

WOMEN and THE HOME

BIRTH CERTIFICATE LAW DRIVES WEDDINGS TO U.S.

City Clerk Samuel Baker Suggests Measure Be Amended—Public Inconvenience—Only Recourse Is For Woman To Apply For Marriage License.

What business has the Hon. Mr. Nichol to ask a charming bride-elect to produce her birth certificate?

This is a question which a prominent London citizen would like answered by the Ontario parliament when it meets early in the new year. He foresees the need of protection against too early marriages, but does not think that every bride-to-be, whether she be 18 or 60, should be called upon to dig deep down into the records of time and produce a tell-tale slip of paper, just to satisfy the Hon. Mr. Nichol.

A recent amendment to the marriage act requires a birth certificate of one of the contracting parties before a marriage license will be issued.

Bride May Apply.

Since it is customary for the groom-elect to apply for the marriage license, it means that the bride-to-be must produce the birth certificate. The bride who refuses to have this intimate information about her past dug up, has only one recourse, and that is to apply for the marriage certificate herself.

This puts her in the position of the one arranging the contract, and it is up to her husband-to-be to produce a birth certificate. This application for the marriage certificate on the part of the bride satisfies the letter of the law, but is often found to be awkward, even in these days when women are being permitted all sorts of rights.

City Clerk Samuel Baker, who issues the marriage licenses for London, agrees that the present law is causing all sorts of difficulties. It is true that it is impossible to trace a birth certificate, the applicants for the marriage license may swear that this is the case, and the license will be granted.

But this often involves a great deal of fruitless search before such a declaration can be made. Long delays are caused when birth certificates have to be secured from Europe, or even farther afield. And the general public is indignant at the inconvenience caused by the new law.

City Clerk Baker's suggestion, which will be brought before the provincial house when it meets shortly, is that the law be amended to meet the situation. He would have it read that a birth certificate be required of all persons under twenty-one years of age, and that persons over twenty-one years of age merely be required to declare their age. That no birth certificate or parents' consent be asked of them.

Loosening To U. S.

A prominent London citizen, in discussing the question, pointed out that Canadian clergy, jewelers and others were losing out financially with the new arrangement. He had noted from articles in the American press that the number of Canadians crossing the border to be married had increased rapidly during the past few months.

He couldn't help but feel that these men and women had found it easier to slip across the border and have the marriage ceremony performed there, than to search out a birth certificate. It followed that the wedding rings were purchased there; the Canadian government was losing out in marriage license fees and the wives of American clergy, rather than the wives of Canadian clergy, were benefitting by the marriage fees. Not considering the financial end at all, it was too bad that a technicality of the law was forcing Canadians to be married in an alien land.

He would suggest that the law be amended so that if the issuer of licenses had reason to believe that the girl was under age, he could insist on a birth certificate, but not that she must produce a birth certificate in every instance.

Some such plan would do the work for which the law was made, that is, the prevention of too hasty or too youthful marriages, and would at the same time not inconvenience or annoy the general public.

DOROTHY CONGO CAPTURES HON. DOWHERTY'S GOLD MEDAL

Special To The Advertiser.

Dresden, Dec. 13.—Dorothy Congo, of Highgate, won Hon. Manning Doherty's gold medal for oratory at the fourth annual public speaking contest of the East Kent Trustees and Ratepayers' association held here Saturday afternoon. Miss Congo's teacher, Miss McLean, and the teacher of the second prize winner were also awarded medals.

Others winners in order of merit were: Mabel Van Sickle, teacher; Ward Leach, Norbert Orendoff, Ridgeway; Dorothy Wells, S. S. No. 6, Camden.

The winner of the gold medal presented by Crown Attorney N. D. Smith, of Chatham, was Norbert Orendoff, Ridgeway. Other winners were Dorothy Wells, Jack Stunnett, of Ridgeway; Leo Orendoff. The judges were Miss Abraham, Miss Angus and Miss Naylor.

Addresses were given by Dr. Gilles, of Ridgeway, president of the association; D. McDermid, Ridgeway; Mr. Beamish, Bothwell; George Dewar, Camden; Mrs. McClenick, Harwich; Walter Weese gave the address of welcome.

ALL OF CREW SAFE.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 12.—All members of the crew of the steamship, Cotopaxi, missing since the storm that swept the coast last week, are safe. The ship and the ship's crew, a cablegram received from the Havana company at the office of the Clinchfield Fuel company here yesterday.



