26TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ROYAL EDWARD CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

Reports Show Fine Years Work Accomplished and Order in Flourishing Condition. Fine Tribute Paid to Mrs. Clark Murray Foundress of Imperial Order.

The Royal Edward Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held their twenty-sixth annual meeting in the Navy League Building Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance, Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, Regent, presiding. Three new members signed the roll call, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Mrs. E. H. Ramsay and Miss Kellock. The following reports of the year's work were read by the Secretary, Treasurer, Chapters, Educational Secretary, Provincial Educational Secretary, Echoes Secretary and convenors of standing committees. These following reports were read and adopted: The Regent's remarks were as follows:—

Having much business before us will take as little time as possible.

The full and comprehensive reports of your officers and committees will cover the business of the year, so to avoid overlapping and repetition my remarks will be of a general nature or of the outlook for the Order at large.

The primary Chapters are asked to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Clark Murray at their Annual Meetings, or at their next general meeting if this request had not reached them in time. In response to this request, that came to me in the report of the National Executive on 19th. inst. (last Saturday) let me say, that, in the passing of the Foundress of the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, Mrs. Clark Murray, at Montreal, Jany 31st., 1927, one naturally pauses to speak of this remarkable Scotch lady who came to Canada during the great stress of the South African War.

That you may more readily understand the zeal that inspired Mrs. Murray, let me quote briefly from the first printed annual report.

"On the 13th. of February, 1900, (27 years ago), a meeting of some of the prominent women of Montreal, called by Mrs. Murray was held in the Windsor Hotel parlors to consider her proposal that the women and children of Canada should federate as members of the Empire, and ask those of the other Colonies to do the same.

In spite of a terrible morning of wind, rain and ice, twenty-five (25) women were present. Lady Kingston was requested to take the chair, and Mrs. Murray acted as secretary pro temp. Mrs. Murray was asked to explain her proposed federation. She gave an account of what she had seen in London and other large cities of Britain, when the first reverses of our soldiers in South Africa were made known. The whole nation was staggered, and the scenes around the War Office were never to be forgotten. "All forms of pleasure and work were suspended, business was almost at a standstill", and the same dire conditions prevailed as during the days of the World War of 1914-18.

Some of us can well remember when word came of the killing of young Roland Taylor and Alfred Riggs of this city, and it is commendable that the South African Veterans hold those days in remembrance. The brief but impressive service yesterday a the monument was a tribute to the memory and sacrifice of our young Canadian men, and the Royal Edward Chapter has ever loyally cooperated in remembering Paardeberg Day. The placing of a wreath or flowers is a small thing in itself, but believe me, ladies, many a young (and old) person has been impressed and asked the reason, and what it represents or typifies?—we answer, the keeping alive of old British traditions and in observance of the Constitution of the Order.

We older members having passed through the earlier period of the South African War can more readily understand desires that actuated Mrs. Murray, in her appeal to Canadian women.

Coming fresh from London where the reverses and disappointments from the seat of war were fleefully and unmercifully exploited by the European press, (which, predicted, with ill-concealed satisfaction, that the British Empire must give up her vaunted glory and take a second place). Mrs. Murray with much energy and enthusiasm advocated this federation, that an expression, a message from the millions of women and children of the Empire be spread abroad to offset and silence the Continental press that were making so merry over our reverses and predicting the waning glory of the Empire!"

With the Daughters of Empire on guard, and organized to keep alive British sentiments and traditions to hand down to future generations the ties and love for the Motherland this Order should live as long as the Empire.

That a fitting tribute be paid the Foundress, a memorial service was held at St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Feby 3rd., 1927, attended by the members of the Order and many prominent citizens. At the same hour (11 a. m.) a two minute silent prayer was held at Headquarters, 138 Bloor E. St., Toronto, by the members of the National Executive then in session. A resolution of sympathy to the family in their loss was adopted, and an appreciative tribute to the devoted services of Mrs. Clark Murray to Canada and the Empire was embodied in the minutes.

