FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The Cult of the Hideous.

A contributor to an American magazine has been denouncing the bad taste displayed by modern dress. People all cultivate the hideous (he declares), but it is the ladies, he thinks, who are the worst offenders, for they rush into five or six shops, hastily snap up some bargains, and then piece them together in some sort of fashion. We wonder! But even if this accusation were true, we may be sure that these sinners are not conspicuously cultivating the hideous. On the contrary, they are exercising the instinct of woman to beautify herself and no doubt are convinced like the Papuan elegante in her waistbelt of shells that they are cutting no end of a figure in the eyes of admiring persons. The real worshippers of the ugly today are a modern school of painters, who style themselves New English Art Club. They depict nothing on their canvases which does not appertain to mid-Victorian times, either in dress, ornaments, furniture or decoration. They revel in horse-hair sofas, green walnut chairs, scarlet table cloths, crinolines, shawls, flat lace collars and cameo brooches. It is conceivable that a beautiful model might still be painted with all these depressing accessories, but this school abjures the pretty face as much as a graceful drapery or an agreeable color, pictures of this school depend entirely on lighting, on "values" and on technique, and not on the beauties of color and line. In short, these talented painters frankly cultivate the hideous.

The Middleman in Charity.

This world is not an ungenerous place. It is merely a lazy place. People are willing enough to give if they can do so without trouble. They like to feel the pleasant glow left behind after the exercise of tender charity, to have their hearts touched by hearing of piteous, joyless lives, which a little bounty on their part can cheer and brighten; but they rarely think seriously of going out into the highways and byways to seek out the poor and miserable for themselves. Instead of thanks of widows and orphans, they content themselves with votes of thanks at meetings, which are generally better and more publicly expressed and entail no risk of infection, impure air, or the other evils so repugnant to the fashionable notions of hygiene. Consequently, in modern charity, as in modern commercial undertakings we always find the middleman, and a host of experts in the gentle art of pity have established between giver and receiver. At one time this was not so. The medicant came to the rich man's door and received either blows and hard words or food and comfort, according to the patron's inclination; but nowadays, begging is forbidden by law and the poor are under some society which selects special cases for their compassion.

Numerous social functions for charitable purposes furnish fruitful opportunities for sundry plausible persons of both sexes; persons overweighted with ideas but light of purse and conscience, who are never clear in their own minds where philanthropy ends and self-interest begins. The worst class of these should be likened to a greedy and insidious green fly—the destructive parasite too well known to gardeners, which prays on the petals of a rose.

The one cure for an evil which seems on the increase for the great trustful public is to become as business-like in its philanthropy as in other money transactions; to forget sentimentality and sternly demand how its liberality has been expended. The most serious part of the matter is that if we are benevolently foolish, we have not the wherewithal to be benevolently wise; and the parasites who disguise their own greed under the mask of charity find a most satisfactory patron in the common-place individual whose giving is usually in proportion to the importunity and not to the reasonableness of the appeal.

NOTES OF SOCIETY

The second annual at home of the Royal Grenadiers' Chapter Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire will be held in Assembly Hall, Thursday evening next at 8.30 p.m.

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The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dinner on Tuesday at Government House: Hon. Mr. Justice Garrow and Mrs. Garrow, Hon. Mr. Justice Clute and Mrs. Clute, Hon. Judge Hodgins and Mrs. Hodgins, Rev. A. Williams, St. John's Church, and Mrs. Williams; Rev. J. Neil, D.D., Westminster Church, and Mrs. Neil; Mr. J. Leitch, K.C., and Mrs. Leitch, Miss Mowat, Miss Parsons, Mr. A. Laird and Mrs. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blaikie, Professor Baker and Mrs. Baker, Professor Lefroy and Mrs. Lefroy, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Chadwick, Dr. and Mrs. McPhedran, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kay, Dr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kingstone and Major J. F. Macdonald.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Christie were in New York last week for the horse show.

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Mrs. Charles Boone will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday next at 3 Elmsley-place.

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Mrs. Martin Scheak will receive next Thursday and then not till after the New Year.

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Mrs. Melvin Jones will receive next Friday and not again till after the New Year.

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Mrs. George Gale will receive on the first and second Fridays in December and not again until February.

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A bazaar will be given this week at the Women's Art Rooms, La Plaza, Jarvis-street. It will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. Many attractive booths will be arranged for the occasion, including a gypsy tent, a table for home-made candies, and one for fancy work, and still another for basket and Indian work. Afternoon tea will be a special feature each day, severed by young ladies in fancy costumes.

