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

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HAMILTON CONVENTION NEWS

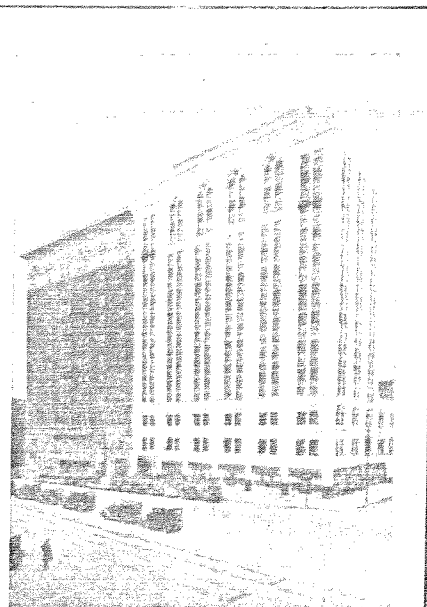
Entertainment Committee

Manx people always expect a "good program", and the one selected for the Eleventh Annual Convention is in line with high standards set in the past. Those who have attended previous Conventions are well aware of the splendid talent among our own people. We understand that many who have performed on other occasions will be on hand to entertain you at Hamilton. It is also rumored that a number of new artists will assist with the various programs, and that excellent speakers will add variety to the functions.

The following tentative program reveals the fact that, although the Registration Fee has been set at a record low price, the activities have not been curtailed:

Tuesday — All Day — The Reception and Registration Committees will be on hand to receive guests, register them and help them to get established.

Tuesday—Evening—Hamilton Night.
A good, old Manx Welcome to delegates and guests. Entertainment.



CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton

Nothing formal. Just our way of making you feel at home.

Wednesday—Morning — Official opening of Convention. Welcome by the Mayor of Hamilton. Business Session.

Wednesday—Afternoon and Evening — Bus tour of City of Hamilton, terminating at an outside point for Dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Thursday — Morning — Business Session. Annual Memorial Service.

Thursday — Afternoon — Shopping Tour for the Ladies through Hamilton's famous Departmental Stores. Entertainment for the men to correspond with Ladies' Shopping Tour.

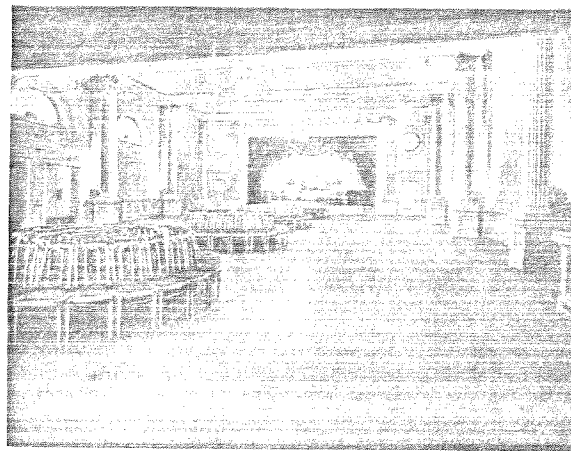
Thursday—Evening—Convention Ball.

Friday—Morning — Business Session. Election of Officers.

Friday—Afternoon — Radio Broadcast. Possible "sports program."

Friday — Evening — Convention Banquet.

MRS. F. PRUDENCE,
Chairman.



The Royal Connaught is in the center of the Hamilton Shopping District, convenient to Industrial Plants, Theatres and all points of interest. Being on the main arteries through town, it is easy of access.

The Hotel is comparatively new and was built at a cost of over two

and one-half million dollars. It is fireproof, modernly equipped and beautifully decorated.

The Louis XIV Dining Room and the Coffee Shop provide ample dining facilities to meet every purse.

The newly decorated Starlight Room and the spacious Ball Room

will be available for all Convention activities, while the beautiful Lobby and Mezzanine Floor permit plenty of opportunity for lounging and a good old-fashioned Manx coolish.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

As I write my message for this issue, I am deeply concerned about the Manx people and this so-called "Business Recession." If, by chance, a Manx family in your locality is feeling the strain of this recession, and if you are fortunate enough to be employed, or in a position to render assistance, I know you will do all you possibly can to help them over these rough spots.

Doing this is only following in the steps of the early pioneer, whose joy it was to co-operate with his neighbor, and help bear the other's burdens. This pioneer spirit, which impelled those ancestors to brave the rigors and dangers of the new world, lives today in the hearts of those who have pushed the outposts of civilization even to the frozen places of the poles, the depths of the sea and the heights of the air, and it is up to us to carry on this spirit of adventure.

To accomplish much, we must have faith, and through this faith, our Convention will be another huge success. The Hamilton Manx Society is doing its utmost to make your visit to their city the happiest yet, and NOW is the time to prepare to come and meet your Manx friends in Hamilton on August 16, 17, 18, 19th.

We will be waiting to welcome you. These days of happy association with your kinsfolk will make you forget all your cares—and furnish the inspiration to go on smiling because of "happy memories."

RICHARD H. CORKILL,
President.

Springtime - and Tom Brown

Have you heard bird songs across the quiet fields on a Spring evening in the Isle of Man? Read Tom Brown's impression:

"O Blackbird, what a boy you are!

How you do go it!

Blowing your bugle to that one sweet star—

How you do blow it!

And does she hear you, blackbird boy, so far?

Or is it wasted breath?

'Good Lord! She is so bright Tonight!'

The blackbird saith."

How About Membership?

"I read every word in the Manx Bulletin."

These words come to our ears quite often, and needless to say, they are most encouraging.

Interest in the Bulletin means interest in the N.A.M.A., as the Bulletin is the voice of the Association, broadcasting to members throughout the continent.

The Bulletin is one of the privileges of N.A.M.A. membership. Don't you agree, therefore, that it is important to renew this year's membership TODAY, if you have not done so already?

