

The Macoun Memorial Garden Opens June 6 By The Prime Minister

A Description Of The Garden And A Review Of The Life Of The Late Dr. W. J. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist.

To commemorate in an appropriate and lasting form the life and work of the late Dr. W. J. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, Experimental Farms, Dominion Department of Agriculture, who passed away in 1933, a memorial garden is to be opened on June 6th by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, on the site of Dr. Macoun's former home. It is to be known as the Macoun Memorial Garden.

The first suggestion for a suitable memorial to Dr. Macoun was made at the annual meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Council in 1934 at which time a special committee was appointed to consider in what manner and by what means this object could best be achieved. The recommendation of the committee was that a memorial garden be constructed and developed as part of the ornamental grounds of the Central Experimental Farm and that the money necessary for its development be obtained by subscriptions from horticultural societies, business and other organizations and individuals throughout Canada, who knew and appreciated the great and varied contributions of Dr. Macoun to economic and ornamental horticulture. This recommendation was accepted by the Council and a campaign was organized to obtain subscriptions to pay for a sundial.

About that time it had been decided to demolish the house at the Central Experimental Farm, which for many years had been Dr. Macoun's home. After consideration of the ground, which thus was left vacant, and the area that had comprised the private grounds surrounding the house, including the perennial border, which was Dr. Macoun's personal care and pride, was chosen as the most fitting site upon which to develop the memorial garden. After the necessary authority had been obtained, construction was commenced in 1935 and such progress has been made that now the garden presents a good idea of what it will be when in a few years the great variety of flowering plants and shrubs have reached their full beauty and maturity.

While the design of the garden is symmetrical and the planting of the lower level is formal, the upper level, with the exception of the group of evergreens at the entrance and around the sundial, is arranged with sufficient informality to blend into the rest of the grounds and relieve the feeling of architectural severity which would have been so remote from Dr. Macoun's ideas of a garden.

The garden contains many of the varieties of lilacs, roses, ornamental crabapples and lilies originated at the Central Experimental Farm during the life time of the late Dominion Horticulturist, as well as several shrubs and perennials which, while not rare, do not occur on other parts of the grounds.

The stone used throughout is Nepean sandstone. The pool is finished with green "colorcrete" to give the impression of depth and added reflection to the water. It will be planted with waterlilies and other aquatic plants.

Though the garden may be entered from the sides for the sake of convenience, the best view is obtained by entering from the west end. From here one looks down the long axis which is always the most attractive view in a garden of symmetrical design. One's eye naturally travels along the central flag stone path, down the steps to the sunken portion of the garden with its long pool in the centre, and up the steps at the far end until it reaches the memorial sundial which stands in the centre of a flagstone-paved circle flanked by curved white benches backed by a group of evergreens.

The central sunken portion of the garden is composed largely of a grass panel surrounding a flagstone-margined pool in which are two bronze frogs as fountain figures, and which is sparsely planted with aquatic plants in such a way as to allow open water surfaces for reflection.

Around the base of the sandstone retaining wall, which separates the two levels, is a wide border of tulips which has the central point in the sides marked by a group of low evergreens and Azalea mollis. Later the tulips will be followed by dark blue violas and light blue ageratum. The central points will be marked by masses of Princeps lilies.

A narrow border of the new dwarf blue Michaelmas daisy "Victor" skirts the top of the wall, and is separated by a wide grass path from a mixed perennial border which contains many of Dr. Macoun's favourite flowers. This border has a background of massed shrubs which eventually will shut off the view of the formal interior from its informal surroundings.

A broad, winding grass path separates the shrubby and separates it from a wide perennial border, the eastern portion of which is the old border planted and cared for so many years by Dr. Macoun himself. Through this border and its background of cedar hedge run two grass paths, one into the rock path, the other to the lesser lilac walk connecting the Memorial Garden with the ornamental plots.

On the upper level at the east end of the garden stands the sundial. The pedestal and ornaments were designed by Arthur Kellert, Horticultural Division, Central Experimental Farm. The pedestal is a hexagonal block of dressed sandstone slightly tapering towards the top. The six lower faces are embellished with bronze ornaments, the motifs of which are the lily and the iris, modelled in relief, the two designs alternating on the six faces. The six upper faces are provided with bronze tablets, five of which bear inscriptions relating to Dr. Macoun, while the

sixth records that the sundial was erected by public subscription.