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Mrs. Henry Wright, 158 Crescent-road, will receive on Monday.

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The annual Rugby Dance will be held in University gymnasium on Friday, Dec. 13, under the patronage of Lady Clark.

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Miss Hope Morgan, the honorary president of the Speranza Musical Club, entertained the members on Wednesday afternoon last. Those on the program were Miss Morris, Miss Keefer, Miss Brenda Smellie, Miss Ethel Foster, Miss Muriel Millichamp, Miss Elsie Taylor and Miss Eleanor Kains. Some of those present were Mrs. Gzowski, Miss Muriel Dick, Miss Kay, Miss Haney, Miss Yvonne Nordheimer, the Misses Hagarty, Miss Armour and Miss Kingston.

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Mr. Frank Matthews, who has been in town for a few weeks, left Wednesday for Winnipeg.

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The good old summer times were renewed last Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th, when the Long Branch Bachelors gave a most enjoyable dance at the Metropolitan, under the patronage of Mrs. E. C. Walker, Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. H. Hunter, Mrs. H. M. Wetherald, Mrs. H. Glass and Mrs. F. Duncan. The rooms were tastefully decorated and, combined, with many handsome gowns worn and smiling faces, it was like a picture resembling fairyland. The committee consisting of Mr. B. R. Brown, Mr. H. J. Nelson, Mr. S. H. Glass, Mr. H. P. Glass, Mr. George Comrie, Mr. E. A. Bonnick, Mr. F. C. Mair, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. F. S. Keith, Mr. B. Singer, Mr. C. K. Cavanagh and Mr. Horner, H. Walker, were voted by all jolly goood fellows and to be congratulated upon this successful efforts. Amongst those present were M. and Mrs. D. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fleming, Miss Queenie Bailey, Miss Grace Bailey Miss Bath, Misses McGiffon, Misses Lyle, Miss Flosie Raymor, Miss G. Bonnick, Miss Alice Armitage, Miss M. Myers, Miss Farrel, Miss Lewis, Miss McQuillan, Misses Dwyer, Geddes, Miss F. Pritchard, Miss MacDonald, Miss T. Townsend, Miss Lily Wilson, Miss M. Buffy, Mr. McTaggart, Mr. H. Ames, Mr. Ed. Walker, Mr. R. Mc Giffon, Mr. J. H. Brown, Mr. V. Mc Giffon Mr. R. Elliott, Mr. W. Bailey, Mr. N. Atchinson, Mr. G. Pendrith and many others.

The committe intend holding another dance in the near future.

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The National Chorus concerts on Dec. 16 and 17 will be quite social events. The patronesses are: Lady Clark, Lady Meredith, Lady Boyd Lady Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Sweatman, Mrs. Melvin-Jones, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. W. D. Matthews, Mrs. Chester Massey, Mrs. George Dickson, Mrs. Cawthra Mulock, Mrs. Arthur rasett and Miss Knox.

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Dr. J. T. Clark, who has been in Halifax for the last two months taking a course at the military hospital, will return to Toronto on Monday.

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Mrs. A. J. Broughton, 114 Beatrice-street, will receive on the first Thursday and Friday of each month.

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Mr. Anson Cartwright and Mrs. R. Anson Cartwright sailed on Saturday for England.

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Mrs. C. E. Goodman of 421 Palmerston-boulevard will receive on Wednesday, Dec. 4, and not again this season.

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Dr. Glenholm Macdougal of Port Arthur left Toronto Tuesday last for his home.

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Mrs. Henry Wright, 158 Crescent-road, will receive on Monday, Dec. 2.

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Social events for the week are:

Monday—Mrs. Chalcraft's tea in the Metropolitan Assembly-rooms.

Tuesday—Mrs. Chas. Boone has her post-nuptial reception. In the evening, dance at Government House.

Wednesday—Teas given by Mrs. Lewis Howard, Mrs. Meyers of Deer Park and one by Miss Gladys Boultbee at the Ladies' Club.

Thursday—Women's Musical Club. In the evening—Dance by the Royal Grenadiers' Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, in the Temple Building. Extravaganza, "Japanese Honeymoon," in Massey Hall, in aid of the Broadview Boys' Home.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Bazaar at the Woman's Art rooms.

Thursday and Friday—Fete at the Church of the Messiah.

Friday—Dance in McConkey's by the undergraduates of medicine. Mrs. J. B. Kay's dance for her daughters.

Saturday—University Woman's Club luncheon in McConkey's and Strollers' musicale.