Tell your friends, too, about the N.A.M.A. and the Manx Bulletin, available to them for ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR.

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Sec'y-Treas.
1492 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood, O.

Our Own People

"We enjoy the Bulletin very much—it brings back memories of our dear Island home"—write Mr. and Mrs. John Farquhar, 7 Spring St., Ipswich, Mass.

Mrs. W. E. Cashin of Boissevain, Manitoba, has never attended a Manx Convention. Illness prevented her from getting to the Winnipeg Convention—but this year she hopes to go to Hamilton. Mrs. Cashin and family come from Glen Maye; they enjoy the Bulletin and are especially interested in news signed "Essie Quayle, San Francisco"—as Mrs. Quayle is a first cousin.

Hamilton Convention? — "Will be there if alive!" writes Robert W. Kewley of Port Hope, Ont.

The Manx Bulletin sometimes travels a long way. Stanley Cannell, N.A.M.A. member at Whakatane, New Zealand, passes his Bulletins on to the Wellington (N.Z.) Manx Society. One of the officers of that Society, he tells us, is Miss Mona Quayle, daughter of Andrew and granddaughter of Thomas Quayle of Kirk Michael—who has relatives in San Francisco and in Cleveland.

Cleveland Weddings!—Miss Evelyn Christian and Mr. Jas. Forrester were married on March 21st; Miss Eleanor Kelly and Mr. Wilson Ruedy on April 9th.

Mrs. E. Quane of Melita, Manitoba is longing for a good Manx feed of priddhas and herrin' and buttermilk! Also she would enjoy a scramble over the rocks to look for periwinkles and flitters. Mrs. Quane would have lots of company if there was only the opportunity.

"I enjoy reading the Bulletin. Each issue teaches some new facts concerning Ellan Vannin and also revives

pleasant memories"—writes John Cubbon, 409 Fourth Ave., Belmar, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil G. Wood and daughter Doreen of 127 Maple Ave., Shawinigan Falls, Que., hope to attend their first Manx Convention this summer at Hamilton.

Miss Elsie Halsall of Selborne Drive, Douglas wrote in April saying that the gorse was just coming into bloom—"and the primroses", she says "are a picture". When is there going to be another Homecoming?

Mrs. Wm. Colquitt, 256 Westmoreland Ave., Toronto, wants to know if Jim Tyson of Astoria, Long Island, will be in Hamilton for the Convention.

A recent addition to the list of new U. S. citizens is Mrs. J. W. Morris, 2850 Washington St., Lincoln, Neb.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF MANX FRIENDS

Visiting the Island this Summer—Mrs. Theo Kelly (Mamie Quaggin) of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Mrs. D. Mannzen (Nell Cowin) of Port Arthur, Texas. These two friends from Douglas have to go all the way to the Island in order to meet!

Mr. Carl M. Hughes, after quite a long stay in Abita Springs, Louisiana, has returned to his home in Rochester, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Callister of San Francisco, California, are spending a short time in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kermode of San Francisco, California, are leaving late in May for a trip to Australia, traveling via Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Robert Kelly, Wabash Avenue, Kenmore, New York, sailed for London and the Isle of Man on May 14th.

Mrs. Emily Corrin Scheetz, a member from Omaha, Nebraska, sailed on May 11th for a two month visit to the Isle of Man.

Miss Annie Kerruish, of Chicago, is visiting at the home of her fiancé, Mr. James Robison, Elk Creek, Nebraska.

Mrs. Potts of Bisbee, Arizona, has recently left to make her home in California in the hope of improving her health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Costain of Vancouver, B. C., have recently returned from a visit to the Isle of Man.

Mrs. J. T. Shimmin, of Chicago, Mrs. Gamble of South Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Quayle of Chicago, have just recently returned to Chicago after a sojourn of several months in Florida. Mr. Shimmin, who went to Mobile to meet Mrs. Shimmin and accompany her home, reports meeting several Manx people in that city—one of whom was Captain Richard Kelly of Seattle, Washington, who happened to be visiting in Mobile at that time.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

CHICAGO

Turning back the pages a few months, we would like to mention the interesting Hard Times Party held by the Chicago Manx Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kneen early last November. This was not included in previous reports on activities of this group. Approximately fifty people attended this party, which was under the auspices of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary and everyone had a really grand time. On March 19th, their Banquet took place, seventy-five sitting down to dinner. Dr. J. J. Moore was the Toastmaster and Dr. T. Harry Kelly offered the invocation. Short talks were given by Mr. T. C. Kelly, Mr. Kewley from South Milwaukee and by Mrs. Cooil from China; and her sons, Arthur Bradden Cooil and Douglas Cooil from China and the Malay States, were introduced and gave short talks on their lives in those countries. Another visitor from Liverpool was a Mr. Kermode, who happened to be in Chicago at that time. Mr. Jim Robinson of Nebraska also attended. Musical and elocution numbers completed the program. It is suggested that anyone interested in attending a "Manx Sunday" at the church of Rev. Kelly communicate with the Secretary, Miss Ethel Shimmis, 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago, for further information. She will also be glad to furnish information regarding their Annual Picnic, which will be held in June.

WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society held a social evening for members on March 28th, and concluded a successful season with a whist drive and dance on April 7th, with a large number of members and their friends in attendance.

The general meeting was held at the Cooper Institute on April 29th when the following officers were elected for the 1938-39 season.

Honorary President—Mrs. G. Cregeen.

President — Mrs. T. Quirk (re-elected).

Vice-President—Mrs. A. Jones.

Sec.-Treasurer—Mrs. T. H. Corkan.

Committee — Mrs. W. Qualtrough, Mrs. W. Quayle, Mr. W. Quayle, Mr. J. Y. Mann.

