

St. John's Queen Chosen As Canada's Fairest Daughter

MISS WINIFRED BLAIR NAMED MISS Beatrice McKinney CANADA AT MONTREAL FETE Carnival Princess

Congratulations Pour in From All Sides to Choice of Winter Port City—Miss St. John Acknowledges Plaudits with Charming Modesty—A Typical Canadian Girl.

Crowned on Saturday night at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, Miss Winifred Blair, formerly Miss St. John, now reigns as Miss Canada and tributes and declarations of loyalty and allegiance have come to her from all parts of Canada. St. John is proud of her Queen and accords her a right royal welcome in keeping with her royal position. Out of nine contestants coming from all the way across Canada the honor fell to the pretty Miss St. John, representative of the ancient city by the sea.

Among the first to greet the newly selected Miss Canada was Miss Montreal, Miss Gabrielle Rivest, and she was followed by all the other aspirants for queenly honors. When the announcement was made Miss Canada acknowledged the flattering applause with becoming modesty.

"Am I going into the movies?" "No, no," and her reply to the newspaper men's query was most emphatic. "I'm not going back to my good little town and back to my job when our carnival is over, I've had a dandy time here, but I'm anxious to get back home again. And will you please not put anything silly in the papers about me?" was her final pleading as a cavalier who had succeeded in elbowing his way through a few dozen of other aspirants for a dance, whisked the queen away and, her face wreathed in smiles, he guided across the ballroom.

The selection of Miss Canada has been a topic of interest all through the set week and only those who saw the contestants could realize the difficulty of the judges' task. Saturday night found not only the contestants of the crown and their sponsors keyed up to a high degree of tension, but very one of the nine cities from which he girls came have representatives seated in Montreal, and they, too, had roared hard for their favorite and eagerly awaited the decision. A ball game Windsor on Saturday night was decided upon as a fitting culmination to the contest and the ballroom held a festive gathering of more than 800.

As early as 9 o'clock the dancers began to gather and during the intervals dances eagerly scanned the arrivals. At the fair contestants for the title of Canada's winter sports queen. About 10:30 the nine contestants entered the ballroom escorted by members of the winter sports committee. In their presence became a matter of the whole gathering. At intervals of a few moments by further tributes from different sections of the room where the home folks, or natives of the cities the girls represented, proclaimed to all and sundry who their choice would be. Escorted to a table of honor at the head of the room the nine queens were seated, after which dance partners locked round.

Miss St. John, a delightful picture these representatives of Canada's out-door girls.

Will Preside Over Carnival
Features Provided For The Children.

Little Miss Beatrice McKinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKinney, 148 Duke street, was chosen as Princess at the Arena on Saturday afternoon. Nearly 2,000 people were present. The selections made were: First—Beatrice McKinney, 148 Duke street.

Second—Audrey W. Magee, 55 Canterbury street.
Third—Lorrain Ramsay, 219 Newman street.
Honorable Mention—Eleanor I. K. Larsen, 156 Queen street; Norman Parley, 120 Main street.

The judges were: Mrs. William Pugsley, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, Mrs. Allan G. McAvity, Mrs. W. H. Ludgins, Mrs. Daniel Mallin, Colonel A. E. Massey, T. F. Drummond and Stanley Emerson.

All the children who took part in the contest and other children of the city are to take part in the children's carnival day next Saturday at the Arena, when St. John's Princess will preside at the entertainment in the afternoon, when the children will be given an opportunity of enjoying themselves.

In a few moments Miss Blair's sparkling eyes looked out from a bower of roses, but of these she was soon disposed by souvenir hunters eager for a favor from her majesty. There was no actual crowning of the queen. There was no need for such for no student could bring such a thrill as she must have felt at the spontaneous tribute. But although no crown was placed on her head a laurel wreath was presented and modestly acknowledged.

The strains of "O Canada," played by the orchestra, seemed to distant echoes as the buzz of conversation and singing of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow" filled the room.

Then through one of the portals thronged a group of McGill students, representatives of St. John and the Maritime Provinces and surrounded Miss Canada with friendly tributes and in a minute Miss Blair was the cynosure of all eyes while from all corners of the ballroom there was a rush, each one eager to be the first to offer tribute to the queen.

First to gather around her were her fair rivals and in turn each bestowed a kiss and handclasp and a word of congratulation. Mere "kisses" had to wait their turn, but they could not long be denied and the new title-holder was soon deluged with requests for autographs or bids for the favor of a dance.



Miss Winifred C. I. Blair, St. John's nominee in all-Canada competition, handed laurel wreath at Montreal.

Her was a first contingent man and was gassed just prior to the great drive in 1918 that won victory for the Allied arms. Sergeant Blair was born at North Devon. Miss Blair attended High School here but on account of illness was unable to graduate, although lacking but a few months to complete the year. She entered Kerr's Business College and has been working in the office of H. C. Olive for the last year.

Blair was invited to represent the Imperial Theatre in the Times Star carnival queen contest. Miss Blair was extremely reluctant and hesitated considerably before consenting to be "Miss Imperial." Her appearance on the ice when the judgment was to be made was the result of a hurried decision and no special preparation as to competing costume had been made. She appeared in her usual skating togs.

Like many of the photographs of contestants in the carnival queen contest that of Miss Blair does by no means do her justice. Besides possessing a bright and winsome demeanor, Miss Blair is the embodiment of the Canadian outdoor girl idea. She skates well on the tubular blades and can hold her own in classified speed contests, and at snowshoeing. On the dancing floor Miss Blair is especially attractive.

Among the first telegrams to be received by "Miss Canada" was from the St. John Times-Star offering congratulations. Miss Canada was the winner of The Times-Star contest for the selection of the Carnival Queen.

The carnival executive also sent a telegram of congratulations. W. Frank Murphy, exalted ruler, Montreal Lodge of Elks sent congratulations on Sunday morning as follows: "Editor, St. John Telegraph and Times, St. John. Allow me on behalf of the Montreal Lodge Elks to be the first to congratulate you upon the success of your candidature in the 'Miss Canada' competition and to praise the work done by her chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Golding."

Among the many congratulatory telegrams arising from the selection of Miss Winifred C. I. Blair as Miss Canada, are the following: Miss Winifred C. I. Blair, Montreal: Heartiest congratulations on your success. You had won our hearts any day. (Continued on page 4, fourth column)

Woodstock Congratulations. Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 11.—Woodstock people were delighted when the news reached here that Miss Winifred Blair had been chosen as Canadian queen. Having been born in this county, special interest was taken in the result of the contest. Mayor Brown sent the following message: "Miss Winifred Blair, Canada's Queen Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Que."

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by J. I. Straus, president of the association, to work out details for making shopping easier for the buyer of the home. It is believed that this feature will prove one of the most important results of the present convention.

Guttenberg, N. J., a few days ago was overrun with rats. Citizens, weary of cats from neighboring towns and turned them loose in the streets. Now the rats are gone, but the stray cat menace has become critical.

Two officials announce that they have a plan to rid the town of vermin at the same time show benevolence to another corner of the world suffering from rodents, as well as make a profit on the scheme. Their idea, they said, was to negotiate with the Russian Soviet and send the consign-

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