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Mrs. Richard Reams will receive the first Thursdays at her home, 128 Jameson-avenue.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Anna Hazel Southworth, only daughter of Thomas Southworth, director of colonization, to Frank Herbert Wood, B.A., of the Toronto Technical High School. The marriage will take place on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2.30 p.m., in Trinity Methodist Church.

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Mrs. Taylor and Miss McCabe of Bedford-road left last week for a visit to New York.

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Mrs. John Willson Lawrence, "Five Oaks," Avenue-road Hill, will receive on the first Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the season.

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Miss Flavelle is arranging the program from German composers for the Women's Musical Club next Thursday morning.

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Mrs. Hees, 274 St. George-street, will receive the first two Fridays in December.

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W. F. Maclean, M.P., Mrs. Maclean and Miss Molly Maclean are in Ottawa for the drawing-room.

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Mrs. Duncan Maclennan entertains at tea next Thursday, from 4.30 to 7 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Spain of Ottawa, who have been visiting Mrs. W. T. Murray in Rosedale, returned to their home last week. Miss Kathleen Murray accompanied them for the drawing-room.

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His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, with Lady Clark and the Misses Clark, attended by Major McDonald, A.D.C., went down last week to Ottawa for the drawing-room.

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Mrs. Baird entertains at tea on Dec. 16.

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Mrs. Goulding (nee Frances Byford) will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday next.

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Mr. A. J. Somerville and Mr. Jack Somerville of Atherley left last week for California.

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Mrs. Frank G. Coy (nee Platt of St. Catharines) will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday next at the residence of her uncle, Dr. J. O. Orr, 337 Jarvis-street.

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Many congratulations were extended last week to Miss Frances Emily Heron, daughter of the late Major W. T. Heron of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, and granddaughter of the late Mrs. Gordon Brown, on the announcement of her engagement to Frederick Norval Waldie, son of the late John Waldie of Glenhurst, Rosedale.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Norma Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Armstrong, to Aros Maclean, son of Mr. Wallace Maclean.

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The St. Patrick Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, have perfected arrangements for the first ladies' night ever held under the auspices of a capitular body in Canada. The function, which promises to be the event of the season Masonically and socially, will be in charge of a committee thoroly competent to successfully manage the details, and in keeping with the reputation for entertaining now possessed by the premier chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Canada.

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Mrs. Avern Pardoe, jr. (formerly Edna Hutchinson), will receive for the first time since her marriage in her new home, 24 Hawthorne-avenue, Rosedale, on Thursday, Dec. 5, afternoon and evening.

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Mr. J. H. Lautz has received a letter from Mr. Herbert Witherspoon, to the effect that he will sing two of his songs on his American tour this season.

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Mrs. Arthur Dinnis, 126 Walmer-road, will not receive until the new year.

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Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray Knowles have issued invitations to a private view of paintings at the studio, Bloor-street, on Dec. 2, 3 and 4, from 2 to 10 o'clock.

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Miss M. N. Brown has issued invitations to an exhibition of ceramic work, in Petersen's Art Rooms, 382 Yonge-street, on Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

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Mrs. J. B. Reid of 172 East Bloor-street will not receive again until the fourth Monday in the new year.

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Mrs. Edgar M. Cook left on Thursday for Ottawa, where she will visit Mrs. George Bryson.

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Miss Evelyn Taylor has been one of our pretty girls admired in Ottawa last week. At the opening Miss Taylor looked particularly well in white chiffon silk with silk lace.

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Mrs. Lenk of Toledo (nee Aileen Carveth) was the guest of a pretty tea on Friday, given by Miss Gilmour at the warden's residence, Central Prison.

Miss Gilmour wore a pretty Dresden frock and Mrs. Lenk, who received with her, was a dainty figure in blue ciel princess effect, with amethyst ornaments. Mrs. Charles Gilmour, who was in the drawing room, was in pearl grey silk, with garlands of flowers. The table, decorated in pink roses, was presided over by Mrs. Gilmour, sr., and Mrs. Clendenning, with a bevy of pretty girls. Mrs. Lenk left yesterday for Toledo, but her many friends expect to see her back in town for Christmas.

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There will be a general meeting of the graduates of Harbord Collegiate Institute on Monday, Dec. 9, to form a graduates' association, and to arrange for a re-union of all the graduates from the founding of the institute. All ex-pupils are invited to attend this meeting, which will be of great importance to the school—past and present.

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Mrs. Charles W. Kerr, Chestnut Park-road, will not receive again until the New Year, and then on the second Monday and Tuesday in each month, instead of the first Monday and Tuesday, as formerly.