SAN FRANCISCO

While this group does not report any recent meetings, they have been busy entertaining the Wade family who are traveling by slow stages from South Africa to the Isle of Man, recently passing thru California. The Wades say they would have missed much pleasure, but for the Manx Societies who have entertained for them. The San Francisco Society has been preparing for a visit by some of their friends from the Los Angeles group over the Decoration Day Week-end.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society held its Annual Spring Concert and Dance on April 8th, with a very good attendance. The Manx Ladies Choir, under the direction of Mrs. T. Killip and with Mrs. M. Lawson as accompanist, rendered many excellent selections. The President, Mr. S. Cain, welcomed those present, including several out-of-town guests, and other numbers on the program were vocal solos rendered by Mr. Wm. Mudie, Mrs. J. Hornall and Mr. Fred Killip; and saxophone selections by Mr. F. Kewley. Miss Mona Killey, formerly of Winnipeg, gave some recitations and the evening was brot to a close with refreshments and dancing.

On Friday, May 13th, the Society closed its season with a Whist Drive and musical program by members of the Hornall family. Arrangements are being made for the Annual Picnic of the Vancouver Society, but are not yet completed. Anyone interested in attending this event may secure definite information by addressing their Secretary, Mrs. C. Moir, 1603 E. 11th Avenue, Vancouver. It will be held sometime in August.

MONTREAL

On April 13th, the Montreal Manx Society held a farewell banquet for Past President W. D. Moore and his wife, who sailed on April 28th to retire in the Isle of Man. It was presided over by their President, Mr. T. A. Moore and was attended by approximately eighty members. Among those present were Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, of Cleveland, representing the N.A.M.A., and Mr. Sidney Corkish, Past President of the Buffalo Manx Society. A splendid entertainment was provided and brief talks were made by Miss Mylecraine, Mr. Corkish, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. T. A. Moore and Mr. W. D. Moore. The Montreal Manx Society, thru Mr. Ted Brayden, presented Mr. and Mrs. Moore with a beautiful mantel clock. It was a lovely party and was brot to a fitting climax by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

BISBEE

After two months of inactivity due to the bad weather, the Bisbee Manx Society held a meeting on March 4th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelly. On April 8th, they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin and on May 6th, their meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennaugh. All of these meetings were well attended—the one in April drawing the largest crowd they have had for over a year. Games, singing and refreshments rounded out all of the evenings, which were much enjoyed by all who attended. They report that the June meeting will be at the Waco Water Works, with a basket lunch starting things off.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

A Birthday party in honor of the two oldest members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society was held on April 13th in St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. These two members were Mr. Edward Kenna, who was celebrating his 86th birthday and Mrs. Hester Lewis, who was 83 years old. There was a goodly turn-out for this occasion.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Entertainment Committee of the Manx Association of Greater New York arranged a very successful card party for Wednesday, May 4th, when over fifty members and friends attended. They all enjoyed the sociable evening, delightful refreshments and unique prizes. Their President, Mr. Karan and his wife, invited the Society to spend Saturday, May 14th, at their home in Smithtown Branch, L.I., when a farewell party was to be given to Mr. Karan's sister and niece, who will shortly be returning to their home in the Isle of Man.

CLEVELAND

The April meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was held on the 7th. Mr. W. Harry Kelly, President, presided, and after the business was disposed of, the Cleveland Manx Juniors provided the entertainment. Douglas Cleator sang, Ruth Faragher played a pianoforte solo and Frank Nichols gave selections on his harmonica and accordin. Refreshments and a coolish brot a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The entertainment at the meeting of the above Society, held on May 5th, took the form of a "Quiz Bee". Mrs. Jim Forrester (Evelyn Christian) was responsible for this novel idea and was assisted by Claire Mylecraine and Gertrude Cannell, who acted as Judges. All questions were about the Isle of Man, and had been printed in the "Questions" and "Answers" in the N.A.M.A. Bulletins. Mr. John R. Cain's team won over that of Mr. W. Harry Kelly's, and Mrs. Fred T. Gorry was awarded the individual prize—being the only contestant with a perfect score. **PEEL SCORES AGAIN!** Refreshments were served and everyone agreed that additional "Quiz Bees" should be held, as they are both educational and entertaining.

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The Mona's Mutual Benefit Society held open night on May 9th, and about 200 people were present. Mr. Fred T. Gorry, President, welcomed the guests and presided over the entertainment. All artists, being in good form, provided a most pleasant evening, and loads of good things to eat were donated by the wives of the members, to whom sincerest thanks are extended.

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A GLIMPSE OF THE PIONEERS

Vision, courage and tenacity of spirit are prerequisite in any form of pioneering. Our own people imbued with this indomitable spirit left the I.O.M. as early as 1826 for the New World. They overcame terrific obstacles with heavy odds against them yet they remained optimistic and cheerful. They lived to see marvelous changes and contributed much to the growth of the community in which they settled.

The earliest Manx settlers in the State of Illinois arrived there about 1849 and by all accounts most of them became farmers—prospered and lived full and happy lives.

Thomas H. Kelly, son of John and Jane Corlett Kelly of Onchan, Isle of Man, came to the United States in 1849, the journey being made in a sailing vessel coming by way of New Orleans, thence up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Peoria. He did not come alone but with a group of about a dozen Manx young men—among them John Keighin, David Keighin from Peel, and John Crellin (who later located in California).

From Peoria he went by stage 20 miles to Brimfield where for several years he farmed. There was at Brimfield quite a Manx settlement including families of Cowley, Collister, Keighin, Gelling, Patty, Kermeen and others.

These people all suffered many hardships coming as they had from the Isle of Man where the climate is moderate. They found the Illinois winters very severe. All of their supplies they hauled by wagon from Peoria and all of their grain they hauled by wagon to Peoria. Nearly all were poor in worldly goods but rich in courage and honesty and a willingness to work.

