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VARENCY W. I.

The August meeting of the Varenay Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. Reynolds on August 8th, with an attendance of 27.

The meeting opened in regular form and then correspondence was read and discussed. After the business part of the meeting a good programme was given. A violin solo by Miss Inez Lundy, accompanied by Mrs. T. Reynolds. The following interesting papers were given: "Early History of Haldimand" by Mrs. W. R. Hodges; "Historical Research" by Mrs. D. Parkinson and a reading was given by Mrs. B. Lundy.

Mrs. E. Buck of Saskatchewan gave an interesting talk on Institute work in the west. A song by the girls and a "Demonstration of Keepsakes" also added to the programme.

It was decided to hold a Garden Party at S. S. No. 17 on Tuesday, August 19th.

The regular September meeting has been withdrawn as there is to be a joint meeting with the Jarvis group. The date of this meeting will appear later. The October meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. F. Saunders on Thursday, Sept. 25th.

At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served.

FAMILY PICNIC

The Jackson and Evans families held their annual picnic at Hickory Park on Thursday, August 7, with a goodly number present from the various places, Chicago, Buffalo, Toronto, Hamilton, Grimsby, Hagersville, Simcoe, Port Dover, Vittoria, Port Rowan and Jarvis.

After partaking of a bountiful dinner provided by the ladies, an hour was spent in reading numerous letters from absent members of the family.

The various sports and a game of ball gave both young and old plenty of fun and after a light lunch at 6 o'clock, all left for their homes feeling an enjoyable time had been had, and hoping to be wearing a pleasant smile the first Thursday in August, 1931.

BUOYANT OPTIMISM IN WEST

There is a buoyancy throughout the west with the new crop coming on, that you can't get away from and the general outlook is optimistic," declared Col. J. G. Rattray, chairman of the Soldier Settlement Board, upon returning to Ottawa after a month's official trip to the Pacific Coast. "Manitoba has the promise of the best crop in its history: British Columbia agriculturally is in splendid shape and Saskatchewan and Alberta are likely to have average crops. I estimate a crop of between 350 and 400 million bushels this year."

Col. Rattray stated that one of the causes of crop failure in certain districts of the west this year has been due to wind drift, which spoiled the early spring growth. Investigations showed that this has occurred in districts where the combines were used and the long stubble burned off and the ordinary fibre of the top soil was spoiled. However, new methods are rapidly being followed by the farmers to offset this disadvantage of the combine, which has greatly cheapened labor costs in the harvesting.

Business conditions as a whole, retail and wholesale, are from 10 to 12 per cent below normal in the west, but there is a hopeful spirit due to the prospects of a new crop, according to Col. Rattray.

PREMIER KING IS ENJOYING REST

One man who has enjoyed perfect relaxation since August 28 is Premier King.

Nearly nine years of premiership carry with them more than the honor of office. Probably no Prime Minister was a more indefatigable worker than Mr. King. A corps of a dozen secretaries were among the hardest laborers of the capital during his regime. His energy seemed inexhaustible.

When the campaign ended he journeyed to his estate at Kingsmere and there, except for clearing up his desk, has been enjoying a respite from the responsibilities of office.

NEW CALENDAR

Mr. Moses B. Cotsworth, expert of the League of Nations on Calendar reform and director of the International Fixed Calendar League was in Ottawa this week and stated that it was his hope that the new calendar will be put into operation all over the world in 1933.

On July 1st, postal authorities of 80 nations, including Canada, began making settlements in periods of 2 and 4 weeks, thus instituting a practical 13 month calendar. Following his visit to the main centres in Canada Mr. Cotsworth said he expected to visit in China and Japan, Egypt and Turkey.

Canada is the only government in the Western Hemisphere which has not recorded its desire to participate in the next international conference of delegates which will assemble in 1931 in Geneva, where the 13 month calendar will be fully discussed.

GOOD ROADS

An aggressive road policy in Haldimand County has greatly facilitated travel and the marketing of products of the farm and factory. It is not so long ago that roads were almost impassable at certain seasons, but now in one township every farmer but two has a stone road to his gate, while in others the road programme when completed will bring like advantages to the taxpayer. This is much appreciated by those who for years ploughed through mud of the stickiest nature on their way to market. The treacherousness of Haldimand clay roads was well known to autoists who found it necessary to traverse those arteries of traffic after a shower. Two provincial highways also cross the county, leading to good markets. There is no gravel in Haldimand, but of recent years stone quarries have been opened and now three large stone crushing plants within the County supply the material for road construction.

On Sunday, August 10th, the Foss Family held a re-union and Picnic at Woodlawn Beach. A large number was present from Jarvis, Simcoe, Toronto and vicinity.

CABINET FORMING

The successful direction of a political party in parliament and through a general election is a task of the first magnitude. It requires tact, force initiative, knowledge, generalship and a variety of qualifications which at once exclude the great majority from the chance of undertaking it.

But if the general direction of a party is onerous it is child's play to the leader, as compared with the problem of forming a cabinet. To the victor belongs the undertaking which no matter how well done, is bound to leave in its wake internal irritations and disappointments.

