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"To preserve whatever is left to us of ancient heritage"

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WE'LL MEET YOU IN TORONTO!

AUGUST 6th - 7th - 8th

Pass the word along, all you Manx folk—in fact, make it a slogan, "We'll meet you in Toronto." Sure we want to meet you here in Toronto at the first post war Victory Convention, and we will meet you at the Royal York Hotel. It is the largest and most modern hotel in the British Empire, situated conveniently to railway transportation and the shopping district.

The Royal York overlooks Lake Ontario, with a birdseye view of the Niagara Peninsula across the lake.

There is no need to enlarge on the merits of Toronto to those who have visited our City in the past. But to those coming here for the first time, there is a treat in store. The well-laid out streets and splendid street railway system make it very easy to get anywhere. The beautiful scenic parks, civic buildings, art galleries, museums, theatres, churches and shops, all help to make Toronto the most popular Convention City in Canada.

Your hosts will be the Toronto Manx Society. Under the leadership of their genial hard-working President, Tom Moore, a very enthusiastic and capable committee is working

very hard to make this Convention one that will provide you with happy memories for many years. Five years ago Toronto made a bid for the next Convention, which was accepted by the N.A.M.A., and the Toronto Manx Society started action. Committees were formed and a great deal of ground work was laid. Then came the darkest days of the war, when every effort had to be made to defeat our enemy. Due to this big task on our hands, lack of transportation, shortage of gasoline, etc., it was decided to postpone the Convention until brighter days. During these long years Toronto Manx folk have been looking forward to being hosts to their many Manx friends throughout the Continent.

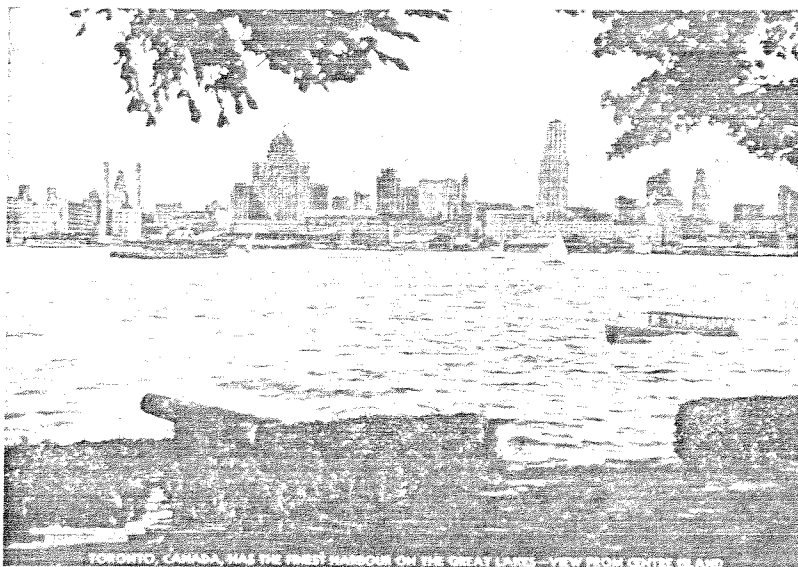
And now, our committees are busy working on the most essential things, such as the souvenir book, prize distribution and hotel reservations.

First is the SOUVENIR BOOK, in charge of Frank Williamson, who, with his committee, is desirous of making this Convention a success financially as well as socially. So a letter has been sent to every member of the N.A.M.A., also to Secretaries of Manx Societies, soliciting their support. Individual names will be listed in the patrons

pages of our book at a cost of one dollar each. Greetings from Societies and "compliments of friends" will be published at the rate of \$20.00 full page, \$10.00 half page, \$5.00 quarter page, and \$2.50 for card size. It is very urgent that the patrons list and advertising material be in by June 30th, as the book must go to press one month before the Convention. We hope that this souvenir book is going to be a real treasure, full of information and one that you will be proud to take home and show to your friends. Although letters have been sent out, this is a reminder that you will want to be represented among the patrons. Please send your name, address and dollar NOW to Mr. Frank Williamson, 138 Essex Street, Toronto.

Next comes the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, and here we have a very ardent worker in Charlie Moore, who in his younger days resided at 1 Mount Havelock, Douglas and is the son of the late Harry Moore, the "Carter." Charlie, who besides being a very modest fellow, is really a genius who has been hiding his light under the proverbial bushel. During the winter months curiosity has been aroused among the Toronto Manx who received a little bulletin each month containing news items of the society and convention, a little poem and some good natured kidding. After some investigation, the Editor was found to be Charlie. In his effort to make this prize distribution the best ever, he has accumulated a large number of prizes, somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty, ranging in value of from four to twenty dollars, and all of them have been donated voluntarily. How he got so many is a mystery, but he is a real go-getter. A letter and a book of tickets have been sent to each member of the N.A.M.A., and we sincerely hope that Charlie will not be disappointed with the results that will be forthcoming from his splendid efforts. All prizes will be on display at the Convention.

A very popular Toronto Manxman, Fred Caveen has been detailed to look after the REGISTRATION and also act as Treasurer. He has introduced a scheme whereby members desiring to pay their registration fee



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THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

By the time you read this message, there will be only two months left before we meet in Toronto. The time will pass all too fast. But if our invitation is put before our readers, possibly some who may be hesitating as to whether they can come or not may be convinced that they will have a wonderful time. And every-day life needs a break like this opportunity to make it worth while and to keep us happy.

