

A Country Garden

The plants are cut back lovely new foliage will appear and be attractive all season. There is the single and double white and also Pink Charm which is as hardy as the other varieties and looks well with them. The very early fragrant flowers are prized above all others and you will not make a mistake when you plant the fragrant Arabis in your garden.

I heard the spring come in last night.
Two lilies belled the news:
The fog horn on a channel light
Rang winter's last adieu.

Brows spoke at dusk, and toward the dawn
A linnets piped a scale;
Brief rain came down and tried the lawn
Like fingers learning braille.
Rock still wears frost, and buds are sealed,
No violets warm the air;
Seek spring across a sunny field
And it will not be there.

This is the season to perceive
Through ear, and yearning mind,
Long, long before the eye can leave
The winter's mood behind.

—Overton.

At this season of the year when folks become garden conscious, I am asked many questions about gardening and garden talks are arranged. From my own experience over the years I have found that for easy maintenance the value of flowering shrubs cannot be stressed too much. We have beautiful shrubs that do well in our climate and our Memorial Nursery lists many varieties at small cost.

In the Pacific Province there are beautiful shrubs too tender for our part of Canada, and visitors to that Province have described them to us and shown beautifully colored slides of them. I am thinking of the most famous Butchart Gardens at Tod Inlet, near Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia. They cover some twenty acres of a 130-acre estate.

An abandoned limestone quarry was the birthplace of the inspiration that started Mr. and Mrs. Butchart on the trail of horticultural adventures and achievements. Into this quarry Mr. and Mrs. Butchart brought tons of loam and planted thousands of trees, shrubs and plants, many of which were imported from every part of the world. Today, this particular spot is the renowned sunken garden, covering about two and a half acres.

From the beginning, they welcomed all who came to see their beautiful gardens, and for forty-six years a constant stream of visitors wandered through that beauty spot. The beauty of the Butchart Gardens makes a fairyland of flowers by day, and by night the unique lighting system transforms the gardens into another Fairyland.

The visitors may purchase seeds of the flowers growing in the gardens and friends have brought these seeds home to the garden here. Colored reels and films and photographs of these famous gardens can be obtained at the gardens and lunch—and tea is served amid the beautiful surroundings.

The province of British Columbia values these gardens as a very great asset to the life of

Des Roches-McGuire Nuptials In Oshawa

Snappdragons, carnations and Easter lilies decorated the altars and chancel of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Oshawa, for a wedding at 10:30 o'clock, Monday morning, April 11, when Mary Lorraine McGuire, daughter of Mr. John Henry McGuire of Oshawa and the late Mrs. McGuire was united in marriage with Joseph Martin Elmer DesRoches, son of Mrs. Edward G. DesRoches of Missouche, P. E. I. and the late Mr. DesRoches.

Rev. Phillip Goffey performed the double-ring ceremony and said the Nuptial Mass. Mrs. William Kinsman played the wedding music and sang "Ave Maria," "Pans Angelicus" and "The Wedding Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of carnation white Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over satin. The strapless bodice of the lace was complemented with a long sleeved jacket having a tulle collar at the high neckline, and the bouffant skirt of tulle fell in handkerchief points to floor length, and was accented at the waistline with a pointed lace peplum. Her fingertip veil of tulle illusion was held by a shell cap of tulle embroidered in pearls, and she carried a white prayer book crested with a white and mauve orchid.

Miss Jean Kolodziej was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Teresa McGurn of Leaside, Miss Nola McGrady of Toronto and Miss Camille Sheehan. They all wore identical gowns of flower blue shantung silk designed with a formal bodice topped with a brief jacket having a stand up collar and short sleeves, and their billowing skirts were floor-length. They wore

every person living there as well as a wonderful tourist attraction.

From the fabulous sunken garden, the plants spilled over, forming eventually, three other gardens: The English Rose Garden, the Japanese Garden and the Italian Garden.

This latter is a rectangular area enclosed on the north side by Lawson cypress over thirty feet high and almost hiding the pyramid English oak planted beside them. In an alcove of the Lawson cypress is a bronze statue of Mercury, a fine example of Florentine art. On the west a bank of roses is surmounted by the lower lawn terrace which, in turn, is separated from the upper lawn by an ivy-covered wall and an antirrhinum border.

