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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

July, 1936

WINNIPEG IS READY - ARE YOU?

Convention Arrangements Completed. Meet Our Distinguished Visitors From The Island!

Convention arrangements are completed.

What a pleasure it is to be able to say, "Come to Winnipeg," and we do so in all sincerity knowing in our own hearts that we have done all in our power to make your visit an enjoyable one, and we say, "Come and see us," now.

Winnipeg, the Third City of Canada, in the centre of the greatest wheat producing country in the world, was formerly called "Fort Garry"—being changed to its present name some sixty odd years ago.

What will probably impress our visitors most will be the extreme width of our streets and the efficient lighting of them, together with the number and size of our many public buildings.

In making the Marlborough Hotel the headquarters for the Convention, we chose the newest and most up-to-date hotel right in the centre of town. The management assures us that everything possible will be done for the comfort of our guests.

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that we learn that Mr. Ramsey B. Moore, Attorney General of the Isle of Man, and Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, M.L.C., are making a special trip to attend our reunion. We hope that they will enjoy themselves and take back with them many pleasant memories of a delightful holiday, and that they will be able to look back upon it as time well spent.

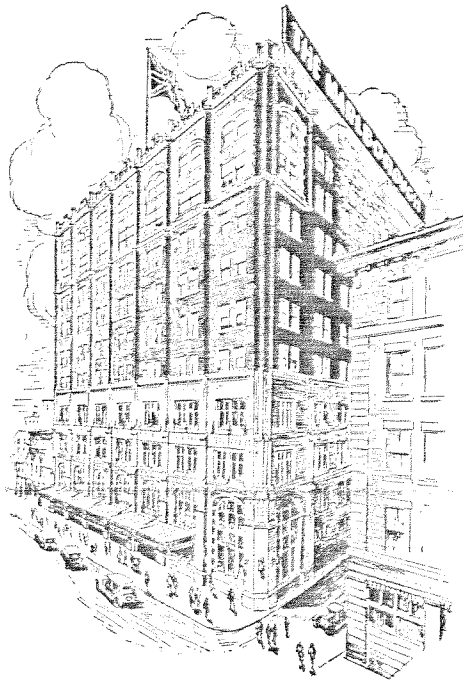
We would especially point out to any of our intending visitors from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba that starting August 1st, special fares are in force on the railroads. Return fare at single rate. This is to accommodate visitors to the "Winnipeg Exhibition and Rodeo," which takes place August 3rd to 8th. Manx people coming from these points should keep these special fares in mind.

It would be advisable for British Columbia people to book to the nearest point over the Alberta boundary, and then rebook to Winnipeg, thereby making a considerable saving.

Our various committees are all working hard for your benefit. Might we suggest that you let us know when

YOU are coming, and make it easier for us to arrange details for your comfort and attention.

I wish, at this time, to thank, on behalf of our Convention Committees and myself, all those Societies, members and friends, who have, by their generous support, helped us in our efforts to make a successful Convention. Without this co-operation, our



MARLBOROUGH HOTEL: Headquarters Ninth Annual N. A. M. A. Convention.

work would have been increased and the results might not have been the same.

When we presented our invitation last year at Cleveland, we did so in all sincerity, believing that the Winnipeg Manx Society could and would do all in its power to help support our North American Manx Association in its aims and objects, and if the results show that this has been accomplished, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that our efforts were well worthwhile and our promises fulfilled. To this end, we have

turned our energies for the past twelve months.

To many this will be their first Convention. May the happiness they derive from meeting so many of their kinsmen be a comfort to them, and also be the means of stimulating a greater interest in all Manx affairs.

This will be the last opportunity to tell you about our plans for your entertainment. Any information and any help we can give will be cheerfully sent to any of our readers upon receipt of enquiry.

Again may I say in closing, "Come to Winnipeg—Enjoy the Convention—see our city and our people and take back with you kindly memories of a holiday well spent."

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
JAS. Y. MANN,
General Chairman.

PREPARE TO MEET OUR MANX VISITORS!

Kys ta shiu?

How are you?

Ta mee goll as gaccan!

I'm going and grumbling!

Moghrey-mie!

Good morning! —

Oie-vie!

Good night.

Crevel yn raad gys Winnipeg?

Which is the road to Winnipeg?

Cre'n raad ta Mr. Mann cummal?

Where does Mr. Mann live?

Oh, jeeagh quoi ta cheet!

Oh, look who's coming!

C'raad hemmayd?

Where shall we go?

Lhig dooin goaill walkal dys Marlborough Hotel.

Let's take a walk to the Marlborough Hotel.

Cre'n traa te?

What time is it?

Traa dy liooar!

Time enough!

B'laik thiat cappen dy chaffee elley?

Would you like another cup of coffee?

Vel oo goll nish?

Are you going now?

Sonnys ort, Yuan, ny jarrood dty phoagey-lau!

The best of luck, John, and don't forget your handbag!

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SEATTLE

Sixty-five members and guests attended the Annual Picnic on June 28th at Lincoln Park, Seattle. To Mr. Wm. Boyd, a member from Puyallup, went the honor of bringing the largest family group. His retinue consisted of two children, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and eight grand-children.