That Mrs. Margaret Polson Clark Murray (let us here give her full name) was spared to see the growth and development of her efforts along the lines of loyalty, patriotism and service must have (in a measure), rewarded her for her earlier struggles, and against much adverse criticism.

"Whatever memorial hereafter be raised to her by the work of other hands, the Order she herself founded will stand more lasting and glorious than any wrought in marble, granite or gold."

Let me here report that acting on a request from the Imperial Graves Commission, a group of photographs is being collected of the various war memorials erected in this Province. These will be forwarded through Colonel Osborne, at Ottawa, to the Imperial War museum in London.

Our sincere and cordial thanks are due Premier Stewart for his interest in this matter, and to the courteous Deputy Provincial Secretary, Mr. H. R. Stewart, for his valued assistance in helping to gather this historic collection.

I am further obliged to report that several requests have come to us from parties wishing to give entertainments here. We have been obliged to turn these down owing to previous engagements having to be considered, and which are due to take place when dates and circumstances are more convenient.

Those of you who cannot attend the weekly sewings, wont you please give us your encouragemen, and co-operation by doing a little at home? The Committee would greatly appreciate some helpers for they have a lot of articles on hand to be finished. We want to give you ample time and notice to make, as a contribution to the Trafalgar Day Sale in October, one good saleable article during your leisure. "Do it, and do it now" (an excellent motto), and get it off your mind and so be in the mood to enjoy other things later. Rose Day will soon be upon us, and we are pledged to help Miss Wilson in her laudable work among the crppled children.

We must also be prepared to celebarte the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation first July, 1927.

I bespeak the loyal co-operation of your young members in the efforts of your Chapter to carry on the work of this wonderful Order, and you can do much by subscribing for Echoes, the best quarterly magazine of its kind and persuading others to buy it.

The present slogan, "Buy at Home", applies strongly to our Canadian periodicals. More than 40,000,000 American magazines enter Canada each year, free of duty, and for every copy of any Canadian product eight American are in circulation. Are we D. of E. making any effort to stem this tide by subscribing for our own Canadian magazines? That the home product does not appeal with some force does not excuse us for our lack of patriotism—we should waken to our responsibilities!

You have heard that Captain Williams has kindly undertaken to forward and deliver packages of magazines to our new settlers in our midst. You tie them and address to a name of a land settler and leave at his office upstairs in Post Office (Land Settler's Office) and he will forward them between times.

It is very gratifying to learn that the Abegweit Chapter of Summerside heartily concurs in our estimation of the Provincial Educational Secretary, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan and have re-nominated her for the office.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and Executive and all other committees for their kindly and patient support in the past years, in fact in all the years since I have had the honour of being your Regent. I fully realize the distances and sacrifices so many of you make in attending the meetings, but please remember I am very grateful, and in this be proud, that you are members of the second oldest Chapter in the Maritime Provinces.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISE B. McCREADY.

Secretary's Report. Mrs. S. C. Moore

Madame Regent, Officers and members of the Royal Edward Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the Empire', I have the honor of presenting to you the twenty-sixth annual report of our Chpater. The year just ended has been one of great activity and much has been accomplished. I will endeavour to place before you, in as few words as possible, a brief outline of our work.

On the twenty-third of April, St. George's Day, we celebrated our twenty-fifth Anniversary. Our Chapter was organized April 19th., 1901. We held a banquet in the Navy League Building, over seventy members were present. The tables were beautifully decorated with roses, menu, place-cards, and favours, gave the desired touch of colour. A delicious repast was served, a toast list was responded to, readings, solos, and choruses, added to the merry time. We didn't realize we had so many clever original people in our Chapter until this event, Mrs. Rogers of Alberton wrote a poem for the occasion, that was afterwards published in the Order's magazine, "Echoes". In honor of the event our Regent was made a provincial Life member of the Order. Mrs. McCready presented the Chapter with a magnificent brass gong, with this inscription engraved, presented to the Royal Edward Chapter I. O. D. E. by Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, 25th anniversary 1926, also to the executive she gave a copy of the Constitution and Order of holding meetings, attractively bound in red with the Orders crest and 1901-1926 printed in gold on the cover.

