been announced) and Miss Aulin Hagerty; Miss Hagerty, the artist, is expected to return home from Paris this week. Two very charming and clever young gentlewomen, Misses Ada and Jessie McLeod, who are staying with Mrs. Duckworth, St. George-street, who are from England, being the daughters of General McLeod, and both sisters, have a most remarkable talent for entertaining which they have cultivated and brought to a high degree of merit; they are the possessors of pretty voices and dance most gracefully, in addition to giving recitations, monologs, etc; it is to be hoped that they will have one of their unique entertainments before leaving Toronto.

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There are many marriages announced for the spring and early summer, and more rumored. An engagement which will interest Toronto is that of Lady Mary Lygon, who was lady in waiting to the Princess of Wales during her visit here. Lady Mary is Lord Beauchamp's sister and is to marry the Hon. Henry Trefuses, who is a brother of Lord Clinton, and is an Officer in the Scots Guards.

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Mrs. Patrick Campbell has quite recovered from her serious accident and is playing in Chicago, where she is a great favorite, and many entertainments are being given for her and her daughted, Miss Stella Campbell, who was a guest at Ludleigh a week or two back.

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Mr. H. Fielding, in his book, "The Soul of a People," claims tidiness as one of the last gifts of civilization, and he seems to have some justice on his side. How seldom one sees a thoroughly well groomed woman, one who is point device from head to foot, hair, veil, gloves and boots all just as they should be and arranged to perfection, putting on their clothes seems to be an inborn art with Frenchwomen who are so careful of all the details in their dress.

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The bright colors which are being shown this season require a little time to get used to, after the reign of the more delicate shades, but are, I think, more generally becoming; figures are to be very neat and trim, a welcome change from the exaggerated blouse, and the leading Paris houses are asking their customers to have very much frilled and ruffled linings to their frocks and discard petticoats. In Paris fashions of the Marie Antoinette period are all revived, and very charming they are, the hats are getting smaller and smaller, and the milliners are going to the petit trianon for their inspiration.

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The new piano salons of the Gerhard Heintzman Co., Limited, were visited on Tuesday by an immense number of people and Mr. Heintzman and his able assistants must have been very much gratified by the enconiums reard on all sides. Entering the door from busy Yonge-street one is struck by the harmonious and rich coloring of the decorations; the walls, a restful shade of green, are hung with some excellent pictures in oils, the electric light being cleverly thrown upon them to bring out their best points. Ascending in the elevator, its walls covered with moss green velvet brocade, one arrives in the concert hall, the ceiling of this room, a happy idea of Mr. Heintzman, is in waves and its accoustic properties have exceeded even the expectations of its clever originator. The lighting is from groups of electric bulbs overhead which with the walls of palest green make a most attractive setting. At the back of the stage are two dressing-rooms, the wall space between the doors filled by a large tapestry panel, and then we come to the pianos, in styles many and varied to suit all purchasers, the richly colored polished wood of the cases showing up well against the crimson walls. The instrument that I shall order when my ship comes home is a baby grand fitted, as indeed all are, with the bell metal tone pulsating bridge, which is exclusively the Heintzman patent. The firm has issued invitations for a song recital, to take place on Tuesday evening next, Miss Hope Morgan, Mr. Tripp and Mr. Piggott being on the program.

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Mrs. Dunbar and Miss Gale are now settled in their new home and will receive for the first time this season on Monday, 20th inst., at 97 East Roxboro-avenue.

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On Tuesday an interesting program was put thru at the Round Table Club in the form of a debate, the subject being one of universal interest: "Resolved, that co-operative housekeeping is beneficial to women." After a spirited discussion, in which many good points were brought forward and proved, the judges were asked to withdraw, and when they again appeared gave their decision in favor of the negative.

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Mrs. Mortimer Clark will receive at government house on Thursday next between 4.30 and 6.30.

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At Mrs. Mann's luncheon on Friday the decorations were of green and white carnations in honor of Ireland's patron saint, even "blue roses" are no longer unattainable in these days of florists' marvels, as M. Tidy assures me, he would have no more difficulty in producing the cerulean hue than the emerald.

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Mrs. Stewart Houston and Mrs. Frederic Plumb were joint hostesses of a small tea at the Hunt Club yesterday afternoon to meet the Misses Jessie and Ada McLeod, visitors from England.

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Mrs. McQuay from Montreal is staying with Mrs. Anglin.

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Major Fraser Macdonald, ordnance department, will fill the place of secretary to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the retirement of Commander Law, whose genial presence will be much missed from entertainments at government house. Mrs. Fraser Macdonald was Miss Lansing of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and was married last autumn.

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Major Churchill Cockburn, V. C., will be much missed by his many friends in Toronto, having spent over two months with his people here. He has gone back to his ranch in the Northwest.

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Mrs. Strathy, 17 Walmer-road, will not receive again this season.

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Miss Julia Cayley has returned from Ottawa, where she was the guest of Mrs. E. B. Osler.

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Mr. Douglas Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reid, Jarvis-street, left today for Chicago to join the staff of the Bank of Montreal in that city.

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Miss Helen Law and Miss Frankie Thompson have gone to Preston Springs.

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Mrs. Helliwell, St. George-street, was a hostess on Friday afternoon when she entertained a great many of her friends of the tea hour, the reunion being in the nature of a farewell, for her daughter, Miss Elsie, is to be married directly after Easter. Mrs. Helliwell wore a handsome gown of black and white, and Miss Helliwell was in green gauge over silk. St. Patrick being the saint of the day, all the decorations were of emerald hue, the tea table having airy clouds of green and white tulle and cut glass vases of bride roses and shamrocks, the latter also decorating the cakes. Those assisting in the tea room were Mrs. Wallace Helliwell, Miss Dallas, Miss Edith Scot and Miss McCarthy. Among the guests were: Mesdames Edgar Jarvis, Burnside, Stikeman Wynan, Bean Jarvis, H. Jarvis, Creese, J. Cooper Mason, Edwards, Burns, Julius Miles, Henderson, Misses Mary Miles, Maud Barwick, Errett, Bright, Mona Wiley, Edith Harman, Freeland, Maud Cowan, Maude Davidson, Daisy McMurray, Naomi Temple, Ethel Butler, Mackellar.

