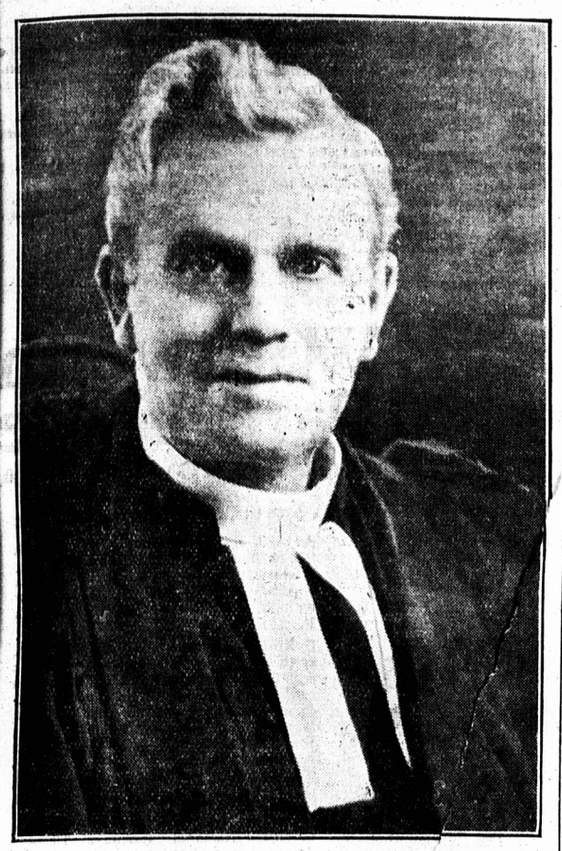
ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Centenary of St. James Presbyterian Church was most fittingly observed Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, when this historic occasion was marked by three impressive services, conducted by the minister, Rev. W. Bruce Muir, and in which Rev. J. S. Carruthers of Vancouver, Rev. Robert Johnstone of New Glasgow, and Rev. W. Orr Mulligan of Sydney Mines, also took part.

The church was suitably decorated for the occasion with flowers and ferns, and at each of the three services there was a very large congregation present.



REV. BRUCE MUIR, MINISTER OF ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the morning service the minister read the folowing telegrams of congratulation sent from all parts of the world:

Telegrams of Congratulations

Guelph, Ont, July 9th,
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:
St. James Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Heartiest congratulations to Minister, Session, and members of St. James Church on this historic occasion, the splendid history, the place of influence held and the future prospects all mean much to the Presbyterian Church as a whole.

.... (Sgd) A. J. MacGILLIVRAY
Moderator.

Montreal, Que., July 7,
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

To St. James' loyalists, greetings, congratulations, benediction. May you begin second century with wisdom of age and ardour of youth; with confession and thanksgiving for past; with prayer and trust for future; Christ before, leading within, helping besides guarding, working for Him, resting in Him, growing like Him.

(Sgd) EPHRAIM SCOTT.

Wembley, Alberta, July 9.
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

Heartfelt congratulations to St. James' Church, its Minister and Session. May its glorious record in the past be greatly surpassed in the days to come. Received invitation, sorry I cannot be with you. May Heaven's choicest blessing rest upon the Auld Kirk.

(Sgd) T. C. JAMES.

Toronto, July 7th...
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

On behalf of the Board of Missions we send greetings to St. James Church, Charlottetown on the occasion of their centennial.

ANDREW S. GRANT.

Sydney, N. S.,
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

Presbytery of Capt Breton congratulates St. James on their Centenary and wishes her people many happy returns.

(Signed)
W. M. McCULLOUGH THOMSON.

Bear River, N. B., July 8th
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

In connection with the Centennial of St. James the Presbytery of Miramichi sends heartfelt congratulations and commends the people on their loyalty to the Presbyterian Church,

(Signed)
ALEXANDER CRAISE, Clerk.

Pictou, N. S., July 8th.
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

Sincere and hearty congratulations from Pictou Presbytery on occasion of Centenary.

