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

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COME ONE - COME ALL - TO MONTREAL AUGUST 13 - 16

The time is fast approaching for decisions to be made regarding vacation plans, and all those interested in the North American Manx Association will, we know, want to attend the Montreal Convention to be held August 13th to 16th. We in Montreal cannot do more than assure every member of the North American Manx Association that we are anxious

to make this gathering a record one. We know we have the facilities in Montreal to provide good accommodation, good food, and good entertainment for everyone desirous of meeting with us for a few days of fellowship. The North American Manx Association provides the opportunity, which otherwise would not arise, of meeting friends and relatives under

the most favorable circumstances.

To those whom distance has separated a reunion of this kind provides a privilege and a pleasure which should not be neglected. If you have not yet attended a North American Manx Association Convention, you have a treat in store which you must experience to appreciate fully; if you have attended any, or all, of the Conventions previously held, we know you will be with us if it is within your power to do so.

A hearty welcome awaits you!
MONA CREGEEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

Entertainment Committee

To all fellow-members and friends of the North American Manx Association who are going to attend this year's Convention in Montreal, the Entertainment Committee extends their heartiest greetings.

Every effort is being made to supply entertainment which will come up to, and, we think, surpass that supplied at previous Conventions. It is our earnest endeavor to make your stay in Montreal a memorable one. To those who have not yet visited Montreal, we are sure that a treat is in store for you, both from a scenic and historical standpoint. A trip around the city will cover all the points of interest, with stop-overs at various places, which will take care of those who are interested in things historical and a scenic view which is hard to surpass. We have arranged a picnic at St. Helen's Island, situated in the mighty St. Lawrence, and full of historical background, being the island on which stands the old fort formerly occupied by British troops, and now preserved as a playground for the population of Montreal. The remainder of our entertainment and social functions will be of such a high order that we feel confident that all who attend our Convention will return home well satisfied with having met old friends and well pleased with the entertainment provided.

J. C. BRIDSON, Chairman.

MONTREAL

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ON DOMINION SQUARE

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The President's Message

Fellow Manx People:

The time has come for me to greet you again on behalf of the N. A. M. A. I am hoping this Bulletin comes to you like the meeting of an old friend, and with whom you enjoy a happy fellowship and are reminded of old friendships.

The Bulletin always recalls many memories of Ellan Vannin, and perhaps none more sacred than those interwoven with our religious background. These are trying days for our loved ones over there, and we should not forget them in our daily prayer. Many changes have come to the Island since you and I left it. Whatever may change as far as the landscape is concerned, the great truths of the Christian Faith remain as the sure foundation upon which a peace loving civilization may be built.

May that simple faith, which has been the strength and the inspiration of all that is worthwhile in humanity be yours forever.

These are days that test the loyalty of every Manxman and woman to the land of his or her adoption. May you ever carry with you the Christian ideals and stand for all that enriches and ennobles human life.

This Bulletin has much to say about the Convention in Montreal. Schools will soon be out and you will be planning a vacation. Will you plan it so that you can spend an enjoyable week with us at the Convention? I have seen the program and it is one that will give us a good time.

Join the N. A. M. A. and help us spread a little sunshine through the medium of the Bulletin to some who have no breath of anything Manx except what comes to them through the pages of this paper.

Greeting and best wishes to you all.

Very Sincerely,
JOSEPH PARTRIDGE,
President.

A Manx Pioneer Family In Wisconsin

When I read in the July number of the Bulletin the article written by Mrs. Sarah Quirk Arman, "A Manx Pioneer Family", it reminded me of the pioneer family of which I am a descendant, the Martins, who landed at New York in 1828. There were five of them, the mother, son and his wife, one daughter, and William Shimmin, oldest son of another daughter. The Martins sold an estate they owned near Glen Maye and placed the money in a chest along with other possessions they were taking with them. In those days passengers on a long voyage had to take with them their own provisions and cooking utensils.

When the boat was ready to sail, an unexpected passenger joined the Martins, a young man named John Clague who was engaged to the daughter Ann. Coming to the pier to say goodbye, he found he could not bear the separation, so boarded the boat and the pair were married as soon as they reached America. The voyage was a very rough one and they were eight weeks in crossing, encountering storms and fog; from time to time icebergs were in their path; they were sick and to add to their discouragement, found upon landing that their money had been stolen from the chest. The son and his wife died shortly after arrival and were buried at Staten Island, New York.

Mr. Clague would have returned to the Island at once, but his wife, Ann, refused to go back, partly because of the dangers on the ocean, but chiefly because they had lost their money and would have to be poor among their associates, who were people of some means. They went on to Utica, New York, where Mr. Clague worked at his trade and William Shimmin his nephew learned the same trade and worked with him. Mrs. Martin, the mother, died and was buried at Utica.

In 1843 Mr. and Mrs. Clague and William Shimmin moved to a farm near Delavan, Wisconsin, and built a log house there. Through their united savings, William Shimmin was able to send to the Island for his father, mother, three brothers and four sisters. On coming to America these young people all married and settled down in and around Delavan. The entire family was very religious, and kept the Sabbath in the strict manner observed by all Manx people at that period. They had belonged to the Church of England, but shortly after coming to America united with the Baptists. Nearly all the members of this Manx pioneer family are buried together in the beautiful cemetery at Delavan, Wisconsin, where some of their children still live; others, however, went further afield and are living in California, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas.