MRS. J. GRIESSES, auxiliary president of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Locomotive Engineers.

Wheat Bulk Goes Via Ports In U.S.

Britain Was Canada's Biggest Grain Buyer During November.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The great bulk of Canadian wheat which was exported to Great Britain during the month of November went by United States ports. The United Kingdom was Canada's biggest buyer of wheat during November, but of the 24,000,000 bushels which went to Great Britain, 18,610,104 bushels went by the United States, and only 5,489,710 bushels via Canadian sea ports.

The value of the wheat passing through the United States to Great Britain was \$24,974,071; of that passing through Canadian ports, the value was \$7,559,352.

LUCAV W. I.

Lucan, Dec. 12.—The women's institute gave a very successful concert in aid of the Queen Alexandra endowment fund, in the opera house last week. The program was provided by local talent, songs being provided by Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Tom Hodgins, Miss Irene Courney, Mrs. Chown, Mrs. Orme and Charles Hagger. Readings were given by Miss Jessie Cameron. Four young ladies, Misses Marion Chown, Phyllis Blair, Alpha Seale and Phyllis Hodgins, enacted the Mad Tea Party, from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, while members of the Jones Entertainers the Women's Institute.

The proceeds realized were \$36.45, and after expenses were paid, the institute had \$27.82 for the Beck memorial fund, which brings Lucan's contribution up to date to \$275.32.

CATHOLIC WOMEN TO RAISE \$20,000

League Will Endow Chair of Church History at New Seminary.

The Catholic Women's league of the London diocese has been asked by Bishop Fallon for \$20,000 to endow the chair of church history at the new St. Peter's seminary. Mrs. J. J. Roach, president of the local Catholic Women's league, brought up the discussion of the endowment in a very fine report of the recent convention of the diocesan Catholic Women's league, held at Saranac. The money is to be raised during the coming year.

There was a very large attendance at the meeting yesterday afternoon, and Mrs. Roach presided. During the discussion suggestions were brought up and reports given on the centennial celebration to be held next year. Miss Macle gave an account of the recent meeting of the centennial held at the city hall. A report from Mrs. Hoy on social service work throughout the city showed that there were many families in need of assistance. In the absence of Mrs. Wilson, the second vice-president, Miss Darcey reported on the Girl Guide movement.

The members voted various sums of money to charitable causes. Among the moneys to be given out will be a donation to the day nursery. Several sums were voted to out-of-town organizations.

Plans were made for the entertainment of the aged people at the House of Providence some time between Christmas and the new year.

Beaver Loggers Work Very Fast

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Buster Bear, having decided that it was a waste of his time to tear holes in the new dam of Paddy the Beaver, as fast as Buster could destroy, paid no more attention to what the Beavers were doing. If they wanted a new pond and were willing to work so hard to get it, that was their business, not his, he told Yowler the Bob Cat and nothing that Yowler could say caused Buster to change his mind in the least.

So with Buster out of the way, Paddy and Mrs. Paddy and the two nearly grown children had only to watch out for, and this helped quite a lot. Old Man Coyote came around occasionally, but he didn't bother them much. It was much easier and required far less patience to hunt meadow and wood mice. Yowler wasted a great deal of time hiding near where the Beavers were working, but clever and stealthy as he was, a Beaver dinner remained something to dream about, not actually have.

But Yowler isn't one to give up easily. He still had hope. It was a long, long time before winter would cover that pond with ice, and those Beavers would have a lot of work to do to cut and harvest their food supply. That would be the time when his chance might come. So Yowler kept out of sight and hoped with all his might that after a while Paddy and his family would forget all about him.

Came a time at last when the pond in that swamp up the Laughing Brook was so big that the water was quite up to a certain little grove of poplar trees. Then Paddy passed the word that the dam was high enough and that the only work on that now would be to see that all breaks in it were promptly repaired. It wasn't necessary to have any part of that pond as deep as parts of their old pond, for this new pond had but one purpose, and that was to be a point where they could be taken down to Laughing Brook to the food pile in the old pond. There would be no need for swimming under the ice in this pond and so no need of making it deep enough for this purpose.

With the dam completed, Paddy and his family took a much-needed rest, a vacation. They played about and had a good time for what remained of the summer. His with logs came of fall play days ended. It was time to begin logging. That is what Paddy told his family.

