

A Jubilee Anniversary

FIFTY years ago last May a brave-hearted Scotchwoman sailed for Canada with 150 orphan boys whom she had gathered under her sheltering wing during the cholera epidemic in London. Having filled four houses with these orphans she formed the bold idea of seeking employment for them in Canada.

The party were received with some caution by the Government immigration authorities, but as soon as they saw the lady and the eagerness with which they were taken by farmers, they said to Annie Macpherson: "Bring us as many as you can of this class of immigrant."

The people of Belleville and the Council of the County of Hastings invited Annie Macpherson to establish her permanent receiving home and depot at Belleville, and rented a house for the purpose. Afterwards by the generous aid of the public in this neighbourhood the Marchmont Home was bought in 1872.

It was twice burnt to the ground, but rebuilt. Since its establishment over seven hundred orphans, a large proportion in the Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward; ninety-eight per cent have done well and many now are in good positions in life. Some have worked their way through college and are now usefully serving their generation as ministers, doctors, lawyers, bankers, teachers, etc. Of these several have risen to eminence in their chosen profession, or are holding public office as reeve, school commissioner, etc., which shows the respect in which their fellow Canadians hold them. The girls have filled the most necessary gaps in the domestic circle as helpers to the hard-pressed farmers' wives. The Premier of Ontario, Mr. Drury, recently said that whatever schemes for shorter hours and increased pay might be brought forward for the farmer and his labourer, he did not see how the working hours of the farmer's wife and mother of the family were to be shortened; therefore any plan which would in any way lighten her labours would have his support. The children from the Marchmont Home have been placed on farms and the great majority remain in farm work.

Only last Saturday a farmer called at the Home and said: "Fifty years ago I came out with the second party. In August, 1870 and I own a farm not two miles from where I was first placed." Another wrote last Christmas sending five dollars, a gift to the Home. "I am still on the same farm you placed me on thirty-eight years ago, the only difference is that my master has retired and I have bought the farm."

Emigration was suspended for five years during the Great War, but this summer two parties of children, totalling 126, have arrived at Marchmont and found homes. The prospects are for a very hard winter in England, food prices are very high and if there should be much sickness there will certainly be many families orphaned. In England there are two hundred thousand orphan and deserted children supported in public institutions or living in poverty with widowed mothers. This number does not include the war orphans who are living on pensions from the Government but many of whom will wish to emigrate as time goes on.

But if further parties of children are to come to the Marchmont Home it is absolutely necessary that an addition be made to the house containing bath, toilet and laundry arrangements and laundry, with an extra dormitory above. For this purpose an appeal is made for five thousand dollars so that the work may be set in hand this autumn and the house be ready for a party of boys next March, the time it suits farmers to come and take them. Contributions may be sent to Mr. W. H. Merry, Superintendent Marchmont Home, 184 Molra St., Belleville or paid in to the Molsons Bank, Belleville and will be gratefully acknowledged.

If this should meet the eye of any who came out to Canada through this Home who have done well, will they send a thank offering to help other young lives? If the farmers who have had these British boys and girls living with them, would each send a small gift as recognition of the help and service received, the amount required would be soon raised. Five thousand is mentioned as the minimum required for present addition; but further sums could be usefully employed. The Committee in England are sending out seven thousand dollars annually for the upkeep of the Home and at present rates of exchange are losing thirteen hundred dollars on that amount. The institution in England trains, outfits and pays the travelling expenses of its wards, bears the expense of keeping up the Home here and supporting the children until they reach the age of eighteen. Canadians have these clean, healthy, carefully selected and well taught boys and girls brought to their doors, mostly at an age to be at once very useful. At this harvest time of a year of such abounding prosperity in Canada, will readers extend their sympathy and help to this worthy institution which now celebrates its fiftieth anniversary?

FORMER OSHAWA MAN INHERITS SCOTCH MANOR; WILL CHANGE NAME TO MEET TERMS OF WILL

Arthur J. L. Keddie Falls Heir to Logie Estate in Scotland Is Successful Michigan Editor—Began Career With Oshawa Reformer.