In closing, I wish to say a few words in honor of John and Ann Clague. Though poor in this world's goods, they showed true pioneer friendship in helping to bring the Shimmin family to America, and in continuing to help them after their arrival. This worthy couple had four children, Thomas, John, Ellen and Mary. Of these children, Mary married William Gill, a native of the Isle of Man; they lived many years in and near New Orleans, finally taking up a tract of virgin pine near Lake Pontchartrain. They are buried in the South, but the resting place of the other members of the family is at Delavan, Wisconsin, near their relatives, the Shimmins.

CARL M. HUGHES,
Rochester, Wisconsin.

A Big Year For The Manx Museum—1939

Is the old-fashioned Manx kitchen destined to be forgotten? No, the Manx Museum in Douglas contains a real farmhouse kitchen of old days, with the "chiollagh", the spinning wheel, the "rosy basins" and all the familiar objects dear to our grandparents. This is a comparatively new feature of the Museum and in 1939 was the favorite attraction to Manx people and visitors alike.

The year 1939 was a notable one for the Museum. An important acquisition was the Pre-Reformation Chalice from the Parish of Jurby. To secure this rare piece of Church plate as a permanent possession of the Manx nation, Tynwald voted the greater part of its purchase price of one thousand pounds. This chalice is more than four hundred years old and it is said that there are only five others of its kind in the British Isles.

On Tynwald Day the Friends of the Manx Museum presented the model of Gokstad Viking Ship, which was unveiled by Erik Colban, Norwegian minister to London. Centuries ago, vessels of this model brought some of our Scandinavian forebears pioneering to the Isle of Man.

Another memorable event was the unveiling by Archdeacon Kewley, of an inscribed slab over the door of the house built and occupied by Archibald Cregeen, a stonemason of Colby—who, one hundred years ago, compiled the first Dictionary of the Manx Language.

Mr. Alfred Hudson, the last of the Manx hand-loom weavers, died in April of 1939, but this ancient handicraft is perpetuated in the Weaver's Cottage at Cregneash, where Mr. Hudson's loom has been set up. This, with "Harry Kelly's Manx Cottage", is the only open-air Folk-Museum in the British Isles, and is sponsored and managed by the Manx Museum in Douglas.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

TORONTO

One of the best-attended meetings of the Toronto Manx Society for the past several months was held on April 1st. The Entertainment Committee had announced a "Mystery Night", so perhaps this whetted everyone's curiosity and accounted for the many who were present. A guessing contest and questions concerning the Isle of Man were usually answered correctly. If the member failed to answer, the consequence he had to take caused plenty of amusement. The balance of the entertainment consisted of a word-building contest, song title contest, choir singing and old-fashioned rounds. Refreshments completed the evening, and the Entertainment Committee deserved the warm praise extended them.

An important item which took place during the evening was the unveiling of a beautiful scroll containing the names of ten Toronto Manxmen by birth or marriage, who are serving with His Majesty's Forces. Their Vice-President, Mrs. J. Costain, had the honor of unveiling the scroll and made a sincere and appropriate speech. The names included on it are:

Gordon Downward
 Harry Greene
 Charles Christian
 Gordon Caveau
 Douglas Fick
 Howard Fick
 Walter Fick
 Charles Beck
 Harry Moore

LOS ANGELES

A Manx play, entitled "Luss-ny-Graih" was presented by the Los Angeles Manx Society at Good Templars Hall in Los Angeles on Friday, April 26th. Their President, Mrs. Oscar Ward, was stage manager and the cast consisted of: Mrs. Frank Tipper, Mrs. William Hartley, Messrs. John Christian, Edwin Killip, Richard Pilkington, Joseph Rodger, and William Mullen; and Masters Roland Bain and Bobbie Christian.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE N. A. M. A.

Spring cleaning time is here.

When you clean out your pocket-book, the quarter you find there will cover your dues to the Ladies' Auxiliary if you are one who has been putting off sending in your money.

We want to thank all our members and friends for their loyal support. There is still time for your party and we will be glad to receive the benefits derived from your fun.

It looks like another banner year for our Auxiliary, so get busy and make it a real good one.

ARE YOU READY FOR MONTREAL? WE WANT TO MEET YOU THERE.

MRS. THOS. A. CORKAN, President
 ALICE GARRETT, Secretary.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

A large number turned out for the Mona's Relief Society meeting in Cleveland on May 7th. After the business had been transacted, an interesting musical program arranged by Mr. Walter Quilliam in conjunction with Mr. Frank Cleator was much enjoyed. Vocal solos and male quartette numbers were rendered by members of the choir of Mr. Cleator's church. All present expressed the hope that these people would entertain again at some future date.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx Society held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Caesar Christian, 202 Trafalgar Street, Rochester, on Wednesday evening, May 8th. A goodly number attended, and Miss Alice Garrett showed some very interesting pictures. After lunch, various games and cards were played. Arrangements are being made for a picnic to be held some time before the Convention.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Manx Society of Greater New York reports that they have been hard hit this past winter due to the serious illness of many of their members. However, on January 19th over sixty members and friends attended a dinner and card party held at Childs' Restaurant on Broadway, New York City. They report having a very delightful dinner and spending an enjoyable evening. Door and table prizes added to the fun. They are planning a picnic to be held in June.