Our annual sale of Alexandra roses was held on the 22nd of May. On Empire Day in the city schools prizes were given for the essays. This part of our work is in the hands of Chapter's Educational Secretary, Miss DesBrisay, a full account will be in her report.

Provincial Educational Secretary Mrs. J. A. McMillan, will in her report, show the work done by the Educational War Memorial. To this fund we contributed $200.00 dollars.

In June the annual convention of the Order was held in St. John N. B. Our Regent, Mrs. J. E. B. McCready attended as National Councillor. The Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Moore, as Chapter's delegate. Reports of the convention were read at the June meeting, showing the wonderful work the Order is accomplishing all over Canada. The convention this year will be held in Winnipeg.

No meetings were held during the summer months, in September we again met, arrangements were made for an entertainment to be given by Mrs. Ross of St. John, N. B. But a cable from London, England, from Mr. Ross, saying his wife was ill, cancelled this. This is something we are still looking forward to. At our September meeting, Mrs. Paton had a very interesting account of her visit to the Victoria League, England, this report was published with the co-operation of Mr. Williams of the Settlement Board we have been enabled to distribute a number of magazines among the newly arrived settlers. The Immigration Committee appointed has also helped in welcoming settlers on their arrival in our city.

Our annual tea and fancy sale was held on the 31st of October, Trafalgar Day. At our October meeting, Miss Wilson, Red Cross nurse, gave a talk on the work done among the crippled children of P. E. I.. At the close of her talk, $100.00 was voted to the Junior Red Cross work. Miss Wilson in a few well chosen words expressed her gratitude for what she considered a most generous gift.

In addition to other numerous items we have paid $50.00 to the Navy League, $10.00 to League of Nations Com., $5.00 to the Child's Welfare. Two prizes $10.00, $5.00 have been offered P.W. C. for best essays on Confederation.

The flower and card committee have sent flowers and messages to the sick and bereaved, flowers and wreaths have been placed on the monuments erected to our fallen heroes.

Miss Longworth, Echoes Secretary is looking for more subscribers, at the convention in June, the editor of "Echoes" urged every one to subscribe, she said "We will show you what we can do, if you only increase our subscription.

The weekly sewings have been held every Monday afternoon since January, these sewings are enjoyed very much by those who attend, while judges are busy shaping articles for our annual sale, an interesting new book or story is read. Mrs. F. J. Nash one afternoon read a paper on our Island authoress, Lucy M. Montgomery. Another afternoon she gave an interesting talk on her trip abroad. The same afternoon the sewing committee surprised the sewers with a delightful afternoon tea.

We would like to have brought to our city the Westminister Choir a number of letters making enquiries were written, we found they were performing under the Auspices of the National Council of Education. Major Ney of Winnipeg personally explained the trip, the itinery was complete, we were too late. Before closing this report I wish to refer to the loss the chapter has sustained in the death of Mrs. A. E. Morrison, who for a number of years, had been secretary of our Chapter, also Provincial Educational Secretary. Her work was always faithfully and well done. We miss her bright presence and long will her memory be cherished, also Miss Mary Palmer, who was among the first members, she also had been Secretary and an active member, until she left our Province to reside in England.

To Mr. Gallagher, manager of the Prince Edward, the Executive tender sincerest thanks for use of room, also to the press for courtesies received.

Respectfully submitted,
Bertha J. Moore,
Secy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Royal Edward Chapter I. O. D. E. Charlottetown, P. E. I. Year ending February 28th, 1927.

RECEIPTS

Annual fees	88.00
Echoes Subscriptions and Sale of Xmas No. Echoes	21.75
Proceeds Alexander Rose Sale	240.91
Badges	2.45
Sale of Calendars	28.45
Proceeds Anniversary Tea (April 26, 1926)	22.45
Contributions to Life Membership	6.05
Interest on Cement Bond (April and Oct.)	6.00
Interest at bank (June and Dec.)	11.14
Constitution	.15
Receipts Tea and Bazaar (Feb. 21st.)	272 81
	700.16
Balance as at Feb. 21, 1926.	485.82
	1185.98

EXPENDITURES.