The garden was designed by R. Warren Oliver of Ottawa, Landscape Architect, at present connected with the Horticultural Division.

Already something of the very soul and spirit of the man, which the garden commemorates, seems to have become attached to it. His love of gardens and flowers, of all that embraced horticulture, was no acquired thing with him but deep and abiding.

During his life time Dr. Macoun had a legion of steadfast friends, for the quiet dignity and refinement of the man and his natural gentleness was compelling. There was no unkindness or harshness in him. He never spoke depreciatingly of anyone. His association with nature softened his whole outlook on life.

Often as a boy he accompanied his father on expeditions in the cause of botany and these stirred and stimulated the deep affection he had for his life's work. Brought up in such an atmosphere, guided by a father with a passionate interest in his calling and encouraged by his brother, James, who, too, became a notable botanist, William Macoun had no difficulty in deciding his life's vocation. At the age of 21 he was appointed to the staff of the Central Experimental Farm as assistant to Dr. William Saunders, first Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, who was a recognized horticulturist and plant breeder. The influence of that noble gentleman and savant, who at all times was gentle and considerate, served to develop the sterling character of young Macoun. There was a natural affinity between the older and the younger man, for there was in many respects a decided similarity of character. In 1898, ten years after his first appointment, William Macoun was appointed Horticulturist to the Central Experimental Farm and Curator of the Arboretum and Botanic Garden there. Twelve years later he was appointed Dominion Horticulturist. Before he died in 1914 Dr. William Saunders had abundant evidence he had selected the right man as first Dominion Horticulturist.

While many experiments with fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants have been conducted at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, under Dr. Macoun's direction, his special personal attention was given to the breeding of fruits. Beginning this work with the late Dr. Wm. Saunders he continuously sought to improve existing varieties, and many very promising new varieties, especially of apples, have resulted from his efforts. These include the Melba, Joyce, Hume, Lobo, Linda and Lawfam varieties of apples. He also continued the work begun by Dr. Saunders in breeding apples especially suitable for the Prairie Provinces, and at the Experimental Station, Morden, Manitoba, the best

collection of hardy apples in North America was brought together by him.

In an article by Geo. F. Chipman appearing in the Country Guide, Winnipeg, in December 1932 he stated:

"What is probably the world's greatest project in scientific apple breeding is now nearing completion. It was inaugurated by the late Dr. William Saunders at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The object of his breeding project was high grade, standard size apples which could be grown where the thermometer sometimes registered 60 below zero in the winter. When Dr. Saunders passed away the apple breeding project continued under the direction of Dr. Macoun at Ottawa. This fruit breeding program encompassed the active life of two great fruit breeders, Dr. William Saunders and Dr. William J. Macoun. By the time another decade has passed the fruitage of their work will be available to those settlers on the Prairies for whom they laboured."

Dr. Macoun's work was not confined to fruits for under his direction many new and improved varieties of vegetables and flowers have been produced in the Horticultural Division at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Notable among these are Alacrity, Herald and Abel tomatoes; Early Macoun, Pickaminy, Bantling and Dorlony sweet corn; Ruby rubarb; J. R. Booth chrysanthemum; Prestonia type of lilacs and numerous others.

While his headquarters were at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, he supervised the horticultural conditions throughout the whole Dominion.

In 1923 he was awarded the Carter Gold Medal for the Advancement of Horticulture by the Canadian Horticultural Council, and in 1924 was made a fellow of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists. In 1929 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S., and in the same year was awarded the Silver Wilder Medal by the American Pomological Society, Roanoke, Virginia, for accomplishments in fruit breeding and horticulture generally.

The following awards made to the Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, during Dr. Macoun's term of office serve to indicate the value of his work and the extent to which it was recognized in other countries:

Silver Wilder Medal, for Hybrid Apples and Selected Seedlings—American Pomological Society, Norfolk, Virginia, 1907.

Silver Wilder Medal for North-Grown Fruit including Hybrid Apples—American Pomological Society, St. Catharines, Ontario, 1909.

Silver Wilder Medal for New Varieties of Hardy Apples—American Pomological Society, Washington, D.C., 1913.

Silver Wilder Medal for Collection of Seedling Apples—American Pomological Society, Boston, Mass., 1917.

Silver Wilder Medal for Collection of New and Promising Winter Apples—American Pomological Society, Columbus, Ohio, 1920.