CHICAGO

About fifty members of the Chicago Manx Society attended a Card and Bunco Party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore on Saturday, April 6th. The Annual Dinner of this Society took place on Friday, April 26th, at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, with an attendance of eighty. The British Consul, Robert Ross, was the speaker, and gave a very interesting address. The toastmaster was Dr. Moore, and the Rev. T. Harry Kelly delivered the invocation. A very enjoyable and varied program, with pictures, was arranged by Mr. Walter J. Stevenson. Mrs. Stevenson serving as accompanist. Out-of-town visitors were Miss Thelma Bain, daughter of Mr. T. Donald Bain, Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, formerly of Peoria; Mr. J. Killey of Milwaukee and the Rev. J. Kinrade of Champaign, Illinois.

Manx Sunday was to be held at the Park Ridge Methodist Church, of which the Rev. T. Harry Kelly, formerly of Peel, is pastor.

GALVA

A regular meeting of the Galva Manx Society was held on March 14th. This was the first meeting they had had for some time, because of bad weather conditions. A Pot Luck Supper was served to about fifty people, after which a short meeting and election of officers for the coming year took place, and all officers were re-elected. They are:

Tyrus Kelly, President
 Stanley Gawne, Vice-President
 John T. Farraget, Treasurer
 Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Lafayette, Illinois, Secretary

Card games and dancing completed the evening, with fun for all.

NEBRASKA

The meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association which had been scheduled for April 7th at the Robison home in Elk Creek, Nebraska, had to be postponed due to a snowstorm. The R. B. Crellins of Ewing, Nebraska, arrived the day before—ahead of the storm—having travelled four hundred miles to attend a Manx meeting! It is too bad they were disappointed in the meeting, but they did have a pleasant visit with the Robison and Abernethy families. We are wondering if there are any other Manx people who go so far to attend a Manx meeting, other than a Convention.

The Nebraska Manx Association invites all Manx people in the states surrounding Nebraska to join them on June 9th, when they hold their Annual Picnic at Riverview Park in Nebraska City. They will give you a real Manx welcome and assure you of a happy day.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

A very successful luncheon was held at the East End Y. M. C. A. April 19th when seventy people were served. These luncheons are proving very popular and even the men turn out in goodly numbers. The Auxiliary is continually doing good work and quite a sum of money was turned over from the luncheon to further the good cause.

MANX CHURCH SERVICE IN CLEVELAND

The combined Cleveland Manx Societies are sponsoring a Church Service to be held on Sunday afternoon, June 16th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Centenary Church, Richmond Road and Fairmount Boulevard.

All Manx people and their friends in Cleveland and vicinity are invited to come for the service in the afternoon, to bring their lunch baskets and stay for a real Manx sing-song in the evening. The ladies of the Church will provide the tea and coffee. Don't forget the date—June 16th.

MONTREAL CONVENTION NEWS

Reception Committee

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Montreal in August, and giving you a real Manx welcome. Very complete arrangements have been made for your reception, and we can assure you of a real good time.

MONA CRELLIN, Chairman.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Montreal Manx Society

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Montreal Manx Society are working hard to make the forthcoming North American Manx Association Convention in Montreal a big success, and are hoping for a record attendance.

When Convention time arrives we will concentrate every effort to insure that the refreshments provided will come up to the high standard usually attained by our Manx women.

IVY DUGGAN, Secretary,
Ladies' Auxiliary.

Ways and Means Committee

The Ways and Means Committee is now in a state of Excitable Anticipation. Through the kindly cooperation of Miss Mylecraine the Prize Distribution Tickets have been widely distributed. If you have not yet been canvassed and would like some tickets we will be happy to supply same on request. Our slogan is

"BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY"


Yours for a Happy Time,
B. C. BELL, Chairman.

Transportation Committee

Arrangements have been made with the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Provincial Transport Company in Montreal, whereby these companies will circularize all members of the North American Manx Association, giving them information regarding transportation as it concerns their individual requirements.

If any further information is required we shall welcome inquiries which will provide an opportunity to give assistance of any kind towards the solution of all transportation problems.
G. H. MEREDITH, Chairman.

Attention . . . Cleveland Manx

Mark This Date
on Your 
Calendar Now!



Come to the Hotel Carter at 8:15 P. M. and join your Cleveland friends on an imaginary trip to the Convention in Montreal. Music and entertainment galore! No admission charge!

Bring your friends, too!

TENTATIVE PROGRAM THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

TUESDAY—Reception and Registration Committees will be on hand all day to receive guests.

TUESDAY EVENING—Montreal Night. Informal get-together at the Windsor Hotel. Pictures of the Lincoln Convention, community singing, etc.