(Signed)
FRANK BAIRD, Clerk

St. John, N. B.,
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

St. John Presbytery send heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

(Signed)
W. M. TOWNSEND,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, Scotland.
Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

Warmest congratulations on Centenary reached faithfully, Presbyterian.

(Signed)
A. W. WOTHERSHAM, D.D.

Today, the neighbor church of St James is celebrating in its service the Centenary of its existence as a Presbyterian congregation. We congratulate our friends as they pass the centry mark and press on to continued usefulness in the years which lie before. One hundred years provides place for the making of history and the Honor Roll of St. James contains history which weaves self into the fibre of the life of this province. In the quaint language of the compilers of our Prayer Book we extend our greeting, "The Lord be with you"

(St. Paul's Church Circular.)

Rev. W. Bruce Muir:

Cordial congratulations to you and St. James congregation in the occasion of the church's centennial. May happiness and usefulness continue and increase. Sorry that engagements in Nova Scotia prevent my being at Monday's reception.

.... (Sgd) D. J. FRASER.
Principal Presbyterian College, Montreal

Congratulations of St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Belfast:

Having attained the one hundred and third year of life St. Johns' watches with delight the celebration of the centennial by St James. May all who have served God within the portals of St. James in the last one hundred years be enshrined in grateful memory.

To him who is now called your minister to those whose feet shall stand within thy gates, God grant His richest blessing, ever remembering that the righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.

May God continue to bless you in every way; thus shall peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.

R. E. MacDONALD.

The music at all three services was of special nature and was very inspiring. Several beautiful anthems were rendered by the Choir, under the direction of Prof. Watkis. Solos were also sung by Mrs. Stanley Henderson, Mrs. J. A. Lawson and Mr. Robert Messervy.

Dr. J. S. Carruthers

Dr. Carruthers, preaching at the morning service, referred to the telegrams that the congregation had just heard, and said that he brought one to them also, one that could possibly be like unto the others. It was with strong feeling that he stood in the pulpit of St. James, as his association with its congregation reached back a long way. Life was now westering with him, and it was not likely that he would again see these faces or again speak from this pulpit. He brought a message to this congregation, a message from their father and his. It was the text, "Our fellowships with the Father, and with the Son, Jesus Christ". The speaker said he wished to speak of the inner nature and the spiritual things of life, and asked his hearers to walk with him figuratively, in the Garden of God; to walk with him at the same flowers; to notice its color and aroma. The great word of the passage selected as the text was the word "fellowship." The apostle John never forgot the supremacy of Christ but it was an interesting fact that he never spoke of Christ as Lord, but always along lines of personal friendship. When a Christian came to know that word it filled him with the deepest feeling. The speaker was reminded of the remark of a well-known leader in national life and literature, who when asked what he most desired, answered, 'A friend.'

The word "fellowship" could be termed in a variety of ways, but what was it to have the fellowship of God? It was to have all things in common with Him. Fellowship was communion or partnership, implying in one sense privilege and friendship, and on the other, responsibility. How many friends had any man to whom he might pour out his whole heart? Very few. Christians were given that privilege to say to God anything and everything their souls wanted to say. It was too often thought that conversations with God must be careful and restrained, and the speaker said that even after fifty-two years in the ministry he sometimes inquired of himself whether his communion with God was not still restrained. Conversation with God reached its best when alone with Him. The Christian could tell God his griefs, doubts and fears, and God took the grains out of the friendship and blew away the chaff. Conversation with Him was returned to the communicant richer and more comprehensive then before.

Dr Carruthers, in conclusion, wished to say one word to his hearers as a congregation, and destine to speak it with all freedom. They must always have fellowship with each other, inside and outside the Church. This they should recognize in all its reality. It had not always been hat a Christian was merely a believer in a faith. In the days of Rome he was the member of a band or society. This was what the world always had needed, and what it needed now, a society like that of the early Christians.

There slept here, said the speaker, many whom he had loved, and many whom the congregation had loved also. But the new day and the new life were theirs, and he asked them to face it with this thought, that they had a friend in Jesus Christ, and that they could face the future safely with such a friend.

