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As I See It
By **ELMORE PHILPOTT**
KILT-LEG MYSTERY

LIKE THOUSANDS of others, I heard the Scottish troupe headed by Robert Wilson. I like Robert Wilson's tenor ballands and can well believe what many experts say, that he is Scotland's finest living tenor. Certainly he is as handsome a male specimen as I have ever seen on any stage. But that, of course, is because the Highland dress is most flattering to the male. And Wilson's uniform is like a tailor's dream.

Offstage, relaxed and unassuming, he strikes you as just a fine young Scottish gentleman—to use that word in its true, not snob sense, and not snobbish connotation.

OF COURSE any show would be a success with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Finlay in it. She is an ideal Master of Ceremonies—and North American M.C.'s might well study from her how

not to loom too large or to litter the picture. Alice was genuinely shocked when I told him he was BETTER than his hero, the late Harry Lauder. But in my humble opinion Lauder in all his long life never put over a characterization as good as Finlay does in the Old Kirk Elder. But he does remind folk, and demonstrates to us, just how great a heritage of happiness Lauder did leave to us.

TAMMAS FISHER is the best accompanist for popular concerts that I have ever seen and heard in action. He was really grand in the two public performances I heard. But when he really let loose was at a private party when someone outraged every Scottish tradition by trying to put ice in his whiskey!

AND NOW THOSE legs. I first saw the legs of the lovely soprano singer, Frances Derry, at the Press Club Ball.

In the big auditorium Miss Derry came out in a lovely shimmering long dress. I forgot all about her legs, especially when she sang one of my favorites, Jerusalem (which reminded me of Jock, who, ten years before he was killed in France, used to sing like an angel straight from heaven—even if he did have a snotty nose).

But then when Miss Derry came out in her tartan kilt I said to myself again: "Those legs don't look Scottish to me." I was in luck. We got invited to a grand private party. In came Miss Derry and sat down right by me. (She never did

know that I wrote for papers.) But I hope she'll forgive me for this. "Where were you born?" I asked. "Londonderry," she replied, looking around at the room full of almost 100-per-cent Scots half fearfully. "Aha! Irish! I knew it." She laughed when I told her that her legs were not Scottish. (Not that I like Scottish lassies' legs the less—far from it. They are just different.)

She fell in love with her husband when his unit in the Royal Navy was based at Londonderry. He is now in the Pacific and gets home only once a year or so. She looked so sad at this that I hoped for a moment that she was going to cry on my shoulder.

But then she laughed when she told how a radio announcer had said "the map of Scotland is written all over your face." She told me how her church-going mother had great misgivings about the effect of her going on the stage. But when she went back home and Mum saw that she did not even smoke, all was well! But even on remembrance, Miss Derry was doing an Irish jig quite as lively as the braw Scots lads and lassies were whirling out when we left for home after one a.m.

After living 40 years in Port Arthur, Mrs. A. C. Johansen has come to spend the winter in Prince Rupert. While here she is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johansen, 1035 First Avenue West, and grandchild.



TO BEAUTIFY STREET—Here's University Avenue, one of Toronto's most beautiful thoroughfares. Those barren boulevards and the thin y-treed curbs will take on new beauty with the planting of small maple trees and shrubs. At lower left is the roof of the United States Consulate building; at top right, the new Hospital.



GREETED BY CARDINAL—The Dionne quintuplets from Callander, Ont., are greeted by Francis Cardinal Spellman as they paid New York a five-day visit. Cecile, the first of the four famous sisters, kisses the Cardinal's ring. Behind Cecile, from left to right, are Marie and Emilie. Not shown are Yvonne and Annette.

Delegates To Army Congress

Delegates from Northern and Central British Columbia will attend the annual Congress of the Salvation Army being held at Vancouver from October 27 to 31. They will gather with other delegates from Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The delegation from Northern British Columbia District will be headed by Senior Captain W. C. Foulton, and will include Major (Mrs.) Janet Chambers of the Lodge for Young Women in Prince Rupert, Lieutenant John Harding from Hazelton, Captain and Mrs. Earl Jarrett of Prince George, Field Captain William Moore of Canyon-Naas River and Captain E. F. McLean of Vancouver Normal School.

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