WEDNESDAY A. M.—Official Opening of Convention. Addresses of welcome. Business session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—Luncheon at Windsor Hotel. Sports program at St. Helen's Island, bus leaving Windsor Hotel at 2:30 P. M., returning at 6:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—Colored pictures of the Isle of Man and presentation of Quebec Habitant Festival.

THURSDAY A. M.—Business session.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING—Luncheon at Windsor Hotel. City Bus Tour leaving the hotel at 3:30 P. M. Dinner at 7:00 P. M. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, followed by floor show and dance.

FRIDAY A. M.—Business session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—Free for shopping, etc.

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet at the Windsor Hotel 7:00 P. M. Entertainment, music and speakers.

REGISTRATION FEE

Adults	\$8.00
Children under 12.....	6.00

SOUVENIR BOOK COMMITTEE

Thinking of you all setting out for Montreal next August tempted me to "concoct" the following parody on "The Manx Weddin," that old favorite of Manx "Tay Fights" (with sincere apologies to W. H. Gill):

MONTREAL—1940

Come to the Convention ye Manx people all,
For all is expected in old Montreal;
There's trains you can ride in and busses run too,
The old man's jalopy will hold quite a few;
So be up bright and early and start with the day,
Pack up your belongin's and come right away;
For there's lashin's to do and to see and to hear,
For the road is no hindrance when thoughts wish us near
To our kin from the North and the South, East and West.
Of all you have had our Welcome's the best,
So be sure to be with us on Convention Day.
The "Big Wans" will want you to hear all they say,
And "I'll fella" too is as welcome to us
Although (like the Manx) we don't make a big fuss.
So come one and all, we're waitin' right here
To see that you get all the "Fun of the Fair."

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation to receiving requests for "space" in the advertising pages from all member societies and our worthy patrons. Here is a chance "to get into print" if you have not tried before.

Of course, you will want YOUR name to be included in the Patrons' List of the Souvenir Program Book. The cost of this listing is the same as in former years—only \$1.00. Send your name and dollar in NOW, so these pages of the book may be completed at the earliest possible moment.

J. BELL, Chairman.

MONTREAL CONVENTION NEWS

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

MONTREAL

The Windsor Hotel, which has been selected as headquarters for the Convention, is one of Montreal's finest Hotels. Facing Dominion Square, a spacious and beautiful uptown park, the Windsor is right in the heart of the shopping and theatre district. Ample parking is available for motorists and the Railway Stations are two to five minutes walking distance away. Guests during 1939 included Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Room rates during the Convention will be as follows:

Single Room without bath.....	\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day per room with running hot and cold water.
Single Room with bath (30 only).....	\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 per day per room.
Double Room without bath (double bed).....	\$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50
Double Room without bath (twin beds).....	\$4.50 and \$5.00.
Double Room with bath (double bed).....	\$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00
Double Room with bath (twin beds).....	\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9
Additional persons in Room.....	\$1.50 per day (double rooms only)
Four or five persons to a room (with bath)....	\$1.50 per person per day.
Four or five persons to room (running hot and cold water)	\$1.25 per person per day.

Reservations may be made directly with the Hotel (provided the N.A.M.A. Convention is mentioned) or by writing to the Reservations Committee Chairman, W. F. Quayle, care of Montreal Manx Society, Box 459, Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

Rates of other Hotels or Tourist Homes will be furnished on request.

There is every indication of a large attendance this year — a "United Front" of North American Manx—so make your reservations early and be assured of the accommodation you desire.

W. F. QUAYLE, Chairman,
Registration and Hotel Reservation Committee.

GET ABOARD AT CLEVELAND SPECIAL LOW FARE SECURED

Here is a trip to the Convention in Montreal that should interest Manx people in Cleveland and vicinity, as well as those located West of and who would be passing through Cleveland enroute to Montreal.

It is planned to operate a special rail trip via New York Central from Cleveland to Montreal and return—round trip coach fare for a party of 25 or more—

\$ 17.05 EACH

The train will leave the Cleveland Terminal on Monday morning, August 12th, at 5:36 A. M., arriving in Montreal at 9:45 that evening. The return trip may also be made via daylight, leaving Montreal in the morning and arriving in Cleveland the same night. Of course, it is not necessary that the entire party return at the same time. So, if you would wish to remain over in Montreal for a few days, there would be no objection to your doing so. The round trip tickets are good for 16 days.

This should be a very interesting trip, since the route will be through the Adirondacks via Utica, New York. You Manx people east of Cleveland may be interested in joining the party enroute.

A trip of this nature is more reasonable than the cost of driving your automobile—and certainly, it is much more comfortable and enjoyable.

So we may make the necessary arrangements with the Railroad Company, will you please communicate with the Corresponding Secretary (Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland) in the event you are interested in joining such a party? Additional information will be furnished upon request.

An Exceptional Convention City

From the beginning of time, Nature ordained that the plateaus of the volcanically formed hill, that was later to be called "Mount Royal," should be the site of a great city. Man's part in the making of Canada's Metropolis has been but secondary.