Space permitting, we would like to print the names of all who attended this fine gathering. And, oh yes—they had such a wonderful time that they are going to hold another picnic in August.

NEBRASKA

The third Annual Picnic and Meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was held at Pioneers' Park, Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 21st, with seventy-five present, sixteen of whom were from Jefferson, Iowa.

This organization now has a membership of more than one hundred, a remarkable achievement for so new a society. Their annual election of officers took place at the picnic and Mr. R. B. Crellin, Ewing, and Mrs. J. W. Morris, Lincoln, were re-elected as President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Mr. T. D. Clark, of Exeter, was made the new Vice President.

Up to this time, the picnic was their only meeting each year, but they are planning to meet oftener from now on. They extend greetings to Manx folk everywhere, and are hoping for a successful convention in Winnipeg.

EDMONTON

The third Annual Picnic of this organization was held on July 1st at Riverside Park, Edmonton. They tell us that the ice cream and lemonade disappeared quickly, as the weather was lovely and over sixty-five attended. Games and races, as well as community singing and other entertainment—to say nothing about the "eats"—completed a "perfect day."

Their July meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cleator, twenty-three being present.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

This group has dispensed with meetings for the summer, and instead, is holding a picnic each month. The first one was on June 6th, and a grand success. This is a splendid way to keep up interest during the warm weather. More power to you, Hamilton!

LOS ANGELES

These Los Angeles people surely don't do things in a half-hearted manner. Their year closed with their May meeting, which was in charge of the young folk. Mr. Emile Teschke was Master of Ceremonies, introduc-

ing a fine orchestra for the evening's dancing, and a phalanx of singing waitresses and waiters, the former gowned in colorful summer evening dresses, and the latter with white caps and silver teapots in hand, making a pretty spectacle as they sang "Everything Stops for Tea," and serving tea at the same time. Mr. Teeple, a fine violinist, would also leave the group to render a solo from time to time. Tables, with white covers and decorated with sprays of sweet peas, were arranged about the room, and the lunch was in the hands of a very capable hostess committee.

VANCOUVER

Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, of this Society, recently sent a very interesting report on their activities. They have had monthly whist drives all during the past winter, and held their Annual Supper on New Year's Day. A concert and entertainment followed the supper, some items being numbers by the Vancouver Manx Choir, and a play, "The Childer's Charm," written by Mr. Ernie Costain, who took one of the leading parts.

At the end of the season, another concert was given, with choruses by the mixed and ladies choirs, as well as vocal and instrumental solos. These choirs have met very faithfully every week and deserve a lot of credit for the pleasure they are giving the Vancouver Manx.

Their Annual Picnic is to be held in Stanley Park, Second Beach, on August 8th, and all who are not fortunate enough to be at the Convention in Winnipeg on that date will be cordially welcomed to this gathering.

BISBEE

It is with regret that we learn of the recent very serious injury to Arnold Corrin, Secretary of this Society. A vertebrae of his spine was broken while engaged in his daily work, and he will probably be laid up for sometime. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Corrin. He would, no doubt, like to hear from some of you Manx folk. His address is Box No. 3332, Lowell, Arizona.

The June meeting of the Bisbee Society was in the form of a picnic supper at Naco Water Works on the Mexican Border. Games preceded and an entertainment consisting of solos, community singing, and last, but not least, an amateur contest followed the business meeting. These out-of-door meetings are being planned for each month during the summer.

GALVA, ILL.

New officers of the Galva, Illinois, Manx Society are: Mr. John Brew, R. F. D. No. 2, Galva, President; Mr. D. T. Killip, 618 No. Worth St., Galva, Vice President; Mr. Kneen, Dept. Store, Galva, Treasurer; Miss Bessie McKaine, 208 N. E. 2nd Ave., Galva, Secretary.

BUFFALO

No news this time. Their Secretary, Miss Betty Caine, has been quite seriously ill and in the hospital. However, Buffalo is one Manx Society which will soon make all of us "take notice." They are always busy, and we only hope Miss Caine will soon recuperate sufficiently to send us more of her splendid reports of their activities.

They recently had an election of officers, and all of those in office in 1936 were re-elected.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society held its annual picnic at Port Dalhousie on Saturday, July 4th. The weather and the sail across the Lake were glorious, and the two and a half hours trip went over all too quickly. There's usually a sing-song whenever the Manx gather, and this was no exception to the rule, as "Ramsey Town" "Ellan Vannin" and a score of other old favorites echoed from one end of the boat to the other.

Everyone did justice to the good things to eat, and ice cream and suckers were handed round to all. The sports ground was then located, and young and old were eager to start the races. Just as the events were ended, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kewley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly and Florence, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Killip, Mr. John Killip, Miss Ena Killip and Mrs. Brown, all of Cleveland, and Miss Ruth Morrison and Mr. Sidney Corkish of Buffalo, arrived, and old acquaintances were renewed.

The return trip was delightful, the full moon shining like silver on the Lake, and on landing at the wharf, everyone declared it had been a perfect picnic—a credit to those who had organized it.

