

## BIOGRAPHY OF QUEEN MARY WRITTEN BY EX-FACTORY GIRL

From factory girl to Queen's biographer is a big step, but it is one which has been taken by a Londoner, Kathleen Woodward, who has just received the formal consent of King George and Queen Mary to publish a "Life" of the latter.

Twelve years ago Miss Woodward worked in a South London collar factory. When the war came she joined the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, the "Wacs," as they were known throughout the British Army, and rose to be quartermaster-sergeant. When the "Wacs" were disbanded she went to South Africa, working her passage as a stewardess, and it was not until a year or so ago that she returned to London and was taken with the great idea of writing an intimate life of her Queen.

Though much is published about the saying and doing of the Prince of Wales and his brothers and sister, few people know very much about the intimate life of their royal mother, and it

was this fact which decided the ex-factory girl to write to the Queen and ask permission to set about her task. Not only did the Queen readily accept this suggestion, but she proffered a helping hand, and Miss Woodward was given the entire into the royal homes in England and Scotland and introduced to people who had known the Queen in her childhood and who had been her friends in girlhood.

As might be expected, Miss Woodward was able to glean a lot of interesting information at Windsor Castle, York Cottage at Sandringham, and at Balmoral, the home of Britain's royal family when they are in Scotland. A year was spent in collecting a mass of material and then, the book written, the biographer sent it to Sandringham, where the Queen was staying. Both the King and Queen read it carefully and they were so pleased with the way it was done that they at once gave their consent to its publication.



Judge W. G. Fisher  
Of Dufrin County, who died suddenly at Orangeville on May 18.

### NEW FOREST FIRES IN THUNDER BAY

#### One in Stirling Township and Other in Pic River Country.

Port Arthur, Ont.—Two new forest fires in the district were reported to the headquarters of the forestry service. One is located in the north portion of Stirling Township and is burning briskly, but the extent of damage is at present unknown. The other is in the Pic River Country, north of Heron Bay. This fire was spotted by hydroplane and men were taken to the scene by plane. To reach the fire it was necessary for the planes to land on White Fish Lake, following which they left on an overland trip of three miles.

The fire in Stirling Township has been under observation for some days, but leaped into ferocity fanned by a high wind.

### Gov.-Gen. Urges Canadians to Drop Parochialism

Vancouver.—Baron Byng's farewell advice to the Canadian people, whose Governor-General he has been for the past five years, is to drop parochialism and be true Canadians.

Such was the message he gave to a huge luncheon meeting of representatives of Vancouver business men. "You have the virility of youth and that quality you call 'pep,' which is so good," said his Excellency. "Is there any fly in the ointment? None that I can see if you will be Canadian. Drop petty parochial schemes for the benefit of the whole of your country. I have tried in my visit to Canada to talk unity because I feel it so strongly—more even perhaps than you, because I see all the Provinces."

### Berlin Museum Inkstand Mocking Former Kaiser

The English table upon which Emperor William signed the mobilization order August 1, 1914, for the commencement of the World War is now on display in the Imperial Castle in Berlin. Eighteen additional rooms of the castle have just been opened to visitors.

The table, which came from England many years ago as a gift, was made out of boards from Admiral Nelson's flagship. An inkstand, carved from similar wood in the shape of a Spanish galleon, is inscribed in English with the battle cry, "England expects every man to do his duty."

### Good Luck is Beaming On Black Opal Owner

The owners of black opals are extremely lucky at present, contrary to the accepted superstition, for the value of these gems is rising as they become more and more scarce. The mines in Australia which produce them are giving out, and no new sources have been discovered.

Some of the stones shown in Bond Street, London, are priced at about \$100,000. The Princess Mary, which is the largest of these gems in existence is on display.

### FACTORY BLAZE INJURES 13 WORKMEN

#### Trapped by Flames in Quebec Village of Ste. Therese, Vic- tims Jump from Windows.

Montreal.—Thirteen workmen were injured, one of whom may die, when fire, thought to have been caused by a spark from an electric motor, destroyed the piano and gramophone factory of the Colonial Piano Company, Limited, at Ste. Therese, about 19 miles north of Montreal. The flames also destroyed a large water tank of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and burned down some sheds.

The damage was estimated by Ovide Hogue, secretary-treasurer of the Colonial firm, at \$175,000, partly covered by insurance.

The victims were injured when they were trapped by the flames following an explosion in the top floor of the building. The men jumped from windows or held on to the sill, with the flames licking their hands and faces until ladders could be raised to rescue them.

Moise Binette, 47, is not expected to live from injuries he sustained when he jumped. He and another workman had leaped together and collided as they were taking off, with the result that Binette landed on his back. He was unconscious when picked up. A priest was summoned after Binette had been carried to a neighboring house and the last rites of his church administered.