When the surface of the terrestrial globe, steaming and cracking, straining towards its present contours, cooled off and became fixed, nature provided that half a continent should be commercially tribute to the city which lies round the extinct volcano which forms the backbone of the beautiful island at the confluence of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers. Here, the waters drained for the most part from the productive parts of the North American continent—the overflows from the world's mightiest inland seas, concentrate and unite to form the St. Lawrence River, which flows from Montreal 800 miles to the sea—the highway to the old world with its teeming millions. And as if to leave absolutely no question as to the destiny of this northern metropolis, nature again threw great natural barriers—seething rapids—across both the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers above the city site, defining for all time the limits of ocean navigation.

Montreal is beautifully located. It stands on an island formed by the waters of the two great rivers mentioned. At its northern gate lies the Laurentian mountain chain, famed for its beauty. To the northeast and east lie the flat fertile plains that constitute one of the best farming areas in Canada, an area reminiscent in its general conformation of the flat plains of France; to the south the beautiful hills of Vermont and the Adirondacks; to the west, the gradual rise to the uplands of Ontario. And right in its center the great natural park of Mount Royal, 464 acres in extent, rising to a height of 700 feet. From the top of this Park in fair weather the eye can embrace a radius of 100 miles, and can clearly discern the peaks in Vermont, New York, Northern Quebec, and the territory of Ontario. And through it all like silver threads studded with jewels, the Ottawa, the St. Lawrence, the Richelieu, and their many lakes and widenings.

Montreal is a beautiful City. Its buildings are noted for their architectural beauty. There are no skyscrapers such as New York or other American cities possess—our highest building is 25 stories—but there are great public and commercial buildings which in symmetry, line, and balance are not excelled on any part of the continent. Architecture in

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MONTREAL

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Montreal means beauty. Then there are the Churches—Montreal has been called the "City of Spires"—literally one at every corner, beautiful inside and out, each with a history worth while delving into. It is a city in which the quaint and the crassly modern rub shoulders continuously. Narrow winding streets, with broad modern thoroughfares. Quaint old, and historic buildings—snuggling against huge entrepôts—of beautiful residential districts, of magnificent stores, and wide shopping facilities, of huge hotels, grain elevators, wharves and docks. It is a seaport—the farthest from the sea in the world—with an ocean trade per annum almost as large as that of New York. It is a cosmopolitan city—a city of a hundred languages in which French predominates—a city that entrancingly combines the cultures and the languages, the customs and the laws of Old France and Britain. The change from the one to the other occurs within a distance of mere blocks. It is a city where that tolerance and good nature which exists between its many languaged peoples finds expression in a warm hospitality which makes the stranger within its gates at ease and at home. A city in which one can be comfortable, natural, free, and—himself or herself—a City that has all that it takes to make Conventions successful, and enjoyable.

But, Montreal has also, for the thoughtful, historic backgrounds which are by no means unimportant in the upbuilding of North American development and civilization. It is a city wherein two great Universities, famed all over the world, are located, one of them built on the site of the great Indian town of Hochelaga visited by Cartier in 1535. It was the point from which the French Missionaries largely commenced their colonising activities in North America. It was the base from which the force that founded Fort de Quesne (Now Pittsburg) went forth and effected the capture of George Washington and the British-American garrison under his command at Fort Necessity. It was the point from which the force that was the undoing of the gallant but rash Braddock in the valley of the Monongahela River, went forth. It played a strong and vital part in the operations of both armies in the struggle between France and England for the possession of Canada. It was strongly sympathetic to the revolutionists against English rule in the Eastern States, and was the objective of Montgomery when on August 21st, 1775, he started out against Canada with his Continentals. It was here, in the same campaign, that Ethan Allen, the Vermont man who won eternal fame in his own country by capturing Ticonderoga in May, 1775, was captured with his whole force by a considerably inferior English garrison and from here was sent to England and to prison. The town has vivid recol-

lections of visits from both Montgomery and Arnold. There is a wealth of history in and around Montreal. Stories of stirring forays against the Indians in the early days; stories of intrigues, of daring, and of treachery in the struggles for possession of this part of the continent; stories of self sacrifice, and devotion on the part of religious orders—of priests, nuns, and monks. Stories that have never been properly told, but whose hazy outlines can be appreciated in the shadows of buildings and monuments that had their place in them, and many of which still survive.

It was from Montreal that the *couriers du bois*—the *voyageurs*—of the old fur trading days sallied forth to comb the vast waterways of the north and the lands along their banks for the pelts that wrote so much of the history of industrial Canada. Here were the chief offices of the great Hudsons Bay Company, their rivals, the Montreal Company, and the X. Y. Z. Company which founded the great wealth of the Astors. The "Gazette", Montreal's morning newspaper, claims its origin from the press of Benjamin Franklin. The first steamer to ply North American waters as a passenger vessel was built by John Molson of Montreal, in a Montreal shipyard. It was aptly named the "Accommodation." The first railroad—that between Montreal and St. Johns—in Canada, started from Montreal.