From Brimfield Thomas Kelly moved to Galva, Ill., where he bought a farm and shortly after that time married Catherine Ann Mylchreest, daughter of John and Ann Cowley Mylchreest who came to Brimfield from Peel in 1848. (They too, came via New Orleans, sailing time being 7 weeks and 3 days).

While living in Galva, a new community without railroad, he with other Manx people helped build school houses and the First M. E. Church, hauling lumber from Rock Island, 45 miles distant. Galva like Brimfield developed quite a Manx settlement with families of Carran, Kewley, Kermeen, Lewin, Crow, Killip, Corkill, Farragut, Kelly, Clucas, Kneen, Collister, Mylchreest and others.

After about 10 years he sold his farm and bought one at Kempton, Illinois. There again another Manx settlement gathered. The township was named "Mona," and here again was pioneering done. Schools and churches were built and a new country developed.

In 1887 he retired and moved back to Galva where he resided until his death in 1911—aged 81. His wife,

almost 95, passed away in 1933 leaving three children—Thos. E. Kelly of Kempton, Ill., Milchrist D. Kelly and Charlotte K. Pratt of Galva, Ill.

In 1849 James Kermeen arrived via New Orleans, sailing time being 13 weeks. Then by boat up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Peoria thence by stage coach to Brimfield. Cholera broke out on the river voyage and 70 died. Finally settling in Galva Mr. Kermeen became a successful farmer and married Julia Corlett who came to Galva in 1854 with her parents and her mother's five brothers (their sailing time being 16 weeks). When the Civil War broke out three of Mrs. Kermeen's uncles joined the Northern army. Two were killed in action and were buried somewhere in the South. Mr. Kermeen was 91 when he passed away and his wife 78.

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In 1850 Edward Kewley landed in Buffalo, N. Y. A year later his wife and little daughter Jane joined him. Five years later they moved to Adrian, Mich. Finally the clannish instinct was too strong and they eventually arrived at that Manx colony in Galva where they settled down to farming.

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Robert Looney, of Kirk Maughold landed at an eastern port in 1850 and naturally gravitated to Brimfield. After a period of four years went back to the Isle of Man and married Eleanor Corkill. They arrived in Galva the following spring where they took up farming. At the time of his death Robert Looney owned 180 acres and was very prosperous.

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John Kermeen, at the age of 15 arrived in Peoria in 1855. He came all the way by water to Peoria and by stage coach to Brimfield. He too, became a farmer and later married Anna McKane. Their honeymoon consisted of a visit to the country store located on the present site of the city of Princeton. He died at the age of 86.

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John Corkill came to this country in 1866 arriving at Portland, Maine, and going directly to Galva where he farmed for five years. He eventually went into the coal business, opening a shaft for himself and later with two others conducted three shafts near Galva. Finally they sold out to the Herdian Coal Co. He met with financial success and in 1870 purchased 160 acres of land on which he located and entered energetically upon its improvement.

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The Historical Committee feels gratefully indebted to Mrs. J. T. Farragut for the above historical accounts of the Manx settlers in the vicinity of Galva, Illinois. Contributions of similar material will be keenly appreciated.

The Children's Corner

Manx people, as you may have been told, are usually very cautious in their statements. Seldom will you hear a Manxman use an over-emphatic expression such as "swell", "wonderful", "humdinger", "thanks a million",—or other similar phrases much in use at present.

An instance of this Manx characteristic was given by Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, now Speaker of the House of Keys in the Isle of Man, when he was visiting the States and Canada in 1936.

A visitor to Peel was admiring a sunset sky with Peel Castle's dark walls vividly outlined against the brilliant crimson, gold and purple. "Wonderful,—marvellous"—he exclaimed to a fisherman who was also looking at the scene. "Not bad, Sir, is it, for a little place like Peel?"—said the modest Manxman.

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A Manxman who lives in British Columbia, Mr. Douglas J. W. Metcalf, 2131—3rd Avenue, W., Vancouver, recently sent us the words of an old Manx song, of which he would like to know the author. We haven't been able to find the name of the author, although we have seen the words quoted from time to time. They are so typical of our sturdy Manx race we want you to read them:

However through the world he's tost,
However disappointed, crost,
Reverses, losses, Fortune's frown,
No chance nor change can keep him down.

Upset him any way you will
Upon his legs you find him still,
For ever active, brisk and spunky
STABIT JECERIS QUOCONQUE.

Remember that one next time you want to tell someone about the Manx "Three Legs" and what the emblem means!

No doubt your father and mother have been back at some time to visit the Isle of Man, and on returning you probably heard them say—"My, it was lovely—but how chilly the summers seem to us now." But the surprise of finding it somewhat shivery is combined with astonishment at the profusion of flowers which bloom in both town and cottage gardens—roses whose perfume fills the air—pansies with larger faces than you ever saw—bushes of huge rhododendrons in the larger gardens. Perhaps your mother has a potted fuchsia plant which she carefully tends, and if so she will have told you that in the Isle of Man the frail and lovely fuchsia with its red and purple bells, grows out-of-doors and forms hedges several feet high! Yes, and would you believe that the palm tree—which we are apt to associate with sunny climes like California and Florida,—thrives in the gardens of this little Island of ours which lies so far North

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Hamilton Convention

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Hotel Reservations Committee

Send your reservations to Mr. Alex Woosey, 174 Stanley Avenue, Hamilton, and remember, the choicest rooms go to those who register first. The rates at the ROYAL CONNAUGHT HOTEL, Convention Headquarters, are as follows:

Single Rooms without Bath.....	\$2.00
Double Rooms without Bath.....	4.00
Two Double Rooms with bath between the rooms, per person	2.25
(Four persons in two rooms)	
Single Rooms with Shower.....	2.50
Single Rooms with Tub Bath.....	3.00
Double Rooms with Tub Bath.....	5.00
(double or twin beds)	
Special Dormitory Rooms with Bath will be available for groups of Breakfast Clubbers or others interested in rooming together at reduced rates of, per person.....	2.00
(Four or five to a room)	

For complete information on rates at other Hotels, and for Tourist Home facilities, write—

ALEX WOOSEY, Chairman,
174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton.