The Italian garden has, as its central theme, a rectangular lily pond bordered by flower beds filled in spring with tulips and forget-me-not, followed by dwarf zinnias. Around the pond are weeping rose standards; hanging baskets and window boxes filled with schizanthus, lobelia, geranium and trailing nasturtium, grace the ivy-covered wall of the residence.

Next week we shall continue our description of this most famous Canadian garden which is open to the public all year round. A dozen gardeners keep the garden in perfect order, although the war years from lack of staff; but now improvements have been made and the Butchart Gardens are once more a place of exquisite beauty. Fees paid by the garden visitors help to keep the gardens open. When Mr. and Mrs. Butchart started this garden as a hobby and maintained it for so many years, they could never have imagined how much pleasure it would give to the thousands who visit the gardens each year.

pearl studded shell caps, and short white gloves, and each carried a cascade of shaded blue carnations. Their jewellery was a single strand of pearls.

Mr. John Des Roches was best man for his brother. Ushering were Mr. Daniel Longauer, Mr. Edward Sheehan of Whitby and Mr. John Pendergast. The reception was held in Holy Cross Hall where the bride's aunt, Mrs. Vincent O'Connor of Toronto, received the guests wearing a black crepe dress trimmed with silver lame, a small white straw hat and a corsage of white carnations and hyacinth bells.

The bridegroom's mother who assisted chose a suit of ecru a brown gabardine, white blouse and white straw hat with ecru accents. The bridegroom wore a white tulle tuxedo with ecru accents. Arrangements of Spring flowers decorated the tables for the wedding dinner served by the Holy Cross Ladies' Auxiliary. Centering the candlelighted bridal table was a three-tier wedding cake in a setting of white tulle.

Father Coffey offered grace and later proposed the toast to the bride which was responded to by the bridegroom. Mr. John DesRoches toasted the bridal attendants, response being made by Mr. Edward Sheehan. The bride's father also voiced good wishes.

Following the reception the guests were entertained at the home of the bride's father, College Ave., where Spring flowers decorated the rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. DesRoches left in the late afternoon by motor car for Montreal, Ottawa and other Eastern points and on their return will reside in Oshawa, Ontario. The bride travelled in a suit of charcoal English worsted, small blue straw hat, matching accessories and an orchid corsage.

BRIDE SHOWERED

Miss Mary Lorraine McGuire whose marriage to Mr. Joseph Martin Elmer DesRoches was solemnized in Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Monday morning, April 11th, was guest of honor at a shower recently with Miss Jean Kolodziej as hostess. Pink and

white was the decorative theme. The highlight was the presentation of a chenille bedspread and pillow cases, and from the members of Holy Cross choir the future bride received a blonde wood coffee table, with Miss Martha Michma making the presentation.

Serving the guests were: Mrs. Vincent Kolodziej, Mrs. Walter Kocaj, Mrs. Anthony Golecki, Miss Judy Gorycki and Miss Martha Michma.

The teachers of Holy Cross School entertained at an after school party and presented Miss McGuire with a hammered aluminum lazy susan.

Mrs. Melvina Hardy entertained at a miscellaneous shower. Games provided entertainment with many prizes awarded. Assisting the hostesses in serving were Mrs. Matthew Bowman, Mrs. William Lovelock and Mrs. James Hardy Jr.

The Catholic Women's League of Holy Cross Church presented the bride elect with a table center.

ORWELL COVE W. I.

The regular meeting of the Orwell Cove W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. John A. MacLeod on April 13th. There were nine members and two visitors present. The president presided. Meeting opened by repeating the "Creed" in unison, followed by roll call. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Reports of committees were heard. Sick committee reported one call. Correspondence was read and attended to. Secretary reported Government Grant received. Institute News was distributed. Collection \$1.65.

A discussion on ways to raise money followed; and a card party was planned for April 19th in the hall; members to donate prizes.

Next place of meeting is with Mrs. John MacRae; roll call exchange of ships or bulbs. The program committee entertained the group with two contests. Prizes were won by Mrs. Wm. Morrissey and Mrs. James Rooney. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. MacLean. The usual pleasant social hour followed.

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