Today, Montreal is the headquarters of most of the North Atlantic Shipping Companies operating between Europe and Canada; it is the headquarters of two of the world's greatest railway systems, the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. It is the center of Canada's Pulp and Paper industry, of the cement industries, of the tobacco industry, textile industry and sugar refining industry of Canada. It possesses one of the finest ports in the world, one of the greatest of docking and warehousing depots. It has the largest stockyards in the world excepting those of Chicago. It has the largest flour milling establishment in the Empire, one of the largest hotels.

It is a city of vast establishments, of lovely homes, a city of great beauty, and of great culture.

All roads lead to Montreal, and fortunate are those whose footsteps lead them in that direction. Their visit is one which is never forgotten. On the top of the "mountain" is the great cross to guide them, and down in the city, at every street corner, every building, on every lip, unseen, unspoken, there is the sincere word,

"Bienvenu"

"Welcome"

J. R. WRIGHT, Chairman
Publicity Committee.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Quite a Manx Reunion occurred in Washington, D. C., when Mr. R. K. Corkill of 1283 Collins Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, while visiting there in February, hunted up the Quine brothers, Stanley and Ffinlo, and Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson. It is a safe guess that the Quine boys heard a lot about the Lincoln Convention.

Who's going to Montreal? . . . We're going to see some new faces we've always been hoping to meet—and some of the old ones we are always glad to greet. Mr. Thomas Jones of Rowley, Massachusetts, hopes to take with him at least six of the Massachusetts Manx. . . . Another New England Manxman will be Mr. Richard Mylchreest, 44 Brainard Ave., Middletown, Conn. . . . There'll be Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gell, 1609 Spring St., Syracuse, N. Y., who are looking forward to meeting many old friends. . . . From Akron, Ohio, there will be Florence and Anne Crellin, whose smiling faces we see at most Conventions. . . . From Cleveland—well, here's just a few of them—Mr. and Mrs. Will Kissack, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kneen, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Gorry, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roach, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cowley—and that's only the beginning of it. . . . From the West (during some particularly bad Cleveland weather) came this refreshing note from Mrs. Margaret T. Holmes, 1848 East 15th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma—"Springtime in all its beauty of flowers and sunshine is again with us in Oklahoma—and I'm looking forward to attending the Convention at Montreal". . . . From far-off Vancouver, B. C., comes word from Mr. Robert H. Greggor, 1452 West 13th Avenue, "Hope to be with you in Montreal in August".

Congratulations to Dr. Ewan Clague of the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C. He has recently been appointed Director of the Board's Employment Bureau.

Mr. G. J. Callister, Vice-President of the American Potash Institute in Washington, D. C., resigned from this post to engage in work in Ottawa in connection with the War. Mr. Callister served with the Canadian Forces in the last World War.

Hayden Woods' "Manx Overture" is evidently a popular number. Recently it was played at a concert given by the Cleveland Heights High School National Championships Band.

Winner of the "Cleveland Medal" in the Manx Musical Festival this Spring is Mr. Dan Minay, baritone. Mr. Minay is the third member of his family to win the coveted Cleveland award. Hearty congratulations to him!

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O B I T U A R I E S

Karran, William, passed away at his home at Smithtown Branch, Long Island, New York, on Sunday, May 5th, after a prolonged and painful illness. He was President of the Manx Association of Greater New York and was affectionately referred to as "Uncle Will" by the members. The Karran home was always a welcome calling-place for the Manx. He was born in Douglas and has resided in the States for the past fifty years, having recently been presented with a gold watch to commemorate forty years of service with the Williamsburg Bank. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and a sister, Mrs. M. Faragher of Douglas.

Cowley, William T., passed away on Tuesday, March 26th, at the homestead in Brimfield, Illinois at the age of ninety-seven. He was a devoted member of the Peoria Manx Society and was born in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the son of a pioneer Manxman, William Cowley, who came from Ballaugh. The family settled in Memphis, Tennessee, migrating to Illinois in 1848, where the homestead was known as a Mecca for Manx people. Mr. Cowley was often called "The Moses of the Manx" because through his influence many Manx people emigrated to the Promised Land. Surviving are the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Minnie Laws of Brimfield; Mrs. George Ashman, Peoria; Mrs. R. R. Taylor, Anchor, Illinois; Mrs. Charles Stewart, Milwaukee; Mrs. William Gellatly, Sutton, Nebraska; W. W. Herrington, Topeka, Kansas; and Edward Campbell, Sutton, Nebraska.

Starkey, John James, of Toledo, Ohio, died March 16th after an illness of two and one-half years. He was born in Laxey, Isle of Man and came to Toledo in 1891 where he was employed as a blacksmith with the Ann Arbor Railroad for forty years. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Kaneen of Douglas.

Crellin, Mrs. John S., passed away at the age of eighty at her home at Virginia, Minnesota. Mrs. Crellin was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and her husband came from Glen Meay, Isle of Man. She was a Charter Member of the Virginia Gold Star Mothers, her son Walter having perished in the last World War. Surviving, besides her husband, are six daughters—Mrs. Mabel Williams, Mrs. C. R. Roberts, Mrs. Myrtle Muhich and Miss Helen, all of Virginia; Mrs. H. E. Woodard, Everett, Washington, and Mrs. W. T. Alguire, Flint, Michigan.