Ways and Means Committee

The generosity of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. has again been demonstrated with a cheque for \$50 to be placed in the General Fund for putting on the Convention at Hamilton.

Chairman Ed Prudence reports that the Committee now has the prize books printed and ready for distribution. This year the prize list will include a valuable pair of paintings donated by the Toronto Manx Society, and depicting familiar scenes in the Isle of Man. These paintings have been appraised in the neighborhood of \$40.00 but their intrinsic value is not to be compared to their sentimental worth. Lucky indeed will be the Manxman who wins this cherished prize.

Also included in the prize list are a pair of famous Canadian woolen blankets, a tri-lite lamp valued in excess of \$20 and a leather traveling bag. A beautiful silk cushion, with hand crocheted cover, the gift of Mrs. Colquitt, secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, is the other prize. These are supplemented with subscriptions to Manx newspapers, which also make very desirable prizes, for every Manxman dearly loves to keep in touch with doings in his native land.

These prize books shortly will be forwarded to the various Manx Societies in care of individual secretaries. The financial success of the Convention depends to a great extent on the number of these prize books sold, and it is hoped that every Secretary will urge the members of his society to dispose of as many as possible—and with the attractive prize list mentioned above, this should not prove an onerous task.

ED PRUDENCE, Chairman.

Advertising and Publicity Committee

There will be no dearth of publicity for the forthcoming Hamilton Convention as both Hamilton radio stations, CHML and CKOC are kindly broadcasting items designed to whet the interest of all Manxmen within their range. Likewise, both stations have placed time at the disposal of the Publicity Chairman for use during the course of the Convention.

Phil Kissack and Bob Quayle of London, Ontario, are doing everything possible to stimulate interest in the Forest Town, and the latter reports that a large delegation is planning to attend. Incidentally, Mr. Kissack never passes up an opportunity to attend a meeting of his fellow countrymen. He was on hand on Saturday, May 7th, when the Toronto contingent visited the Hamilton group.

One of the most zealous workers among the Hamilton Manx Society, George Kennaugh, is leaving no stone unturned in his efforts to make the convention a "howling" success. He, and other members of the Society are writing personal letters to their friends in the N.A.M.A., inviting them to attend the Convention.

"The Hamilton Spectator" recently carried a three-column picture of the Manx Coat of Arms with the following heading: "Coat of Arms has Three Legs." The attractive background for the picture was provided by Miss Violet Prudence, president of the Hamilton Junior Manx Society, and Miss Barbara Kewley, youngest member of the junior group. The story related how Past President W. D. Moore had donated the huge Three Legs of Man to the Hamilton Manx Society for their clubrooms when he left for the Isle of Man. Incidentally, the "Spectator" has a circulation of approximately 60,000, and is read by almost a half a million people daily. Thus is spread the fame of the Isle of Man!

The Publicity Chairman is preparing 1,000 letters giving the "reasons why" you shouldn't miss the Convention. These will be mailed in the next few days.

ED KEWLEY,
Chairman.

Souvenir Book Committee

The Souvenir Book is now in the course of preparation. Societies and individuals desiring to incorporate Greetings should forward their messages at once, together with remittance covering the cost of same. Individual Patrons' Listings are \$1.00 each. Society Greetings will be welcomed at the following rates:

Full Page.....	\$20.00
Half Page.....	10.00
Quarter Page.....	5.00
Card Size.....	2.50

Orders and remittances for Patrons' Listings and Society Greetings are to be forwarded to Mr. Ed Kewley, 420 Herkimer Street, Hamilton.

Refreshment Committee

Although it seems like working a long time ahead, Mrs. W. E. Kewley, Chairman of the Refreshments Committee, has already selected menus for the luncheons and banquets to be held in connection with the Convention. A culinary expert herself, Mrs. Kewley can claim to be a connoisseur on "cats," and it is rumored that members of her own immediate family have urged her to "put some of your home made soup on the menu, Mom, and it'll be the hit of the Convention!" It is said that Mrs. Kewley is the only Convention Chairman who will not need help in the performance of her duties.

Registration Committee

Special conditions have made possible an unusually low Registration Fee for the Convention this year. At the price established — \$6.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children under twelve—you and your family should be able to attend and take advantage of the full Convention Program. So —come early on Tuesday and secure your complete Registration Book. The Committee will be on hand all day and evening.

MRS. C. W. KEWLEY,
Chairman.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—What Manx clergyman wrote several well-known hymns?
- 2—Name two of them.
- 3—Who was Eliza Craven Green?
- 4—What industry is a comparatively new venture in the Isle of Man?
- 5—Where is the village of "Four Roads"?
- 6—When was King William's College built?
- 7—Who gave it its name?
- 8—What is "Bemehague"?
- 9—What well-known bridge is associated with it?
- 10—By what other names has it been—and still is—known?

Information Wanted

The Chief Constable of Winnipeg has advised that Kneale & Company, Advocates, Athol Street, Douglas, have asked him to assist in locating John Basil Jones, who went to Morde in about the year 1893. It seems that he lived there until 1914 and was known as "Casey Jones". He served overseas in the World War, and it is believed he went to Toronto on his return. His father was Rev. Richard Jones, Vicar of Kirk Santon, Isle of Man. Apparently there is some money coming to Mr. Jones, and if anyone can give any clue as to his present whereabouts and will communicate with Kneale & Company or with the Corresponding Secretary, it will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

News of the Manx Societies

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LOS ANGELES

The Annual Meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society took place on May 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cormack, El Monte, Calif. The members arrived in the late afternoon and enjoyed a picnic supper. The business meeting was held in the evening, when arrangements were made for some of the members to attend a meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society on May 28th. It was also announced that their annual picnic would be held at Brookside Park, Pasadena, on June 18th. Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President—John Christian, Los Angeles.

