



SIR FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR'S COUNTRY HOUSE AT ASCOT.

Where Lady Williams-Taylor, an Anglo-Canadian Hostess, Entertained Numberless Guests This Summer, Among Them Many Canadians of Distinction.

Lady Williams-Taylor

The Accomplished Anglo-Canadian Hostess, Wife of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the New Head of the Bank of Montreal

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IN January, Lady Williams-Taylor will accompany her husband, Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, to Canada, where he will occupy the position of general manager of the Bank of Montreal—an honour which has fallen to him lately.

The Canadian Club, in London, properly banqueted Sir Frederick on his assumption of this highly important office, when the jest of Sir Frederick himself went round—no doubt to appropriate fluid—concerning the start it gave him once to be called by a western paper a “live wire.” He approved another daily as shrewd, which dispensed with metaphor and termed him simply “a plain, matter-of-fact Canadian.”

Now, Lady Williams-Taylor is a distinct Canadian also; not, however, by any means ungarnished. She returns now to Canada after an absence of ten years, two of which were spent in Chicago and the remaining eight in London, England; and returns as much a Canadian in feeling as when she was a Miss Henshaw, of P. Q. Her people, U. E. Loyalist stock, resided at St. Hyacinthe and enjoyed the social prestige in the province which is usually accorded that extraction.

The position occupied in Chicago by Lady Williams-Taylor was one not only of social leadership, but one of influence as well in art and letters. She had a habit of making “finds” in the shapes of struggling genius and her power to attract the people who “do things” made her salon in Chicago, as elsewhere, a gathering-ground of privileged persons of talent. Artists, musicians and writers by the score, recall their evenings there as memorable.

The life of the Williams-Taylors in England had even an access of interest, divided as it was between their artistic flat in London and their splendid country house located at Ascot. To the latter place Lady Williams-Taylor is particularly devoted, as is also her pretty and charming daughter, Miss Brenda Williams-Taylor. Many Canadians will recognize our picture, among the number entertained at the house this summer being: Sir George Gibbons, Sir Gilbert Parker, Colonel Sam Hughes, Mr. W. T. White (Minister of Fin-

ance), Baroness Macdonald, and hosts of others.

Not only in Anglo-Canadian circles is Lady Williams-Taylor famous; and even there not only as a hostess. She is an indefatigable traveller and collector of beautiful things, an omnivorous reader and a constitutional student. She speaks in public upon occasion. By her intimate knowledge of the “habitant” life, which enabled her to address the Sesame Club upon that subject, she interested her hearers in Quebec. Further, she spoke some months ago under the

of sporting and patriotic aim. Moreover, she is an able writer and has promised brief articles for the “Canadian Courier” shortly on the social and literary circles of London as compared with Paris, New York and Canadian cities, and the influence of women in these circles and in art.

“The whole social standard of England,” she writes, in a recent letter dated at London, “is a sealed book to most of our fellow country people—and this ignorance places them in an uncomfortable position and false light on this side. It is, to my mind, a very serious question, and one that affects the future of the on-coming generation of our wealthy classes.”

Lady Williams-Taylor, upon her arrival in Montreal, will reside at the Ritz-Carlton, where, no doubt, a welcome awaits her which will help to atone for her present sorrow at leaving her well-loved England, a country which she terms “this delectable land.”

Recent Events

MISS KATHERINE DAVIS, Superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women, New York State, recently addressed the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal on the present reform system of that institution. Miss Davis advocated the cottage system in preference to what she was pleased to term “the antiquated way of herding women together in large buildings.”

Mrs. Henshaw, of British Columbia, who has been lecturing in England, was recently elected a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and is the first Canadian woman to be so honoured.

Mrs. Arnold Bennett will accompany her husband when the author visits this country in January. At least two weeks will be spent in Toronto.

One of the interesting results of the recent municipal elections in Calgary was the sweeping victory of Miss Anna G. Foote, the women's candidate for School Trustee, who defeated Colonel James Walker, Chairman of the School Board, by the good,



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auspices of the Victoria League, at Mrs. St. Loe Strachey's country house near Guildford, on “Canada and Canadian Towns and Cities.” In private talk she is brilliant and her worthwhile conversation is liberally enhanced with the flash of wit.

We spoke of travel. Every winter, Lady Williams-Taylor has made it her custom to take long motor trips in the south, as far as possible off the beaten track. Southern Europe, seen in this way, she found most fascinating, Sicily proving particularly attractive.

As a club woman the object of our sketch is a member of several continental societies, of the Ladies' Empire Club, Sunningdale Golf Club, Royal Montreal Golf Club, Council of the Victoria League, and other bodies

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