The leader of a party, when called to form a Government, exercises the entire responsibility of selection of his ministers. Invariably, of course, he consults with those within his confidence upon the qualifications of possible nominees. But he makes the choice and claims, as well as qualifications, enter into the decision.

Mr. Bennett's dilemma was only different from that of Mr. King in 1921 in that he had more material of potential cabinet rank to choose from and a great many more members who felt themselves of cabinet timber, which meant that, except with the most diplomatic handling, rivalries would lead to animosities within the ranks, a consummation devoutly to be avoided by a new Government.

The cabinet announced by Mr. Bennett presents a few surprises but it carries along the policy adopted since he took over the leadership of his party. That policy which was developed by his Chief Whip and organizer, General A. D. McRae, brought a direct share in the guidance of the party to the rank and file of members, through caucus. Appointments of some to cabinet rank who are not so widely known to the public is attributed to the industry and capacity they disclosed in the inner councils of the party.

Naturally there are disappointments. There always are and these perhaps are more poignant among the wives of members than among members themselves.

Interest now shifts to the forthcoming meeting of the House. Mr. King will lead an able opposition and an interesting test of debating strength against the new ministry is bound to enliven affairs.

YOUTHS SURVEY ARTIC AIR ROUTE

Work is being done this summer in Greenland and Iceland by 15 youths who left London last week aboard the exploration ship "Quest" for a year's exploration of the Arctic regions. The boys' ages averaged only 23 years.

The purpose of the voyage, which is under the auspices of the Royal Geographical society, is to obtain information with the view to establishing an air route from England to North America across the Arctic regions with only 300 miles over the sea. H. G. Watkins, 23 year old explorer, is leader of the expedition. Each of his companions is a special list.

A scientific exploration of Labrador was made last year by Watkins and of Spitzbergen the year before. The expedition will establish a base on the south eastern coast of Greenland and a station on top of the ice cap, 8,000 feet above sea level.

A year's food supply was packed in the hold of the Quest and two airplanes, two speed boats, sledges and several delicate meteorological instruments furnished by the Government, were included in the equipment.

The flying conditions in the Arctic have already been rather thoroughly investigated by Canada and radio stations are in operation by the Department of Marine in that area and weather reports have been made available. Flying officials in the National Defence Department at Ottawa are reluctant to express an opinion as to the feasibility of setting up an air route between Canada and England through the Arctic. They point out however, that it would be essential to such a project that supply bases be put down at several points along the route and that every advantage be taken of radio range finding stations in the Hudson Strait.

DIRIGIBLE TO LEAVE THURSDAY EVENING RETURN JOURNEY

Defective Engine Will Not Be Re-Placed, R-100 Officers Decide (Canadian Press Despatch)

The following statement in connection with the airship R-100 was issued by W. A. Lawrence, press liaison officer:

"Minor damage to R-100 which occurred during flight over Ontario and return has now been made good, with the exception of one of the engines. It is not proposed to change this engine and the ship is now ready for flight, and it is proposed to leave Thursday evening as announced."

The dirigible will leave Montreal at 10 o'clock (E.D.S.T.) carrying in addition to her crew, at least one Canadian technical officer and representatives of Canadian and British newspapers, probably nine or ten in number. Notice of her return trip is posted on the airport departure board a terse "GFAAV, R-100, Cardington, 22.00 hours" in red letters.

The slight tear in the covering fabric over the forward starboard engine gondola was repaired this morning from inside the hull and touched up with red lead. One engine, in the gondola beneath the tear, is balky, and will be silent on the trip. Engineers are working on the defective reduction gear. Canvas pipe lines through the mooring cone at the nose of the airship show she is still taking aboard gasoline, hydrogen and water.

Officers this afternoon were debating whether it would be advisable to remove the offending starboard forward engine from her gondola and substitute the massive spare motor lying in her crate in the hangar. To install the new motor, a 650-horsepower Rolls-Royce Condor 111B, it would be necessary to lose the coupling at the masthead and draw the airship down to the ground with ropes pulled by a ground crew. In the afternoon mechanics started the five work-engines in turn and ran them for about an hour at varying speeds as a final motor check.

This morning the navigating officers were in conference with meteorological officers of the Canadian Government service, poring over weather charts and navigation maps, studying probable weather conditions and favorable routes. The airship, upon departure, will follow a course over the Maritime Provinces, passing out over the Grand Banks to the sea. The homeward trip may see another record broken, since the ship will have favorable winds most of the way across the Atlantic.

Bearing a gift of peaches from the Niagara Fruit Belt, Captain Leonard Tripp and David Irmie, flew to the airport this morning in a Moth plane. Two of the three cases of peaches were for the officers of the R-100, while the third was addressed to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and will travel to England aboard the airship.

If a flying crane crashed into the R-100 as she cruised over Toronto yesterday and committed an aerial suicide, none of the crew of the airship was aware of it. Reports from Toronto described the unhappy bird as falling dead from a great height on Centre Island.

Members of the airship were inclined to be skeptical of the theory that the bird had come to such a spectacular end and no impression was left on the ship.