CHICAGO

Secretary Fred Boyde of the Chicago Manx Society reports the following 1935-36 activities:

In September they made a pilgrimage to Antioch, Ill. Their Annual Reunion was in December, at which time entertainment was provided by several of Jack Hylton's artists. Early in the Spring the Chicago Manx Society entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Teare of Ramsey, Isle of Man at the Lake Shore Athletic Club. Their President, Mr. Walter J. Stevenson, delivered an illustrated lecture on the Isle of Man at their May meeting, which was very interesting and well received.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had two very successful parties, one at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, and the other at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kneen.

The North American Manx Association

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From Our President

In writing my last article, at the conclusion of my year of office as President, I first of all wish to take this opportunity, through the Bulletin, of expressing my sincere appreciation to the Executive Officers of our Association, to our Past Presidents, to the Bulletin Committee of Cleveland, the various Manx Societies and to the Manx people, in general, both at home and abroad and to the Manx press and, particularly, to Mr. George J. A. Brown, Editor of the "Isle of Man Times" for the splendid advertisement and, last but not least, by any means, to Past President Jim Mann and to his Convention Committee at Winnipeg, for the support and loyalty given me during my year of office.

Through my term of office I have, naturally, made closer friendships with my fellow kinsfolk on this North American Continent, and I will always cherish these friendships in the years to come.

My last appeal in this Convention Bulletin comes from the very depths of my heart, speaking as a Manxman to other Manx people throughout the Continent. This Convention is the very life blood of our Association and, therefore, I appeal, with all earnestness, that every Manx person endeavor even at a sacrifice, if necessary, to attend our Convention, to be held in the City of Winnipeg, from August 4th to August 8th.

Past President Jim Mann and his Convention Committee at Winnipeg have worked unceasingly during the past year in arranging the details of our Convention and, as we have had happy and successful Conventions in the past, so can you rest assured that this Convention in Winnipeg will be right up to the high standard of any others in the way of Manx atmosphere, entertainment, etc.

As Manx kinsfolk, it must be our duty and our privilege to support the efforts of the Winnipeg Manx Society by attending the Convention there. We are going to have a good time, which means we are transferring the little Island right over to Winnipeg for a week, where there will be ample opportunity for everyone to meet together, to have their little "coolish," and to talk with friends of

their childhood days and happy times spent in our dear little Island.

As your President, I appeal to you to arrange for your presence at the Convention and by so doing, show your loyalty and support to the North American Manx Association and also the Winnipeg Manx Society.

Will see you on August 4th at Winnipeg.

W. D. MOORE, President.

Members in Buffalo and Nova Scotia

Friendliness—that genuine feeling typified in the hearty Manx hand-clasp—that is the spirit animating Manx Societies to expand and grow, as well as to take that wider interest and comradeship made possible through the N.A.M.A., which keeps in touch with Manx Societies and Manx individuals throughout the country.

Here is a Manxman who has kept this thought in mind and acted upon it—Sidney Corkish, President of the Buffalo Manx Society. He is a tireless worker and has unbounded enthusiasm. His goal was 100% representation from Buffalo on the N.A.M.A. membership roll. Did he get it? At a recent meeting the Buffalo Manx Society voted unanimously to join 100% for the year 1936-7.

Three cheers for Sidney Corkish and the Buffalo Manx. May their example be followed by all our Manx Societies!

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Some Manx people have no opportunity at all of joining a local group. Read this letter from Captain L. C. Whorrall, S.S. SONIA, Inter-Provincial S.S. Lines, Halifax, Nova Scotia:

"Please enroll me as a member of the Association. I am a Manxman by birth and would like to get in touch with members in different places in Canada and U.S.A., as my ship trades through the Great Lakes in the summer months, and in winter we go where cargo is offered, last winter visiting Ireland and England.

"Wish you would enclose a few blank application forms as I often meet Manxmen who like myself have only by accident discovered that interesting ad in the Isle of Man Times — 'To Manxmen Across the Atlantic.'

"Wishing you will be able to enroll us wandering Manx as we surely need to see someone from Ellan Vannin to talk over old times sometimes.

"With my very best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Chas. Whorrall."

We are sure that Captain Whorrall would enjoy letters—particularly let us say from Manx people in the Great Lakes district, where he might look them up when in port.

Let every reader of this Bulletin consider himself as part of a nationwide N.A.M.A. Membership Committee! And—to those who perhaps have not renewed their membership for the period 1935-6—may we ask they send in their dollar by July 25th.

IN APPRECIATION

The Bulletin Committee of the North American Manx Association wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the loyal support given it during the past year. We especially thank those who have submitted articles or material for this publication, and also those Society Secretaries who have contributed items covering activities of the various Manx Societies scattered over this North American Continent. We are also grateful for the many kind comments we have received in connection with our efforts to make the Bulletin a publication which is keenly anticipated by its readers.

May we ask for a continuance of this cooperation with the Bulletin Committee which will be appointed for next year by the incoming President of our Association.

THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE.

N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

With the Winnipeg Convention but three weeks' distant, we are looking forward to another happy meeting of our Breakfast Club. If, as the saying goes, "experience is the best teacher," past conventions should give everyone the urge to attend this year.