The Toronto Manx Society is looking forward to putting on a good show. When the war interrupted their plans so often, one might have thought that their interest might have slackened. But, on the contrary, it has never wavered and now, at last, their plans are to be carried out. These plans are now in preparation and I can assure you that they are for your enjoyment and entertainment. I am sure that those who are responsible for these plans will feel well repaid by your attending and partaking of the good times they have arranged for you.

We have many things to be thankful for and, if we cancelled our meetings during the war when it did not seem to be consistent to think of our own comfort and pleasure, I feel certain that our actions were justified. We can now take up again where we left off, always thankful to those whose service and sacrifices in the line of duty make it possible for us to do so.

A convention like ours is made successful or otherwise by the people who attend. They come from near and far, their object being to meet together under a common bond of love and esteem and that instinct in all of us, no matter what our origin, of pride of race, respect for our native

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION N.A.M.A.

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

TUESDAY EVENING—Toronto Night. Informal get-together at the Royal York Hotel.

WEDNESDAY A.M.—Official opening of Convention—addresses of welcome. Business session.

WEDNESDAY P.M.—Luncheon at Royal York. Bus tour of Toronto. Evening—Concert in Royal York.

THURSDAY A.M.—Business session.

THURSDAY P.M.—Luncheon at Royal York. Afternoon free for Committee meetings and meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

THURSDAY EVENING—Boat ride across Lake Ontario to Queens-ton, Niagara. Dancing with first-class orchestra aboard. Boat leaves dock at 6:00 P.M., returning at 11:15 P.M.

FRIDAY A.M.—Business session. Election of officers.

FRIDAY P.M.—Afternoon free for shopping.

FRIDAY EVENING—Banquet and dance at Royal York.

SATURDAY—Toronto Manx Society's Annual Picnic, Centre Island, 2:30 P.M. All convention attendants are cordially invited.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Adults.....	\$10.00
Children under 12.....	7.75

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Mrs. Ivy Colquitt has replaced Mrs. T. Moore as chairman of the Hotel Reservation Committee. She will be glad to supply information with regard to rooms and also make your reservation for you. Her address is 256 Westmoreland Avenue, Toronto. Meanwhile, for those who are planning to stay at the Royal York during the convention, we supply the following information:

Rates are \$4.25 per day per person—two to a room
or \$3.75 per day per person—three to a room
(each to have his own bed.)

Our original quotation on double rooms was \$7.50. Since that time all rates have been increased with the removal of price ceilings on hotel rooms. The Royal York has advised that its rates have been increased 50 cents per person per day. An effort is being made to hold the hotel rates at the original figure, which we hope will be successful.

MEMBERSHIP

If you find a membership blank enclosed with this Bulletin, will you please fill it in—right now while you are reading this—and send it off to the Treasurer with the dollar? The N.A.M.A. financial year is drawing to an end, and in this important year when we resume our long-wished-for

Convention, we don't want to fall below our membership standard. Moreover, expenses are higher and every dollar is needed. So—send in that membership today to the Treasurer—Miss Gertrude Cannell, 1492 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio.

land and the heritage we have to enjoy.

So, to those who are coming: Come and take in all of the good things planned for you. Give pleasure to those you will meet and greet.

To those who cannot come, send us a message, such as we now send to you who for some reason cannot be with us.

JAMES Y. MANN,
President.

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on the budget plan may do so. Quite a lot of Toronto members have taken advantage of this idea and any out-of-town delegates wishing to participate may now send any portion of their registration fee to Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto, who will promptly send a receipt for same.

Mrs. Ivy Colquitt, who is well known among N.A.M.A. members, has taken over the duties of handling HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Ivy is anxious that friends who are planning to attend the Convention make their hotel reservations with her as early as possible, as only a limited number of rooms have been allotted. Members should write to Mrs. Colquitt, 256 Westmoreland Street,

Toronto, now, and she will be glad to look after the accommodation required.

Willie Pick, one of the oldest members of the Toronto Manx Society and a real Manxman, is planning a suitable BADGE to distinguish our guests during their stay.

Mrs. Frank Williamson is rounding up a good committee to look after the REFRESHMENTS during your stay and this is a guarantee that you will not go hungry during the Convention.

Our old friend Joe Daugherty will be on hand to welcome guests as they arrive. Joe is well known to most N.A.M.A. members, as he has been

a faithful attendant at all Manx Conventions. He is also a regional director of the N.A.M.A.

This is a summary of what Tom Moore and his committees are doing to make this undertaking worthy of being called a "Manx Victory Convention." All we need to make this a huge success and a happy gathering of Manxmen is YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PATRONAGE. You will not be disappointed! So, "We'll meet you in Toronto."

F. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary.

