

FROM COAST TO COAST

Royalty Entertained.



THE principal Ontario cities have experienced a succession of thrills, this past month. Thrills occasioned by a visit of Canada's Royal Governor-General and his gracious consort, and thrills within thrills occasioned by a look, a bow from the same Royal couple. For many were the citizens who were presented.

In Toronto, over two thousand of them filed up the narrow way, into the Council Chamber of the City Hall, and made their bows to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. In Hamilton, another civic reception was held, where several hundred "Ambitious" ones, likewise bowed, and likewise were bowed to, in return. In Kingston, their Royal Highnesses reviewed the cadets, at the Royal Military College, and presented Cadet J. O. Leach, of Toronto, with a medal, on behalf of the Royal Canadian Humane Society. This brave young man saved the lives of six people, on Georgian Bay, a few months ago.

In Toronto, the Duchess laid the corner-stone of the new Frances Willard home for girls, also visited the General and Sick Children's Hospitals, distributing flowers among the kiddies at the latter. Their Royal Highnesses were also the *raison d'être* of a large ball given by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, in the Armouries, the most brilliant ball in the history of the Club.

Particular mention must be made to Miss Pelly, the beautiful lady-in-waiting to Her Highness. At every function she was a very noticeable figure, in her exquisite gowns, and aristocratic English bearing. At the ball, she was quite the most handsome woman present, which is saying a good deal.

The Duchess is said to have made the remark that she had never seen more handsome women or more beautiful gowns at any function in London, than were present at the drawing-room in Ottawa, this fall. Only in jewels were our Canadian women surpassed.

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Women's Canadian Club Annual.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Women's Canadian Club was held on the twenty-sixth of November, at which, on presenting her report, the secretary, Mrs. F. Graham, showed that eighty new members had been added during the year, making a total of six hundred and sixty. She further remarked that no changes had been made in the constitution during the year, and suggested that in future all members should take more active part in the club's work, and that there should be a means provided for members to send in written suggestions to the executive.

Miss Jones, the retiring president, reviewed the year's work, and made some suggestions for the future. She discussed the question of erecting a memorial to Lord Selkirk, next year, being of the opinion that a bronze statue of such a young man would be a great inspiration to young Canadians. She also commended the energetic efforts of Mrs. Graham, to secure homesteads for women.

The following was the result of the election of officers: President, Mrs. W. F. Osborne; First Vice-President, Miss Jones; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Thomson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Steele; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Matheson; Treasurer, Miss Mantle; Secretary, Mrs. R. F. McWilliams; Literary Correspondent, Mrs. Nash; Advisory Members, Lady White, Madame Bourgouin, Mrs. W. J. Boyd, Mrs. C. N. Bell, Mrs. J. A. M. Aikins, Mrs. Moody, Miss Johnstone and Miss Crawford.

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Happenings in St. John, N.B.

THE Fourth lecture in the series conducted by the Ladies Association of the Natural History Society, was held on Thursday afternoon, November 30th, when Mrs. John Sealy gave a talk about the Chert Cathedral. The address was made especially interesting by the addition of illustrations, from views.

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Ottawa Hospitality.

THE season is now well on, and invitations are coming from everywhere, to everywhere else of importance, to help the society fairly on her way. The Premier and Mrs. Borden have begun their busy life, a dinner given on November 30th having been particularly successful and well appointed.

The guests included, the Archbishop of Ottawa and Mrs. Hamilton, Hon. Samuel and Mrs. Hughes, Hon. J. D. and Mrs. Hazen, Mr. F. W. Cockshutt, Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Anglin, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Kingsmill.

The buds are having a gala time, flitting from one tea to another, and hurrying home to dress for dinner. One of the largest teas of the season was given recently, by Mrs. Ruggles Wright, for her daughter, Miss Evelyn, who wore a pretty gown of old rose crepe de chine, and carried pink carnations. The drawing room, where Mrs. Wright received, was decorated in pink mums. The table in the tea room had vases of pink roses and asparagus fern, while subdued pink shaded lights shed a soft radiance. Mrs. Geo. E. Foster poured tea, Mrs. W. G. Perley coffee, Mrs. Bingham served ices, and in the drawing room, Mrs. A. F. May and Mrs. J. F. Cunningham served claret and ices, assisted by a whole bevy of budding beauties, including Miss Dorothy Cook, Miss Marian Allan, Miss Marguerite Morse, Miss Lois Scott, Miss Claire Walters, Miss Doris Jarvis, Miss Kathleen Snowdon, Miss Katie McDougall, Miss Bessie Brook, Miss Hope McRae, Miss Dolly Goodeve, Miss Margaret Cunningham, Misses Inez and Rosa Wright, Miss Lily Weatherly.

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Western Workings.

