

ONE OF BIG FAMILY

Large Clan of Spooks in Nova Scotia, Speaker Tells Spiritualists Here

IS A SKEPTIC ON "HANTS"

While Nova Scotia is full of "haunted houses" and ghost hunts are frequent there, Hereward Carrington, investigator of psychic phenomena and former stage magician, thinks that "hants" or playing spooks are about seventeen years old and very much alive, although he does not dispute that ghosts may really exist.

He told of some of his own ghost hunting in Nova Scotia, and referred with interest to the test now going on at Antigonish, in an address last night in the church of the First Association of Spiritualists, Twelfth street, near Pleasant street.

He said that he knew little about the performances of the spook in the MacDonald house at Antigonish, where Dr. W. Franklin Prince, of the American Institute for Scientific Research, is now conducting his investigation. But he declared that his own experiences in trying to get acquainted with a ghost had made him somewhat skeptical about "haunted houses."

"Nova Scotia has been interested in a number of haunted houses in recent years," said Mr. Carrington. "Evidence in support of the theory that a place is inhabited by a ghost is very much the same in all cases.

"The usual phenomena reported in Nova Scotia include the breaking of pottery or the throwing about of tableware by unseen hands, the moving of furniture, noises and lights, as at the MacDonald home.

Tricksters Often to Blame
"A large part of these unusual things reported are undoubtedly fraudulent, but some may be real. Often supposed supernatural happenings have back of them nothing more than some person desiring to play a trick, work on the credulity of others or to seek the limelight."

One of Mr. Carrington's own efforts in Nova Scotia to meet a ghost face to face was in the town of Windsor. The Windsor ghost, he said, was a friend. He found that there was an old man in the town who posed as a medium and devised the idea of a "haunted house" to increase his reputation. Steps were taken to do this, but were made difficult because the man was aided in his deception by numerous volunteers.

"The whole town helped him," said Mr. Carrington. "Local pride or love of frolic may have caused the old man's neighbors to exert themselves to make the Windsor ghost seem real, but in the end it was shown that everything reported to the spook was done by human hands.

The Amherst Ghost
Nova Scotia's most famous ghost hunt, Mr. Carrington said, was at Amherst. In a house there spirits were reported to have struck matches and lit fires. The doings of these spooks were set down in a daily record and afterward furnished material for a book. Speaking of the prevailing terror in which spooks are held, Mr. Carrington said: "It is absurd to be afraid of spirits. You are as much a ghost now as you ever will be."

As a ghost is merely the spirit that has passed from the body, he said, there is no more reason to be afraid of dealing with ghosts than of dealing with living men.

Mr. Carrington's keenness in detecting fraud practiced by mediums and others he said has been as much due to his training as a magician as to his later study of communication between the spiritual and the material worlds. Having performed the marvels which amaze audiences, through the quickness of hand which defies the eye, he knows better than most investigators how to look for fraud.

Fraud Blended With Real
Yet, while stating that he had found much fraud, he admitted he had also found many things that defied explanation. Telling of Eusebia Paladino, the Italian medium, who came to this country several days ago, he said the woman undoubtedly possessed strange gifts, while actually practicing fraud at times. The disposition to deceive, he said, may have been due to vanity or a desire to give some apparently wonderful demonstration of power at every gathering.

At any rate, Signora Paladino, despite her psychic power, would cheat whenever she had a chance, if not closely watched, he said.

Mr. Carrington is by no means a skeptic concerning messages from the spirit world, despite the mass of deception that has come under his observation.

He told of experiences with noted mediums that left no doubt in his mind that there are men and women who possess gifts science cannot yet explain. One of those experiences being the transmission of a message from his dead mother, containing information it was not possible for a medium to supply fraudulently.

Letters Are Stumbling Blocks
One test tried without satisfactory results by the Society for Psychical Research, he said, was the writing of a letter by a living man to be repeated after death through a medium, the letter meanwhile to remain locked in the safe of the society and not opened until a spirit message was received from the writer.

"Some of those who have written letters before their death for this test," he said, "have failed to come in touch with the world after death. Others have seemed to try to deliver messages concerning the letters, but the messages, while in some cases giving an idea of what the writer had in mind, have not been complete. We now have a letter in the safe of the Society for Psychical Research, and while I do not wish the writer any hard luck, I would like to see this test completed."

ROYALTY THROWS CONFETTI AT HONEYMOONERS



The British royal family giving Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles, a send-off as they leave Buckingham Palace for Paddington to start on their honeymoon. Confetti in the shape of small horseshoes and silver slippers is being thrown at the bride and bridegroom. King George is wearing a busby. With him are the Duke of York, Prince Henry and Prince George, brothers of the bride.

Girl to Assist in "Ghost" Hunt

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spite of the many strange twists he managed to give his questions in an effort to discover any flaw in the story. For he must discover a flaw in this mass of weird evidence somewhere, else it will be impossible to arrive at any solution other than a supernatural one. So far this attempt to materialize the causation and weaken the story into a commonplace one, has proved failures. The more facts uncovered, the more mystifying do the whole circumstances become. Mary Ellen is satisfied that her former home was taken over by evil spirits that had determined to drive them out.