A WORD PICTURE OF TORONTO

Scene of Our Victory Convention

Toronto, the scene of the great Victory Convention of the North American Manx Association, has the unusual distinction of being a great manufacturing city—a city in which centers one of the most important financial developments of Canada—and yet a great summer resort. If cities, like people, are much more interesting at certain stages of their careers than at others, it is doubtful if Toronto will ever present a more intriguing picture than it does today. This city might well be called a Canadian paradox. It is of this continent, American in appearance, in service and in outlook, and despite all this the most ultra-British in sentiment of any Canadian city. Toronto, in the last twenty years, has seen the expenditure of close to \$500,000,000 in new developments. Efficient transportation has permitted it to expand from the huddled appearance of a few years ago into a city of gorgeous suburban and residential districts, long streets of small, flower bedecked modern homes for the moderate salaried and wage-earning backbone of a population of over 1,000,000 within the metropolitan area. In some narrow streets, legacies from colonial days when the town was called "Muddy York," there are still relics of Toronto's historic past. In sharp contrast beside them tower the twenty to thirty-five story office buildings of its big-city present. The old and the new are delightfully intermingled. At the corner of Yonge and Front Streets stands the ornate brownstone symbol of solidity that was the first important office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto, the architecture of the middle of the last century at its restrained best. Within two blocks tower the tallest building in the British Empire—the Canadian

Bank of Commerce—and the Empire's biggest hotel—the Royal York—each the last word in modernity. Architecturally, Toronto has been both catholic and progressive in its tastes. For the seeing eye it has many gems, both new and old. Front Street's first impression upon the visitor is one of busy traffic, commercial houses and hotels, yet from a stand in front of the Walker House Hotel, a view along the mighty colonnade of the Union Station, when the mid-day sun has thrown dark shadows into its depths, is one of impressive beauty. Then, from the sidewalk opposite the Royal York Hotel, an upward glance will be rewarded with details of architectural beauty as delightful as Venice can show.

Away to the northward in the "Hill District" rises Casa Loma, as magnificent a chateau as would reward a trip to the Loire country of France. To view this edifice as it looms above the industrial section at the foot of its towering hill is to be transported for a moment to Edinburgh. In contrast to this airy creation of stone, view the Old Don Gaol. The grimness of old world prisons and the history of Canada's fight against crime are wrapped up in this solid-built stolid old bastille.

A bit of Wiltshire will be found transplanted to Toronto soil at The Old Mill. Here, too, stand the gaunt walls that tell of the earliest days of the white conquest of our continent. Here ambitious plans for early industrial development were brought to naught and Indian and White strove for the magnificent shores of Lake Ontario. Exhibition Park presents the dignified white stone simplicity of the Automotive Building. The glass domes that top the Hall

of Horticulture bring a warm suggestion of London's by-gone Crystal Palace. Then, when evening comes and the sun sets red behind the National Industries Building, there is a thrill in the majesty of the stone lions that guard its entrance, and an unflinching charm in the arches of its colonnades. Few industrial buildings on the continent can boast the beauty of line and museum-like dignity of appearance that graces a huge clothing manufacturing plant on Toronto's water-front Fleet Street.

Though showing the brick construction of an earlier day in Toronto, the massive dignity of Osgoode Hall, seat of the Supreme Court of Ontario, has been mellowed by sufficient time to let its Greek beauty of line and contour reach out with a strong appeal to the lover of the picturesque. At the University of Toronto there is Hart House, as perfect a bit of English University architecture as there is in the world. Old University College, with its sculptured doorway, rambles in a picture of an older type of building that asserts its charm as it stands shoulder to shoulder with the grace of Memorial Tower, and just across the way from the pinnaled loveliness of Trinity College. Churches old and new, magnificent schools, palatial homes and fine public buildings reflect the solid development that has governed the city's important building activities.

In those adventurous days of the seventeenth century when the Indians hunted, traded and waged war, tribe against tribe, or combined against the incursions of the white man, they had a place of meeting between the mouth of the Humber River and the great bluffs that lay to the eastward.

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

A new member is Mrs. Florence E. Whitney, 307 Florence St., Bay Village, Ohio, a daughter of the late Mrs. Emily Freedle who was a member of the N.A.M.A. for many years. It is happening more and more frequently that memberships are being carried on by the later generation, when older members have passed on. Miss Nannie Watson, of 2088 West 100th St., Cleveland, likewise is carrying on the membership of her aunt, Mrs. G. W. Halstead, who passed away last fall.

In a recent Bulletin we inquired for the address of Mrs. Norah Quarrie, sister of Mr. F. W. Boyde, 731 North 24th St., Philadelphia 30, Pa. We would like to let Mr. Boyde speak for himself as to the success of this inquiry: "I have been in correspondence with Mrs. Quarrie and from the bottom of my heart feel thankful for the cooperation I have received from all quarters of North America. I wish in your next issue you would express for me my sincere thanks to all the loyal Manx men and women who have helped in this matter."

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kellner of 350 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ont., paid a short visit to Cleveland in April, at which time they saw the Watterson and Clucas families, at 13506 Milan Avenue, East Cleveland, and contacted other Manx friends by telephone. Mr. Kellner has introduced a new member to the N.A.M.A.—Mr. Harold Skillicorn, Box 113, Stirling, Ont. Stirling is near Belleville, Ont., where we believe there are Manx people.

Another new member—Mrs. Harry Reynolds, c/o Reynolds Sales Company, Sinton, Texas—whose name was sent us by Mrs. R. Fayle of Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Reynolds is a former resident of Revelstoke, B.C., and is interested in reading in the Bulletin about old friends in Vancouver and other parts of Canada. She would like to hear from Texas members of the N.A.M.A., and while we do not have a very large representation in the "largest State," we hope some of these Manx people will write to Mrs. Reynolds.

