

# The Dalhousie Graphic

ALL THE NEWS

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EVERY WEEK

## DALHOUSIE GIRL IS FAMOUS MODEL

At Eighteen, Miss Erminie Gagnon Is New York's Favorite Model.

(Continued from The Dalhousie Graphic, May 31st.)

Did you ever suffer a great disappointment? Did you ever suddenly realize that promises are not always fulfilled? That it was impossible to attain the skies in one great jump? The little Canadian girl who could shut her eyes and picture her name flung across the city in great flaring lights soon learned that those who aspire to glory attain it through their own efforts, and that if she was to write her name in the city lights, she must not wait for the assistance of those about her. Millions of others before her had learned the value of the adage that if you want a thing well done do it yourself—but it came to her as a brand new idea. And once it had flashed over her she began to take stock of her assets, and to consider what she could do to climb up towards the height.

"I was terribly disappointed in not being given a part in a motion picture right away," Miss Gagnon reminisces; and I didn't hesitate in saying so. One of the girls who heard me, a girl I had met in the beauty contest, came to me one day and suggested that I might be known if I posed for artists. "Of course, I hesitated," she went on, every girl who has been brought up in a convent would hesitate about becoming an artist's model, for the simple reason that in convents, as in most homes, there is an idea that the life of an artist's model is the most devilish in all the world."

"I thought it over for days, wondering if I ought to write to my mother for advice, and then one day the adventure of it suddenly appealed to me, and I decided that I would try posing for one of the artists whose name was on the list that my beauty contest friend had given me. I dressed myself in my best hat and frock, and went out. I tried several studios but they did not need a model at that minute, and finally I knocked on the door of an artist named McClung who does a lot of fashion work in color. I'll never forget Mr. McClung's 'how do you do,' his smile, and the way he swept a lot of oil covered rage off a chair so that I could set down. I was almost too frightened to speak—but after a while I did manage to tell him that I wanted to be a model.

"Will you take off your hat?" he asked me—and I did so. He looked me over very carefully and critically. 'All right,' he told me, 'be here at ten thirty tomorrow.' I went there, posed for him—and, well, I've been posing for artists ever since.

It was a very modest beginning, but like many an unpretentious start it was not long before many of the artists in the city noticed portraits of the new model as she smiled from magazine covers or advertisements and inquired of a fellow artist the address or telephone number of that little Canadian girl—I think her name is Gagnon; for in the fraternity of art, one man passes on a good model to his friend.

And so at the end of three years Erminie Gagnon looks back over hours spent as a model for such noted men as Harrison Fisher, who is one of the highest paid painters of cover designs, W. T. Benda, the famous painter of Slavish types, Dean Cornwell, the illustrator. (One of the stories illustrated by Mr. Cornwell, for which Miss Gagnon posed was "Find the Woman," which was a sensational serial novel and motion picture success), Child B. Hassan, the portrait painter, Clarence Underwood, whose work has won him international fame, and who chose Erminie Gagnon as his model for one of the "skin you love" advertising series, because of her complexion and the shape of her hand which was prominently displayed in the picture, C. D. Williams, the Saturday evening artist.

George C. Cutts, famous for his fashion ads and a score of others. She can remember seeing pictures of herself used as advertisements, as for illustration of serial stories in famous magazines, on magazine covers, in an etching or two and in paintings for

## Social and Personal News

Friends of Mrs. Charles Miller regret to hear that in spite of the best professional nursing and medical skill at the Soldier's Memorial Hospital Campbellton her health is not much improved.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart was a visitor to Nigado and Jacquet River last week.

Mrs. T. G. Scott entertained a few friends at a six o'clock tea on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McFarlane and little son of Campbellton were guests of Mrs. Albert Gallop for the week end.

Mrs. E. J. Cameron has returned from a pleasant trip to friends in Toronto.

N. C. McKay of Campbellton, was a visitor to town on Thursday.

T. H. McEvoy was in Campbellton on Wednesday, attending the Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus as a district deputy.

J. Clive Briand, of Douglastown, Quebec, has returned to town to resume his work of former years with the P. Q. Lumber Company.