Per capita fees	44.17
Postage and supplies from Head Office	15.00
War Memorial Draft and expenses	200.50
Echoes Subscriptions to Head Office	21.50
Flowers	10.01
Stamps	5.50
Contribution to Navy League	50.00
Service	5.00
Advertising	1.52
Draft, Roses, Duty and extra charges	28.09
Percentage on sale of Roses (to Beeman)	10.26
Council fee to Head Office	1.00
Contribution to Lady Byng Fund	10.00
Paid for prize books	12.00
Cheque delegation to St. John	15.00
Life membership and badge	8.00
Cheque	2.25
Calendars	30.00
Commission on Cement Bonds	.40
Expenses Annual Tea and bazaar, 21. 1926)	48.56
Cheque Provincial Educational for set of books	6.25
Cheque Library	100.00
Paid Medal Child Welfare	5.00
League Annual membership fee	10.00
Poppy Armistice Day	4.00
Cheque (outstanding last report)	5.39
Materials sewing committee	13.37
Stove	9.00
Paid to committee for 1927	25.00
Sundries	4.12
	700.89
Bank balance at February 26, 1927	485.09
	1185.98

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Bagnall
for Catherwood, treasurer.

I. O. D. E. COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEES CHAPTER 1927

Honorary President— Mrs. F. Heartz.
Honourary Mrs. G. W. Hodgson.
Honorary Miss B. Haviland.
Regent—Mrs. Lady.
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Second Vice Mrs. Blanchard.
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Ass't Secretary Craswell.
Treasurer—M. Bagnall.
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Echoes Sec'y— Morris.
Standard Bea V. Goodwill.
Prov. Educat retary—Mrs. J. A. Mac
Councillors—M Hilson, Mrs. H. J. Palmer, Math eson, Mrs. Peter Mrs. J. S. Bagnall.

Committees:

Flower and c H. A. Grant, Mrs. Noel
Distinguished rs. J. D. Stewart.
Child Welfare Tidmarsh.
League of Nati C. S. Stewart.
Work in India— lum.
Calendars—Mrs. y.
Navy League—M urray.
Weekly Sewings A. Heustis.
Life members—M rs. Alberton, Mrs. J. E. dy, Charlottetown.

EDUCATIO

The Chapter, as in offered prizes to all t Charlotetown, public for the best essay i Last year the subjec Cultivation of Court schools sent in essays, each school received highest prize of all w Linkletter, Prince Str These essays were Daughters of the Emp prize ones judged agai Justice Mathieson.

The prizes were prese the schools on Empire the exception of the which school had no sp

gramme for that day. The daughters also presented the prizes. I may say here "we followed the request 'buy at home'" and purchased the prizes in Charlottetown. The National Chapter's Annual prize for "Heroism" on my favorite British Hero" did not come to Charlottetwon last year, but a local prize was won by Gerard McKinnon, Queen Square School. These essays, 59 in all, were judged by Mrs. J. O. Hyndman, who also presented the prize to Gerard McKinnon on Empire Day. The only educational work of the Chapter beyond the presentation of prizes for essays, was a gift to The Legislative Library of a set of eight volumes of a Canadian History Reader.

R. M. DesBrisay
February 28th., 1927.

ECHOES REPORT

The total number of subscribers to Echoes for 1926 were fortythree (43), which is a slight increase over the previous years, but considering the large membership of the Chapter it is not enough.

An urgent appeal has been received from the Echoes committee at head office to increase the number of subscribers.

The present circulation of Echoes being only, 9,326 with a total membership of 30,000, they are anxious to raise the circulation to at least 15.000, and ask for the generous support of every Chapter.

B. Rose Longworth,
Echoes Sec. Royal Edward Chapter, I. O. D. E.
February 28th, 1927.

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE FOR 1926.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Smallwood the undersigned were appointed members of the flower and card committee.

Since holding office nineteen cards have been sent to ill and bereaved Daughters of the Empire, and flowers to six Daughters all of whom have sent letters of acknowledgment and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. Grant
L. Victoria Tidmarsh
Feby 26th, 1927.