Mrs. Ed Hinds (nee Harriet Clague) of Seattle spent a week-end recently in Vancouver, B.C., visiting her old school friend Mrs. Rawlinson (nee Lydia Clague). Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Killip, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver entertained them at supper on the Sunday evening and inasmuch as all were former "Laxeyites" they had a wonderful visit.

That article on "Tom Brown, the Manx Poet" which you enjoyed in the last Bulletin was written by our old friend "Jemmy Jem," whose address is Garfield Road, Mentor, Ohio. Probably many of you know who Jemmy Jem is—we'll just say here that he comes from Peel.

One of our members in Ottawa, Canada, expressed the wish some time ago to get in touch with other Manx people in that vicinity. His name is Rev. R. George Quiggin, 76 Clarendon Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, who is minister of the McPhail Memorial Baptist Church of that city.

Rev. Quiggin formerly resided in Toronto and later at Owen Sound, before going to Ottawa. He tells us he attended a Manx Picnic in Cleveland in the year 1905! At present his daughter, Miss Betty Quiggin, is taking a graduate course in Social Science at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. Believing that Cleveland Manx people of the east side may like to call on Miss Quiggin, here is her address: 11129 Euclid Avenue.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer of April 24 devoted an interesting article and photograph to Edwin F. Cowley, who at 80 years of age is probably the oldest working engineer in the city of Cleveland. Mr. Cowley had his stationary engineer's license renewed recently, and is working for the Root & McBride Company, in whose employ he has been for more than sixty years! He recalls working at one time for Charles F. Brush, the famous electrical genius who was responsible for making Cleveland the first American city to have electric street lighting. Yes, Mr. Cowley's grandfather came from the Isle of Man.

Perhaps some of our Manx people in the Middle West know something of a lady with a very Manx name—Miss Mona E. Kewish. Miss Kewish frequently contributes poems appearing in magazines of a religious nature, and Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson tells us he understands she is a deaconess of the Methodist Church. To Mr. Jenkinson and Mr. Thomas C. Crebbin of Rochester, N.Y., we are indebted for this lady's name and for clippings of her verses, and we should like to know more about her if anyone can enlighten us.

Best wishes to the Gordon Downwards who have left Toronto to make their home in Newmarket, Ontario. They will be greatly missed by the Toronto Manx, who hope they will take the time to visit them occasionally.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Killip, together with Jack Christian and son Bobbie, all of Los Angeles, left this month for a visit to the Isle of Man. They were unable to secure steamship passages, so went by plane from New York. A picnic in their honor and to wish them bon voyage was held by the Los Angeles Manx in Fern Dell, Griffith Park on May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore of Los Angeles have been visiting the Rolla Quicks and Ed Christians in Fresno, California.

A lovely wedding took place in Los Angeles on May 3rd, when Helen McDonnell and Lloyd Drom were married in the Olivet Lutheran Church. About 100 guests were present and, following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of the church. Later, at the home of Mrs. Tillie Lamm, Mrs. Jennie McDonnell served a supper to thirty of the wedding party and friends. After a honeymoon of two weeks, spent in Yosemite and Seattle, the young couple will take up their abode in the lovely, well fitted trailer which awaits their return to Los Angeles.

Congratulations and best wishes to this young couple!

Elva Bain, daughter of T. Donald Bain of Los Angeles, is studying nursing and is now on a three-month training period in San Francisco.

In the Mrs. Alice E. Kelly obituary appearing in the March issue of THE BULLETIN, it was stated that she was the "widow" of the "late" W. H. Kelly. A correction to the affect that Mr. Kelly is still very much alive has been received and we hasten to correct the previous statement.

Mrs. John Robison (nee Florence Cashin), Box 743, Tecumseh, Nebraska, formerly of Elk Creek, recently went to Winnipeg to visit her sister Alice who was ill. She also visited with her sister Eleanor and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quane of Melita, Manitoba. They all were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quirk while in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Wilfrid Quayle and Mrs. Hall of San Francisco spent a week recently as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Eccles in Reno, Nevada and had a wonderful time. They also spent a night with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Corlett in Sacramento on the return trip and the following day visited the Skillicorns and Quirks.

Mr. Briton Rogers, who served with distinction in the Marines, has been in Florida regaining his health. He has recently returned to his home in Gates Mills, Ohio. Mr. Rogers is the son of Mrs. Isabel Rogers.

A son was born on May 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shorrock (nee Catherine Sloan) of Montreal. Best wishes to this happy family.

The San Francisco Manx in general and the Wilfrid Quayles in particular have long been anticipating the arrival of friends and relatives from the Isle of Man. The following have been expected and probably now are in San Francisco: Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Hampton and daughter Ann of Douglas; Mrs. C. Morrison and daughter Mary of Peel; and Mrs. W. H. Lucas of Peel and Manchester. They also were awaiting Mrs. Quayle's nephew Geoffrey Cowley, a young Midshipman from Liverpool, whose ship was expected at the City of the Golden Gate.

A recent wedding of interest to San Francisco Manx took place recently at the Church of St. Anthony, when Edna Goulardie and Gordon Christian were married. Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christian of Oakland. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a reception for 300 guests was held later at the 20th Century Club in Berkeley. We add our congratulations and best wishes to the many we know have already been extended to this young couple.

We regret to announce the recent death of Ernest Corlett, one of the original members of the Toronto Manx Society; also the loss of another old member of that Society, a Mr. Clague, who passed on after a short illness at the home of his daughter in Orillia, Ontario.

