

HIGH NOON GOSSIP

THEIR Excellencies the Governor General and the Viscountess Willingdon, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Captain the Hon. Inigo Freeman-Thomas and Mrs. Freeman-Thomas, and members of the staff went to Jasper Park for late September, and later to Winnipeg where His Excellency got some duck shooting. They return to Ottawa on October 19. In the party were Lady Hardinge, mother of Viscount Hardinge, aide de camp to His Excellency, the Hon. Ruby Hardinge, Viscount Hardinge's sister, Mrs. Osborne, Viscount Hardinge, Capt. the Hon. J. C. Jervis, and Mr. E. C. Mieville. At Jasper the party occupied the comfortable lodges, and spent their days on the golf links or riding. This western tour was "unofficial," and was designed as a holiday after an unusually busy summer in Ottawa.

Hon. William Phillips, the U. S. Minister to Canada, Mrs. Phillips and their five children have temporarily established themselves in the Fauquier house at 66 Cartier street, Ottawa. They will remain there until a permanent legation is secured. The offices of the legation remain in the Metropolitan Building, Ottawa.

One of Toronto's September brides, Mary Margaret Despard, now Mrs. George Fenton (whose husband is familiarly known as "Paddy") has a colorful background. Some years ago two handsome young graduates threw down the gold-tasselled mortar-boards that mark the "tufts" at Trinity College, Dublin, and came out to finish their education by travel in the Canadian "wilds." En route, one lost his heart in Brockville, but the other, William Pigott Despard, voyaged a little farther west and gave his away to Miss Agnes White of Draycot Lodge, at Picton, and so the bride acquired a grandfather and a connection with a family that has been in Ireland from the days of William the Norman. A grand-uncle, Richard Despard, master of *Rathmolyon*, who was High Sheriff of Queen's County, once had the pleasure of playing host to the beautiful Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, who liked to come to Ireland *in cog*, and follow the Irish hounds. Some humorous verses written by his sister, record the incident, which included the episode of one of the *Rathmolyon* servants walking up the aisle of the church in squeaky boots to the pew where his mistress was sitting during a Lenten service, and breaking the fact to her gently, in a sibilant whisper, "Sure the Impress is in your drawin'-room!" On her mother's side Mrs. Fenton is a great-granddaughter of Prof. Hirschfelder, who had the chair of German at Varsity, and so inherits a scholastic atmosphere.

Winnipeg society attended its first formal func-

tion of the new season in the wedding of Miss Constance Nanton, daughter of the late Sir Augustus Nanton, and Lady Nanton, to Dr. Ernest Bircher of London, England. The ceremony took place October 1, at St. Luke's church, and among the guests was the bride's sister, Mrs. Malcolm Trustram Eve, formerly Miss Marguerite Nanton, who with Col. Eve, remained in Canada for the event, since their wedding in late August, and left immediately afterwards for London, where they will reside. Attending Miss Constance Nanton on her wedding day were her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward Nanton, Miss Kathleen Peters, and Miss Embree McBride, who, by the way, with her sister, Miss Alix McBride, returned recently from England where they were the guests of their uncle and aunt, Brigadier General and Mrs. A. T. Ogilvie in London, and of Mrs. Alister Lee (formerly Miss Barbara Lemon of Winnipeg) in Shoebury-ness, Essex.

The marriage of Mr. Chauncey Bangs of Ottawa and Miss Dorothy Page of Halifax, which took place October the first is a reminder of the delightful story of their meeting. The bride is a splendid golfer and some time ago she visited Ottawa for a tournament played over the Royal Ottawa course. Many of the out-of-town contestants lived at the club and among them, Miss Page. During tournaments there are no boarding school restrictions as to hours of going or coming in at night. It just happened that the doors to the living quarters were locked at eleven. Miss Page and a girl from Montreal tried all the conventional means of access then in desperation decided upon an upper window. A young man lounging on a corner of the wide verandah noticed the girls' plight. Just what means he used to boost them in the second story window is not known, but of more importance is the fact that Chauncey Bangs met his bride for the first time that night.



Ashley & Grippen

The Bunting-MacLaurin nuptials; one of the notable weddings of early autumn, in Toronto. In this charming group are, left to right: Miss Amy Douglas, Miss Edith Riordon, Mr. Samuel Buckmill, the groom, the bride, Miss Edwina Bunting, Miss Betty Bunting and Miss Norah McCulloch of Oakland. Mrs. Ewan C. MacLaurin was formerly Miss Alice Bunting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bunting, and granddaughter of the late Christopher Bunting

A recent, notable visitor to Canada, who has just returned to England is Mrs. Margaret Wintringham, former M. P. for Louth, Lincolnshire. Mrs. Wintringham is interested in investigating organizations among the rural women of the Dominions. She is described by those who know her, as a charming personality and the home type of public spirited woman. The daughter of David Longbottom of Silsden, Yorks, England, she became associated with politics through her husband, the late, Thomas Wintringham, M.P., to whom she was married in 1903. Upon his death in 1921 she was elected to succeed him as Liberal member in Louth Division of Lincolnshire. She is the president of the Liberal Women's Association in the Old Country. While holding opposite political views Mrs. Wintringham and Viscountess Astor, M.P., are warm friends and agree on many questions of social welfare and reform measures.

And so Canada is to have a national opera! What an opportunity for young singers, as heretofore there has been so little scope in this branch. Edouard Albion, founder and general director of the Washington National Opera, who is the organizer, is working it out on the same basis as his original opera, which has attained such notable success. A school of opera training will be developed in connection with the work and Mr. Albion will bring home a group of Canada's own renowned singers to form the nucleus of the company here. Mr. Albion (Harold Meek) is a Canadian and artist of wide experience and ability. He has spent several years in the leading musical centres of Europe where he made a careful study of the development of opera. Since Mr. Albion organized the Washington National Opera nine years ago, it has won enthusiastic recognition from such people as Lady Isabella Howard, wife of the British Ambassador, Mrs. Dawes, wife of the Vice-president of the United States, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and many other notables.

Speaking of romantic affairs, *Mayfair* readers may, perhaps, remember the photograph of the Bridges-Innis wedding. The bride was a native daughter of British Columbia, very young and pretty, and the courtship an affair of a few weeks only. A recent English paper refers to the happy pair's homecoming thus: "The Laird of Bonnykelly, Aberdeenshire, Captain H. O. Bridges, R.N. and Mrs. Bridges were given a cordial reception at a garden party last week at Bonnykelly Lodge. The tenants presented Mrs. Bridges with a pearl and diamond necklace."

A smart wedding was that of Miss Elizabeth Davies Robertson (Betty) daughter of Mrs. Arthur Robertson and Mr. John Sicette Hargreave, son of Mr. W. H. Hargreave, of Victoria, B.C.