We are nearing our membership goal and if your 1936 dues are not paid, please send your 25 cents in to me soon. This will be your last opportunity to become a member in good standing for this year's records.

There are still a few members who have not sent in the book of raffle tickets mailed out some time ago. Will you please send these in before July 31st that you may have a chance to win one of our very worth-while prizes.

May we wish the Winnipeg Convention every success and hope that it will be a real happy time for everyone.

MARGARET KENNISH, Secretary
3353 West 95th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. What three characters can you name in Manx Legend?
2. What custom is still followed about Cronk-ny-Arrey Lhaa?
3. What three customs of old Manx can you mention?
4. Which is the sacred mountain?
5. Which is the most southerly point of the Island?
6. What three lighthouses are within a mile?
7. Where was the House of Keys held outside of Douglas and Castle Rushen?
8. What is a treen?
9. Where is the Carrick Rock?
10. What is the most central point in the Island?

(See answers on page 7)

News of The Manx Societies

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CLEVELAND

The annual church service for the Manx people of Cleveland, and sponsored by all of the Cleveland Manx organizations, was held in "The Old Stone Church" on Sunday, May 24th. The sermon was preached by Dr. Robt. B. Whyte, pastor of the Church. A bass solo was rendered by Mr. Edwin Kelly, and a double quartette, with Mrs. Rachel Martin at the organ, provided the balance of the music.

Following their usual custom, at their June meeting each year, on June 4th, the Mona's Relief Society held a memorial service for those of their members who had gone on during the year. A flower for each was placed in a vase by Mr. Richard Collier, Treasurer and one of the older members, while a quartette softly hummed a hymn and the Financial Secretary, Miss Amy C. Quayle, read the names. An address was delivered by the Reverend Dickens-Lewis, and the quartette rendered other sacred numbers.

The Annual Picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held on Saturday, August 15th, at Euclid Beach Park. Sports and games begin at 3:00 P. M. Everyone is invited! Come and bring a basket supper!

The T. E. Brown Memorial Window and the Cleveland Medal Committees, of Cleveland, announce a Lawn Fete at the residence of Mr. Murray Hudgeon, 19008 Kinsman Road, Friday evening, July 31st. No admission charge will be made. Ice cream, cake, candy, and lemonade will be sold at nominal charges. Other attractions, including fish pond, bingo, and a number of valuable prizes will be presented. You are invited to attend; spend a pleasant evening and assist a worthy cause.

The committee appointed by the Manx Societies of Cleveland have arranged an interesting program for the entertainment of Mr. Ramsey B. Moore and Mr. J. D. Qualtrough who are to be our guests August 14th to 17th.

On Friday afternoon the Manx ladies will entertain them at tea. Saturday they will attend the Manx Picnic at Euclid Beach. Monday a visit will be made to the Exposition and in the evening, a dinner and mass meeting will be held in their honor at the Hotel Cleveland.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

A member of Northeastern Ohio Manx Society reports the following:

Just to let the North American Manx Association know that its offspring, the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society is very much alive and holding interesting meetings each month, over 60 attended the garden party (the regular June meeting) on Friday evening, June 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford Harrison, 115 Ferris Avenue, Chardon.

A bounteous picnic supper was

served at 7:30 o'clock, followed by a brief business meeting conducted by the president, Dr. George Smith of Painesville.

As the shades of night deepened, the electric lights were turned off and the Harrison garden was transformed into a movie. Excellent moving pictures taken by Mr. George D. Talbot, superintendent of Chardon schools, were thrown onto the screen by him. Whittier's "Snowbound" was illustrated with Chardon wintry scenes, and pictures of Geauga County Maple Festival as well as pictures of the maple industry proved interesting.

Dolores Harrison, aged 4, granddaughter of Mrs. Lana Stanton who has delighted many Manx gatherings with her humorous readings, spoke two pieces. The program was arranged by Miss Emma Cowle.

The meeting was a pleasant social affair.

The next meeting will be held on July 17th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, 535 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio.

SAN FRANCISCO

This Society has suspended its meetings during the summer months, as most of the members are away on vacations. (We hope some of them are planning on spending their holiday at the Winnipeg Convention.)

They are planning a picnic for the latter part of July, and their Annual Dinner will be held the third week in September. In the meantime, they are having the pleasure of entertaining many visitors, both from the Island and various parts of the North American Continent.

The following interesting item from a newspaper of Ukiah, California, has been submitted by Mrs. Annie Jane Reilly, of Philo, California, who is mentioned therein and is a member of the N.A.M.A.:

"Monday evening Mrs. Reilly and Miss Day attended a meeting of the Cultus Club at the home of Miss Shirley Perry in Ukiah. A very cordial invitation had been extended Mrs. Reilly to attend the club as they were taking for their evening's topic "The Isle of Man," which is Mrs. Reilly's birthplace. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Leonard were in charge of the program and it was almost like a trip to her old home for Mrs. Reilly. Mrs. Leonard, with the aid of a map gave a wonderful description of the island and the characteristics of the islanders. Mrs. Taylor provided an interesting talk on social life, stressing the musical ability and with the help of several ladies a number of songs of the island were sung, including "Manx National Anthem," "Fishermen's Evening Hymn," "Sheep Under the Snow," "Hush Little Darling," "The Manx Wedding" and "Ellan Vannin" (which means Isle of Man). A history of the island, over 100 years old, and a Bible, in the Manx language, nearly 120 years old, with papers and pictures were exhibited. Mrs. Reilly and Miss Day reported a very pleasant evening."

