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The home of Mrs. Ruth Carrington was the scene of a very enjoyable function on Wednesday afternoon, when she entertained a large number of her friends at four o'clock tea. The hostess received in a becoming gown of grey crepe de chine with delicate and steel sequins. In the dining room the decorations were novel and artistic, red being the prevailing color. Mrs. James McAvity and Mrs. L. V. Norman presided at the tables and were assisted by Mrs. R. D. Patterson; Mrs. Ellen Ellis, Miss Kathleen Goss, Mrs. Fred Harding, Miss Beattie Pugsley, Miss Vera McLoughlin, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Elsie Jackson and Miss Winifred Raymond. Mrs. Carrington was also hostess at a delightful bridge party yesterday afternoon. Lighted bridge party yesterday afternoon. Tea was served, Mrs. L. V. Norman and Mrs. Wm. Green presiding, while the following ladies assisted: Miss Mary Freeman, Miss Armstrong, Miss Beattie Pugsley, Miss Marion Belyea, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Ethel McAvity, Miss Mabel McAvity, Miss Zillah Rankine, Mrs. Fred Harding, Mrs. R. D. Patterson and Miss Ellen Galloway. Those present were Mrs. T. B. Robinson, Mrs. George West-Jones, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. Allan Schefield, Mrs. Andrew Jack, Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley, Mrs. L. V. Norman, Mrs. L. V. Smith, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Mrs. H. C. Rankine, Mrs. (Dr.) Johnson, Mrs. Alex. Rankine, Mrs. Walter Foster, Mrs. Clarence Allen, Mrs. Harry Robinson, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. Allan Schefield, Mrs. Verne Johnson, Mrs. Kate, Mrs. L. V. M. Robinson, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Hason, Mrs. W. E. Ward, Mrs. John McLaughlin, Mrs. Wm. McLoughlin, Mrs. Norman Barrows, and others. The prizes were won by the following: Mrs. James Thomas, second prize; Mrs. Emma, and third prize, Mrs. Wm. Green.

THE BOY PROBLEM

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—Much has been said, much has been suggested for the reform of the wayward youth of our beautiful city, but all proposed solutions have so far failed. Amusements, athletic sports, and even play grounds have been advocated, but these alone, while applicable in a way, do not appear to have solved this vital problem which is beginning to burn in the minds of every deep-thinking citizen in this city. To convince anyone of the truth of my statements regarding the deplorable condition of the youth of our land one has only to be on the streets any night between the hours of 8 and 10, when they will see in little groups young girls and boys whose ages run from 8 to 15 years. They are loitering in alleyways or street corners, planning some evil or using obscene and vile language, when they should be in their homes, studying, playing, or engaged in some other wholesome pursuit. They are also seen smoking cigarettes, and little children running to and fro, no one apparently seeming to care for them. Who is responsible for such a sorry condition on the part of these youthful offenders, has often been asked, and the answer is parents are to a great extent to blame, and the key to the whole problem is simply this, that the mothers instead of being at home and looking carefully after the welfare of their own little ones are attending to outside affairs while their mischievous offspring is getting in at the back door. With all due respect and reverence to the good, indulgent mother, yet it would almost seem that the mother who is devoted to her duties that she neglects her home has vanished, and the very name of Home Sweet Home has lost its charm and is something of the past. Our police magistrate has repeatedly commented on the crime and wickedness prevailing in our midst, and his remarks deserve the deepest consideration of all right thinking citizens. "The parents," he says, "are to blame." All children found wandering or loitering on our streets after the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock and not being able to give an account of themselves should be taken in charge by the police, and their parents or guardians severely censured or fined for allowing them out of doors after these hours. The ringing of the Curfew bell as suggested a few years ago, and which is adopted in Galois and other places, might possibly produce the desired effect, and to a certain degree solve this mystery which now surrounds the boy problem. While standing on the threshold of this age and looking down through the mist of time many can recall with devout attention, together with thanks to Almighty God, the memory of a good mother, and can fully understand the beautiful sentiment expressed in the words of the poet: "Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight. Make me a child again just for to night; Mother, come back from the exiles above, Clasp me again as in days of yore, Press from my forehead those wrinkles of care." Smooth gently those silver threads out of my hair. Never hereafter to wake or to weep, Rock me to sleep, Mother, rock me to sleep. "Mother"—this is the problem for the betterment of the boy. The rocking of the cradle makes the world, and when parents devote their attention to the home and to the little ones entrusted to their care, little ones who now are permitted to roam the streets at night will be kept from evil influences and grow up to be good men and women in our day and generation. Adopt the Curfew and invest the chief of police with power to act at his discretion, and in a short time there will be few youthful offenders brought before his honor, Judge Ritchie. I should like to hear the views of other citizens respecting this important matter. CITIZEN.