Silver Wilder Medal for Lobo Apples—American Pomological Society, New York, 1923.

Silver Wilder Medal for Melba Apple—American Pomological Society, Louisville, Kentucky, 1927.

Diplome de Medaille d'Or for Melba Apples at the International Exposition of Horticulture, Brussels, 1927.

Diplome de Grande Medaille de Vermeil for Collection of New Varieties of Apples from the National Society of France, Paris, 1927.

During his life time he served many organizations on this continent. The following are some of the principal offices held by him:

American Pomological Society—Vice President, 1915-1924.

American Society for Horticultural Science—President 1912; Vice President, 1910, 1917, 1918; Member of the Executive 1913, 1914, 1917.

Potato Association of America—Vice President, 1917-1919.

Great Plains Section of American Society for Horticultural Science—President 1922.

Ontario Fruit Growers' Association—Director.

Quebec Pomological Society—Life Member (Honorary) 1907.

Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association—Honorary Member, 1899-1927.

Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club—President 1903-5.

Ottawa Horticultural Society, President 1899; ex-officio Member of Board of Directors 1906-1933.

Royal Horticultural Society—Member 1909-1933.

American Association for the Advancement of Science—Member 1918-1933.

Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists—Member 1920-1933; Vice President 1929; President 1930.

Federal District Commissioner—Commissioner 1920-1933.

Canadian Horticultural Council—Chairman, Registration Committee, 1922-1933.

Civic Tree Committee, City of Ottawa—Member.

Official correspondent for Canada to the Imperial Bureau of Fruit Production, 1929-1933.

The numerous fruits, flowers and vegetables originated by Dr. Macoun will live for generations. He has also left at the Experimental Station at Morden, Manitoba, the greatest collection of hardy planting material in America. The

grounds and arboretum at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and the beautiful grounds of many other public institutions in various parts of Canada bear eloquent tribute to his public spirit and ability as a horticulturist and landscape architect.

The work that Dr. Macoun developed is being ably carried on by his successor and former colleague, Malcolm B. Davis, the present Dominion Horticulturist.

Annual Meeting Lot 65 C.W.L.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Women's League of St. Ann's, Lot 65, was held on May 17th. The chaplain, Rev. A. L. Herrell opened the meeting by prayer. After prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The President, Mrs. J. J. Murray gave an excellent report of the year's work. The treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Trainor gave her report, which was very satisfactory.

The Chaplain then addressed the meeting. He spoke in complimentary terms of the good work achieved by the League during the past year and also of the unity and good will which existed among the members.

The election of officers then took place which are as follows: President, Mrs. J. J. Murray (re-elected by acclamation).

1st vice president, Mrs. F. J. Trainor.

2nd vice president, Mrs. J. P. McCloskey.

3rd vice president, Mrs. Peter Clarkin.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Trainor.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank McQuaid.

Corresponding secretary, Mildred Cusack.

President's Report

Rev. Chaplain, officers and members of C.W.L.

Another year has passed in the history of our League, and it is my duty as President, to present a report of the activities for the past year.

First of all, I must remark, we are highly gratified to report a large increase in our membership, which alone manifests that our little sub-division is prospering.

During the year our meetings were held regularly, and although not largely attended the usual interest and the spirit of good will were always evident.

The drawing contest which took place at each meeting, after the regular business routine was completed, was of great interest and was most enjoyable to all.

Our activities during the year were not as numerous as I would like to report, but in a small sub-division, especially in the country it is financially hard to hold too many social functions. The most outstanding one, our annual picnic held on the church grounds last August was quite successful, the net sum of \$123 being realized. I might here extend a vote of thanks and a tribute of praise to our Rev. Chaplain and my fellow-members for the whole-hearted devotion and appreciative effort they exhibited to make this function such a wonderful success.

A beautiful set of dishes donated by our ever zealous pastor was lotteried during the year and realized a snug sum.

This amount with our monthly lottery and sales of candy form the bulk of our revenue.

The Diocesan Convention held in Georgetown last September, of which I had the honor of attending as a delegate was most successful as given at the following meeting.

We were called upon during the year to mourn the loss of a valued member in the person of Mrs. Peter Cusack, whom we visited during her illness. A high mass was offered by the League for the repose of her soul.