SEWING COMMITTEE REPORT

Since our Annual meeting we have continued the weekly sewing, all who attend find the social hours enjoyable, as well as profitable.

While we have a few faithful attendants we want very much to increase our number, it means further success for our sale which is always held on Trafalgar day.

Our place in the past has been to have each member donate something, either finished work, or the material, we are also grateful to the members who take work home and return it finished, we are hoping for a larger attendance each Monday afternoon until our June meeting, Mrs. Hillson's regrettable accident has unabled her to be with us and we miss her.

Bessie M. Huestis.
Feby 28th., 1927.

REPORT LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMITTEE

In regard to the working of The League of Nations, I have to report that it has been during the year 1926-27 very fruitful, two circumstances being mainly the reason for this—the admission of Germany into The League, and the commencement of the execution of the Locarno accords. The consequences of these two events touch more or less directly the vital interests of all people.

As I was unable to be present with a report last year I shall ask you to pardon me if I take a little of your time in going into a description of some of the work of the League of Nations.

The League of Nations is not the sole conception of the late President Wilson imposed by his imperious pressure upon an unwilling and sympathetic world at The Peace Conference in Paris in 1919. Nor is it the work of a group of Faddists, but it is rather an evolution in the processes of international relationships of slow growth through long ages, which finally resulted in fulfillment under this impelling object lesson presented by the bloody and destructive results of the Great World War. Besides the loss and crippling of the Flower of the Nation, plague, pentitence, famine and disorders innumerable followed in the trail of the war—and the Peace Conference brought up the question. "Is there not a better way of settling international differences than by the old methods of force and war?" As an answer to this, the Association called "The League of Nations" was formed on Jany 25th, 1919, (and committees appointed) consisting of nineteen members, chosen from fourteen of the chief Allied nations engaged in the war. Ten sessions have been held. There are now fifty-six States represented in the League—all of the independent states in the world, except the United States of America, Turkey, Egypt, Arabia, Russia, Afghanistan, Ecuador and Mexico. Three members of the League, however,—Spain, Brazil and Costa Rica, have given the statutory two years notice of withdrawal, and times will reveal their final decision. The great event of the organization of late has been the entry of Germany into the League. For we await the coming in of the great Republic to the South of us, which has been likened by the President of Columbus University to a "dangerous derelict lying straight across the path of every ship that sails, laden with the friendship and accord." It took precious cargo of international the United States two and a half years to come to a decision to enter the Great War, but in the end she gave her powerful support to the cause of human freedom and just dealing. So, now that many of her greatest men, and her leading journals are in sympathy for peace against war, time and patience will doubtless effect the necessary agreement, and in the course of time will bring this great nation into full co-operation with the League.

The Aims of the League ....

Among the aims of the League are mandatories, by which provision is made for backward countries taken in conquest from Germany and Turkey, on the principle of caring for the well-being of the people who inhabit them, and who are not yet able to govern, and maintain their standing intact.

Freedom of transit and communication—to maintain facilities of intercourse between countries whose frontiers are lined by hostile guards and are so hedged about with restictions that Commerce between the nations is practically impossible.

Humanitarian activities—for the purpose of bring various national health authorities into closer relations with each other in order to secure rapid exchange of information regarding the outbreak of disease—this committee collaborates with the Red Cross, the International labour office, and the Pan-American health bureau. To this object the Rockefeller institute has contributed the sum of $200,000 for three years.