Gaskell, Percy W., of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on May 20th at the age of 40 years. Mr. Gaskell was born in Peel, and came to Cleveland 30 years ago. He was assignment clerk at the Cleveland Municipal Court for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, Lee; his mother, Alice; and two sisters, Kathryn and Mrs. H. Wendorf, and was a brother of the late James Gaskell, who died two years ago.

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

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Miss Thelma Bain, daughter of T. Donald Bain of Los Angeles, is studying Social Service and religious work at Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Illinois.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Ralph Creer of Chicago, who was recently married.

Out of a group of several hundred men and women who were auditioned in Chicago early in May, Mrs. R. C. Kelly, a member of the Chicago Manx Society, was selected to take part in a play put on by the Drama League of Chicago. Congratulations, Mrs. Kelly!

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Upham, 2438 Townsend Avenue, Detroit, who celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding anniversary the middle of May.

Another member of the Toronto Manx Society who is serving with His Majesty's Forces is Mr. Charles E. Christian. He has been attached to the Royal Regiment of Canada since the beginning of the War and is the son of a former War veteran, Mr. Enos Christian of Toronto.

Mrs. W. Fick, who is a member of the Toronto Manx Society and who has three sons serving with the Canadian Forces, two of whom are at present in England with the First Division, donated a hand-made fern stand to the Toronto Manx Society recently. This is to be used in a Prize Distribution, the proceeds from which will be for the purchase of cigarettes for the soldiers. Incidentally, the Toronto Manx Society is holding a monthly Social Evening in an endeavor to raise funds for this same purpose. It is reported that these meetings have been highly successful.

Some of the New York Manx had a visit from a young Peel Manxman a few weeks ago. He is Hall Clucas, third officer on SS. GEORGIC. His mother was Katie Hall, daughter of James Hall of Peel. Mrs. Hall was famous for her "Manx Knobs". The Clucas family at one time farmed Ballaterson, Glenfaba.

About Things Manx CASTLETOWN—THE ANCIENT CAPITAL

Once upon a time, as we all know, the Isle of Man was literally a little Kingdom, and its Capital, for more centuries than we are accustomed to think of, was Castletown.

There the Island's civic and military life converged before History began to take note of events in the Isle of Man. Our Danish ancestors laid the foundations of Castle Rushen in the tenth century. Culture took root in the thirteenth century, when the monks at Rushen Abbey, two miles away, along the Silverburn River, began writing the "Chronicles of Man".

For hundreds of years Castle Rushen was the stronghold and Court of Manxland's Kings—kings from Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Scotland—great lords from England, culminating in the Stanley family, Earls of Derby, who were Lords of Man for more than three centuries. Around the massive walls gathered all the pomp, romance and tragedy of the ancient Capital of a tiny Kingdom.

Here, in 1627, James the seventh Earl of Derby instituted the Derby Races—for years Manx-bred horses ran at Langness for the "Derby Cup". Here in 1643, the Earl expressed the wish to found a university—which materialized generations later as King William's College. On St. Michael's Isle in Derby Haven, where stand the ruins of the chapel of St. Michael the Archangel, Earl James built the fort which has given the place its more usual name of Fort Island. Across the bay, in Ronaldsway mansion, lived his friend, William Christian the Receiver-General.

Of William Christian—his connection with the Derby family—his efforts on behalf of the Manx people during those troublous days of Civil War in England—his execution at Hango Hill near Castletown for the part he played in the stern drama—the tragic tale is told in Manx ballad and story celebrating ILLIAM DHONE—Manx patriot.

This ancient Manx capital had its "Mint". It was a blacksmith's shop at Derbyhaven, and bronze pennies were minted from some of the old brass guns from Castle Rushen!

In 1798 Castletown was described by John Feltham—"Its general clean appearance, its society, the military, the vicinity, the pleasant walks to Ronaldsway, the Stack, Scarlet—all conspire to render Castletown a very agreeable place". The "military" was a brilliant feature of quiet Castletown, and in fact a garrison was stationed there to within the last fifty years.

Castletown has produced worthy men and women who have left their influence on Manx history and culture. In recent years, Miss Catherine Dodd wrote her charming Manx novels, "Clad in Purple Mist", "The Three Silences" and others, around

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Head of Manx Museum Honored by Liverpool University

A Manxman whose name is a household word is Mr. William Cubbon, Director and Librarian of the Manx Museum.

Mr. Cubbon started his career as manager and acting-editor of the "Isle of Man Examiner". Later he was joint proprietor and editor of the "Manx Sun", a paper which merged with the "Isle of Man Times".

He became Borough Librarian of Douglas in 1912. In 1917 he was appointed manager of the Employment Exchange established by the Manx Government. When the Manx Museum was founded in 1922, he was appointed its Librarian, to which in 1932 was added the office of Director.