The COOISH CORNER

By "Phynnoderee."

We are moving West — Winnipeg this year—why not Los Angeles next year. They seem to be the royal entertainers.

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Ramsey Moore, Attorney General of the Isle of Man, and J. D. Qualtrough, member of the Legislative Council, are attending the Convention and are returning via Chicago and points East en route home. They will be cordially received in the Manx capital of the United States.

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Button, button. — Who's got the Button! Why, Miss Cowle of Chardon, of course.

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Just because it sounds romantic we would like to announce that the Bisee Society held their June meeting on the Mexican Border.

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What better could the Los Angeles Society have done in picking a Treasurer than to choose a Manxman with a little Scotch in him.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Lomita, Calif., were recent guests of the Killips of Vancouver. What a grand "cooish" they must have had as they had not met since school days in the Isle of Man. The Bulletin was the medium through which they located each other.

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Miss Florence Cannell, field missionary for the Pentecostal Church in Hong-Kong, China, and Miss Jean Gibson, of Douglas, Isle of Man, have been visiting relatives and friends in Los Angeles. Miss Gibson is on her way to Hawaii to visit more relatives (these Manx seem to be on the four corners of the earth). Miss Cannell is going to the Isle of Man. One headed for "home" and the other for Hawaii—the Meccas of most of us.

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Suggestions From Convention Committee

Delegates attending the Convention are requested to cast aside their red flannels as shorts are being worn in Winnipeg during August. But Phynnoderee has seen snow in that region in the middle of August. So let your conscience be your guide. All those arriving on horseback may tie their steeds to the hitching posts outside the hotel.

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Two interesting guests at the Toronto Manx picnic on July 4th were Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogers of Onchan, I.O.M., who are at present on a visit to their family in Toronto.

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Rumour has it that the Vice-President of the Breakfast Club, Mr. Percy Clucas, is to be married this month! Congratulations, Percy and Doris!

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They say too, that all Phynnoderees are not in this column. We wonder if there will be many in attendance at the Convention.

The Days When "The Herring Was King of The Sea."

Those who know the busy, beautiful town of Douglas, so beloved by tourists from all parts of the British Isles, should try to imagine it as it was one hundred and fifty years ago. It was a busy town then, too, but in what a different way! There was no Promenade then; none of that fine district now known as Upper Douglas; it was just a tiny seaport town clustered about the Harbour, but in those days they built ships in Douglas. Peel, too, was a busy center for that industry.

It is difficult for us in these days to visualize that tremendous activity and bustle in the little Island towns. Those Manx-built boats carried cargoes of herring to the ports of the world—again it is difficult for us to realize this international commerce carried on from the Isle of Man. Besides exporting herring to the leading British ports, they took them to the West Indies, Newfoundland, and the Atlantic ports of the United States; to the Canary Islands, to the ports of the Baltic and the Mediterranean and many others. From France and Italy, wines and other products of the South were brought back to the Island on the return voyages.

John Joseph Bacon, a leading Douglas merchant, owned many vessels built in Douglas to trade in distant countries. In the year 1788 the shipbuilder Matthias Kelly built for him a brig which was named the "Caesar." The "Caesar" made many foreign voyages which Mr. Bacon very aptly, and with keen appreciation of the romance of his business, termed "Adventures."

Here is an example of one of the "Caesar's" voyages. She sailed from Douglas on October 25, 1788, under Captain William Stowell with a cargo of six hundred and fifty-seven barrels of red herring cured in the Fish House in Douglas—one thousand herring in each barrel. Her destination

was Naples, and the net proceeds of this trip amounted to eight hundred and four pounds, fourteen shilling—a nice profit! These figures are available from old ledgers of the Bacon family's business preserved in the Manx Museum—a unique record of foreign trade conducted by Manx merchants in the olden days.

The "Caesar's" trips included many foreign ports, but most frequently perhaps Naples, and also Civita Vecchia, the port for Rome. It is rather strange that a Manx boat named "Caesar" should carry to the land of the Caesars, cargoes of homely red herring! It is marvelous, too, to think of the profitable dealings in this item—truly those were the days when "The Herring was King of the Sea."

A most interesting link with this picturesque period of our Island history was supplied when, last winter, an old picture of a sailing vessel was offered to the Manx Museum by a second-hand dealer. At the stern of the vessel was visible the Union Jack with the Three Legs—the familiar Manx ensign! The Museum purchased the picture, and when cleaned and renovated the following words below it became visible: "1788: The Caesar: Captain William Stowell." It was indeed the famous old brig—a spirited memento of her fortunate voyage to Naples in 1788. She is riding in the Bay of Naples, the Manx flag flying, and in the background, Vesuvius sending its plume of smoke toward the sky.