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A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Church of St. Louis, Innisfail, Alta., on Monday morning, 11th inst., when Ina Kathleen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dea, late of Penetanguishene, Ont., became the bride of George T. Heinrich of Toronto, Ont. Miss Ethel Dea, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and W. J. Dodd officiated as groomsman. The bride was exquisitely attired in ivory satin with duchess lace, wearing a beautiful bridal veil with orange blossoms and carrying a bouquet of cream roses. Her going away suit was of navy blue broadcloth with military braid and picture hat. The groom's present to the bride was a heart of pearls; to the bridesmaid he presented a bracelet set with pearls, and to the groomsman a pair of cuff links with diamond settings. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents, testifying to the numerous friends she has made during her short stay in Innisfail. The happy couple will take up their residence in Toronto.

PERSONAL NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

At presen the capital is entertaining a large number of guests from various points in the Dominion, and also quite a few Americans, all of whom have come to take part in the two official and important functions of the week, the opening of parliament and His Excellency's drawing-room, the latter of which this year has been changed to Friday night instead of, as formerly, Saturday.

Among those who arrived in town during the week are: General, Mrs. and Miss Arrah Drury of Halifax, the latter of whom are guests of Major and Mrs. H. A. Panet, and the latter of Miss Helen CouHee, Miss Hays and Miss Pearl Wainwright of Montreal, and Miss Pheton of Albany, N.Y., are with Mrs. Ward C. Hughson; Miss Constance Turnbull is visiting Miss Hilda Murphy; Mrs. Ross Crawford and Miss Maude Graham of Montreal are spending the latter part of the week with Mrs. Crawford of Russell-avenue; Miss Jean Notte, one of Montreal's fair debutantes, is with Madame Charles Mau; Miss Madge Kohl of Montreal is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Kohl; Mrs. Britton Francis of Toronto is paying her sister, Mrs. Arthur Sladen, a visit and will attend the week's ceremonies, Mrs. Clinch of Toronto is also in town for the attractive festivities, and is at the Russell; the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Mortimer Clark, Lady and the Misses Clark, are in town, and are guests of Their Excellencies at Government House; Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, Madame and the Misses Casgrain are guests of Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier for the important parliamentary functions; Miss Evelyn Somerville of "Atherley," Toronto, has come to pay Miss Norah Lewis a visit and at the same time to take in the week's ceremonies.

Mrs. Ward C. Hughson, with her two daughters, the Misses Aurelia and Helena Hughson (the latter one of the season's charming debutantes), gave a large and brilliant at home on Tuesday, in honor of her three guests. The handsome residence in Bronson-avenue was beautiful with lights and flowers, chrysanthemums in various tints being lavishly utilized. The hostess wore a gown of deep sapphire blue velvet trimmed with Irish lace; Miss Hughson was in fawn crepe de chine; Miss Helena wore a very becoming costume of mauve silk crepe; Miss Hays' gown was striking and artistic of red and white striped chiffon; Miss Wainwright wore pale blue and Miss Pheton looked stunning in crushed strawberry, with Persian embroidery trimmings. Mrs. Alex. C. Hill and Mrs. Hamnett P. Hill, two of the season's young brides, poured tea and coffee, while Miss Elsie Cotton and Miss Alice Bell attended to the ices at another table. The Misses Claire and Anna Oliver, Miss Lilias Ahearn, Miss Elsie Burn, Miss Dorothy White, Miss Kittson and Miss Dale-Harris assisted.

Madame Langevin has issued invitations for a large ball on Dec. 9, in honor of the debut of her daughter, Miss Jeanne Langevin, which will take place at the Russell, where Madame and Miss Langevin are staying for the winter.

Mrs. J. Lyons Biggar is spending a fortnight in Toronto with her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Violet Elliott, at the Alexandra apartments.

Miss Mildred Montizambert has gone to spend two weeks with Miss Strachan in Toronto.

Mrs. Duff, Laurier-avenue east, was the hostess of a bright little luncheon on Wednesday in honor of her guest, Miss Blanche Garon of Toronto.

The Misses Oliver gave the third of a series of luncheons on Tuesday, when among their twelve bright young guests were Miss Evelyn Somerville of Toronto and Miss Constance Turnbull of Hamilton.

Miss Marjorie Wilkes of Brantford has arrived to spend a short time with the Misses Haycock of Russell-avenue, and will attend the drawing-room on Friday evening.

