

At the Sign of the Maple

A DEPARTMENT MAINLY FOR WOMEN

Interesting Gifts Received by H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught

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FEW of the gifts presented to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught during her western tour could have been more appropriate or could have embodied more kindly thought and delicate consideration than that chosen by the Women's Canadian Club, of Vancouver. In casting about for some souvenir for the Royal visitor which would be as typically western as possible, and at the same time be in some way characteristic of the city, it occurred to them that nothing could be more suitable than a copy of the legends of Vancouver. Now it may not be generally known that Vancouver has a folk lore of its own, but it is true, nevertheless, that there is scarcely a prominent feature in the neighbourhood—rock or tree, towering mountain or rushing stream—about which the native tribes have not woven some exquisite myth. Many of these have been collected and crystalized into literary form by the Indian poetess, Miss E. Pauline Johnson, whose work is so well known from end to end of Canada, and who for the past three years has made her home and expects to end her days in that city. In choosing this volume of legends as their gift the club felt that they would not only be giving Her Royal Highness something which she would undoubtedly find interesting, but would, by so doing, be able to confer, while as yet it was not too late, a well-deserved honour on one of their townswomen who, while health was spared her, had done much for Canadian literature.

The volume, an original edition, was beautifully bound in suede of a rich shade of blue. On the outside front cover is a silver plate headed with the title, "Legends of Vancouver," the whole piece having the general outline of a totem pole, and being engraved in characteristic Indian designs. The book marker is a strip of blue leather weighted with a silver mount which takes the form of a rare old Haide Indian coin, the original of which now rests in the museum at Victoria. The authorship, design and execution all being the work of local talent nothing could have been more characteristic.

To H. R. H. the Princess Patricia the club presented a portfolio of local views, the portfolio, which was very artistic, being the work of one of the members of the club.

By a strange coincidence, during the time that the presentation of Miss Johnson's book to Her Royal Highness the Duchess was being made, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was at the hospital where for the past six months she has been a patient, visiting the gifted authoress, and recalling memories of the day, when, on the occasion of his first visit to Canada as Prince Arthur of Connaught, her grandfather, father, another chief and some three hundred braves and warriors assisted at the ceremony of making him a "Blood brother"

and rightful chief of the Six Nations Indians, the old grandfather chanting the ceremonial part of the ceremony while the young prince stood on a scarlet blanket, the same which is thrown over the chair upon which he sits as he talks of that memorable day forty-three years ago.

Not many Canadians, perhaps, are aware that



Victoria Elizabeth Anette Kaiulani Atcherley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Atcherley, who Presented, on Behalf of the Victorian Order of Nurses a Purse to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught; in the Arms of her Godmother Mrs. C. S. Douglas.

Arthur, Duke of Connaught, is the only living white man who is by right an Indian chief, or can claim a sort of kinship with the sweet singer of the Molawks. This kindly act of remembrance and consideration on the part of her Royal chief adds a gleam of brightness to the declining days of the dying poetess; and is but one more of the royal acts of courtesy for which the British Royal family is distinguished.

During her visit to the Florence Nightingale Home at Vancouver a unique contribution to the funds of the Victorian Order of Nurses, in which Her Royal Highness is so deeply interested, was made by the friends and sponsors of the first Hawaiian baby born in the city, and whose baptism, according to the rites of the Church of England, took place a few weeks before. Hugged tight in her tiny baby arms little Victoria Elizabeth Anette Kiaulani, grand-daughter of a former Major-General of the Hawaiian army, and daughter of the adopted daughter of the late King Kalakua, who had been named Victoria in honour of the order, presented to Her Royal Highness a Hawaiian coconut bowl in which were a number of tiny envelopes each containing a handsome cheque.

Recent Events

THE title, Canada's Champion Woman Golfer, became common knowledge, by a third proof, this season, in relation to Miss Dorothy Campbell, of Hamilton. It has been less generally bruited that Miss Campbell will not defend her hard-won title, next year, as she intends to assume the easier title of wife. A Pittsburg man is the other principal in this match and the wedding is announced to take place next month.

Recently Lady Askwith, accompanied by Mrs. T. W. Crothers, wife of the Minister of Labour, and Mr. Gerald Brown, made a tour of the various factories, in Ottawa, in which large numbers of

women are employed. Among the inspected houses were the Bank Note Company, Eddy's mills, Booth's factories and the Mica Works. We are still awaiting the account of the party's impressions.