Mr. William Cubbon, curator of the Manx Museum, is to be congratulated upon this interesting find. The old picture, exhibited in the Manx Museum, gives lasting proof of the enterprise and courage of Manx merchants and seamen, who in the early days of our modern era of commerce carried the Manx flag and Manx produce into foreign seas.

(Contributed by the N. A. M. A. Historical Committee)

MANX PROVERBS

Caghlaa obbyr aash.

"Change of work is rest."

Cha vel fer erbee cha bouyr, as eshyn nagh jean clashtyn.

"There is no man so deaf as he who will not hear."

Ta fys ec dy chooilley ghooinney c'raad t'an vraag gortagh eh.

"Every man knows where the shoe hurts him."

Ta greim ayns traan cooie, sauail nuy.

"A stitch in due time saves nine."

Foddeee fastyr grianagh ve ee moghrey bodjalagh.

"A sunny evening may follow a cloudy morning."

LADIES' AUXILIARY N.A.M.A.

A very successful card party was held at the home of Mrs. Mayme Corlett, 27301 North Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday evening, June 27th. About 60 attended. The sum of \$15.00 was added to our treasury.

Quite a number of our good friends have sent in the money for the prize distribution tickets. We take this opportunity to thank them for their support. We will select the prize winners on Saturday, July 18—so if you have not disposed of your tickets please mail the stubs and money to Miss Hampton, 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights, Cleveland, Ohio, before that date.

We wish to thank everyone who has in any way contributed to the success of our work this year. We appreciate your support.

The officers and members unite in wishing the North American Manx Association and the Winnipeg Manx Society a very successful and happy convention.

MRS. JOHN R. CAIN, President.

Will any relatives of Frances Hilton, formerly of Whitehaven, who married Thomas Horsley Corlett and latterly resided and died in America, and was buried at St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria, Long Island, City of New York, and who had a son, William Douglas Corlett (since deceased), kindly communicate with Kneale & Co., Advocates, 11-13 Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, when they will hear something to their advantage.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Wm. Quayle, of Galva, Illinois, passed away suddenly on June 14th. He was a native of Foxdale, Isle of Man, and went to Galva twenty years ago.

We have just learned of the death on June 4th of Mrs. Robt. Clark, widow of the late Robert Clark, Bethany, Manitoba, and formerly of Glen Maye, Isle of Man. Interment was at Deloraine, Manitoba.

One of our oldest members and an attendant at every Convention, Mr. Wm. Gale, of Rochester, New York, entered into rest on June 29th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Greeba Howlett, West Henrietta, New York. Mr. Gale was also a member of the Rochester Manx Society and was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Mr. Tom Quilliam, of Bisbee, Arizona, passed on at the County Hospital there on May 16th after an illness of long standing. The members of the Bisbee Manx Society turned out en masse for his funeral. Born in Glen Maye, Mr. Quilliam had been a resident of Bisbee for more than thirty years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of the above.

DO YOU KNOW—

That a Bill was once brought before the House of Keys to have all Cushags cut down before they went to seed? The reason was that the black seeds of the cushag became mixed with the oats and barley, and in the milling process spoiled the color of the meal. Will Quine, the Miller of Silverdale, Ballasalla, who was a House of Keys member, succeeded in getting this bill through the House, thereby earning the nickname of "Old Cushag." He was the father of Canon Quine, author of the Manx novel "Captain of the Parish," and was related to Pherick T. Corrin of Bisbee, Ariz., who contributed this information.

It seems regrettable that our beautiful golden Cushag should come under this ruling—now known as the "Obnoxious Weeds Act." It is still in effect, compelling Manx farmers to cut down weeds before they go to seed.

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That Castle Mona Hotel, overlooking Douglas Bay, was originally the palace of the Dukes of Athol, Lords of Man; and that Fort Anne Hotel, Douglas, was once the residence of Sir William Hillary, founder of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and builder of the Tower of Refuge?

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That an authentic "Manx Giant" was Arthur Caley, born at Sulby, Isle of Man in 1829. His height was seven feet six inches,—he was well built, weighing about 294 pounds. He could lift a sack of flour with one hand and throw it into a wagon. Naturally, he capitalized on his size and was exhibited in London in 1852.

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That many years ago, the Isle of Man produced a particularly beauti-

ful breed of ponies, which were in great request among wealthy people in England and Ireland for carriage use? Later, when larger horses came to be in greater demand, the numbers of these Manx ponies gradually died down.

INTERESTING ITEMS

The following interesting communication was recently received from Mrs. Agnes Knight, Soldiers' Home, Retsil, Washington:

"I am very much interested in the North American Manx Bulletin. I was born in Kirk Michael and have lived in America for thirty years. I have four sisters and their families on the dear, old Island—in Kirk Michael, Douglas and Ramsey. I am sixty-five years of age, but still love the old Manx beauty and ways of that lovely spot ever dear to every real Manx person. I love to read the bulletin and be reminded of our old language. I am proud of my membership card in the N.A.M.A."