The numerous prizes of the tombola in connection with the "Streets of Paris" bazaar were drawn for on Tuesday evening, and among the most valuable on the list, the trip to England and return, was won by Mrs. James F. Sinclair, who was also fortunate in winning the trip to Chicago and return. The trip of Vancouver went to Mrs. F. Cowie of Wilbrod-street. Mr. E. T. Hastey, son of Alderman Hastey, got the saddle horse presented by Mr. Seagram, and Miss Geraldine Lumley is now the lucky possessor of the Jersey cow presented by Senator Edwards. The trip to Edmonton and also the trip to New York went to residents of other cities. Many less valuable prizes were won by Ottawans, and a large number went to out of town points.

The opening of parliament on Thursday afternoon was, as a society event, as well as an official function, a very great success, and, in spite of the rather disagreeable weather, a large number of ladies were present on the floor of the senate chamber.

Among the handsome dresses worn a few of them were as follows:

Her Excellency Lady Grey wore black spangled Brussels net over chiffon and silk, with her handsome diamond tiara and necklace.

Lady Sybil Grey was also in black, her gown being of satin with tulle sleeves, and she wore pearl ornaments. Lady Evelyn Grey was in white satin and her ornaments were pearls and diamonds.

Lady Laurier's costume was extremely handsome, being of violet chiffon velvet embroidered in shaded violet flowers, the corsage draped with exquisite lace, tiara and necklace of diamonds.

Mrs. Hanbury-Williams wore a lovely gown of black Chantilly lace over a skirt of white silk. Dresden ribbons on the corsage, necklace and tiara of diamonds and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Miss Gladys Hanbury-Williams was in white crepe de chine trimmed with French Valenciennes lace.

Lady Fitzpatrick's gown was of rich black velvet handsomely embroidered, and Miss Fitzpatrick wore a lovely Parisian gown of pale pink chiffon over violet satin with deep flounce of rich lace, the bodice embroidered in gun metal.

Lady Cartwright was handsomely attired in mauve brocaded satin with point lace and diamond ornaments.

Miss Molly Cartwright wore grey silk velvet with old rose point lae.

Mrs. Frank Oliver wore a princesse gown of violet velvet embroidered in gold and trimmed with Irish lace and a collar of diamonds. Miss Claire Oliver was lovely in shell pink duchesse satin, and Miss Anna Oliver, a debutante, also wore pink ninon de soie over silk and pearl ornaments.

Lady Borden was extremely handsome in white chiffon taffeta applique with lace. Miss Borden wore a black spangled net over satin.

Miss Fielding, Nile green satin trimmed with darker shade of green velvet and Irish lace. Miss Edith Fielding was in light mauve over mauve taffeta and lace trimmings.

Madame Dandurand wore a very striking gown of old gold satin trimmed with lace and touches of velvet. Miss Dandurand was in pale yellow chiffon over yellow silk.

Mrs. Clifford Sifton looked regal in a pretty gown of pale lavender satin brocaded in orchids, diamond ornaments.

Mrs. R. L. Borden wore black sequined net over black chiffon and silk and carried a lovely sheath of American Beauty roses.

Madame Brodeur, white Limerick lace robe over white silk hand-embroidered and trimmed with silver sequins. Miss Bertha Brodeur, a debutante, wore a lovely gown of white chiffon over silk embroidered in a beautiful design of flowers in delicate tints.

Mrs. Andrew Allan, who brought her two debutante daughters to be presented, wore a lovely gown of pale blue satin, trimmed with crystals and lace. Miss Hazel Allan was in pink liberty satin, and Miss Doris Allan was very dainty in pink ninon de soie over silk.

Lady Davies looked very well in crimson satin trimmed with sequins and lace and wore diamond ornaments.

Mrs. William Paterson's gown was of lavender satin trimmed with Honiton lace, and she wore diamonds.

Mrs. George E. Foster of Toronto wore a gown of sequined net over silk.

Mrs. George W. Ross of Toronto was beautifully gowned in cream chiffon broadcloth embroidered in gold and silver on the corsage, and wore a necklace of pearls.

Mrs. Peterson of Toronto was gowned in a beautiful lace robe of rose pointe over silk and chiffon.

Mrs. W. E. Sanford of Hamilton was in black silk velvet with Oriental embroidery on the corsage and wore diamonds.

Mrs. Cockshutt of Brantford was handsomely gowned in pale blue chiffon with trimmings of steel and silver tissue, diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Clinch, Toronto, was in pale yellow silk draped in lace with knots of black velvet.

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