Vice-President—Edwin C. Killip, Burbank.

Treasurer—Joseph Rodger, Long Beach

Secretary—Richard Pilkington, 10015 Boring Cross, Los Angeles

Mr. John Callow, their retiring vice-president, who is to visit the Isle of Man, was presented with a fountain pen and a bon-voyage card autographed by all present. He is sailing on the "Georgic" on May 28th, and was elected as Official Delegate of the Los Angeles Manx Society to the World Manx Association gathering in the Isle of Man and to the North American Manx Association Convention in Hamilton in August.

ROCHESTER

The May meeting of the Rochester Manx Society was held at the home of the President, Miss Alice Garrett, on Wednesday, the 11th, when a goodly crowd attended, and many signified their intention of attending the forthcoming Convention in Hamilton. Good for you, Rochester.

SEATTLE

The March meeting of the Seattle Manx Society was held on the 19th at the home of the Secretary, Miss Edith Cubbon, and while they did not have as large a crowd as they had hoped for, they had a lovely evening, with Messrs. Kissack and Vick acting as the program committee. They had another entertaining meeting on May 7th at Montlake Field House, when a program of songs, violin and vocal solos and an interesting address by the British Consul of Seattle, Mr. Cecil Hope Gill, rounded out the evening.

GALVA

The Galva Manx Society, considering the size of that city, certainly does things right! We recently received a report from their Secretary to the effect that they held a "Pot-Luck Supper" on March 29th with about one hundred and ten people attending. The business meeting was followed by dancing.

EDMONTON

The Edmonton Manx Society held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. Quilliam, and their May meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Cleator. While this Society does not boast of a large membership, they do report that they have some splendid times at their meetings. Their Annual Picnic will be held on Dominion Day—July 1st—at which event, they are looking for a large turn-out.

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Comish entertained the Buffalo Manx Society at a dinner party in the K. Lawrence Dining Room, Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, on Friday, April 22nd. About twenty-two members attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Jack Comish, Mr. Peake (oldest member, who was 79 on April 28th) and Mr. Sid Corkish, all of whose birthdays fell on or near the date of the party, were presented with a large birthday cake. Their next meeting, which will be the annual election of officers, will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. Edith Bury, in Gowanda, N. Y.

TORONTO

Thirty-five members of the Toronto Manx Society paid a visit by bus to Hamilton on Saturday, May 7th, and received a very warm welcome by the Hamilton Manx Society. A buffet supper was served and the meeting was opened by remarks from their President Mr. W. H. Cowin, Sr. During the evening, the Toronto Manx Society, thru its President, Mrs. R. Allen, presented a beautiful pair of oil paintings to the Hamilton Convention Committee for use in the prize distribution. Mrs. Wm. Colquitt, of Toronto, presented them with a cushion for the same purpose. The entertainment was provided by members from both Hamilton and Toronto and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

NEBRASKA

The members of the Nebraska Manx Association are looking forward to their Annual Picnic on June 19th at Columbus, Nebraska. Complete information regarding this event may be secured from their Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Morris, 2850 Washington Street, Lincoln, Neb. Plan now, you Nebraska Manx people, to attend this Picnic. You will have a grand time!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Nowadays when leadership in the world of sport has become a matter of international rivalry, it is of uncommon interest to notice the place taken by the smallest nation of all.

In the year 1780 the first Derby Race was run on English turf. But in 1628—more than 150 years earlier—it had its ACTUAL beginning in the Isle of Man. It was started by James, Lord of Man and 7th Earl of Derby (hence the name) to encourage the breeding of good horses in the Island, and was run at Langness near Castletown. A silver cup was the prize, and for every horse entered the owner deposited five shillings with the Clerk of the Rolls towards the purchase of next year's Cup, also one shilling for recording the entry! Such was the "Derby" in the Isle of Man in 1680 and for many years thereafter. Nowadays when the name "Derby" is applied to every form of racing from flying to roller skating, it is interesting to note this old historical connection with the Isle of Man.

Coming to recent times, some seventy years ago the Island had a fine race track situated between Kirk Braddan and the Union Mills. The enclosure was 70 acres and there were two grandstands each accommodating 1000 people. Long since discontinued, this track was one of the best in the British Isles, and the "Races" must have been a colorful event in those quiet days of the 1870's, when the finest horses in the Kingdom and their jockeys, with the attendant train of "bookies", sporting men, gentry and leisured people of all kinds invaded the Island.

Later again the Isle of Man pion-

eerred in motor car racing. The famous "Tourist Trophy" motor races were run for the first time in 1905, on Manx roads. Motor and motorcycle races have attracted thousands of people to the Island practically every June since then.

And now, in 1938, the popular "Whit-week" holidays will witness the Third Annual MANX AIR RACES. There will be a flight from London to the Isle of Man, and other events will be the Manx Air Derby and the Tynwald Air Race, consisting of three circuits of the Island, from Ronaldsway Airport. Ronaldsway, strange to say, is almost the same ground as that on which Manx horses ran in the first Derby, more than 300 years ago. What would the great Earl think could he see wings over the old Derby race track?

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Mrs. Agnes Knight of Retsel, Wash., sends us a couple of curious items. "Whistling for dinner was a reality up to 1820 in the Isle of Man" she says. "Whistling spoons were provided for diners, who made use of them when they wanted a second helping."