Another Manx Wedin! Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mercer (nee Mildred Cretney) of Windsor, Ontario, who were married in St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Windsor on April 5.

It will be nice if Manx people—especially those from Douglas—will write to Mr. Edward Bawden, R.D. 8, Box 195, Oakland, Johnstown, Pa. Mr. Bawden is a very enthusiastic Manxman, although he has had few opportunities of contacting his fellow countrymen since he left Douglas some forty years ago. He is an invalid and unable to leave his home, so needless to say, letters will be very welcome.

Alec Cannell, with Cunard-White Star Line in New York, paid a flying visit to his family in Lakewood, Ohio, the week of April 28th.

Regional Director Joe Daugherty says, "Gee, but it's nice to meet a friend from your home town! Now, all you Manx folks, here is your chance! Come to the Convention and reunion at Toronto! You are the very people we are looking for!"

New members introduced to us recently by Mrs. Percy Fielding, 1468 Thomas Avenue, San Francisco, Calif., are Mrs. Joe Bateman, 3524 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, and Mrs. Bateman's sister, Mrs. Pete Thompson, 2015 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wis.

A cable from Dr. Tootell, secretary of the Manx Music Guild, announced that the Cleveland Gold Medal was won by Mr. Robert Nicholl, tenor, of Douglas. Robert is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. John and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholl of Cleveland. Miss Florence Kelly of Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly, took the medal to the Island and had the honor of presenting it.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Rogers announce the arrival of a son, James Gordon. The proud grandmother is Mrs. Isabel Rogers, Gates Mills, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley Collier of Cleveland are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Randall Drew, born on January 13. Congratulations to this happy family—including grandfather William H. Collier, 4116 East 144th St., Cleveland.

Our Vice President, Alice Garrett, has taken part of her vacation early this year. She recently returned to her home in Rochester, New York from Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia, where she spent a very enjoyable week.

If anyone is looking for a home for a Manx kitten or cat, Mrs. Ivy Colquitt, 256 Westmoreland Avenue, Toronto would gladly provide one for it. Ivy had a beautiful Manx cat at one time, but he is gone now and she wants another to replace him. She thought that perhaps someone planning on attending the Convention might like to bring a cat along. Let's see what can be done for Ivy. If you have a cat or kitten for her, would suggest letting her know.

In the year 1848 the city of Cleveland, Ohio had a population of 13,696. Of this number, 8,451 were American born. Of the remaining population, the Isle of Man had contributed 148 persons—not very far behind Scotland, with 176—and quite a bit ahead of Wales, with 62!

The veteran 40-year-old Manx steamer VICTORIA has returned for refit after seven years of war service. Known to the 1,500,000 servicemen she carried to and from the theatres of war up to D-Day where, under heavy shell fire, the little ship fed and landed every man safely before returning to take part in further liberations. During the latter operations she carried an additional 280,000 troops. After refit she will help out the summer holiday traffic until all new ships are in service, and then will be honorably retired.

The new TYNWALD, third twin-screw turbine steamer to be built at Cammel Baird's, Birkenhead, under the replacement program for the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, was launched March 25th. Present at the launching were officers and directors of the Steam Packet Company and of the shipbuilders, as well as the Town Clerk of Birkenhead and Councillor and Mrs. T. C. Cowin, Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas. The new ship accommodates 2,300 passengers and will be fitted to enable motor buses to be stowed on the shelter deck. She has an auxiliary rudder in her bow to enable her to navigate stern first.

The horse trams will run again on Douglas from this summer, says the Liverpool Daily Express. They have been running now for more than 70 years and there had been talk of scrapping them. However, visitors like them and anyway, enough buses cannot be obtained in time to replace them for this season. So the toast-racks will again be on the job—and more power to them!

Clippings of newspaper items relating to the Isle of Man, taken from Liverpool papers, are sent us frequently by Mr. Alexander Woosey of 174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Woosey served his apprenticeship in Cammel Laird's shipbuilding yards at Birkenhead in 1905 and later worked on the famous old paddle steamer QUEEN VICTORIA. Mr. Woosey tells us that his great-grandmother operated the Peel Castle Hotel, way back in 1845-50 and further, showed the initiative of a real business woman in starting the first buses or coaches that ever operated between Douglas and Ramsey.

OBITUARIES



WILLIAM DAWSON MOORE

We deeply regret to record the passing of our Past President William Dawson Moore. He was a former resident of Montreal, and passed away suddenly on April 7 in Douglas, Isle of Man, where he and Mrs. Moore have been living since he retired in 1939. Born in Douglas, Mr. Moore came to Canada in 1910, residing in Montreal until his retirement. He was founder of the Montreal Manx Society and was President of the North American Manx Association from 1935 to 1937, having presided at both the Winnipeg and Rochester Conventions. At the time of his passing, he and Mrs. Moore were planning to attend the Toronto Convention in August. Surviving are his widow, the former Eleanor Quine, two brothers and two sisters.

CHRISTIAN, Edward Callow, of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away recently. He was born in Ramsey, Isle of Man, 82 years ago and came to America as a young man. There being no survivors, the Mona's Relief Society took care of funeral arrangements.

KELLY, John P., of Rochester, New York passed away on May 5. He was the son of Percy Kelly, 129 Cady Street, Rochester, and he and his wife, Ada Kelly, arrived from the Isle of Man only last summer to make their home in Rochester. Beside his wife and father, he is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Ann J. Kelly, Rochester; his grandfather, John Cubbon of Castletown, Isle of Man; and several aunts and uncles in the Isle of Man.