An enthusiastic meeting in the Armouries, Hamilton, was the tribute of the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, to the memory of General Brock. The chair was occupied by Mr. Adam Brown, and patriotic music and addresses provided a programme. The singer of the evening was Miss Gladys Robinson; the principal speakers, Inspector James L. Hughes, of Toronto, and Mr. Kelly Evans, also of Toronto.

Miss Eva Hart, singer, Miss Maude Scruby, cellist, also Miss Long, an accomplished musician, were among favourite performers at the first concert of the season given by the Ladies' Musical Club, of Victoria. The concert gave the musical public much pleasure to expect from the forthcoming series of entertainments.

A municipal chapter of the I. O. D. E. has recently been formed in Winnipeg. At a meeting held at the house of Mrs. Colin H. Campbell and attended by the executive of the seven primary chapters in Winnipeg, Mrs. S. P. Matheson was elected regent. The other officers of the new municipal chapter are: Vice-presidents, Miss Wright and Miss Sutherland; secretary, Mrs. L. Mitchell; assistant secretary, Miss A. Crowe; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Arnott; standard bearer, Mrs. H. Murdoff; councillors, Mrs. C. H. Campbell, Mrs. G. Hughes, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Turner and Miss L. White.

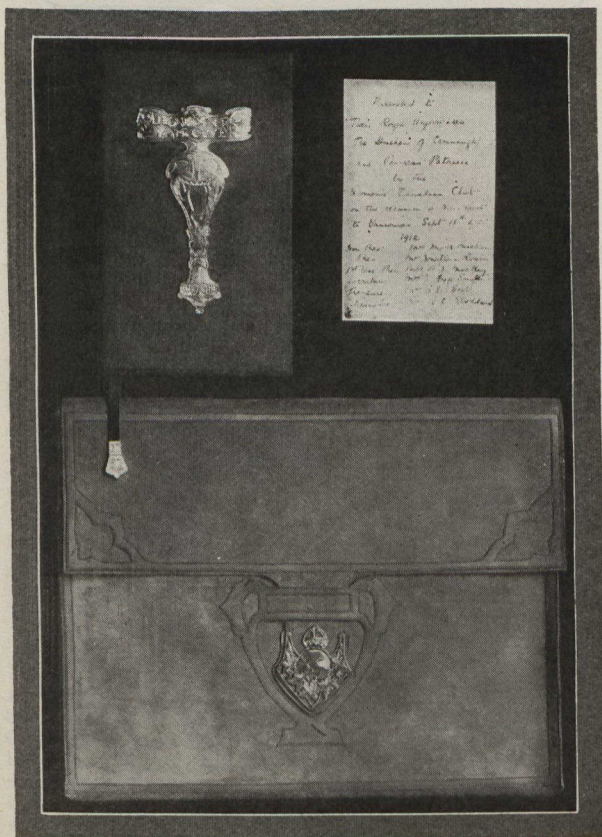
The Woman's Art Association of Canada recently held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in Toronto. Reports showed a progressive and interesting year. Mrs. Dignam was re-elected to the office of president, and the other offices were admirably filled as follows: Vice-presidents, Mrs. A. W. Austin, Mrs. W. B. Hanna, Mrs. Parkyn, of London, Eng., and Lady Falconbridge; honorary recording secretary, Miss Florence Deeks; honorary corresponding secretary, Miss Emily C. Cooper; and honorary treasurer, Miss Fanny S. Lindsay.

Canada has a new golf star in Mrs. Howard Blight. This is her first season here, but she is not new to the game. In 1907, when she was Miss Julia R. Mix, and a member of the Englewood Golf Club, in New Jersey, she was runner-up in the Metropolitan championships. These include all the New York district. In 1909, she was Metropolitan champion. In the same year she played a friendly match at Englewood with Miss Campbell, then British champion, and carried her to the nineteenth hole.

In 1909, she married and came to Toronto to live. A fifteen-months' old little girl explains her absence from the links until this year, when she



H.R.H. the Duchess and the Princess Patricia Listening to the Address of Mayor Robinson, at Kamloops, B.C.



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