For a time the entire portion of Ste. Therese lying on the side of the railroad track containing the factory seemed doomed, and aid was summoned from Montreal. Later the danger was warded off and the fire confined to its immediate area.

### Paris Accepts Boots in Satin, Kid and Silk

After some hesitation Paris now seems decided in favor of boots, and custom shoemakers are making them in satin, kid and silk, for walking, receptions and even for dancing. One of the leading makers has designed a high boot in glazed kid. It is neither Russian nor Wellingtonian in appearance, but essentially Parisian and voted to be very chic for a promenade in the Bois. A Paris dressmaker who has been called the best dressed woman in the city is wearing boots for evenings. These evening boots are magnificent affairs in satin, soft kid or mola and sometimes studded with gems. Panama influence has descended from the head to the feet. Charming models of Panama shoes are being made in various colors, with trimmings and pipings of kid and adorned with Bulgarian designs.

### Admirers Endow Hugo Chair of Literature at Sorbonne

As a result of a private subscription raised by admirers of the poet and novelist, the Victor Hugo chair has just been inaugurated at the Sorbonne with appropriate ceremonies at which the President of the Republic was represented.

The courses to be given by holders of the chair will be devoted to French literature and will be open to the public. The Regent has been expressed that the initiative of private citizens met a need which should have been filled by the State, but a subscription of 150,000 francs was quickly raised.

### Birch's Old Soup Shop Now Closed in London

The shutters went up for the last time recently on Birch's famous old soup shop and restaurant in the shadow of the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, London, which has been a city landmark since 1690. Many sentimental folk visited the place Friday for their last meal in a curious survival of London's early days.

The old shop front, which is an excellent example of early architecture, has been given to the Victoria and Albert Museum, where it will be preserved.

Nothing Like It.  
Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.—Plautus.



AS THE "NORGE" LOOKED FLYING OVER THE ARCTIC showing the Amundsen-Ellsworth party a few hours later. It was in the dirigible, "Norge," as she was Amundsen expedition is the third to Amundsen-Ellsworth party was lost. This is the first time in the history the first in 1909, followed by Lt. Comdr. of polar exploration that a lighter-lander Byrd on May 9 and the

### CANADIANS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Professor McLennan and Doc- tor Charles G. D. Roberts Receive Royal Society Medals.

Ottawa.—Two prominent Canadians, a scientist and an author, were honored by the Royal Society of Canada, when they were presented with medals emblematic of outstanding achievements in their line of work. W. A. Parks, of Toronto, president of the association, presented the Flavella Medal to Professor J. C. McLennan, of the University of Toronto, and the Lorne Pierce Medal to Dr. Charles G. D. Roberts, author and poet.

The Flavella Medal, donated by Sir Joseph Flavella for meritorious achievements in science, was awarded to Professor McLennan, not so much for individual achievement as for his consistent fine service in the cause of medical science. In Toronto he had built up a laboratory that was of inestimable value to Canada and the United States. Dr. Parks mentioned particularly Prof. McLennan's work in extracting helium from natural gas, and more recently his brilliant discoveries in regard to light from the Aurora Borealis. During the war Prof. McLennan was scientific adviser to the Government, and it was safe to say now that many of his devices for the discov-

### JACK MINER STUDIES MIGRATION HABITS OF "WILD CANADA GOOSE"

Dozens of men and bird societies have caught and tagged song and insectivorous birds, but only a few have tagged ducks in any great number, while Jack Miner is the only man who has caught and tagged the "wild Canada goose" and studied its exact migration. One morning recently he caught and tagged 243 Canada geese, placing loosely on a leg of each an aluminum tag containing the naturalist's postoffice address on one side, and on the opposite face a verse of Scripture. Jack Miner is by no means a re-

ligious fanatic, but uses this unique means of passing the Word of God along to the Eskimos and Indians of the far North. The following morning he caught and tagged 168 more, and in the lot discovered one which had been tagged previously in 1918. Thus in this way he is gaining migration facts of the birds that no man or combination of men ever obtained. All birds were released without being injured in any way. It will be interesting to note from time to time where and by whom these birds are reported killed.

### DIVORCES IN CANADA TOTAL 551 IN 1925

Ottawa.—Canada established a record during 1925 in the number of divorces granted in any year since

Confederation. A total of 551 final decrees were issued, 134 by the Federal Parliament to Ontario and Quebec residents, and 417 by the courts to citizens of other provinces. In 1924 the total number of divorces obtained in the Dominion was 547.

A remarkable feature, different from those of other countries, was the preponderance of divorces granted to husbands rather than to wives. Final decrees were obtained last year by 279 husbands, while 272 were given to wives.