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Judge Alva R. Corlett, of Cleveland, recently received a letter from Mr. C. J. Corlett, 909 Augusta Street, Mobile, Alabama, asking if he knew of any Corletts in or near St. Louis, Missouri. It seems that he has not heard from his relatives for many years. His father was Tom Corlett, who married his mother in St. Louis.

Can anyone give Mr. Corlett any information?

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Mrs. Agnes Ellen Robinson, nee Kneen, who was born April 11, 1846 in Champlain Street, now the site of the Terminal Tower in Cleveland, recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday at a tea given in her honor in the Miles Park Presbyterian Church,

Cleveland, by her daughter and son-in-law, with whom she lives, Mrs. and Dr. A. M. Chatham.

Beware of Conventionalities!

Traa-dy-looar. Scene at Peel Harbor
Skipper, son Mosey and crew.

Skipper—Will we take a slant out now, Mosey? (Scanning the horizon).

Mosey—Well, I dunno, Father. What do thou say, Thias?

Thias—Well, I dunno, either.

Skipper—Aw, well, we'll houl' on a bit. After a smoke The oul' man, asks them again, and then he says to 'houl' on for another 'lil quhile.' Once more he approaches the subject. Will you take a slant out now, Mosey?

Mosey—(scanning the horizon) — Well, I dunno, Father. What do thou say, Thias?

Thias—We can't now, man, we've tuk the groun'.

All—Pirry for all!

(So all you Manx folks don't be slow, and then be sorry you didn't go to Winnipeg.)

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. Fin McCool, King Orry, Mananan.
2. Sunrise meeting.
3. Hunt the Wren, Hop tu naa, Quaaltagh.
4. South Barrule.
5. Langness.
6. Chicken's Rock and two old lighthouses at the Calf.
7. Westminster Bank in Castletown.
8. The oldest division of land embracing about four farms.
9. Near Port St. Mary.
10. St. Luke's Church, Baldwin.

ELLAN VANNIN - - The Isle of Faery

Being an account of the Isle of Man, Its Romantic History, Its Antiquities, and Its Singular Charm

By JOHN HENRY QUINE

(Continued from May issue)

No description of the Island would be complete without a reference to Manx bird-life, and for what follows I am indebted to Mr. P. G. Ralfe, the outstanding authority on the subject. I have already mentioned that on our approach to Mona we were escorted by a bodyguard of the large and beautiful Herring Gulls, which are a dominant feature of the insular scenery, both on sea and land. One of the most charming sights in the spring is the spectacle of a flock of gulls following the plough, accompanied by a swarm of rooks, the two species not intermingling, a study in white and black fit to gladden the heart of an artist. On the sea-front at Douglas, and this is true of the other towns also, Castletown, Port St. Mary, Port Erin, Peel and Ramsey, may be seen daily the feeding of the gulls by residents and visitors, the birds being so

tame that they will often take food from the hand. Other gulls are also to be seen, the lively little pigeon-like Black-headed Gull, and the fine Black-backed Gull, the king of the family; there is a colony of the precipice-loving Kittiwake, whose nesting settlements make such favorite pictures for the popular photography of our days. Familiar birds also are the Black Cormorants (commonly seen perched on Conister as the steamer approaches Victoria Pier), the Guillemot, Razor-bill, and Puffin, swarming on the grand south-western headlands; and the snow-white Gannet, a summer visitor from Ailsa Craig, whose magnificent flight and perpendicular dive may be observed in all the Manx bays.

Even in the circuit of Douglas Bay one may meet with the handsome pied Oyster-catcher, the Ringed Plover

and the wild, whistling Curlew, but they are better studied on the long sandy beaches of the lonely northern shores.

The Crows are well represented, and Magpies are common; the Grey Crow, as in Ireland, replaces the Black Crow of England. There are many rookeries, though during the World War an attack was made on the Rook, which resulted in the disappearance of some ancient settlements. Jackdaws breed in great numbers not only in the towns, but in the crevices of the sea-side rocks, under the overhanging ledges of which the Martin places its clay-built nests.

Most British small birds are found in the Island, and I have been assured that even the Nightingale has been heard there, though it is rare. The glorious songs of the Blackbird (some

authorities believe that this is the finest of all the British song-birds), and the Thrush are heard, during the breeding season, in all gardens, plantations and thickets; and the thrilling music of the skylark on the open land. Rock Pipits are plentiful on the cliffs, and Meadow Pipits on the heaths, where they are the preferred foster-parents of the Cuckoo.

The Heron, popularly called "Crane," or, in Manx Coar-ny-hastan, is an ornament of shores and swampy tracts. Game-birds exist in some numbers; Grouse have been introduced on the mountains; there are Partridges in the fields, and Pheasants on some of the more carefully kept estates. Snipe, Teal and Mallard are found in the marshes; all these species breed, and the weird humming of the Snipe is frequent in spring in areas like the Curragh and the Lhen valley.