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Mrs. Knight also tells us of a remarkable Manx cat owned by Mrs. Simpson Clucas of Ballabeg, Arbory. "This cat, Betty, 21 years old, has just presented her owner with two black kittens faithful to the tailless tradition. Betty has the honor of being the mother of the Manx kitten which was presented to the Duke of Kent when as Prince George he visited the Isle of Man in 1933."

OBITUARIES

Cain, Mrs. J. E., former President of the Bisbee, Arizona, Manx Society, passed away on Easter Sunday morning, April 17th, after a lingering illness. She was an active and interested worker in Bisbee Society affairs, and will be greatly missed.

Kelly, Arthur, of Govans, Baltimore, Maryland, died suddenly of a heart attack, suffered early in April, at the age of 69, the funeral being held on Saturday, April 9th. Mr. Kelly and his family recently joined the N.A.M.A. and he was greatly interested in all of our activities.

Russell, Glione Albert Johnston, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, 35 Muir Avenue, Toronto, passed away on January 15th at the age of 17 months.

Cowell, Mrs. Harry (nee Ellis), passed away at her home in Galva, Illinois, on April 7th. Mrs. Cowell was born in Ramsey, and came to the United States in 1887. She is survived by seven daughters and four sons, Mr. Cowell having died in 1934. There are also 13 grandchildren surviving.

Corlett, Irwin, aged 70 years, brother of Judge Alva and Miss Alice, of Cleveland, passed away at Hanna House, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, March 12th. Mr. Corlett was born in a log house in Warrensville and was head of the Corlett Milk Company for forty years.

Gaskell, James Wallace, better known as "Jimmy", passed away March 16th at St. Johns Hospital, Cleveland, at the early age of 42 years. Jimmy was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and came to Cleveland in 1909, where he was employed by the Pickands-Mather Company up to the time of his death. He was an active member of all Cleveland Manx Societies and attended all the N.A.M.A. Conventions. Surviving are his mother; two sisters, Catherine and Mrs. H. Wendorf; and a brother Percy, all of Cleveland.

Kelly, Jonathan, passed away May 2nd at his home "Ballaleigh," Kirk Michael, Isle of Man, aged 85 years. Mr. Kelly was a well known local preacher in the Island for almost 70 years and was of a most sincere and friendly nature. He leaves a family of nine children, one of his sons being Mr. J. Edwin Kelly of 1282 Edwards Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

Kneale, Mrs. Ester Ann (nee Wuff), of Cleveland, wife of Henry Kneale and sister of William Wuff, passed away very suddenly March 18th. Mrs. Kneale came from Douglas, Isle of Man, and was a member of the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland.

Kennish, Bert, passed away very suddenly April 11th at his home 3353 W. 95th St., Cleveland. He was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, 55 years ago, and the family later moved to Douglas which he left for Cleveland, where he was employed by the Board of Education in 1912 and was in their employ for 26 years. A true Manxman, he was a good worker in the Manx Societies. He leaves a widow; one son, Alf; and two daughters Florence and Marge.

Skinner, Mrs. Mary Jane, passed away Sunday, May 15th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mona Walter, 3407 Bradford Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Mrs. Skinner was an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society. She also leaves a son, William.

To the relatives and friends of the above, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Note: Mrs. Henry Cleve, sister of Chas. C. Bickel, whose death was listed in the Obituary Columns of the March issue, writes that he was survived by two sons, instead of two brothers, as mentioned.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—Rev. Hugh Stowell, 1799-1865 (Rector of Ballaugh).
- 2—"Jesus is our Shepherd"—"The Mercy Seat".
- 3—Author of "Ellan Vannin".
- 4—Silver fox breeding, at Ballig, West Baldwin.
- 5—Between Port Erin and Port St. Mary.
- 6—1830-1833.
- 7—King William IV.
- 8—Estate on which stands Government House (residence of the Governor of the Isle of Man).
- 9—Glencrutchery Bridge.
- 10—Deemster's Bridge, Heywood's Bridge, Governor's Bridge, Fairy Bridge.

ENGLISH-MANX PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY

Mr. J. J. Kneen, M.A., one of the Island's distinguished scholars, has completed the task of compiling a new English-Manx Pronouncing Dictionary. Never before has an attempt been made to preserve the pronunciation of the words of the Manx language. This book has been published by the "Mona's Herald", Douglas, Isle of Man, and is available at a cost of \$1.25 per copy. The simple system of phonetics adopted in it is fully explained, and with the aid of the book, it is not difficult to learn to get one's tongue around the most formidable looking words in the Manx language. SEND FOR YOUR COPY NOW!



DINING ROOM
ROYAL CONNAUGHT HOTEL

SONNET

O Time and Space, twin conspirators
to cheat
The memory of precious things,
I disdain you!—for triumph quite complete
Is mine. To my poor weakling wings
Your barriers are as nought, your
secret deeps
Are paths illumed—clean, level ways,
Somewhere anigh, a guardian angel
keeps
A vigil o'er my froward days,
And holds within the chalice of my
breast,
Those scented petals of the past.
Thus may my way endure,—the love-
liest
Stores be near, that perchance I may
recast
The glories of the moon on Poolvash
Bay,
Or sinking sun on Cronk-ny-Iree-
Lhaa.

JAMES C. TYSON.

The Children's Corner

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it is on a line with frozen Labrador!
One variety of palm found in Manx
gardens has a spiky, prickly trunk
and is called the "monkey-puzzler"—
because it is the only tree a monkey
cannot climb! And for the fact that
Nature is so kind to little Ellan
Vannin we must thank our old friend
the Gulf Stream, about which you
can probably tell more than we can!

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AN OMISSION

The author of the beautiful little
poem "Twilight Dreams", which ap-
peared in the March issue, was Mr.
James C. Tyson of Astoria, Long
Island, New York. We regret that
his name was inadvertently omitted.
Another of his poems is printed in
this issue.