Near Hingen, in Germany, is a famous echo which will toss a sound to and fro no less than 50 times.



Mrs. Alexander Morrison shown with her dog team in the snowbound fastnesses of Hudson, Ontario, scene of Canada's latest and greatest gold rush. Mrs. Morrison is said to have been the first woman in the northern town.

## THE MARKETS

**TORONTO.**  
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.58; No. 2 North, \$1.57½; No. 3 North, \$1.48.  
Man. oats—No. 2 C.W., nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 48½¢; No. 2 feed, 47¢; Western grain quotations in c.i.f. bay ports.  
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 86¢; No. 3 yellow, 85¢.  
Milfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$31.25; shorts, per ton, \$33.25; middlings, \$40.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.50.  
Ont. oats—44 to 46¢, f.o.b. shipping points.  
Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.34 to \$1.36, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.  
Barley, malting—62 to 64¢.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 72¢.  
Rye—No. 2, 85¢.  
Man. flour—First pat., 80¢, Toronto; do, second pat., 78.50¢.  
Ont. flour—Toronto, 90¢ per cent. pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.90; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.10.  
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.  
Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.  
Cheese—New, large, 20¢; twins, 21¢; triplets, 22¢; Stiltons, 23¢. Old, large, 25¢; twins, 26¢; triplets, 27¢.  
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 88 to 88½¢; No. 1 creamery, 36½ to 37½¢; No. 2, 34½ to 35½¢. Dairy prints, 27½ to 29½¢.  
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 35 to 36¢; fresh extras, loose, 34¢; fresh firsts, 32¢; fresh seconds, 28 to 29¢.  
Dressed poultry—Chickens, aprons, lb., 70¢; chickens, lb., 35 to 37¢; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 30¢; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 27¢; roosters, 25¢; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35¢; turkeys, 40¢.  
Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.50 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.  
Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.30 to \$2.40; per 5-gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26¢; maple syrup, new, per gal., \$2.40.  
Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢ per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11½ to 12¢; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 12½¢; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½¢.  
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 32 to 34¢; cooked hams, 47 to 49¢; smoked rolls, 22¢; cottage, 25 to 26¢; breakfast bacon, 32 to 33¢; special brand breakfast bacon, 33 to 39¢; backs, boneless, 39 to 45¢.  
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 10 to 10½¢; \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$22.75; 20 lbs. and up, \$22.34; lightweight rolls in barrels, \$42.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per bbl.  
Lard—Pure tierces, 17½ to 18¢; tubs, 18 to 18½¢; pails, 18½ to 19¢; prints, 20 to 21¢; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15¢; tubs, 15 to 15½¢; pails, 16 to 16½¢; blocks, 17 to 17½¢; Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8.10; do, good, \$7 to \$7.25; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6.00 to \$6.50; do, common, \$5.00 to \$5.50; butcher cows, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.40; do, fair, \$5 to \$6; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12.50; do, good, \$9.50 to \$10.50; do, lights, \$5 to \$7.50; good lambs, \$14 to \$15; do, medium, \$12.50 to \$13; do, culls, \$10 to \$11.50; good light sheep, \$8 to \$9.50; heavy sheep and bucks, \$5.50 to \$6.50; logs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$14.10; do, f.o.b., \$13.50; do, country points, \$13.25; do, off cars, \$14.50; do, thick fats, \$13; select premiums, \$2.75.  
**MONTREAL.**  
Oats, No. 2 C.W., 61½¢; No. 3 C.W., 59½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 54¢. Flour Man. spring wheat, 54¢; firsts, 59¢; seconds, 58.50¢; strong bakers', 58.00¢; winter pats., choice, 56 to 57¢; \$4.00 Roller oats, bag, 90 lbs., \$3.80. Bran, \$21.25. Shorts, \$33.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50.  
Cheese—Finest westerns, 18½ to 19¢. Butter—No. 1, pasteurized, 33¢. Eggs, fresh extras, 36¢; fresh firsts, 33 to 34¢. Potatoes, Quebec, per bag, car lots, 25¢. Common to fair quality cows \$4.75. Medium quality calves \$7.50. Good veals 88¢. Hogs \$15 to \$15.25. Sows \$11.



F. F. MACPHERSON  
Principal of the Hamilton Normal School, and one of Ontario's best known educationists, who died on May 13.

### Legal Adoptions.

During the past year there were 663 legal adoptions of children, according to the report of Mr. J. J. Keas, the Provincial Officer under the Act. It is also interesting to note that of over three thousand adoptions since the Act was passed in 1921 only twenty-eight children had to be returned—and some of these were owing to the death of the adoptive parent.

Eastbourne, England, has refused to allow cinemas to open on Sunday evenings.