



The Legendary
CONSECRATION
OF THE ABBEY

Menu

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS



SCOTTISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TRAVEL TRUST

CANADIAN TOUR

1937

Table d'Hôte Dinner

TOMATO JUICE

FRUIT COCKTAIL

COLD CONSOMME

CREAM OF CELERY

COLD BOILED SEA SALMON, MAYONNAISE

FRIED FILLETS OF HADDOCK, TARTAR SAUCE

CHICKEN A LA KING

ROAST RIBS OF BEEF AU JUS

COLD HAM AND TONGUE, POTATO SALAD

BOILED POTATOES

MASHED POTATOES

BUTTERED NEW CARROTS

GREEN BEANS

HEARTS OF LETTUCE
(French Dressing)

LEMON JELLY WITH WHIPPED CREAM

INDIVIDUAL DEEP BLUEBERRY PIE

MELON

ICE CREAM WITH FRUIT CAKE OR WAFERS

CANADIAN CHEDDAR CHEESE WITH BISCUITS

ASSORTED BREAD

WHITE OR GRAHAM ROLLS

TEA

COFFEE

MILK

ICED TEA

ICED COFFEE

Sunday, August 8th.

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TRADITIONS surround every aspect of the Coronation. They should be regarded with a kindly if not wholly believing eye; for while they can scarcely be credited with recording fact, they do preserve the affectionate sentiments which, since more credulous days, have surrounded the crowning of our kings.

Legend has a pretty tale to tell about the Abbey which shelters the ceremony. It tells that in the Year of Our Lord 616, King Sebert founded an abbey on what was then an island in the Thames and is now Westminster. The King requested Mellitus, Bishop of London, to consecrate the church.

The Bishop gladly consented; but the honour was not to be his. On the evening before the ceremony, a humble fisherman on the Lambeth shore was hailed by a stranger, foreign in dress and appearance, who desired to be ferried across the river. This the fisherman did. But as he waited to take the stranger back, behold the windows of the new church were ablaze with glory, and a golden ladder reached down to it from heaven with angels descending into the church singing their songs of praise.

Presently the stranger returned to the astonished fisherman and said that he was St. Peter who had come especially to consecrate this church to its great future. When King and Bishop came upon the following day, they found confirmation of the fisherman's tidings—consecration crosses upon the walls, burned candles, sprinkled holy water and Greek letters traced upon the sand.

At least this is historically true: the first church upon the site of Westminster Abbey was named for St. Peter.