The following editorial taken from a recent issue of the Manitowish News-Advocate will be of interest to many of our readers. Mrs. Keddie belongs to one of the old and well known families of our town, and while he has been away from here for some years we claim him as "one of our Oshawa boys." He began his career as a successful newspaper man in the "Reformer" Office, and is at present publisher of the Keddiprint paper, comprising "The Bear Lake Beacon," "The Oshawa Lake Breeze" and "The Arcadia Argus." Must Change Name.

By the terms of the curious old will covering some thirty pages of printed matter (a copy of which has been in the family for some generations) the name of "Bowman" goes with the title to the estate, also specific instructions regarding the use and care of the once famous library of the mansion house of Logie.

Mr. Keddie, pursuant to probate notice as prescribed by law, is applying today to the Probate Court of the County of Manitowish, State of Michigan, for an order changing his name from Arthur James Luke Keddie to Arthur James Luke Bowman.

It is of course expected that the application will be granted. Hoot, Mon!

The following interesting reference to Mr. Keddie's good fortune is from the Manitowish News-Advocate a contemporary of the "Keddiprint papers."

Dinna be surprised if, on your next visit to Scotland, on a brow blue morning in the Heilands you should see stepping blithely across the heath or one whose weather-bitten features remind you of someone you used to know in Bear Lake, Mich., but whose skirling kilt of gay tartan and ruddy bare knees discredit such presumption.

And if on inquiry of a gilly (Scot. for a gentleman's name) you should doubtfully inquire "Is not you man my old friend Keddie?" he should bleatly inform you "Nay, mon! 'Tis the laird o' the manor, Squire Bowman," still do not let

your curiosity remain unsatisfied. Pursue your inquiry further and you may both be right.

Strange things happen in fact as well as in fiction, and 'tis not at all impossible that the well known Bear Lake editor may in due course find himself transposed to the scene and the situation above envisaged.

Name Now Is Bowman

A recently published legal notice in the Bear Lake Beacon, Brother Keddie's own paper, calls attention to the fact that on the 16th day of October next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, he, the petitioner, will make application to the probate court for an order changing his name from Arthur James Luke Keddie, to Arthur James Luke Bowman, according to provisions of the statute in such cases made and provided.

Now the fact that anyone with such a superfluity of names as Mr. Keddie already possesses should desire to add another to his collection after he has attained years of discretion, as Mr. Keddie undoubtedly has, gives rise to much speculation. But true to his Scottish traditions, Mr. Keddie is canny in disclosing the object of his petition and the casual inquirers merely gives the answer that the brevity of his name had long been a sort of tribulation, and that he desired one that will require five minutes to pass a given point.

Hard to Interview Canny Scot—But persistence on the part of The News-Advocate's most skilled interviewer brought a reluctant disclosure of the real reasons and justified the preamble of this narrative. No one is quite so hard to interview as an editor, and Mr. Keddie, being a canny Scot, is a more difficult subject than most of his class. But here are the facts which under strong pressure were brought to light.

Mr. Keddie has inherited property in Scotland, the land from which his father came but which he himself has never seen. How vast his inheritance is he does not care to reveal, if he himself knows.

But to attain possession he has to carry out the provisions of a will drawn by Walter Bowman, a remote forebear away back in 1757, which requires that he adopt the name Bowman, as a condition of the entail. The last direct heir died four years ago, and the fact being established that Mr. Keddie is the sole

remaining heir-at-law, he is merely doing what Scottish custom, tradition and precedent require of him. May Deceive Indeed—

This is it explained by Mr. Keddie, and people who have had any experience with them know that entailed estates are fearsome matters to trifle with. So you see it is not all impossible that the Bear Lake editor shortly may become the laird of a Scottish manor.

But whether the always decorous Keddie will adopt the Harry Lauder costume is another matter, on which he'll say neither aye or nay. Concerning the additional name, he says he's managed to get along nicely with the four he already acknowledges for some 58 years, and another one now shouldn't cause him any inconvenience.

We speak for Mr. Keddie's many friends in hoping that the estate is a handsome one, and if he should remove to Scotland as a result, whether or no he does the kilt, we bespeak an invitation to visit him during the grouse shooting season.

Sir Gilbert Parker Learning to Write Moving Picture Plays

Editor Ontario.