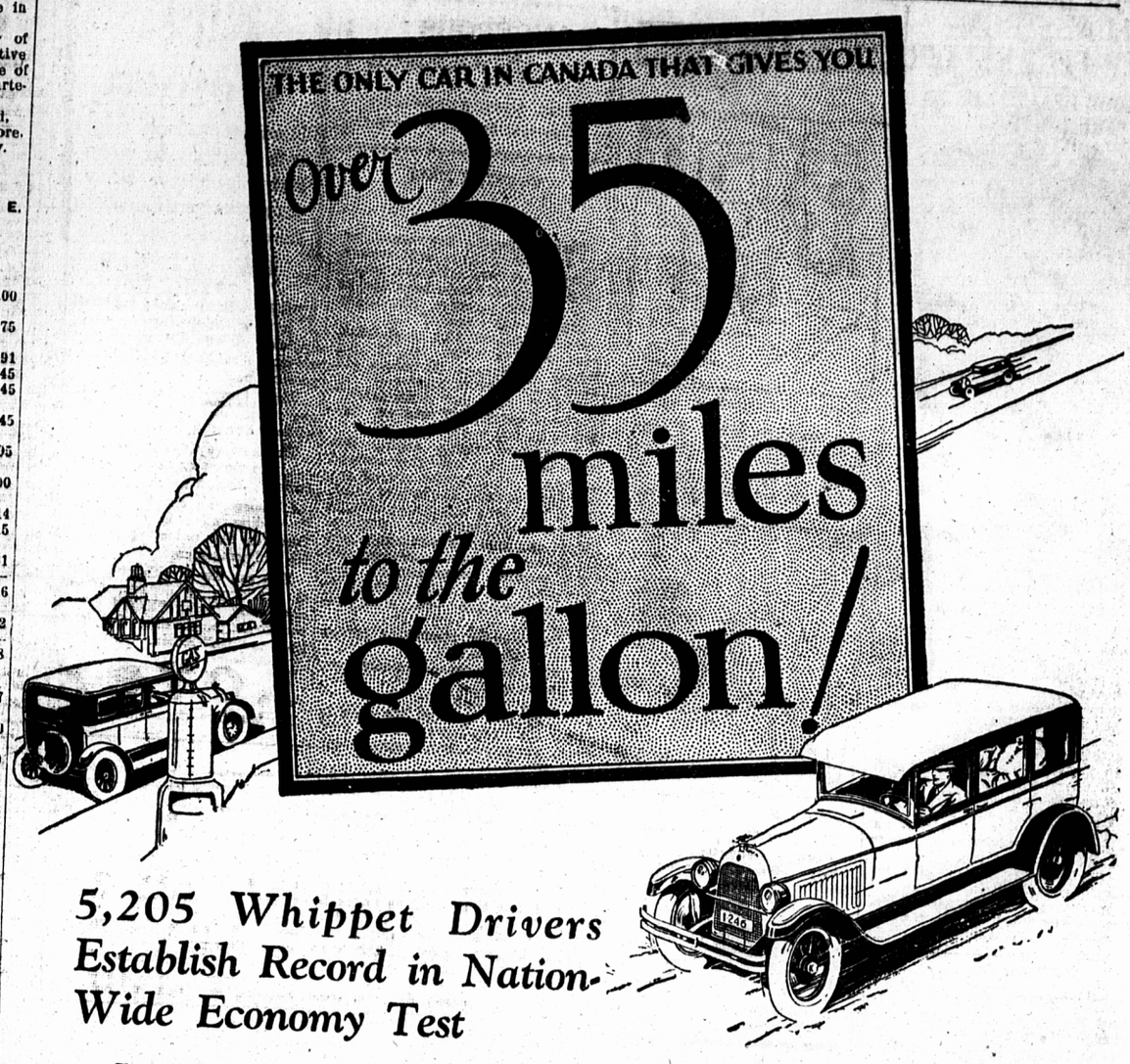
The committee on Opium and narcotic drugs—with the object of abolishing the traffic (Canada is especially interested in this menace). (The Princess of Pat

March Weather Dangerous To Baby

On Account of the Very Sudden Changes in Temperature.

Our Canadian March weather—one day bright, but sloppy, the next blustery and cold—is extremely hard on children. Conditions make it necessary for the mother to keep the little ones indoors. They are often confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms and catch colds which rack their whole system. To guard against these colds and to keep the baby well till the better, brighter days come along, a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep his stomach sweet and his bowels working regularly.

Baby's Own Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which never fail to regulate the stomach and bowels and thus relieve colds and simple fevers and keep baby fit. 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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