

INSTITUTE TOLD OF REMARKABLE QUEEN

At the French Canadian Institute last evening Mr. A. Beaubien, the president, delivered an interesting lecture before a large gathering of the members of the Literary Circle on the life of Christine of Sweden, one of the most remarkable queens of her day. She was the daughter of King Gustave Adolph of Sweden, which in those days, 1630, ranked as one of the greatest nations of the

world. When her father died, not having any male heir to succeed him, he decreed that his daughter should receive a man's education and his wishes were followed. Queen Christine succeeded to the throne of Sweden, at the age of eighteen, reigning from 1632 to 1654. She was a remarkable woman, both as a diplomat, stateswoman and of decided linguistic ability, speaking nine languages. One of her peculiarities was that, probably due to her education, she adopted male garb and also the mannerisms of the male sex. She abdicated the throne for reasons

which were never made public and spent most of her after life in Rome, with the exception of two visits to France, the last of which resulted in her being requested to leave the country through her headstrong conduct while a guest of the king of France at Fontainebleau. She was at first a strong supporter of the Lutheran religion but after her abdication became a Roman Catholic, in which faith she died.

Mr. Gustave Lanctot, chairman of the Literary Circle, presided and moved a vote of thanks to the speaker.

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