GREGGOR, Mrs. Elizabeth, aged 82, died May 7 in St. Johns, Isle of Man, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Clucas. She was the widow of the late John Caesar Greggor. Besides her daughter Mrs. Clucas, she is survived by two sons, John of Berea, Ohio, and William of Uhrichsville, Ohio, a daughter Mrs. Harold Serraby of Peddleston, Sask.; grandchildren and a great-grandchild; sisters Mrs. A. T. Hood of Cleveland and Mrs. Richard Corrin of Bisbee, Arizona. Mrs. Greggor lived in Cleveland at one time but returned to Peel many years ago.

KERMODE, Mrs. Carrie, passed away May 14 at her home at Painesville, Ohio. She is survived by her husband Allen; daughters Mrs. Van Boudreaux and Mrs. Ruth Teare, and son Kenneth.

WATSON, William, passed away May 13th at his home, 2088 West 100th St., Cleveland. He is survived by his niece, Miss Nannie Watson. He was a brother to the late Thomas and Samuel Watson, and Mrs. Annie Halstead.

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

A PROPHECY

My native Land! ah Mona! lovely spot!
Where all the sweets of Youth have been my lot!
Sweet Island! where in peace my fathers lie,
I view thy former greatness with a sigh.
I see thee weeping o'er thy broken shell,
Whose notes in praise of thee were wont to swell;
No more thy Muse is heard to strike the lyre,
Her wither'd heart has lost its pristine fire.
But cease, my country! nor persist to weep,
Thy sons shall rouse them from their lengthened sleep!
New glories wait thee, as new eras rise,
And yet again thy songs shall touch the skies!
And the sweet magic influence of song
Shall to remotest years thy name prolong!

This poem was written at Ballahot, Kirk Malew, Isle of Man, in 1835, and was found by Mr. William Cubbon, retired Curator of the Manx Museum, in an old scrapbook belonging to Ballahot.

THE STORY OF BEN-MY-CHREE

Many stories have been written about Ben-My-Chree, but I doubt if any of them is more romantic than the one which originated in Skagway, at the close of the last century.

This story concerns the life of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Partridge and the part they played in the life of the Yukon. The Partridge family went to the Isle of Man from Hertfordshire, England, in the late 1860's, and Otto was educated at King William's College. After leaving there he joined the Mercantile Marine and at the age of nineteen, together with a younger brother, arrived at San Francisco. After a period of three years at sea they returned to England, and Otto having inherited a large sum of money, married and returned to California with his bride.

In 1897, rumors of gold being found in the Klondike induced Otto to form a partnership with a friend from Victoria, B.C. Setting out to Bennett, Otto took with him \$20,000 in cash which he hid in a bag of oakum in the hold of the vessel.

Upon arrival at Bennett, with a small group of men he formed the Bennett Lake and Klondike Navigation Company. The Ora, the Flora and the Nora were built, and were the first steamers on the Yukon.

Mrs. Partridge followed her husband in the following year from Victoria, travelling over the famous Trail of '98 on foot, and upon her arrival they decided to push further north. Otto then took over and operated a sawmill at Millhavens, a short distance to the south of Carcross where today you board the stern-wheeler for Ben-My-Chree and Atlin.

For a house Mr. Partridge built a houseboat on the lake and later replaced this with a yacht christened Ben-My-Chree and proceeded further north on Lakes Bennett, Tagish and Marsh. At this time a prospector, Stanley McLennan came to Mr. Partridge with news of gold being found on the end of West Taku Arm. Otto grubstaked him and along with Lord Eggerton they shared their camp on dry land.

The following spring, this camp and all their belongings were wiped out by a monstrous landslide, and all their work had to be done again.

This time Otto built the beautiful home called Ben-My-Chree, surrounded by gardens together with greenhouses filled with tropical flowers and fruits which were considered impossible to grow so far north up to this time. The house was surrounded by cabins, and was the most northerly inhabited dwelling on the continent. Its doors were always open to all trappers, Indians and all human beings were welcome without thought of color or race, to be cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Partridge and a Miss Dalton who had come from England to live with them.

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NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

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

We are quite sure the news in the March Bulletin concerning the forthcoming convention was welcome news to all of us.

It has been a long time since war-time planning forced us to postpone our get-togethers, but we have planned earnestly and looked forward to the time when we could once again meet with old friends and add new friends to our list. That time has now arrived.

The officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. sincerely hope you will start now to plan to be with us in Toronto on August 6, 7 and 8. Those dates will be upon us before we realize it. We know you will enjoy this gathering as you have enjoyed no other convention. The victory Convention is what we have been waiting for. Now let us enjoy it during the entire session and take home with us the pleasant memories.

We are looking forward to meeting with all the ladies in Toronto. And, if your 1946 dues have not been paid, will you please drop that quarter into an envelope and get it started to our treasury. After six years of inactivity, we need this money to help our Toronto folks with their pre-convention plans. It has been our custom to lend a helping hand to convention committees and we must have your support now in order to carry on and continue to help make the going a bit easier for the convention committee.