Rev. R. J. Coleman was a visitor in Jacquet River on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Newcombe and baby son of Buctouche, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson for the past four weeks, returned home on Wednesday. Mr. Newcombe met them at Moncton with his car to drive them to Buctouche.

Her many friends are pleased to hear that Miss Ida Barista graduated recently from the Maine General Hospital, Portland, Maine. They join in wishing for her success and happiness in the nursing profession.

Mrs. Charlotte Disbrow, of Jacquet River is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Stewart at Glen Cottage.

Miss Dorothy Williams, formerly of this town, but now of St. John has accepted a position in the Western Union Telegraph Office there.

exhibition in the great salons of the country.

That various artists see a model in various lights is Miss Gagnon's explanation of why so many of the leading artists of the country demand her services, although in my case, it has been my complexion, hair and eyes that have brought me the most work.

Then, too, while I was not an ideal of the type they were looking for they liked me because I could suggest the type to them. I guess, too, they like me because I don't fuss. Artists don't like flippant girls who are always talking, moving about, and who get tired of a pose quickly. There are plenty of girls who would be very successful models but for the fact that they annoy an artist by fussing. I out-of-door covers, both of them making me remember trips which I took with my family when we used to camp along St. Mary's River just below the "Soo." It was Mr. Watson who said he liked me to pose for his out-of-door girls, because I wasn't wearing a flannel. And I've just been engaged to pose for Prince Dalhousie of Albania. The Prince is going to do a large painting for exhibition in the large fall art shows, and he told me he interviewed two hundred girls before I talked with him. When I met him he asked me to try a few poses, and then he shook my hand and said I was a true daughter of a land of romance, that he liked my complexion and the glints of red-gold in my hair. The hair and skin I can understand—and I suppose that the romance part of it comes to me from my French ancestors.

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## Happenings of The Week

The Mina Grant Mission Band of St. John Presbyterian Church, Dalhousie held a much appreciated missionary concert in the temperance hall Dalhousie Junction on Friday evening, May 25th which was a decided success. The community was well represented and a goodly sum was realized.

Trail Rangers and Tuxis Boys have organized at Dalhousie Junction recently with a goodly number. The officers are as follows: Mentor, John E. Shaw; Pretor, John MacIntosh; Deputy Pretor, Even Blair; Scripter, Wesley MacLean; Comptor, Hartley Miller.

It is very interesting to know that in order to stimulate a spirit of sport in our two most northern towns of Campbellton and Dalhousie, that the shiretown will be well represented in the formation of a Golf Club, as a cording to a despatch from Campbellton, to the Fredericton Gleaner, on June 2nd, twenty five members have already joined from Dalhousie. These were obtained without solicitation. Much praise is due to Mrs. W. S. Montgomery, Mrs. H. E. Mott, Doctor Fleck and Mr. T. G. Scott, for the interest they have taken on behalf of the sporting citizens of the shiretown.

Forest fires have been raging in various sections up-river, and a pall of smoke has hung over the town for the past few days making the sun appear like a ball of dark red fire. Cinders have fallen continually. A crew of men from the Dalhousie Lumber Company left Monday, equipped for fighting the fire at Matapedia.

The Dalhousie Lumber Company's lower mill which was closed for repair on Saturday, resumed operations as usual on Monday.

artist, but she must have enough personality to give him some sort of a mental and physical conception of the girl he is putting on canvas.

And then, too, a girl must be adaptable, which means the more experience she has had in life, the better it is for her work. If you've seen a Spanish girl handle a fan—why you have an idea how she does it. And Mr. George Cutts, who makes ever so much money painting advertisements for men's clothing sends me to dress up as a boy—because I get the boy's idea better than if he were to use a talking, moving about, and who get tired of a pose quickly. There are plenty of girls who would be very successful models but for the fact that they annoy an artist by fussing. I out-of-door covers, both of them making me remember trips which I took with my family when we used to camp along St. Mary's River just below the "Soo." It was Mr. Watson who said he liked me to pose for his out-of-door girls, because I wasn't wearing a flannel. And I've just been engaged to pose for Prince Dalhousie of Albania. The Prince is going to do a large painting for exhibition in the large fall art shows, and he told me he interviewed two hundred girls before I talked with him. When I met him he asked me to try a few poses, and then he shook my hand and said I was a true daughter of a land of romance, that he liked my complexion and the glints of red-gold in my hair. The hair and skin I can understand—and I suppose that the romance part of it comes to me from my French ancestors.