Dr. Robert Johnston

Dr. Johnston, speaking at the special afternoon service to the different organizations of the church, expressed the pleasure he felt in being associated with the centenary services of St. James. One hundred years was a very long time, and no doubt during that time the Church had had its ups and downs, its achievements and its trials. It was a pleasure for the speaker to be present on this occasion for several reasons. First because of the Church itself. In the Province of Prince Edward Island the churches were characteristic as being types by themselves, and the Church of St. James held a unique place in this Province. The speaker was glad to be present because of the former ministers of this church with whom he had been associated and whom he had intimately known. Two of them had also been present today and he had been closely acquainted with another who had gone. Somehow when the speaker thought of St. James Church he also thought of the late Rev. Dr. Fullerton. Dr. Fullerton had been a man of wonderful head and heart. The speaker was also pleased to be present on account of the present minister. He had known Mr. Muir since he had come from Scotland, and had been very intimately associated with him. He knew his faith and devotion of spirit. He had the qualities necessary to make the work in this congregation a very great success.

Presbyterians should remember that their church had just passed through a great crisis, and they should understand its present position. They should know something of the work it was trying to do.

The speaker desired to say that during this period of crisis they had discovered a wonderful spirit of unity in the church at large, and had received much kindness from other congregations. He referred particularly to the Anglican and Baptist churches, and said the Presbyterian Church would never forget how these denominations had helped it. They did not take sides and he thought that this congregation should know of these things and appreciate them. There was evident a beautiful unity of spirit, even though separate in other ways.

In the work of any church, could be expressed in three great phases, Foreign and Home Missions, and work amongst the young people. In foreign mission work the Continuing Presbyterian Church had not yet been able to get fields of its own. The brethren who had gone into the United Church had kept on this work, and the Presbyterian Church had not yet other fields assigned to it. If the speaker thought the Church which is to continue was not going to enter into foreign mission work, he did not know that he would want to belong to it. Every Presbyterian Church under the sun had tried to keep His command "Go ye into all the world and preach His word."

Today the Home Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church was quite extensive. The people in general didn't know what a great problem the lack of ministers had been, or how hard it was to get the ordinary of religion to the outlying fields. But they were working hard and getting ministers one by one. God was supplying the men.

Dr. Grant, Secretary of the Mission Board, had recently said that in proportion to its size, the Presbyterian Church was doing more Home Mission work in Western Canada than any other church. Some might have heard that the Church had little or nothing left in Western Canada, but, while it was true that it had lost more in proportion than in the East, nevertheless there was an unbroken line reaching from Bermuda and Newfoundland right across the Continent to Vancouver Island Statistics showed that at the present time the Presbyterian Church had 155,000 communicant members. But it must be remembered that those weren't many outlying congregations which had not been properly organized had not been heard from. The speaker believed, and he was conservative in his opinion, that in time it would be discovered that the Presbyterian Church had been just divided in two by the union. He was quite confident that this estimate was correct.

Nothing was more important to the church than the work amongst the young. The old generation was passing away, and the boys and girls would become the men and women of the future church. The chief business of the church was to train up its boys and girls so that they would have a vital connection with the church and Jesus Christ. There was no other work in the world like that and the speaker would apply to parents particularly, to be mindful of their teaching and their example.

An appeal should be sounded for young people to enter the ministry The problem of getting ministers was not one of today, but one for ten years hence. The dream of every Scottish home had been that one of the boys would enter the ministry, and it was a proud day for the father and mother when their son stood in the pulpit for the first time. The ministry was a work than which there was none finer in all the world.

This then, was the work the church was trying to do, but the one thing that was needful in the church today, in the ministry and in the daily, was unselfishness. There was a danger of people wanting more from the church than they were ready to put into it. In the holy land were two bodies of water, the Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea. The first had luxuriant vegetation but the district about the other was hardly better than arid desert. One thing was peculiar about each, Galilee had streams running into it, but had also a river flowing out of it. There was no outlet to the Dead Sea. One received, but also gave and it was a thing of beauty. The other did not give, and it was dead. God had many blessings for His Church, but He expected to get as well as to give.