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Mr. James C. Grace has returned from abroad.

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Mrs. L. Bullock, Gananoque is staying with Mrs. Auston, 47 Queen's Park, before leaving for Pincher Creek, Alberta.

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Miss Rosamond Fuller is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Goodeve, Ottawa.

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Mrs. I. D. Reid, East Bloor-street, is staying at the Welland, St. Catharines, and will not receive again until the first Monday in April.

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The lecture at Trinity yesterday afternoon was found most interesting by a very large audience. The subject was "Raphaels' Artistic Career in Florence," the lecturer being Prof. W. H. Fraser, the limelight views of Raphael's pictures and those of his contemporaries finding much appreciation.

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Mrs. Cosbie and Mrs. Lamont of Rose-avenue will not receive again this season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacInnis have returned from Ottawa, bringing Miss Daisy Patterson with them.

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Mrs. Cattanach has returned from England.

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The first of the musical services to be held in St. George's Hall on Sunday afternoons in Lent from 4.30 until 4.40 took place last week and the church was filled to the doors, not even standing room being available. To-day Mrs. Stewart Houston will sing a solo.

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Mrs. Grafton and the Misses Helen and Douglas McMurrich will leave on Monday for Atlantic City.

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Mrs. Thompson (Vancouver) is staying with her mother, Mrs. Harry Grantham on Albany-avenue.

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Mrs. George Bell, St. George-street, had a very charming tea on Thursday afternoon for her sister, Miss Blanche Sproatt. Many friends assembled to say farewell, as Miss Sproatt leaves for England next week, where her wedding will take place. The tea table had a very fresh and spring-like air from its pretty decorations of daffodils, bon-bons and little cakes being of the same color. Among the guests were Mrs. and Miss McPherson, Mrs. P. Eby, Mrs. Boucher Clark, Miss King, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. J. C. Mason, the Misses J. and D. Denison, Miss McMurrich, Miss Burn (Ottawa), the Misses S. and E. Michie, the Misses Fuller, Misses Hills, Miss Newbold (England), Miss Zita Kemp, Miss H. Kay.

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Mrs. Joseph Wilson, 194 Crawford-street, will not receive any more this season.

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Mrs. A. R. Pringle, 93 Charles-street, will not receive again this season.

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Miss M. F. McKeown, with her patient, sailed last Saturday from New York per S.S. Caronia for England. Miss McKeown will spend a few weeks in London sight-seeing before returning.

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Mrs. Mark Howard Irish has removed from Glen-road to 46 Chestnut Park road and will receive for the first time in her new home Tuesday the 21st inst., also on the second and third Tuesdays in April and not again this season.

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Mrs. C. A. Davies gave a tea on Friday afternoon at her residence, Classic-avenue. Mrs. West, the Misses Abernethey, Miss Charlton and Miss Blachford presided over the tea room. The table was very prettily decorated in red and white carnations. The hostess was wearing cream voile and was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Rumford, who loked particularly well in a green cupid cheer.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Glasses have purchased Mr. W. Mulock Boultbee's artistic home, No. 27 Crescent-road, and will remove there in May.

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Miss Holmes and Mr. Slater, late of the Robert Simpson Co., have opened a ladies' tailoring establishment at 103 Yonge-street.

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A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Thompson, "Elm Lodge," Scarboro, on Wednesday evening, when their youngest daughter, Helena (Nellie), was married to Mr. David Gray of Cameron, Manitoba. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Mabel Armstrong of Toronto and her niece, Miss Ruby Watton, as flower girl, and the groom by Mr. Thomas Brown. Among the guests were Mr. Francis Armstrong, Mr. William Gray, Dr. and Mrs. Britton, Dr. and Mrs. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McCowan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Grant and many others.

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Mrs. Wunder and Mrs. Charles Gillespie have gone to Clifton Springs and will not receive until the second week in April.

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Dr. and Mrs. N. Cecil Trotter left on Friday morning for Brunswick, Georgia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dudley announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Margaret (Doily), to Dr. Robert Arthur Thomas. The marriage will take place in April in London, England.

Good Lenten Resolutions.

It is very noticeable the number of men about town who have sworn off all intoxicating beverages for this Lenten season, and to fill the natural wish for an invigorator felt by these gentlemen nothing is better than clear, sparkling radnor water, fresh from the spring in the foothills of the grand Laurentian Mountains. Order a supply of radnor and you will not feel so keenly the wish for your usual "noggin" of Scotch or rye.

Another False Start.

London, March 18.—The royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which sailed from Portsmouth yesterday with Queen Alexandra and party on board, bound for Lisbon, was compelled, owing to rough seas, to put into Portland Harbor last night, resumed her voyage so-day.

Aided Revolution.

Willemstad, Island of Curacoa, March 18.—Advices received here from Caracas say that the Venezuelan Superior Court decided on appeal March 15 that the New York and Bermuda Asphalt Company aided the Matos revolution. The high federal court will fix the damages.

Troops to Guard Bridges.

Warsaw, March 18.—The directors of the Vistula Railroad have asked for troops to guard the bridges between Siedlce and Malkin, in consequence of the receipt of letters threatening their destruction. There has been a recrudescence of strike agitation in the Lodz district.

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