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in Canada last winter when she visited at Government House, Ottawa, and was the guest of the Hendries, at Hamilton. Mentioning Lady Joan reminds us that a friend of hers, Diana Kingsmill, daughter of Admiral Sir Charles Kingsmill of Ottawa, is slated for the ice carnival in London this month. Mrs. Beardmore was saying that it is three years since she and Mr. Beardmore have visited Canada; they contemplate returning for a while in the late summer with their daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Beardmore, of Montreal, are at Valescure, St. Raphael. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacKinnon, of Toronto, are in London, also Mr. and Mrs. Strathearn Hay and Captain Stewart Bate.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Osler, who have been on the Mediterranean cruise, are staying with Mr. Hal Osler.

LONDON seems to be a stopping-off place for Canadians returning from the Mediterranean cruises. Mrs. Tilley of Toronto, who was with the *Empress of Scotland* passengers, arrived in London last week and will remain for a while. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison, of Saint John, N. B., are also staying here. Mrs. Nolan Hussey, of Calgary, Lady Lougheed's daughter, went first to Paris, but is expected in London. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nichol are also coming to London from Paris. Mr. Nichol's father was Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia previous to the Hon. Randolph Bruce. Mrs. Burrows and Miss Katherine Burrows, the wife and daughter of the late Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, are visiting in London. Mrs. Lucy Kerr, of Winnipeg, has gone to Grassmere for a month and will return to Canada on the *Empress of Australia*. Among her passengers when she sails at the end of the month, will be the Hon. Randolph Bruce returning to Victoria. There is no doubt but that he will be lonely very often for the charming young niece, Helen Mackenzie, who has been his hostess at Government House for four years. When she becomes the wife of Mr. Julian Piggott, April 29, London will add another name to the rôle of her charming Anglo-Canadian hostesses.

The Honorable Randolph Bruce and Miss Mackenzie, the bride-to-be, were the guests of honor at a reception given by the Agent-General for British Columbia, and Mrs. Pauline. It was a small party and utterly delightful. The guests included Canadians abroad, many who are in London en route home from Continental holidays, and a number of others who, at some time, have had a taste of the famous British Columbia hospitality.

General Trotter, Equerry to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was chatting in a group that included Sir George Badgerow, Sir George McLaren Brown, Mr. J. A. Noonan of the Royal Bank and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Nelson, of Victoria, who are great friends of the Hon. Randolph Bruce and his niece, were with Colonel and Mrs. Humble Birkett of *Shubing Court*. Mrs. Birkett was Vera Mason, of Victoria. Mr. J. H. Pangman, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Waterloo Place, was with his lovely wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Herbert Yule, of Montreal. Col. Godson-Godson was greeted by many old friends. He

has returned from Winnipeg to live in London. Colonel the Hon. J. L. Ralston, C. M. G., K. C., M. P., and Mrs. Ralston, were able to be present. They had planned sailing to Canada a week previous, but Fate, or call it what you will, ordained otherwise.

Lord and Lady Pentland who were there, had been guests at Victoria's Government House while on their Canadian tour; the Earl and Countess of Haddo likewise. There were Mr. C. J. Hanratty, newly appointed Press Representative of the C. N. R. in London and Mrs. Hanratty, an attractive quiet person. She was gowned in black with strasse ornament. Lady Williams-Taylor wore another lovely black gown. Mrs. H. C. Bevan was in black chiffon, an excellent choice for a flawless complexion and bright eyes. The charming hostess of the evening, Mrs. Pauline, wore black, while the guest of honor, Miss Mackenzie, chose turquoise blue chiffon, made on slightly fitted lines with a full skirt, ankle length, and an even hem. The crêpe shoes were a perfect match. Mrs. Pangman wore primrose chiffon. There were a few lovely lace gowns and a number of smart effects with jackets, some fur-trimmed and others entirely of lovely lamés. Miss Neta Gillies, who has the most perfect fair complexion, was dressed in pale blue. She was with her father, Captain James Gillies, C. B. E., who is well known throughout the Empire for the years that he was Captain of the *Empress of France*. He is now located in London as General Manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships. Miss Gillies will perform the christening ceremony on the *Princess Helen*, a boat destined for Canadian Coastal Routes around the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Charles W. Stokes, recently appointed publicity Director for the C. P. R. in London, was very much in his element, and has the distinct advantage of being both an Englishman and a Canadian. Mr. Pacaud was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Allward, who will remain with her father for a time.

THE Acting High Commissioner for Canada was the one Canadian among a host of celebrities who were present at the funeral service of the late Dame Emma Albany, the little Chambly girl who spent the best of her life in England and who was greatly loved here. She never forgot the land of her birth. There must be many who remember her triumphal return to Canada years ago. That was before the war. Dignitaries of church and state crowded about her—tremendous audiences filled the halls in the cities where she sang. Before she left Canada, she went to Chambly and for her own people in the little village beyond Montreal, she gave the most splendid recital of her visit. Canadians who have achieved success in England have always had a word of greeting and congratulation from her.

MANY of the guests at the Pauline party, including the Agent General and his wife, were among those who saw the launching of the *Prince Robert*, the third of three oil-fired turbine-driven fast steamers built for the C. N. R., and which was launched at

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