In the world were three divine institutions at work the home, the church, and the state. He did not include the school, for it was properly an auxiliary of these three. Each one was distinct, although in the days of the Jews the church and state had been one. The home was the first and most important, and as such it should be sanctified. It was said that the day of the family altar was passing away. This was regrettable, and an effort should be made to revive it.

The Church was undoubtedly a great civilizing agency and every patriotic citizen should support it by his prayers and presence. If the churches of this Island all closed down, in a few years it would not be safe to walk in the streets of this city.

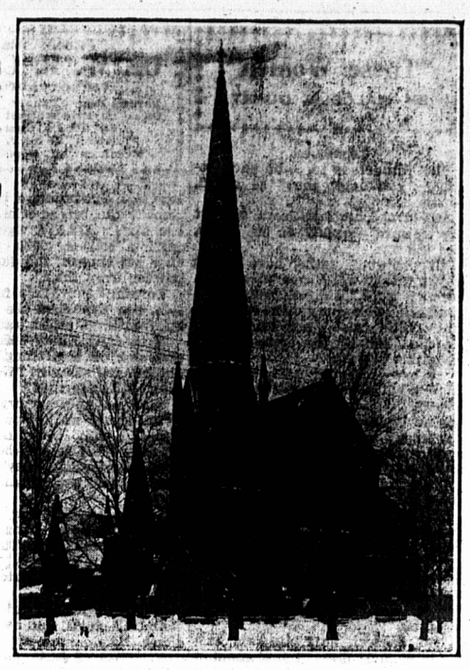
These three institution collabreated, but nevertheless remained district. It was not the business of one to interfere with the other. The speaker was not at all sympathetic with the idea of the church interfering with the state, but it was the business of the church to train up men of character and principle, who would take their place in the state.

Canada had the very finest type of citizen in public life today. The speaker had not them, and he knew what kind of citizens they were.

This church, concluded the speaker, bears an honored name that of St. James the Apoitle. Each of the disciples had certain characteristics, so had St. James. He was among the special three who were closest to the Master, and who were known as men of zeal. St. James was a man of zeal, a man who threw his whole energy into his work. He wasn't a talker, but a worker. The speaker would ask the congregation of St. James to imitate that great apostle. St. James' one weakness was his intolerance, some people hadn't convictions enough to be intolerant. Christian people must have convictions and if they were put down as intolerant they couldn't help it. At the same time they should be kindly disposed toward the opinions of others.

Rev. W. Orr Mulligan

Preaching at the evening service, Rev. W. Orr Mulligan said that to the congratulations that had already been extended to the minister and members of St. James' Church on the successful completion of its first century, he wished to add those of the senior Presbyterian Church of Sydney. It was the wish of that body that in the future, as in the past, God would bless and keep St. James' Church. His text was taken from Deuteronomy 32:27, "God is the Dwelling Place, and Underneath the Everlasting arms. The author of Deuteronomy, said the preached, gave a message that was universal. Canadians, as the Children of Israel, were the descendants of immigrants.The Israelites had new hopes, new aspirations, new ideals and were seeking a freedom that had been denied them. They had gone out into the wilderness that they might live their own lives. One of the outstanding ideas of Deuteronomy was that the love of God was the driving force of humanity. When men sought equity, justice, integrity, philanthropy, and generosity, they found it in God. Deuteronomy was the book of a personal, and therefore of a universal, religius people who had been accustomed to consult God in their time of trouble. They had their family worship daily, and held communion with God with



ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHICH CELEBRATED ITS 100th CENTENNARY LAST SUNDAY

every issue that came up. Today God was often forgotten, but when troubles bore down heavily, he was man's only hope of comfort and peace. Man had found that he couldn't do without God. If men were to have the benefit of His refuge and strength, they must keep God in their minds.

It was a far cry from the hills of Palestine to the speaker's own hills of Cape Breton, and it was a far cry from the shores of the Mediterranean to the huge sounding swells of the Atlantic Ocean as it rolled on the rock bound coast of a new Scotia. But in spite of the rush and heartlessness of modern industry, men still turned to God.