RESOURCES OF QUEBEC PROVINCE

Hon. W. A. Weir, provincial minister of public works, addressed the Canadian Club of Montreal at its weekly gathering on Monday, taking for his theme "The Province of Quebec, and its Resources." The people of Quebec, said Hon. Mr. Weir, had almost an empire task before them, properly developed and administered it. The area of the province was 361,873 square miles, which was three times the size of Great Britain, as large as France and Prussia, and seven times the size of New York state. There were 22,000,000 acres in the province, or about three per cent., were under crop, while after the whole of the amount already conceded, or included in the timber limits had been deducted, there remained 73 per cent. totally untouched. He touched on the enormous size of the province's two great rivers, the Ottawa and the St. Maurice. He indicated the great need of an army of 90,000 or more to go into the back country and develop its resources, saying it was a great reflection on the people of Montreal and other local cities that American scientists and tourists knew more about undeveloped Quebec than they did, and were already bringing in capital to develop it. It had been thought that the climate was a very severe one, but it was no more severe in the north country than it was in the merchantable supplies of timber, rich stores of minerals and immensely valuable fisheries. Quebec was a mining and a dairying country, and its farmers last year sold over \$13,000,000 worth of butter and cheese. When there were valuable supplies of timber, and beyond all that, no less than one-fifth of the whole water power of the continent was in this province, that making it out by nature for a great manufacturing country. The province was on the eve of great railway development, and it soon would be possible to take summer excursions to James Bay and Hudson's Bay. A railway across the peninsula of Labrador was also under construction, which would enable people to reach La-

ROYAL TRADESMEN WANT MORE PROFIT

King Edward's Household Run on Business Lines --- May Throw up Warrants. LONDON, Nov. 21.—There is an incipient revolt among the select body of tradesmen known as Royal Warrant-holders, owing to the strict business methods of an Italian, who was recently put in charge of "the King's household-keeping arrangements." It was decided that the card of Green Cloth, which controlled the victualling department of the palace, was far too extravagant, and since the engagement of a former hotel proprietor, who was instructed to manage the Royal household on ordinary business principles, Royal tradesmen complain that the Chamberlain pays them just what he thinks fit. This is not exactly the case, for the new manager follows a fixed system in paying accounts. He keeps posted on wholesale prices of all commodities, and informs the tradesmen that 10 per cent profit is quite enough for them. Any more than that he will not pay them. The warrant holders reply that, with high rents and taxes, this is quite insufficient to cover expenses. They are now contemplating combined action in throwing up their Royal warrants unless the major-domo's policy is abandoned. The annual meeting of the Men's Association of the Mission church was held last evening. The following officers were elected: President, H. B. Schofield; 1st vice-president, A. M. Fritz; 2nd vice-president, J. Morrison; secretary, A. Whitehead; treasurer, A. Sturdee. The managing committee were given instructions to make arrangements for another meeting for the winter. Before the meeting a half hour Bible class was formed and will meet every Thursday.

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