Our contribution to the Regina Debt Fund was paid in November. Our obligations to Sisters of Service Scholarship, and Budget have also been fulfilled, as well as our national and diocesan taxes.

At Christmas we were indeed happy to be able to present our Honorary Chaplain with a Christmas gift in appreciation of his whole-hearted assistance and interest in the work of our League. It is pleasing to report after all expenses have been paid we have added to our bank account and the report to be submitted by the Treasurer will reveal that our little sub-division is continually prospering. As I have repeatedly told you our aim is to instil a new altar in our church. This, I hope, will be achieved in the near future.

In conclusion I wish to thank first of all our Rev. Chaplain, and also the officers and members for their hearty co-operation, and I hope the same spirit of good-will will exist at all our meetings during the coming year and we will remember our motto "For God and Canada."

Respectfully submitted, LAURA M. MURRAY

BUILDING NEW "ENDEAVOR" GOSPORT, England—(C. P.) Preparing for another try at America's Cup in 1937, after 15 unsuccessful challenges, Britain's yachting experts are working on the new challenger, Endeavor II.

Will Again Operate Pilgrimage To Ste. Anne de Beaupre

(Special to the Guardian) MONCTON, N.B., June 2.—The annual pilgrimage from the Maritime Provinces to Ste. Anne de Beaupre will again be operated this year.

Pilgrims from Nova Scotia will be under the direction of Rev. Father A. E. Mombourquette of Arichat, N.S., and a special Canadian National train will leave Sydney on Monday, July 6th, at 10.00 p.m. picking up passengers enroute as far as Amherst. Passengers from stations between Halifax and Truro will travel on the Ocean Limited, leaving Halifax on Tuesday morning, July 7th, and will join the pilgrimage special at Truro.

Pilgrims from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will be under the direction of Rev. Msgr. E. Savage, of Moncton. A special Canadian National train will leave Moncton at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7th, operating via the North Shore of New Brunswick to Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

Passengers from Saint John and stations to Moncton will travel on regular train the same morning, leaving Saint John at 7 a.m. and connect with the pilgrimage special at Moncton. Passengers from Prince Edward Island will travel by regular train to Moncton and join the pilgrimage special there.

Returning both pilgrimages will leave Ste. Anne de Beaupre on Thursday, July 9th. It is expected that a large number will take advantage of the pilgrimage this year to visit this noted shrine.

Winnipeg Police Probe Deaths

WINNIPEG, June 1.—Police tonight investigated two week-end deaths here. The dead are Gordon McCulloch, 24, and an unidentified man.

Post-mortem examination revealed McCulloch died of a fractured skull. He was found on a residential street Sunday and died in hospital eight hours later.

Police said the unidentified man was found on a railway track St. Boniface, across the Red River from here. They were investigating the possibility the body had been placed on the track in an attempt to conceal the actual cause of death. The body was mutilated.

Another Series Of Bargain Fare Coach Excursions

MONCTON, June 1.—Another series of bargain fare coach excursions is being operated by the Canadian National Railways from stations in the Maritimes this and the following weekend, according to R. J. Weatherston, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the railway here. On Friday, June 5th, a coach excursion will be operated from stations in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto, also Quebec City and Three Rivers, Que., with return limit the following Tuesday, June 9th, except in the case of Toronto where an extra day is allowed.

On the same date, Friday, June 5th, coach excursions will be operated from stations in the Maritime Provinces to Saint John, N.B., and Moncton, with return limit the following Monday, June 8th. During the next week end a coach excursion will be operated from stations in New Brunswick to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, also Quebec City and Three Rivers, Que., going Friday, June 12th with return limit the following Tuesday, June 16th, an extra day being allowed in the case of Toronto. From stations New Brunswick to Boundary Shelter inclusive tickets will be good going Thursday, June 11th only.

Also for this weekend, going Friday, June 12th a coach excursion will be operated from stations in the Maritime Provinces to New Glasgow, N.S., with return limit the following Monday, June 15th.

In all of these excursions where train services does not permit of connection with main line trains on the going date, tickets will be valid in day coaches to connecting points the day previous.