The men in the mines, those who did not turn to communism, often found relief for their trouble in religion.

In concluding, the speaker referred to the phrase that helped win the war, "carry on". In the same way, the word that the Church should adopt as its watchword was "Forward". If Christians went forward steadfastly and steadily according to His Word, all would be well in the future as it had been in the past.

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The Garden Party and reception held Monday afternoon at Edgewater the private residence of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Heartz in connection with the centennial celebration of St. James Church, was a brilliantly successful function. The weather was ideal, the spacious lawn with its velvety grass freshened by the morning showers, the majestic trees, the picturesque waterfront all made up a scene of indescribable loveliness. There was a large attendance, probably between three and four hundred people including members of the congregation and a number of their friends. On arrival the guests were welcomed by His Honor Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Heartz and Rev. Mr. Muir and Mrs. Muir.

From the reception room the company strolled out to the lawn and verandas where chairs were provided. The tea tables with their dainty refreshments were very attractive and from these afternoon tea was graciously served by the ladies of the congregation assisted in serving by the younger members An hour was delightfully spent in social intercourse and renewing of many old friendships, strangers being present from many parts of the Province and outside points.

About five o'clock Rev. Mr. Muir acting as chairman announced in a short but happy address that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor had graciously consented to address the gathering. Incidentally Mr. Muir said that he knew of no more delightful spot for such a function as this, than the beautiful grounds so kindly placed at their disposal by His Honor. He could not fully express his gratitude for the kindness shown by the Governor and his lady. He then called upon his Honor the Leutenant Governor, who spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the people of Prince Edward Island, I feel that I voice their sentiments in congratulating the Presbyterians of the Province, and especially of the City of Charlottetown, on this notable Centennial Celebration, I believe it is the second church Centenary yet held here.

Another cycle—one hundred years—has been written on the scroll of time. It cannot be recalled; but by the light of the past the future is illumined, and we go forward with renewed confidence and more fervent zeal.

In the Public Archives of Canada is an extract from the Royal Gazette of Charlottetown. Therein it is set forth "that the new Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown in connection with the Church of Scotland, was opened for divine service in August 1831." Therefore, it is evident there was a Presbyterian Church here previous to that time. The proceedings are of especial interest in connection with today's celebration.

Extract

"In the forenoon a discourse was delivered in Gaelic by the Reverend Donald Fraser of M'Lennan's Mount, Pictou, to the Highland part of the congregation, who assembled in great numbers from all parts of the neighborhood. In the afternoon the Reverend Kenneth J. McKenzie of Pictou, preached in the English language, from the following text; "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The discourse was distinguished alike by sound argument, lucid arrangement and peculiar adaption to its object. At the close of the sermon, the appointment of the Reverend James MacKintosh to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of this town and parish, by the Glasgow Religious Colonial Society and an extract of his ordination and designation thereto by the Reverend the Presbytery of Tain, were read; after which, the ceremony of his induction to that important charge took place; and the church solemnly set apart for the celebration of Public Worship, agreeably to the forms and practices of the Church of Scotland. An address on the relative duties of Pastor and people was then delivered by the Reverend Mr. MacKenzie, which was listened to throughout with marked attention. The Reverend John MacLennan, of St. John's Church, Pinette, concluded by offering up a suitable and impressive prayer.

The whole services of the day were conducted with great solemnity and decorum; and the congregation was very numerous and respectable, especially in the afternoon, when a collection was made in aid of the church funds amounting to nearly seventeen pounds."

Since that long ago period, in the march of progress the Kirk has kept up with the vanguard; and today one of the finest and noblest church edifices and properties in Eastern Canada stands in this City a monument to the christian labor and the religious enterprise of the congregation of St. James.

Among the eminent Presbyterian divines who administered to these people since the beginning of this Church may be mentioned the Reverend William Snodgrass, the Reverend Dr. Thomas Duncan, the Reverend Kenneth McLennan, the Rev. Dr. James Carruthers, the Reverend Dr. Thomas Fullerton, the Reverend William Orr Mulligan and the present pastor the Reverend W. Bruce Muir.