Most of the birds I have mentioned will readily be remarked by any visitor, but the Island has rarer species. The Peregrine Falcon (formerly presented to English Kings in token of homage), and the Raven are still neighbors (and enemies), on some of the finest headlands. The Chough, or Red-legged Crow, is to be found by those who know where to look for it, and the Black Guillemot, one of the prettiest of rock birds, and a characteristic inhabitant of the outer coasts of Scotland and Ireland, have outlying stations in Manxland.

The Isle of Man is at its loveliest in June; this is, of course, true of all countries in the Temperate Zone, but every month in Manxland has some special charm. There is an old saying that "kissing is in favor when the gorse is in flower," and I believe it to be true that the Manx gorse blooms somewhere every month in the year. The Island is blessed with a singularly mild climate, due to the influence of the Gulf Stream; situated in latitude 54.12'N., it has a mean annual temperature of 49 degrees, only one degree colder than the Isle of Wight, but with less variation. As a result there can be seen in Ellan Vannin in the most flourishing condition, growing outdoors without any protection, shrubs that are not hardy in the United States north of Virginia, escallonia, fuchsia, Australian holly, and particularly magnificent specimens of the South American auricularia, or monkey-puzzle tree, and the graceful dracaena palm, which frequently attains a height of 20 feet.

The fuchsia grows in great profusion everywhere, often 12 to 15 feet high, and it is a favorite garden hedge. In June the gorse, or furze, is rampant, and its glorious golden bloom, and intoxicating scent, are a feature of every country lane and of the lower hillsides. The gorse is a relative of the broom, the flowers being almost identical, and this is also to be seen everywhere, though not so common as the gorse. The broom was the badge of the Plantagenets, the name being derived from the Latin, *planta genista*.

Another charming feature of Manx country lanes is the wild foxglove, from the leaves of which we get that well-known heart tonic, digitalis. Then, of course, in the late spring, the countryside is gay with the hawthorn, both white and pink, the laburnum, the lilac, the trammon, or elder-bush, and magnificent specimens of rhododendron.

In spite of the unexampled drought of the summer of 1933, the gardens were a joy to behold. Nowhere do flowers seem to flourish as they do in Manxland. This is due to the moist sea air, and to the remarkable mildness of the climate. I do not pretend to give a complete list of all the flowers in bloom during my visit, but I noticed the following: Roses, begonias, hollyhocks, lobelia, blue hydrangea, escallonia (deliciously sweet-scented), giant anemone, dahlia, clematis, traveler's joy, phlox, veronica, passion-flower, snapdragon, zinnia, fuchsia, carnation, montbretia, purple clematis, and jessamine.

Since my return, I saw a letter in a Manx newspaper in which the writer, under date of Nov. 16, stated that the following were in bloom in his garden: Roses, primroses, antirrhinums, alyssum, purple aubretia, calendula, carnation, dahlia, godetia, nasturtium, pansy, helio stocks, lobelia, campanula, valerian, rambling sailor, fuchsia and crysanthemum.

Here I wish to say a word or two about Hay Fever, or Autumnal Catarrh, caused principally by ragweed pollen, a complaint from which I have suffered practically as long as I have been a resident of the United States. Sojourns in the Adirondacks and at Canadian resorts have given me only partial relief. I was in the Isle of Man during the height of the Hay Fever season, and I can truthfully state that I had not a trace of this distressing affliction; I slept like

a top, and ate ravenously; in fact, I actually gained seven pounds in the first three weeks. To those fellow-citizens of mine (and it is estimated that there are between two and a half, and three millions), who suffer as I do, I can honestly and earnestly recommend a sojourn in Manxland during August and September.

One has only to step a few hundred yards off the main roads, up a side road, or a country lane, and one is almost instantly enfolded in the peace and quiet of the Manx countryside, broken only by the songs of the linnets and the skylarks, the cawing of rooks, or the plaintive mewing of the seagulls. Sheep and cattle are peacefully grazing in the fields, and everywhere in the distance can be seen the beautiful rounded outlines of the hills, with here and there a charming plantation surrounding a quaint old farmhouse. It was amid these idyllic surroundings that I called, one beautiful warm afternoon, on my old schoolmaster, Rev. Canon Quine, Vicar of Lonan, and was hospitably entertained by him and his charming lady. On the way to the vicarage I passed a small Wesleyan Chapel, on which an inscription stated that on that site John Wesley had preached in 1781, the year of the surrender of Yorktown. Canon Quine is one of the foremost Manx scholars, an antiquarian and an authority on ecclesiology, and he has contributed a great many articles to British and Continental scientific publications. After tea we sat in the garden, and discussed Manx history from Neolithic times to the present; I was shown some huge boulders, with curious markings, near the porch of the church, which Prof. Boyd Dawkins has declared to be undoubtedly of the New Stone Age.

The Canon has made one venture in fiction, "The Captain of the Parish," and it is unquestionably the finest piece of prose literature ever done by a Manx author. When Sir Hall Caine died, it was estimated that his estate amounted to the huge sum of 200,000 pounds, the greatest fortune ever accumulated by a writer up to that time. The Vicar of Lonan took me into his sitting-room, and showed me his financial reward. There, on the wall, hung a framed cheque for seven shillings! It has never been cashed, and will always remain as a mute reminder of the fickleness of Dame Fortune.

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