She believes that the spirits are not satisfied with their victory, but feels that the presence of the investigating party will reduce their anger. It is probable, she thinks, that if the party remains in the house any length of time they will be visited by the evil power the same as I and Carroll experienced after one night free from molestation. Dr. Prince is using his own methods and he does not speak very much of his plans. He is now busy writing a scientific report of his deductions so far. These are for his own benefit for use in the study of the phenomena, and we cannot know what he has written until he is ready to divulge the facts. We do know, however, that he has witnessed no fresh phenomena since arriving here. That the "spirits" failed to put in an appearance for two nights is no sign that they will not pay us a visit tonight. It will be remembered that it was not until the second night spent in the house by the previous investigating party that any unusual demonstrations occurred. The repetition of that story of the mysterious "sold" in the night, while it has no doubt had some effect on the members of the party, has not made any of them afraid to face this third night.

Prince Scrutinizes Signs
Early yesterday the rain cleared away, and when night fell the sky was clear. Throughout the day Mr. Prince was busy engaged about the house, scrutinizing every evidence of the "spook" visits, and asking hundreds of questions of the eye-witnesses who accompanied him. He seemed to be fairly well satisfied, and about 5 o'clock gave up the investigation and came into the house, where we gathered about the kitchen fire. The neighbors have been exceptionally kind to us and have brought in specially cooked things to eat.

I think the majority of us would be glad if something were to happen, and soon.

Daybreak yesterday found the interlopers of watchers in a state of relieved disappointment, relieved because they had not been rudely handled or chased out into the fury of the terrific wind and rainstorm that raged all through the night and disappointed because the ghost had failed entirely to make his presence known. Dr. Prince says he slept well and he is not at all surprised that nothing happened to interfere with his slumber—that is, nothing of an unusual nature. True, the house was rocked and tortured by one of the most furious wind and rainstorms that has swept this locality for years. A perfect setting for an incendiary and man-handling ghost. But there was not a rap, a creak or a flicker that reminded us of the idiosyncracies of the famous Antigonish ghost.

But if the learned doctor slept well it was not so with the rest of us in the house. He retired early and, as usual, he said, and left the rest of us to our own devices, but with instructions to take no action in case of unusual occurrences without first consulting him.

We did not feel like sleeping. The action of the elements was not conducive to repose. So we sat around and smoked and played cards. It was hard to keep our minds on the subject. I was looked upon as a veteran, having already heard and felt the manifestations of the incredible power that haunt this place. But I could not control my nervousness and would not attempt to conceal it. All hands waited in unspoken apprehension for the zero

dentally jarring the delicate apparatus that he hopes will betray the presence of unwelcome visitors during his slumber.

So the first night passed with us, punctuated with fitful slumber between the violent gusts of the storm. The door was blown in more than once and we had to brace it strongly before it would hold against the terrific force of the gale. My previous experience in the house has given me an uncanny belief that I can tell when the weird forces are about to get in their work. And I felt sure last night, after the zero hour had passed, that we would witness nothing of a phenomenal nature.

Nevertheless, the unfaceable effect of that alarming night when Carroll (a detective) and I were actually "slapped" by the strange power that we could hear but not see, feel but not grasp, left me with a horror of this house that grips me the moment I enter it.

Bicyclist Robs Two Motorists
Detroit, March 9.—(By A. P.)—A man riding a bicycle pulled up alongside a man and a woman in an automobile in this city today, flourished a pistol, demanded and obtained the motorists' money, then fled.

Aids Ghost Hunt



MARY ELLEN MACDONALD Adopted daughter of Alexander MacDonald, of Antigonish ghost fame, who is to spend a night in the "haunted" house to aid Dr. Prince's investigation.

hour—midnight. For that, according to tradition, is the critical moment for ghostly actions. Watches were glanced at—surreptitious glances they were, too. If some ghostly rapping had sounded the strokes of 12 o'clock on some spectral gong I am sure we would have gone through the wall.

All Well at Midnight
But not a sound was heard the storm did not make, except our own uneasy activities as we clustered around the kitchen stove and tried to appear nonchalant.

"Twelve o'clock and all's well," said McMichie, and he moved to retire. Scarcely had the words left his mouth, when we were electrified by the sound of a tinkling bell in Dr. Prince's room.

"The ghost!" some one exclaimed as we waited, tense with excitement, for what would come next.

But it was only Dr. Prince acci-

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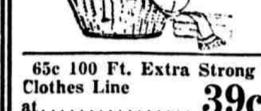
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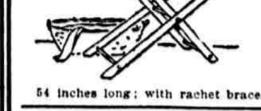
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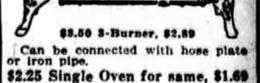


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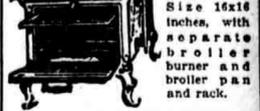
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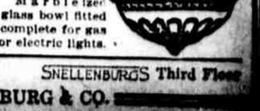
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State Treasurer Snyder has asked Dr. Finegan, Superintendent of Publication, to begin certification of the smaller districts for payments under the Edmonds act. The Edmonds act takes the place of the Woodruff and other acts. The Edmonds act under the Woodruff act last year began March 30 and the year before on April 6, it was stated at the assembly.

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