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MONTREAL'S 275th BIRTHDAY



St. James' Catholic Cathedral, Montreal.



Dominion Square, Montreal, with the great C. P. R. Station in background.

MONTREAL is proud to celebrate its 275th birthday this year. On May 18th, 1642, Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve, brought his little flat-bottomed pinnace to anchor close to the site selected by Samuel de Champlain thirty-one years previously, and the new settlement was formally dedicated by Pere Vimont.

To-day Montreal is a city of wide streets and stately buildings, with a population of nearly three-quarters of a million; headquarters of most of the great banking companies and of that world-wide enterprise, the Canadian Pacific Railway. But all this springs from the landing of Maisonneuve and his associates in May, 1642.

The island of Montreal was visited by Jacques Cartier in 1493, and nearly a hundred years passed before another white man came. On the 28th of May, 1611, Samuel de Champlain landed with another Frenchman and an Indian. He seems to have explored the shore line as far as the Rapids, but finally decided that the best place for a settlement was a little strip of meadowland, to which he gave the name of Place Royale. Incidentally, it was de Champlain who first advocated the cutting of what is now the Panama Canal, in 1600.

Thirty years later, plans were perfected for the founding of the settlement, which was called in advance, Ville-Marie de Montreal for Mount Royal. De Maisonneuve was appointed leader of the little party consisting of about a score of people. They set sail from France in a small pinnace, landing at Quebec on the 8th of May. Here they were warned by Montagny of the danger of annihilation by the Iroquois.

"It is my duty and my honor to found a colony at Mount Royal," said Maisonneuve, "and I would go if

every tree were an Iroquois." The long buffeting across the Atlantic in his cockleshell of a boat had not daunted his courage or that of his companions, nor did the almost equally perilous passage up the uncharted St. Lawrence, which occupied them ten days. He and his associates had their duty to do and they went on and did it.

It was a beautiful afternoon when they first sighted the island, with the forest-clad mountain rising steeply against the sky. The pinnace fetched up by the side of a rivulet running into the St. Lawrence. There was a stretch of meadowland along the shore, with patches of flowers growing amid the grass and brightly colored birds darting to and fro. Beyond the meadowland lay the forest with who knew what secrets hidden in its mysterious depths. De Champlain had told them of the palisaded town of Hochelaga which stood opposite the present McGill University.

De Maisonneuve was the first to spring ashore, followed by Governor Montagny from Quebec, Pere Vimont, Sidle, Jean Mance, Madame de la Peltrie and her servant, Charlotte

Barré, and about a dozen farmers, artisans and laborers. A guard was hurriedly set to watch the forest paths. Tents were landed and set up, and the baggage and stores were brought ashore. And then having provided for their immediate safety and comfort, an altar was raised and Divine Service was held.

The sun was sinking as Pere Vimont pronounced the last words of his solemn exhortation and the fires were twinkling in thousands about the meadow. The colonists caught them and hung them in phials about the altar, where they gazed for a little time and then faded one by one into the darkness. Whereupon the little company, having lighted watchfires and strengthened their guard, lay quietly down to sleep on the grassy slopes of what is now Place Royale. From the heroism of those early Canadians to the heroism of those who have immortalized the names of Ypres, Courcolette, Giverny and Vimy Ridge, is a long way as time goes, but it shows that the spirit of Maisonneuve and those who helped him to found the city of Montreal still survives.

ALL IRISH TO HAVE VOICE IN PLANNING NATION'S FUTURE.

LONDON, May 21—For the first time in modern history the destinies of Ireland are to be placed in the hands of Irishmen alone. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, announced to the House of Commons today that the Government will call a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland, and, if Irishmen are able to agree upon any scheme for the administration of their country, will attempt to enact it into legislation without delay. All sections, parties, creeds and factions, with clergymen and laymen, as well as politicians, and even revolutionists of the Sinn Fein Society, will be invited together. If this final attempt succeeds a political miracle will have been accomplished.

There is no great optimism respecting the success of the plan apparent, for Ulster stands where she has always stood. Sir John Lonsdale, Whip of the Irish Unionists, predicted the same deadlock, declaring that Ulster would not be driven into a Home Rule Parliament, and predicting that the Nationalists will not consent to the exclusion of six Ulster Counties.

