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MAYFAIR'S VANCOUVER LETTER

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Cornish's daughter, Peggy, was a charming deb, who received for the first time with her mother at a tea given at Jericho Country Club. So, as you can easily realize, Vancouver has been joyously revelling in the day of deb's!

Somehow or other it has been a particularly cheering early autumn season. Perhaps it was the deb's,—perhaps it was the weather—both were beautiful, and Vancouver complacently basked in the reflected glory of them!

But the more sophisticated entertainments have been exceptionally jolly and colorful. For instance the season opened with a fascinating Beaux Art Ball, sponsored by the students of the Vancouver Art School. So many of the younger set belong to the Art School that society takes a very friendly interest in this annual affair.

The students have a high standard to uphold in staging their ball, for their former efforts were most pictorial and spectacular—one recalls a Bohemian Cabaret where the *joie de vivre* and atmosphere of the Latin Quarter were most stimulating to even blasé guests! The following year the students attained success with their street scene in China, which in turn was outshone by a medieval pageant, and this year romance and history linked hands with great effect in their setting for the ball which showed the early Canadian settlers. Indian costumes, Indian rugs, and totem-poles were used in striking manner as a background. Since so many of Canada's foremost painters have discovered the art and beauty of the Totem poles it is amazing the way they now crop up in decorative schemes! The dance was a complete success and the credit is due, in part to Miss Dorothy Tisdall, the convener. During the evening Indian dances were given by Miss Ethel McDonald and a chorus.

By the way, while we are on the subject of the Art School it may interest you to know that Beatrice Lennie, whose work was so highly praised at the school has left for California, and is the guest of Mrs. Powers Potts, and expects in the near future to have her own studio on Russian Hill.

Margaret Williams has also trotted off to San Francisco to study the muse in the southern clime. Marion Coote, who led the students' procession last year is still there, delighting, and delighted with her work. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coote, speak of motoring down to see her in the near future.

Possibly the most brilliant ball we have had so far this season was the military ball at Hotel Vancouver, when His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor and his niece, Miss Helen Mackenzie came over from Government House and during their visit here were guests of Major-General and Mrs. J. W. Stewart. Hosts for the affair were members of the Vancouver Military Institute, and a number of dinner parties were arranged before the ball. General and Mrs. Stewart's son-in-law and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. A. T. MacLean, who returned the other day from their honeymoon trip to Europe, entertained at the hotel, their guests, including the Lieutenant-Governor and his niece. The uniforms of the officers, and the

elaborate evening gowns which give this season's functions such éclat added much to the animated scene. His Honor, after opening the ball, received the officers and their wives in a reserved portion of the hall.

Vancouver hostesses have been busy entertaining visitors, and paradoxically giving farewell parties to speed parting guests. Lord Glenconner and his brother, Hon. David Tennant, and Mrs. Tennant, were extensively feted. Mrs. Tennant captivated a large number of friends during her brief visit here, and took an active part in the Little Theatre affairs. She took the leading role in one of the productions, which was very charming of her. Before her marriage she was known on the London stage as Hermione Baddeley. One of the receptions given for these visitors was a delightful Sunday afternoon affair when the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodward. Mrs. Woodward, who has been spending some time in California only returned home a few weeks ago.

The Little Theatre and its patrons have been very much to the fore in affairs of the day, since Sir Barry Jackson, founder of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre also visited us, and was entertained by our Little Theatre president, Mr. Bertram Dubois Phillips and Mrs. Phillips.

Her friends were glad to welcome home Mrs. John Macgillivray, of The Hague, Holland, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright, bringing her small daughter. Her husband is Canadian Trade Commissioner for Holland, the Rhine and Switzerland. Another arrival which has been the reason of several receptions is Mrs. Reginald Henley, wife of the assistant manager of the Imperial Bank, who will make her home here since leaving Edmonton. A large At Home was given by Mrs. J. K. Sutherland in honor of her daughter Mary, who has been spending the past year in Europe.

While speaking of these homing Vancouverites we must include Mrs. D. Stevenson Wallbridge and her daughter, Eleanor, who have been motoring in England and travelling in France during the summer months. Another daughter Grace, who was also on this trip remained in Barrie, Ontario, visiting her grandmother, Mr. Stevenson, and will come home in time for Christmas.

And while their friends are welcoming home these voyageurs others are feted before their departure! Colonel and Mrs. Reginald Chaplin have left for England, but will return in a few months to take up their residence in their new home here. Mrs. Chaplin has many friends and relatives, in B.C. for she is a sister of the late Hon. James Dunsmuir, at one time Lieutenant-Governor of this province. They have gone to stay with their daughter, Mrs. de Trafford, in Essex. Major Selden Humphreys, husband of Mrs. Chaplin's niece the former Cathleen Dunsmuir left at the same time for England with Major J. C. Fordham. Others leaving included Major the Hon. U. Colborne Vivian, Mrs. Vivian and Miss Vivian, General Money, of Qualicum, and his daughter Mary have also gone to visit relatives in the Old Country.

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