"I have a feeling," said he one afternoon, "that we are going to have an early winter. If this is the case we must begin logging early. We not only have to go quite a bit farther to cut our food supply this year, but we must get it down to our food pile over it. I paired it. It wasn't necessary to have any part of that pond as deep as parts of their old pond, for this new pond had but one purpose, and that was to be a point where they could be taken down to Laughing Brook to the food pile in the old pond. There would be no need for swimming under the ice in this pond and so no need of making it deep enough for this purpose.



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So shortly after Jolly, round, red Mr. Sun had dropped from sight behind the Purple Hills, four loggers started across the old pond of Paddy the Beaver. Straight to the upper end where the Laughing Brook enters it, they swam with Paddy in the lead. Up the Laughing Brook they made their way. They could swim before Paddy had raised the water up a little and this had backed the old dam up the Laughing Brook, making it deep enough for swimming. At the new dam they stopped just long enough for Paddy to look it over and make sure that it was quite as it

QUEEN'S COUNSEL

Written for The Advertiser.

COMPENSATIONS.

I was once asked what sort of compensation I could find for the worry, trouble and everyday sacrifice of being a queen.

Spontaneously I answered: "The joy I can give to others by being one!"

"Explain!" they said. "Why? How?"

"Well, you see, I do not imagine that I am very different from any other human being, but the position I have been put in makes me different in the eyes of the world.

"There is a certain glamour attached to the word 'Queen.' Even the lover when he talks of his beloved is inclined to call her his 'Queen'—some one who is inclined to others in position, some one who confers an honor on you when she appears, some one who is specially received, who makes a stir, gives a pleasant little thrill of excitement, just because she is not everybody, anybody.

"It is a little like the feeling children have when they hear the military band pass; it stimulates, lifts you out of your everyday rut."

"So that's a compensation for being forever 'on show,' a representation, a slave to tradition, never free to do what you want, a butt for every criticism?"

"Yes," I said, "at least I think so. I love giving pleasure and that faculty is placed in my hands simply by being what I am. The Queen's coming" is quickly the peasant runs to call his wife, who rushes to dust her tiny room, her best chair, whilst her child flies to pick the brightest flowers in the garden: 'They're for the Queen!'

"The other day, for example, the village priest had arranged a local concert. I proposed to come. Well, he filled his room until it almost became the Black Hole of Calcutta!

"His exultant delight to show me off to all his parishioners as the most exalted guest he could capture was simply glorious! Yet I was really and truly just as everyone else—only perhaps a little more smiling, a little more gracious, that was all."

"It is a compensation for many weary sacrifices to be able to help causes, to give joy. If I were very old and ugly, or cold and stiff-mannered, I could still confer the so-called honor. But it happens that I am quite a human being—and so I make them happy as well!"

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HER MAJESTY MARIE, QUEEN OF ROMANIA

UNCLE WIGGLY AND KITTY'S MOUSE.

Uncle Wiggly arose early one morning in the house where he had been visiting Tommie Kat and his brother Jole.

"I really must hop back home to my hollow stump bungalow to-day," said the rabbit gentleman to himself. "I have been away too long, enough, visiting my other animal friends and teaching them little lessons in being careful. Now it is drawing near to Christmas, and my own little bunnies need me."

Mr. Longears thought he might be able to hop away before Tommie, Jole and the other bunnies were up. He was so sure of himself that he had been down cellar to put a little coal on the furnace. "Just wait a little while, I know you are anxious to see your own bunnies, but wait for breakfast."

"And I wish you'd wait to school with me," mewed Kitty, as she washed her face with her paws.

"I'd like to, but I can't," laughed Uncle Wiggly, who was happy because he was soon going to see his own little children, and to come back another time, he promised. The three pussies were out in the yard playing tag before starting for school, when all of a sudden, Uncle Wiggly heard little mewing loudly.

"What's the matter?" asked the rabbit gentleman, hopping out through the door. "Oh, no, Uncle Wiggly," she answered. "Then they entered the new pond and swam straight to the place where on the edge of it grew that little grove of poplar trees. They halted in the water long enough to carefully test the air with their noses, to listen for any suspicious sound, to look sharply all around. Then Paddy led the way ashore."

"Each will cut one young tree," said he. "Of course we will begin with the nearest the water."

Each cut a tree, sat up and bit out a chip with those great cutting teeth. The four loggers were at work. (Copyright, 1925, by T. W. Burgess.)

The next story: "The Lumbermen at Work."

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