CONVEY AIR MAILS

Permission has been granted the Commercial Air-Ways Limited, of Edmonton, to convey such mail as is offered by the public for carriage by air from Edmonton to Fort McMurray, Alberta, provided the senders assume all risk, according to a statement issued by the deputy postmaster general.

The requirements for sending mail in this way are: "By Air—Edmonton to Fort McMurray" to be written prominently across the address side of the envelope, the usual Canadian postage to be affixed to the address side; a special sticker sold by the Company or its agents, representing a charge of ten cents per ounce, to be placed on the reverse side in payment of the special charge for transmission by aerial service, which has been fixed by those making the flight.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Parkinson of Detroit were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parkinson, last week and while here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Benn, Grimsby, were visiting relatives and friends in town on Thursday.

Andrew Bingleman is suffering from a broken collar bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duxbury and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. Duxbury spent Sunday in Ridgeway at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fritz. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Grace Duxbury, who has been spending the past week in Stevensville.

Mrs. Fred Lint of Toronto was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Parkinson and attended the funeral of her niece, the late Mrs. C. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Waddington Mason, Toronto, were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mason for a few days last week.

Miss Violet Stanfield, Dixie, Ont., is spending her holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Blight and two sons, Leslie and Gordon, have returned from a visit with relatives in Ridgeway.

Mrs. Guy Lehong and son James, Hamilton, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Porter and son Melvin, of Niagara Falls, Ont., have been spending part of their annual holidays here.

Mrs. Charles Bingleman and daughter, Leila, spent a few days last week at Bridgeburg.

Miss Sarah Hind has been spending the past week with Dr. and Mrs. Berry at their cottage in Port Dover. Mr. John Church and nephew, Albert Church attended the funeral of the former's sister, the late Mrs. Davis, at Vittoria on Friday last.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Stephen Allen, who has been ill for some time, is, at time of writing, very low.

Mr. Charles Bingleman, Bridgeburg spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Murray Biggar, Walpole, was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Marshall Roberts, on Monday last.

Mr. Wm. Stuebing and daughters, Jeanette and Margaret, are on a motor trip to visit friends in the Southern States.

Mr. Lambkin, Port Dover, spent a few days with his son, Fletcher. Mrs. John Church was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. David Gunton, in Simcoe for a few days last week.

Mr. A. H. Sharpe and sisters, Agness and Ethel, of Hamilton attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Howard and visited other relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCort, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Colman and daughter, and Mr. Russell Miller motored to Niagara Falls on Sunday.

Miss Ironside of Simcoe is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hodges this week.

Mrs. John Kindree spent part of last week at the home of her daughter Mrs. Fred Archibald, in Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Healy, Attica, N. Y., visited the former's sister, Mrs. R. A. Walter, last week, on their way to Tilsonburg to visit Mr. Healy's brother and friends there.

Miss Bessie Dorman and Miss Freda Ross are holidaying at the Orchard Beach Hotel, Port Dover.

Miss Phyllis Carpenter has returned home after a very pleasant visit with Miss Rosa Trickett, Hagersville.

Messrs. Arthur Crisp, St. Catharines, Gordon Goodale and Joe Dillon Hamilton, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Carroter.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Church was taken with spasms of convulsions on Monday and was rushed to the hospital at Simcoe for treatment. The last word was that she was resting more comfortably.

Special for Saturday, 3 cans of Peas for 25c, at Leatherdale's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodges motored to Hamilton on Tuesday, and were accompanied by Mrs. Ironside, Simcoe who has been visiting with them.

Mrs. Ed. Hart has been visiting for the past week at Woodlawn Park with Mr. and Mrs. A. Evans.

Mr. Wm. Hodges motored to Silver Hill on Sunday to spend the day with his father, Mr. Jas. Hodges.

Mrs. Reg. Leatherdale and Mrs. Bowman motored to Hamilton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason of Hamilton were visitors for a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Belbeck.

GARDEN PARTY

Don't miss the Garden Party and Ice cream Social to be held under the auspices of Varenay W. I. on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Schoolgrounds, S.S. No. 17, Walpole. The programme includes numbers by Misses Jean Simpson, Scottish Vocalist and Entertainer, Grace Breanagh, Reader, Ruth Hurst, Artist Dancer, and Jessie MacGregor, Costume Pianist. Admission 35c and 20c.

Brandram-Henderson Augments Technical Staff

In a recent interview with Mr. Geo. Henderson, he announced that the technical staff of the company has been augmented by the appointment of V. C. Bidlack, B. Sc., to the position of Chemical Superintendent.

Mr. Bidlack, who has achieved a high reputation as a successful paint varnish and lacquer technologist and formulator, will be located at the Montreal factories.

FREE LESSON IN STENOGRAPHY

Young people interested in Stenography—the new way, the machine way of writing shorthand—are cordially invited to be present at the Robinson Business College, Waterford, on Friday, August 15th, or on Friday, August 22nd, between the hours of 1.30 and 4.30 p.m., when Miss M. Grace King will give a Free Trial Lesson in this new and fascinating subject. Write or phone the Principal O. U. Robinson, which day you can more conveniently attend. Parents interested are also invited.

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