- MRS. LAUREL ABELL, President.
- MISS ALICE GARRETT, Secretary.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The regular monthly meeting of this society held at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 863 East 150th St., on May 6th was well attended. Following the regular business meeting a very interesting talk was given by Mr. Alston G. Bowers, whose subject was "Principles of Peace." Mr. Joseph Clucas who rendered several solos was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mona Clucas. Community singing and refreshments brought a pleasant evening to a close.

A card party will follow the meeting of June 3rd at the same hall.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The following officers were elected to guide the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society for the year of 1947:

- President.....R. H. Corkill
- Vice President.....R. K. Mercer
- Sec'y-Treas.....Mrs. N. Mawson
- 9247 Hartwell, Detroit 4

At their business meeting on March 19, Mr. John Stephen was elected Honorary President, replacing the late Edward Kenna.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society's Annual Spring Concert was held on April 25 and is reported to have been very excellent. No small part of the program consisted of two short plays by The Vagabond Players of New Westminster. The plays entitled "Orange Blossoms" and "The Bathroom Door" were directed by Allan McLennan and were very amusing.

Betty Coe and Thelma Kneale, young artists with lovely voices, as well as William Mudie and Fred Killip provided the vocal music for the evening. They all were in their usual good form and were greatly enjoyed. Frank Kewley, the able accompanist for all the vocal solos, also contributed some saxophone solos accompanied by his mother; and Master Jimmy Elliot gave several readings which were very well done.

CLEVELAND MANX PICNIC

The Annual Manx Picnic will be held at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 23rd. Sports will commence at 3 o'clock, followed by a picnic supper and community singing in the Annex in the evening.

SAN FRANCISCO

The April meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnett. The members were happy to have Mrs. Joe Bateman and daughter at the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman only recently celebrated their Golden Wedding. Mr. Bateman was at one time employed at the Laxey mines, later residing in Douglas before coming to the States, where he continued his work in mines in various sections of the country.

They also were happy to have a letter from Mrs. Hunt, one time president of their society. Despite her advanced age of 91 years, she still retains her literary prowess, and her splendid letter was an inspiration to the membership.

This society met on May 17 at the home of Mrs. Rhodes and in June will start their picnic meetings at Stern Grove.

NEBRASKA

The annual summer picnic of the Nebraska Manx Association will be held early in June at the home of Mrs. H. R. Crellin, Route No. 5, Lincoln. Requests for further information should be addressed to their secretary, Mrs. T. D. Clarke, Exeter, Nebraska.

MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The next meeting of this society will be held at the Hotel Carter on Monday evening, June 9th. We have been fortunate in securing this central meeting place and hope it will greatly increase the attendance.

CLEVELAND MANX CHURCH SERVICE

The Annual Church Service of the combined Manx Societies of Cleveland, will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, at 3:30 o'clock at the Centenary Methodist Church on Fairmount Blvd. Following the church service there will be a picnic supper and community singing. The special speaker of the afternoon will be Dr. Charles Copeland Smith, formerly minister of Victoria Street Church, Douglas. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends.

"The Isle of Man has no women lawyers, magistrates, councillors or M.P.'s"—said a prominent Manxman in an address recently. However, women are not excluded from the House of Keys. Not long ago Mrs. Christopher Shimmin was member for Peel.

THE STORY OF BEN-MY-CHREE

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A visitors' book was kept and signed by many famous names, including Mesdames Nordica, Schumann-Heink, Alma Gluck; Charles Wakefield Cadman.

What made Otto Partridge select a place to spend his life in at the end of civilization—when he was blessed with an amount of this world's wealth giving him the privilege of living anywhere he wished—is not known. The fact remains that the life of Mr. and Mrs. Partridge and their devotion to each other was that of the Great Lovers, and their name is loved and respected in the Yukon.

Early in 1930 Otto was suddenly taken ill and it was found that his strenuous life had affected his heart. They took him as far as White Horse and there he passed away.

Mrs. Partridge stayed on with Miss Dalton and kept open house, but the loss of her husband was too much for her, and at the end of the summer her friends thought it better that she "come out," and the last boat of the season took her to White Horse and shortly after she passed on to join her life partner.

For thirty years a Mr. Swanson had helped Mr. Partridge in the work round this lovely home, and it was decided that he and his wife take it over. There it stands today, as a memorial to a love story and a life of love and service to humanity.

If any ghosts haunt that beautiful room where the flags—the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack—are draped side by side on the wall in evidence of amity between the nations that shared the Northland, be sure they are kindly ghosts.

JAMES Y. MANN

A WORD-PICTURE OF TORONTO

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Toronto, they called it—an Iroquois word meaning: Place of Meeting. After the vicissitudes and triumphs of the years, the name is being again well justified. Toronto has become one of the greatest of the convention cities of the world. All the most important commercial cities of the central and eastern United States lie within an overnight rail journey of Toronto, and over one-third of the population of the republic are within 500 miles of the Canadian city. With unexcelled railway facilities and the best of modern roads leading from all directions, it is not hard to see the reason for Toronto's popularity with citizens of the United States.

In its cultural and educational life Toronto ranks with the most advanced cities. Toronto University and its affiliated colleges provide both university training and post-graduate study opportunities of recognized quality. Training for all of the professions is available under a professoriate which contains many world-famous names. In its contributions to medical science the university has attained international prominence. Here insulin was discovered by Sir Fredk. G. Banting and Dr. Chas. H. Best, and from the Connaught Laboratories of the university have come new serums for the effective combat of many diseases.