But if the attempt fails, the failure will deprive the ancient charge that John Bull's greater island is "the oppressor" of much of its force, and it is pointed out that Ireland can hardly be haled before the European peace conference as another Poland, while America and the Colonies can no longer reproach Great Britain with having neglected to set her own house in order.

Both Houses of Parliament discussed Ireland today, with hardly a ripple of

the old animosities, and feuds disturbing their harmony.

"The patient must administer to himself," said Mr. Lloyd George, and a noteworthy feature of the discussion was an agreement that politicians must play a secondary part to the men from other walks of life. The Premier specified the Nationalist factions, of which John Redmond and William O'Brien are the leaders; the Ulster Unionists, the Southern Unionists and the Sinn Feiners, as the political bodies which should be represented in the convention, but said that the Government considered it most important that representatives of local governing bodies, the churches, trade unions and commercial and educational interests should participate.

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WOLFVILLE

The estate of the late W. S. Wallace is being settled in the Probate Court. Mr. Wallace left no will and half the estate goes to his sister Mrs. Halsey and another sister in the United States. The estate is valued at about \$15,000.00.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Furness of Halifax have been guests with Mrs. Taylor at Kent Lodge.

Mrs. W. M. Smallman and her daughter, Miss Evelyn returned last Tuesday from spending the winter in Florida.

Waldo B. Davidson and George Nowlan, of Wolfville, and Vernon McNeil, of Acadia Collegiate Academy, left on Wednesday morning for Halifax, where they expect to join No. 10 Siege Battery for overseas service. Pte Walter Johnson, of the same corps, who has been spending some days in town, accompanied them.—Acadian.

Mrs. T. E. Benjamin has had with her of late, her daughter, Mrs. Snel of Framingham, Mass.

On and after June 1st the stores in Wolfville will close on Wednesday at noon, giving merchants, clerks, etc., an opportunity to farm.

SAVING IN GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

A committee of five conservatives and four liberals will report in parliament soon on steps to be taken to curtail expenses of parliament. It is to be hoped that their report will include a reduction in the amount of sessional indemnity by at least \$500 for both members of Commons and Senate. This would

save nearly \$150,000.

Our local Legislature might be asked to also save. If the sessional indemnity is too small to reduce, then why not ask the Legislative Councilors to fulfill their pledges to the Premier and go out of business. The Province no longer suffers for their legislation but is now suffering by their holding up legislation such as the Temperance Bill, which should be strictly enforced during war time.

Another saving would be to demand that Premier Murray appoint no new executive to fill the two portfolios recently created. It would be a disgrace to increase expenses in this way when so many services are being starved for need of funds.

Mr. J. Hamilton Morris has sold a fine farm horse to Mr. Hawkins of Kentville.

HEALTHY CHILDREN

It is natural for little ones to be well, and with care every baby can be kept well. The main thing towards keeping little ones well is to keep their little stomach sweet and their bowels regular. Baby's Own Tablets will do this. Thousands of mothers keep the Tablets in the house as they find them an efficient guard against illness. Concerning them Mrs. Hilare Desmarais, St. Joseph de Sorel, Que., writes: "I believe Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine in the world for children. My baby was terribly constipated but the Tablets promptly cured him and now he is a big healthy child." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A STRIKING CONTRAST

Far away from home and friends, through sunshine and rain, mud and water, and untold discomforts of every description, Canadian soldiers are fighting, suffering, bleeding, dying for the safety of Canadian women, who, at the same time are entertaining, playing bridge, feasting and dancing. A terrible contrast truly! Women of Canada! Women of Nova Scotia! Women of Kentville! Use the time given to those things that are worse than useless, in doing your part towards making our boys comfortable while they are protecting you from a fate unutterably horrible; which would undoubtedly be yours; were it not for the noble and manly sacrifice they have made, oh! so willingly for you. In the same generous spirit, do your best to repay them, work for them, and be assured there is nothing else "worth while."

"ONE OF THE WOMEN."

Capt. D. W. Manoney of Parrsboro, who arrived home a few days ago from Liverpool, has been twice torpedoed and once boarded by hostile warships. He says that a Nova Scotia friend of his, Capt. George Purdy had been interned in Hamburg since the beginning of the war. He was at that port with his ship when war was declared and remaining there too long, was at length interned. Capt. Purdy states in his letters that barring the food difficulty he is quite decently treated. Canadian and British seamen have many staunch friends in Hamburg among those engaged in the shipping business.

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