Sir Gilbert Parker, world-famed novelist, is the latest distinguished visitor to come to Los Angeles, Cal. He has travelled six thousand miles, he admits himself, to learn the art of writing picture plays. It would seem to most of us that the distinguished Bellevillian, as we claim him, had enough of the world's honors that any man could expect. Yet it is evident that he is still able to find new interests in life.

In his sunny sitting-room at the Beverly Hills hotel, Sir Gilbert and your humble correspondent talked about California and Belleville, mostly Belleville. It looks as though the coming three months will be busy ones for the author. He is the lion of the city and if he could accept half of the invitations that are being showered upon him there would be no time for work. One lady reporter who saw him described him as having the appearance of a stately Rembrandt gentleman of the old school. That seems good for a starter but Sir Gilbert took it with a smile as though it was all in the day's work.

Although Sir Gilbert has to have his time carefully arranged, he was gracious enough to shake your correspondent's hand and say he was never so busy that he could not greet a Belleville man. There is no snobbery about Sir Gilbert. He is too great for that. The author's magnificent command of the English language has always been the admiration and the despair of the writer and it seemed strange to hear him speak of the cinema as the average rough-necked American male or female never think of saying anything but the "movies!"

Sir Gilbert expects to remain in California for the next three months and will be at the famous Lofts studios. During the time he will also study the history and characters of Southern California and they may appear in a novel later on. Some 25 years ago, the author, in conversation with Padewski, the pianist, mentioned an idea that he had for a novel and the musician told him to go ahead as it was a great human story. The novel had never materialized but the idea may come out in a movie play. It is safe to say that there will be a surprise in view when the work of Sir Gilbert is finished.

David Belasco, the dean of the speaking drama, believed the silver sheet has ruined the stage. He calls it the hydra-headed monster. Not so Sir Gilbert. He says it will create a taste for the drama. The same protest used to be heard when the music halls were introduced. He feels that there is a great future ahead for art in the films and admits that America is ahead of England in this respect. There are studios in London but they have never produced such masterpieces as "The Birth of a Nation," "Humoresque," "Madame X," etc. He was confident that the time would come when the English producers would equal the American. The only drawback is that the lighting is vastly inferior to the brand of California. One great advantage of the cinema productions is that the best go to the smallest village where a play could never be produced. In this way there is going to be a taste for the drama created and art will be constantly increased.

I do not wish to be understood as giving the stage a secondary place in any sense, but the film will not kill drama. It will stimulate a taste for it.

During the winter of 1885 and 1886 Sir Gilbert visited California for a short time on his way to the South Seas. Since that time the city has grown to over half a million and it is constantly reaching out. Irrigation has made California that, and

its wonderful climate.

W. S. MacDIARMID.

Physicians Hear Instructive Addresses

TRENTON, Oct. 18.—At the regular meeting held here of the Hastings County Medical Association, Dr. F. N. G. Starr, of Toronto, gave an instructive address on Gall Bladder infection, directing particular attention to the necessity of making an early diagnosis. Dr. H. K. Detweiler of Toronto gave a paper on Hay Fever and its treatment. He explained how different persons were affected by one or more proteins, demonstrated how the particular protein or proteins were determined, and explained fully the manner of treatment.

This was followed by a supper provided by the medical fraternity of Trenton, who acted as hosts for the County Medical Association. After supper all the retired medical practitioners in the county were formally made honorary members of the Association.

Dr. Clinton, of Belleville, said a few words about the death of Dr. W. J. Gibson, and the great loss the Association as well as the community had sustained in his demise, drawing attention to the fact that for thirty years he was the recognized leader of the medical profession in the Bay of Quinte district. Dr. Mather, of Tweed, another life-long associate, seconded Dr. Clinton's motion to instruct the secretary to send Mrs. Gibson a suitable letter, and this was adopted by a rising vote.

Visiting practitioners were present from Port Hope, Brighton, Picton, Bloomfield and Wellington.