The success of the Manx Museum, the value of Mr. Cubbon's literary works and compilations, have won for him his deserved position as one of the most outstanding and patriotic Manx figures of this, or any period. Seven years ago he cooperated with the Norwegian Government in scientific research in the Isle of Man, and recognition for his services would have taken the form of a Knighthood of the Order of St. Olav, but for the ruling which prevents Government officials from accepting foreign decorations.

Mr. Cubbon's important contributions to the better understanding, preservation and appreciation of Manx historical background and culture are being recognized by the University of Liverpool, which is conferring upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He is the third Manxman to be so honored by this University, the others also being great Manx scholars—the late Mr. P. M. C. Kermodé and the late Mr. J. J. Kneen. The ceremony will take place in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, on July 6th. Officers and members of the North American Manx Association join with Mr. Cubbon's many friends in extending heartiest congratulations on this richly-deserved conferment.

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her beloved Castletown. The present Speaker of the House of Keys, Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, is a Castletown man.

Castletown ceased to be the Island's capital in 1871. Today Castle Rushen frowns over the little town and harbour, dreaming by the sea while Queen Elizabeth's Clock still ticks off the quiet hours, and the curious old sundial in the Market Place marks the passage of time more silently, but not more surely. There are no gay uniforms flashing along Malew Street and Arbory Street, but there are excellent fish dinners at the George Hotel, and Miss Duggan's cakes and tea

are worth a long journey. Castletown is still, as was said a hundred and fifty years ago, "a very agreeable place".

Rushen — Scarlett — Silverburn — Hango Hill — Derbyhaven — St. Michael's Isle — Ronaldsway — Langness; the ancient names have sounded down the centuries like bugle calls; they are as romantic as though borrowed from fiction; and they are the names in use today.

Like a setting for an old romance, too, is the rich and glorious countryside, a dramatic background to town and Castle. To be remembered through a lifetime is a summer morning at Derbyhaven, with the wind blowing fresh off the blue and sparkling Bay, blowing across the wide and sunny fields where poppies grow among the tall wheat—blowing in towards the distant and gently sloping hills. As it is now, so was this centre of an Island Kingdom centuries ago; and through future years may Manx people sing as they do today:

"Our old Island Kingdom enthroned
on the deep,
Our Celtic Inheritance, long may we
keep;
With customs and laws which our
forefathers gave,
Un sullied, unblemished, and free as
the wave."

How Well Do You Know The Isle of Man?

Mr. F. Williamson, 917 Ossington avenue, Toronto, on his last visit to the Isle of Man, spent considerable time looking up noteworthy facts about Manx places, people and events. He has compiled a set of twelve General Knowledge Questions and Answers based on facts which particularly interested him, and we are glad to pass them along to Bulletin readers—most of whom, we find, enjoy the little quiz which has become a permanent feature of the Bulletin.

Questions

1. What distinguished Manxman fought in what historic battle, on what ship and under what famous Admiral?
2. Who gave the clock to Castle Rushen?
In what year?
How many hands has it got?
How many wheels?
What are the wheels made of?
3. Where was the first Derby horse race run?
What is the place used for now?
4. Where is Hango Hill?
What event took place there?
5. Where is the largest Water Wheel in the world?
What is the circumference of the Wheel?
What was it used for?
6. Why is Peel with a population of less than 3,000 a city?

7. What relation is the present Governor and his wife to the King and Queen of England?

8. Who was the Bishop who dragged the body of a poor sinful woman behind his boat across Peel Bay to save her soul?

9. Where does the fish curing salt come from in the Isle?

10. Where is the Fairy Bridge where all true Manxmen tip their hats and wish when they pass?

11. Where and what is Corrin's Folly?

Where and what is Milner's Tower?
12. What famous author lived on the Isle? Can you name a few of his books?

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Answers

1. Captain Quilliam was highly commended for his bravery on the Victory by Admiral Nelson in the Battle of Trafalgar.

2. Queen Elizabeth.

1597.

One.

Three.

Wood.

3. Derby Haven.

Ronaldsway Airport.

4. Derby Haven.

The execution of William Christian (1662).

5. Laxey.

226 feet in circumference.

To pump water out of the lead mines.

6. Because St. Germain's Cathedral is located there. (Peel Castle).

7. The Queen of England and the Governor's wife are sisters.

8. Bishop Thomas Wilson (1697).

9. At the Point of Ayre, the brine is pumped and gravitated through pipes to Ramsey where it is manufactured into salt.

10. Ballalona, in Kirk Santon, to wish the Fairies to continue to be kind.

11. A Memorial Tower near Peel. A Tower on Bradda Head.

12. Hall Caine.

"The Prodigal Son."

"The Christian."

"Master of Men."

"The Woman Thou Gavest."

"The Manxman."

MANX PROVERBS

Tra ta fer laccal ben, cha vel eh
laccal agh ben,
Agh tra ta ben echey, t'eh laccal
ymmodel glen.

When a man wants a wife, he wants nothing but a wife, but when he has a wife he wants many things.

Cha jean un ghollan-geavee sourey,
Ny un chellagh keylley guerey.

One swallow will not make summer,
nor one woodcock winter.

Siyh fohney smoo sheean nee.

Empty vessels make the most sound.

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