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 (Author of "Songs of Mona")

(Continued from March issue)

CHAPTER XI (Continued)

It is a singular fact that the two oldest parliaments in the world were founded by Norsemen in the tenth century, one in an island in the very heart of the British Isles, and the other in an island on the verge of the known world, Ultima Thule in fact. Just as the mighty British Empire is held together because Britannia rules the waves, so the above facts were possible because the daring and virile Norsemen had absolute command of the sea.

The House of Keys, the Manx legislature, is the lineal descendant of the popular assembly introduced by the Norsemen when their rule was finally consolidated, and a study of these "Things" or assemblies is therefore called for. I am largely indebted to the late A. W. Moore for a succinct description of political procedure in remote and rugged Iceland, and furthermore, to the studious I can recommend a perusal of that fascinating saga, "The Story of Burnt Njal," which throws a flood of light on the mentality of the fierce sea-rovers, and their reaction to law and order.

Of all the Scandinavian Things or Parliaments the one about which we have the most copious and accurate information is that of Iceland, with which country, moreover, it is well-known that Man was intimately connected. The Norse chieftains who settled in Iceland found it uninhabited, and in order to found a community they each built a temple in their own district, and called themselves "Godes", or "Hof-Godes", Priests, or Temple-Priests. This of course, was before the introduction of Christianity. The name, Gode, became synonymous with chief, and the temple became the nucleus of the new community, which was called *Godord*. Many independent *Godes* sprang up all through the country until about the year 930, when these petty sovereign chiefs entered into a kind of league, and laid the foundation of a central government for the whole island, by forming the *Althing* or general assembly of the Icelandic Commonwealth, which was invested with the supreme legislative and judicial power. In 964 the constitution was finally settled, the number of *Godord*, and consequently of *Godes*, became fixed at three in each Thing-district or Shire, which had a popular assembly called Thing, composed of all the freemen of the shire, and presided over by the *Godes*, who were their liege lords. These *Godes* formed the legislative assembly of the *Althing*,

called the *Lögretta*, and possibly identical with the Manx Keys. And it must be remembered, in comparing the probable political state of the Isle of Man at the end of the ninth century, with this, that instead of Man being uninhabited, it was peopled by Goidelic Kelts who had for a long time resisted the encroachment of the Viking chiefs, and who, even at this period, certainly formed by far the largest part of the population. This, and probably other dissimilar circumstances, led to differences between the Manx and Icelandic constitutions, though in the main they were identical. Thus it is probable that, both from the necessities of military discipline, and of keeping order in a conquered country, the *Godes* in Man, though *udallers*, or freeholders, were not independent chiefs, but owed military allegiance to a chief, who, however, except in time of war, was probably little more than *primus inter pares*.

During Norse rule the House of Keys consisted of 24 members (as today), sixteen chosen locally, and eight from the Outer Isles, i.e., the Hebrides. The Orkneys and Shetlands, also under Norse rule, were called the *Nordreys* (Northern Isles), and the Hebrides the *Sudreys* (Southern Isles). To this day the Manx episcopal diocese is known as Sodor and Man, recalling its ancient connection with the Hebrides, although that connection does not exist at the present time. Incidentally, at one time the Island was included in the diocese of Nidaros, (Trondheim) in Norway.

The Isle of Man is peculiarly rich in Runic crosses, dating from Norse times, and Prof. Marstrander uses these crosses to disprove the statements, frequently made, that the Norsemen decimated or expelled the Gaelic population from the island. The crosses are several generations younger than the first Norse settlements on the Island, and, according to Marstrander, they testify to the most intimate and peaceful relations between Gaidil and Gail.

Of the 40 personal names which occur on the runic crosses, 29 are Norse, and 11-12 Gaelic. Thus a man bearing the Gaelic name Crinan calls his son by the Norse name Ufeigr, and conversely Torleiv Nakki his son by the Gaelic name Fiac. There can be no doubt, thinks Marstrander, that these Gaelic names, which figure on the crosses, were adopted from the Gaelic population on Man itself. Hence there follows a conclusion of far-reaching importance for the determination of the relations in the

tenth century between the conquerors and the conquered in this isolated Viking community in the Irish Sea: the Gaelic population, whence the Norsemen to such a great extent borrowed their personal names, must necessarily have been free. Considering the fundamental importance attached to family and to descent in the Scandinavian communities even during the last century of the Viking age, it may safely be stated that the idea of a free Norseman giving his children names typical amongst slaves and bondsmen, is just as absurd as that of a legal connection with a slave-born woman. No men ever had more highly developed family instincts than the Norse adventurers who, during the ninth and tenth centuries colonized Iceland and the Western Isles. Alongside with the Norse upper stratum on the Isle of Man there must in consequence have co-existed a Gaelic group of population which the Norse themselves from the very beginning of the conquest considered as free and socially equal.

Nowhere else in the British Isles do Norwegian and Celtic cultures seem to have approached each other so closely as in that isolated spot. A visible expression of this fusion of the two civilizations is still to be seen in the sculptured crosses which the Norse petty chieftains erected in memory of their dead. Though modeled on old Celtic prototypes, these crosses, both by their ornamental motifs, their runic inscriptions, and above all by their designs, derived from the Norse mythology, and replacing the scenes from the life of Christ depicted on the Celtic crosses, bear testimony to a population which considered itself as Norwegian and was proud to be so.

CHAPTER XII

Daily Life in Old Norse Times

To the gifted pen of Sir George W. Dasent we are indebted for a description of daily life in Iceland in the tenth century, and I give it here because it applies equally well to the Isle of Man, colonized at that time by Norsemen, and it applies also to the subsequent centuries of Norse rule, because, in the Middle Ages, when the main interests of life were largely agricultural, social changes from generation to generation, and even from century to century, were hardly noticeable, except that the manners of the upper classes became slightly more refined.

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