ONE of the most recent achievements of Vancouver is the opening of the Florence Night-



Miss Katherine Hughes and one of her Indian boatmen, drinking tea as they "spelled" by Vermillion Falls, on the Peace River. (See page 16.)

ingale Home for the Victorian Order of Nurses. It has been furnished and re-fitted throughout, by the kindness of many firms of the city. The lower floor consists of a roomy hall, to the right of which are the comfortably furnished living rooms, and dining rooms. At the end of the hall is the kitchen, most attractively decorated, and to the left, the office.

The upper floor contains five dainty bedrooms and a large central hall, furnished with desk and easy chairs. Here the five nurses who comprise the present staff may find relaxation and rest after their hours of work.

Among those who have contributed materially to the success of the organization have been: Mrs. R. R. Wallace, Mrs. P. Wallace, Mrs. Harry Newton, Mrs. Salsbury, Mrs. George Little, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. W. B. Burnette, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Sillitoe, Mrs. Buchan, Mrs. Macauley, and others.

On a small table in the drawing room is an autographed portrait of Miss Clara Fisher, the first nurse of the Victorian Order, to whom Queen Victoria granted a pension in 1887.

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The Victoria young ladies of St. Mary's Sodality held a most successful sale of work, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, December 9th, in aid of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic funds. Great was the variety of hand-made needlework displayed,

and not a few availed themselves of the opportunity to procure Christmas gifts. It seems to me that the young ladies out West might well be imitated for their activity in helping along worthy causes.

Speaking of worthy causes brings to mind the dance given recently in Edmonton, by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The younger set were there in full swing, and not only the younger set, but many of the dowager class, and the dear old men of cavalier days. For everyone goes to this annual dance, and everyone gives willingly toward this probably best of all charities.

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Montreal Matters.

MONTREAL is to be congratulated. Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia, the darling of the English people, just a short time after her arrival on Canadian soil, is to be the guest of the St. Andrew's ball, which will be held at the Windsor, Montreal, on Thursday evening, December 14th.

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Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught, has graciously consented to become honorary president of the Montreal Foundling and Baby Hospital. Their Royal Highnesses also have extended their patronage to the concert to be given in aid of the hospital at His Majesty's Theatre, on February the second.

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Activities in Halifax.

THE Alumnae Society of Dalhousie University, Halifax, a day or two ago held a bazaar by which, in two afternoons and evenings, a thousand dollars was raised for the erection of a residence for young lady students at the University. Dr. Eliza Ritchie is the President of the organization, which has become a real force in university life, although only two years old.

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The organization of "The Graduate Nurses Association of Nova Scotia" is proving very effectual in raising the standard for the nursing profession and in "weeding" ill-equipped, incompetent young women out of the ranks.

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Rev. Alfred Hall, of Toronto, Commissioner of Distribution for the "Nelson" Shields in Canada, was the other day received on board H. M. C. S. Niobe, and presented one of the Shields to Commander McDonald, who was formerly in command of the historic flagship "Victory," and who has in his possession some very interesting relics of Admiral Lord Nelson. Among them is the little shirt in which the Admiral was christened.

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Princess Pat in Canada.

HER Royal Highness Princess Patricia of Connaught arrived in Halifax on December 8th, where a group of military officers were on the gangway to welcome her.

In the Princess' party were Major Malcolm D. Murray, Miss Adam, lady-in-waiting, and Lord Norfolk, who will be an aide to the Governor-General. The royal party arrived in Ottawa on December 9th.

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Ottawa's Women's Art Association.

ON December 5th, the Women's Art Association of Ottawa entertained at tea in honour of their new president, Miss Pelly, who wore blue-green silk and sable furs.

Examples of work done in the various classes in basketing, metal and jewel work, wood-carving and painting were on view. Mrs. Lyons Biggar and Mrs. H. K. Egan presided at the tea table, which was decorated with yellow mums.

Among those present were Mrs. R. L. Borden, Mrs. J. D. Reid, Mrs. Frank Oliver, Mrs. Charles Morse, the Misses Wickstead, Mrs. Remon, Miss Molly Cartwright, Mrs. Hamnet Hill, Miss Bessie Hill, Mrs. Braddish Billings, Miss Haanel, Mrs. J. P. Fisher, Miss Marie Hewson, Mrs. Harry Baine, Mrs. Aylwin Creighton, Miss Rothwell, Miss May Loucks, Mrs. H. F. MacLachlin, Mrs. A. W. Fleck, Mrs. E. C. Grant, Mrs. H. Ami, Mrs. T. P. Foran, Mrs. J. J. Codville, Miss Maud Codville, Mrs. Rex Scott, Mrs. Charles Read, Miss Mildred Low, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, the Misses Stratton, Mrs. G. W. King, Mrs. R. Duff, Mrs. J. F. Kidd, Mrs. Butterworth, Mrs. Duclos and others. Undoubtedly the Association will receive many helpful suggestions from their new president, for whom the art of England and the Continent has been of especial interest.