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## MADE A HIT AT DALHOUSIE

Lyric Dramatic Club Put On "A Pair of Sixes" to Big House.

Seldom have the people of the shire town been treated to a more enjoyable entertainment than what took place on Monday evening, June 4th, when the Lyric Dramatic Club, of Campbellton presented the well known comedy "A Pair of Sixes" at the Convent Hall, Dalhousie.

Long before the performance began every available seat on the ground floor and gallery was occupied, and as people arrived from Eel River, Pt. La Pêche, and Summerside, extra chairs had to be provided from the convent and placed in the aisles.

The opinion here is that there was no exaggeration in the report made in the "Graphic" of May 17th, about the performance given on the evening of May 11th, in the Opera House, Campbellton, by the Club. The act was perfect, each one doing his and her part splendidly. The singing and dancing was much enjoyed. The Komical Kootown Kut-Ups, was one of the most entertaining numbers of the programme and drew loud applause.

Mr. J. J. Bernier, of Campbellton, in a neat speech thanked the people of Dalhousie, for the encouragement given the members of the Lyric Dramatic Club, who as amateurs, were endeavoring to do their part in the theatrical world. Speaking on behalf of the Club he was proud to see such a large audience. The order that prevailed and the appreciation shown, would certainly encourage the members of the Club, to return to Dalhousie at no distant date. He paid a well merited compliment to Mr. Thos. G. Adams, who rather than disappoint the Dalhousie people, left his sick room against the Doctor's advice to be at his post in the play.

The entertainment was staged in aid of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, of Campbellton, and a very neat sum was realized.

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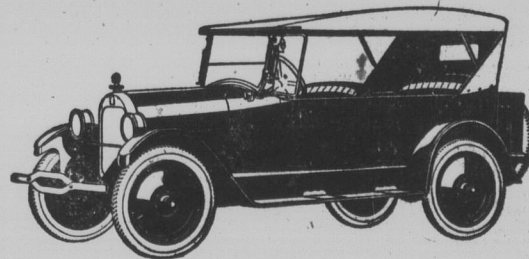
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**PROFESSIONAL.**  
Dr. A. Pierce Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist will be at the St. Louis Hotel, Campbellton FRIDAY, JUNE 8th, where he may be consulted professionally.

**Rev. W. W. MacNair, M. A.** of Campbellton will lecture in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Dalhousie, on Friday evening, June 8th at 7.30 p.m. Subject "Canadian Soldiers Overseas."

**HAD PLEASANT TRIP.**  
Messrs. A. McG. McDonald, Jas. Thompson, Roy McLean, R. J. S. Sly and Chas. Watson returned Monday from Pope Logan with a nice string of trout. The fishing at the big lake has been exceptionally good this season.

**W. C. T. U. F.**  
The W. C. T. U. F. will hold a picnic at Tide Head 15th. All members please bring lunch and leave at 12.30.

**CARE OF TI**  
Catherine Kerr, wishes to extend her thanks for all kindness and help by her friends and the late illness and mother.

**CHEAPER F**  
The Campbellton Stores are selling Bu and Exposed metal than last year. See

**WILL HO**  
The Guild of Chr hold a tea and sale in the basement of day, June 9th, 3 to 5.

**SALARY MATTER**  
Matters pertaining to non-supernumeration and postal clerks discussed at some time Postal Clerks their Annual convention last week. The p ferred to the Dominion election.

**UP RIVER SERVICES**  
Services next Sunday 10th of June will be conducted at Upsalquich 11 a.m., Doe Side 2 p.m., Moore Settlement 4 p.m. and Matapedia 7 p.m. by Rev. F. Yates, B. A.

**Presbyterian Minister**  
Matapedia P. Q.

**CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN.**  
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**First Sunday in the month, Holy Communion, 11 a.m.**  
Matins and Litany at 11 a.m. Second, fourth and fifth Sunday in the month, Matins at 11 a.m. Every Sunday Evensong at 7 p.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Men's Bible Class at 4.30 p.m.

**THE OLDE**  
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