This closed a series of monthly meetings held by the Hastings County Medical Association, beginning in May in Belleville, Tweed, Madoc, Marmora and Stirling. Valuable addresses have been delivered at these meetings by Prof. A. McPhedran, Dr. W. W. Laidlaw, Prof. B. P. Watson, Dr. F. Arnold Clarkson, Dr. W. Scott, Dr. Roscoe Graham, Dr. McKechnie, Prof. Goldwin Howland, Dr. F. N. G. Starr and Dr. H. K. Detweiler, all of Toronto and Rev. Dr. C. W. Service of Chentu, China.

L. T. P. Officials In the City

Visit Shelter—Plans for New Orphanage at Richmond Hill

Mr. Price, City Architect of Toronto; Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Robert Martin, the Provincial Inspector C. A. S.; Mr. Farley, Chief Assessor, City of Toronto; Mr. Carle, Secretary; Mr. Franklin, Architect, who were motoring from Toronto to Picton to attend the Board Meeting of the Loyal True Blue & Orange Orphanage, met Mr. Ruston, local inspector of the C. A. S., who for some years has been interested in the Orphanage. He took them over the Children's Shelter here to see if they could gather any information or practical suggestions that could be carried out in the erection of the New Orphanage at Richmond Hill, Toronto, which is proposed to be built to accommodate one hundred and fifty children and to have an infants ward, a very commendable addition to the Orphanage, for there is a great lack of such accommodation in this province. The present existing homes in most cases lock the door against infants under two years of age and especially illegitimate children, the ones which should receive the first consideration for in most cases they come into this world not wanted by any one and having no one to care for or love them. May the orphanage board have every success in this great undertaking!

Girl Struck by an Automobile

Miss Welch Was Fortunately Not Seriously Hurt

On Saturday, Mr. Clayton Houston, of Thurlow, driving an automobile, knocked down Miss Helen Welch, near the upper bridge. She was taken to her home at 16 St. Charles Street. Dr. Tennent was called but she was found not in a serious condition. Mr. Houston reported the accident to the police. His first thought was that she was seriously hurt.

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Railroads entering Chicago, are laying off from 10 to 15 per cent. of their employees.

Talk of the Town And of the Country

AUTO COLLISION

Last evening about eight o'clock an auto pitched into another at the junction of Catherine and Isabel Sts. Fortunately the damage was slight and none of the occupants were hurt. The accident was caused by the second car endeavoring to pass the other near the corner, when the first car turned up Isabel street.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thanksgiving Day was quietly observed in Belleville. In the morning there was a union service at the Baptist Church at which Captain Best of the "V" delivered a stirring address which was much appreciated.

CAPT. BEST'S ADDRESS

On Sunday afternoon Capt. Tom Best, of Toronto, delivered an address at the Palace Theatre on the true Christian vs the Grouch. His remarks showed very keen observation of life.

ON OFFICIAL VISIT

Mrs. M. Greene, president of the Rebekahs Assembly, is in the city and is the guest of Mrs. Frank B. Naylor, Victoria Ave. Mrs. Greene will visit officially Quintina Lodge tonight.

DR. CLEAVER'S CONDITION.

Inquiry at the Bridge street parsonage today elicited the information that Rev. Dr. Cleaver, who was injured by a fall from his bicycle on Saturday is getting along very well. It may be necessary for him to go to Toronto for special treatment as there is a possibility of a slight fracture of the cheek bone. An examination will be made this afternoon to find out whether such a condition exists. No unfavorable results are expected from it.

WANTED IN NAPANEE

P. C. White yesterday took in charge Clayton George McPhail, who was wanted in Napanee in connection with a motor accident. There was a collision in a fog, Mr. McPhail told the local police. McPhail went back to Napanee.

HORSE DROWNED

Last Tuesday night, Mr. C. Potter, of the Front of Sidney, left a horse in a pasture field near Jones Creek. On Wednesday morning it was gone. On Saturday some boys at Rossmore saw a horse floating down the bay and told Mr. Potter, who informed the police. How the animal got drowned will always be a mystery.

LITTLE WANDERERS

Two children, aged four years old, wandered on Saturday away from Murney street. They were found by some little girls east of the House of Refuge and were taken to the Children's Shelter, whence the police were notified of their whereabouts.

PINNACLE STREET WORK

The asphaltting of Pinnacle Street will begin today or tomorrow. It was hoped to have a start made yesterday but some of the men did not arrive here, thinking it was a holiday.

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