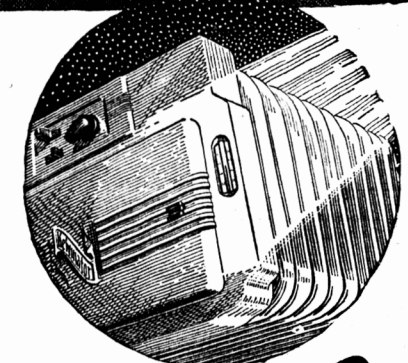
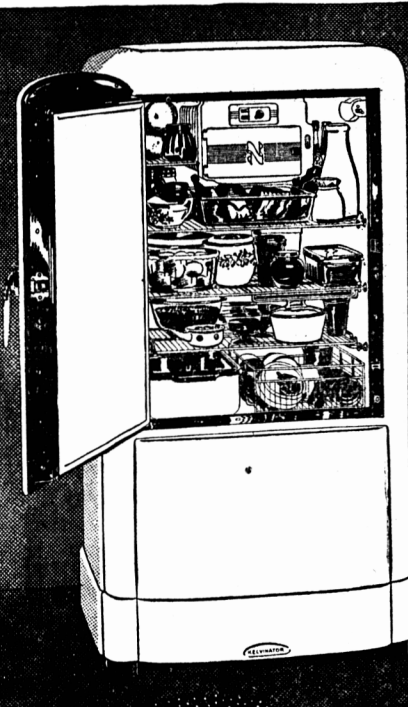
Passengers for Toronto on excursions to Upper Canada can leave Montreal on the return trip on the Maritime Express departing from there at 12:10 p. m. E.S.T., or the Ocean Limited departing at 8 p. m. E.S.T. the following day.

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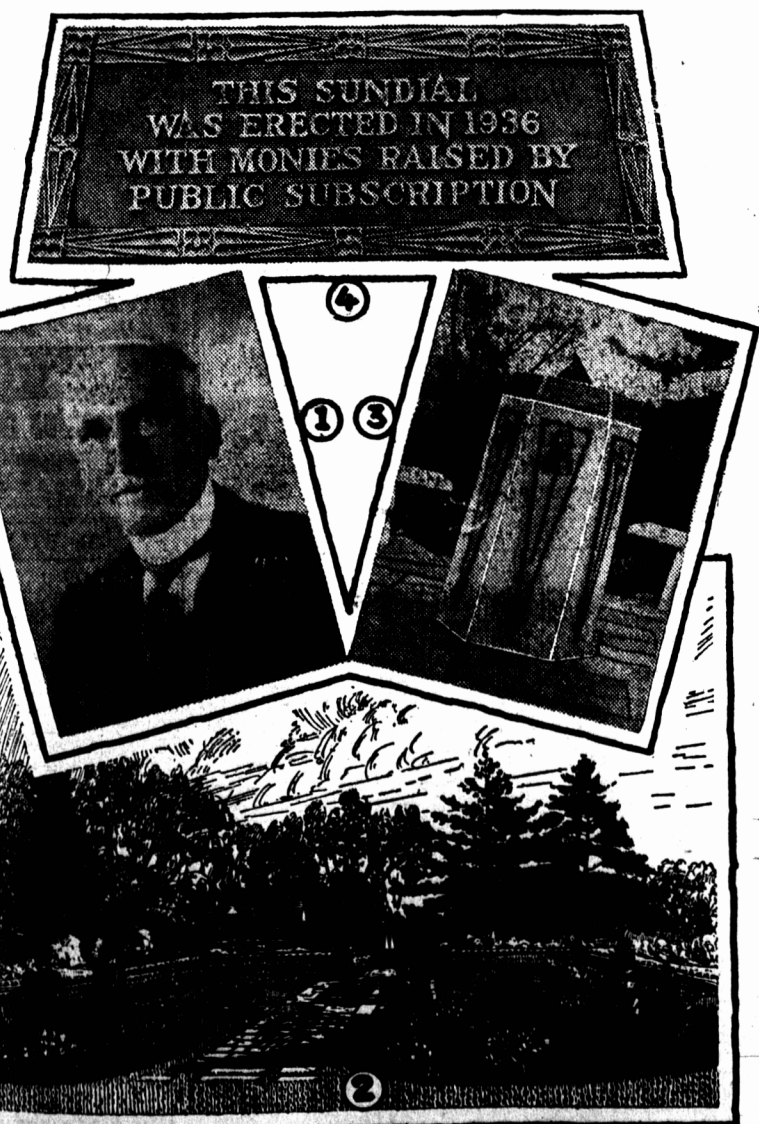
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