Artistic and cultural accomplishment are well represented by the Toronto Art Gallery and the Royal Ontario Museum. In connection with the former, the Ontario College of Art has its being and makes its contribution to the life of the nation. Toronto is also the center of the theatrical and amusement development of Canada. In the musical life of the Dominion, Toronto plays a leading part. The Toronto Conservatory of Music is an integral part of the University of Toronto and its degrees receive international recognition. Choral, orchestral and chamber music of the best quality are provided by such famous organizations as the Mendelssohn Choir, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra which plays popular concerts at Varsity Stadium each Thursday evening all through the summer.

Don't forget that no special license is needed to drive a motor car into Canada. All one has to do is show his state license and have his driver's permit with him. There is no duty on the car for any period up to 90 days of touring, and the Canadian customs authorities at the border will be found very ready to do everything in their power to make the formality of entering the Dominion a brief and pleasant one.

No passport or other document is required to enter or to leave Canada, and there is no entry fee or tax. To facilitate return into the United States, Immigration officers may

require the production of papers to establish identity and place of residence, for example, any of the following will be useful: an old passport; birth or baptismal certificate if available; voter's certificate; car license; driver's license; or letter of identification from a bank manager or a municipal officer. Any document bearing signature and photograph may be used.

Naturalized citizens should carry their naturalization certificates, and non-naturalized residents of the United States MUST have a re-entry permit issued by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. A woman of Canadian birth married to a United States citizen should ascertain whether such marriage has taken place since the enactment of legislation requiring individual naturalization.

The visitor may bring any amount of money into Canada and take out any unexpended portion without special permit or declaration of any kind. It is not necessary to change United States dollars into Canadian upon entering Canada. United States dollars may be spent in Canada as the need arises, just as at home.

Visitors from the United States who have been in Canada 48 hours may take back free of duty when returning home, articles aggregating up to \$100.00 in value if they are for personal or household use and souvenirs or curios not intended for sale. When husband and wife, or parents and children are travelling together, the exemption may be grouped, and allowance will be made without regard to which member of the family is the owner.

Toronto offers to its visitors from the United States the novelty and charm of shopping under different conditions and frequently with unusual lines of goods as an attraction. While war and post-war conditions have affected the supply of consumer goods in Canada, just as in the United States, there are, however, many things of interest to see in the stores. Toronto is fortunate in having two of the largest department stores in the world, each of which carries a practically complete line of merchandise of every kind and description. There are also department stores catering exclusively to the ladies and a great many jewelry, silver and specialty shops which are of unflinching interest to American visitors.

MANX FRIENDS "DOWN UNDER"

Most of us know that the Manx Bulletin does a bit of travelling, but probably not many know who these Manx friends are down in Australia and New Zealand who receive their Bulletin a little bit late, but enjoy it none-the-less.

First of our New Zealand members was Stanley Cannell of Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, who came from Kirk

Michael and is an old chum of Dick Corkill of Detroit. Stanley and his brother are successful farmers and have frequently been mentioned in Bulletin pages. Once in a while Stanley gets in touch with members of the Auckland Manx Society, otherwise he probably sees few Manx people.

Another New Zealander is C. Quirk of 140 Durham St., Christchurch, who is a brother of Mrs. Herman Frick of Cleveland, and has been a Bulletin reader for a long time.

Now skipping over to Australia, we find a lady with a very Manx name, Miss Eilian Vannin Clague, 82 Dennis St., Lakemba, Sydney, whose enthusiasm for things Manx is just as great as you would expect from someone so well named. In the same general neighborhood we have Philip A. Mann, brother of our President, who lives at 7 Bellambi St., Northbridge, North Sydney. Mr. Mann has been showing his Bulletins to Sydney Senogles, of the Masonic Club, Castle-reagh St., Sydney—a cousin of Richard Mylchreest of Middletown, Conn.—so now Mr. Senogles is a member and passes his Bulletin round to a number of Manxmen! Mr. Senogles says he made many American soldier friends during the war and was always looking for a Manxman among them, but without success. He has an old friend in Cleveland, Clarence Caine. Perhaps someone who knows Mr. Caine will tell him that Mr. Senogles would like to receive a letter.

Mrs. Cyril Wilson of Barrie St., Lismore, New South Wales, who was formerly Mabel Cowin of Derby Square, Douglas, and a crack tennis player at the Secondary School, is another who enjoys the Bulletin and in a recent letter sends greetings to old school friends, Mrs. H. A. Watts (Belle Fargher) of Hedrick, Iowa, and Gertrude Cannell, Lakewood, Ohio—and to any others from the old school who may read this paragraph.

Mrs. Harold Corlett, 22 Ward St., Willoughby, New South Wales has relatives in Delia, Alberta (Mrs. Robert Hudgeon of Delia gave us her name).

We think it would be nice if all these Manx Bulletin readers could get together and have a Convention of their own—unless they can do better than that and come over to one of ours!

We don't think of South Africa as being "down under" but it really comes in that class, so in closing this little sketch of faraway members and friends we will say "Hello" to Arthur Lewin, Box 38, Florida, South Africa, a brother of John Lewin of Cleveland, who also finds plenty of Manx people to pass his Bulletin round to—and another "Hello" to the members of the Transvaal Manx Association at Johannesburg—and as they get only one Bulletin among them it probably gets pretty well worn at the creases before it has made the rounds.