Some of these noted clergymen have been gathered to their fathers, and we believe that they are now enjoying the glorious reward of "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." They served their day and generation as always in the Great Taskmaster's eye. Let us rededicate ourselves today in the work which they so nobly carried on.

"For all this is noble and high and good,
Has an influence on the rest,
And the world is better for everyone,
Who is living at his best."

The influence of St. James Church and its pastors and people during the century which we are so happily and auspiciously celebrating today, can never be estimated and never be fully known by human ken. Such has been woven into the web and woof of the spiritual life and the moral development of this community and the whole province. It has been the Gibraltar of the Presbyterian Church in this Province. In intellectual attainment,in Christian endeavour in powerful preaching and by example and precept, its spiritual shepherds have led its flock and established a record that will shine in the firmament of history while the morning stars will sing together.

For all our people, and having the honor to represent His Gracious Majesty the King, of the far flung British Empire, I congratulate you on this glorious occasion and venture the prediction that this event is but a distinctive milestone in the great history encircling St. James Church, its power and its splendid congregation.

Rev. Dr. Carruthers followed with a very pleasing address. He remembered he said, that on his first visit to Canada, the first Canadian he met was named Heartz and that "Heartz" he could now see standing in the door way, the reference being to the Rev. Dr. Heartz whose name is a household word throughout the Maritime Provinces and who is at present a guest of his nephew the Lieutenant Governor.

Dr. Carruthers recalled many incidents in connection with his pastorate of St. James. He understood now as perhaps never before the power that lay behind the wonderful development and growing prosperity of this historic congregation. The ladies referred to by His Honor as the Ghosts who rang the bell in the early days of the congregation's history were not "Ghosts" but real ladies who were ringing the bell to call the men and the women to worship and to work. This work under the auspices of the Ladies Aid, the greatest force in the world today, is still being carried on. This accounts for the progress made in the last one hundred years. The speaker then moved a hearty vote of thanks to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Heartz for their great kindness in opening their palatial residence for this historic occasion.

Rev. W. Orr Mulligan in seconding the vote of thanks said that he was very happy in uniting with his former congregation on this auspicious occasion. St. James' Church had a grand history and he had no doubt it had even a more prosperous future before it. He included Mrs. Heartz the gracious hostess in the motion and also extended his congratulations to Miss Heartz, the amiable daughter of the house on the succes she had attained at McGill.

Rev. Mr. Muir in presenting the vote of thanks to His Honor asked that it be accompanied by three rousing British cheers which were heartily given and a tiger added.

All the speakers were warmly applauded in their remarks. His Honor humorously acknowledged the vote of thanks.

During the afternoon the Prince Edward Theatre Orchestra rendered a number of excellent selections. As a finale Signor Capelli of New York who is at present visiting in the City and was one of the guests, favored the company with a solo in splendid voice and also took the opportunity to say that his visit here was so much enjoyed that he regretted not being able to spend the entire summer in this delightful spot. Mrs. K. S. Rogers was his accompanist.

Red Hot July Days Hard On The Baby

July—the month of oppressive heat; red-hot days and sweltering nights; is extremely hard on little ones. Diarrhoea, dysentry, colic and cholera infantum carry off thousands of precious little lives every summer. The mother must be constantly on her guard to prevent these troubles, or if they come on suddenly to fight them. No other medicine is of such aid to mothers during the hot summer as is Baby's Own Tablets. They regulate the bowels and stomach, and an occasional dose given to the well child will prevent summer complaint, or if the trouble does come on suddenly will banish it. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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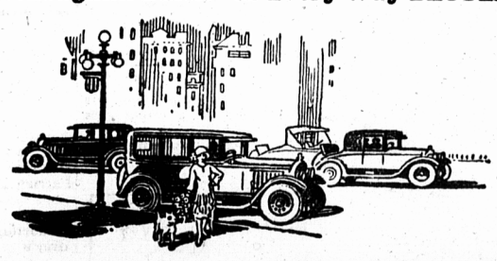

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