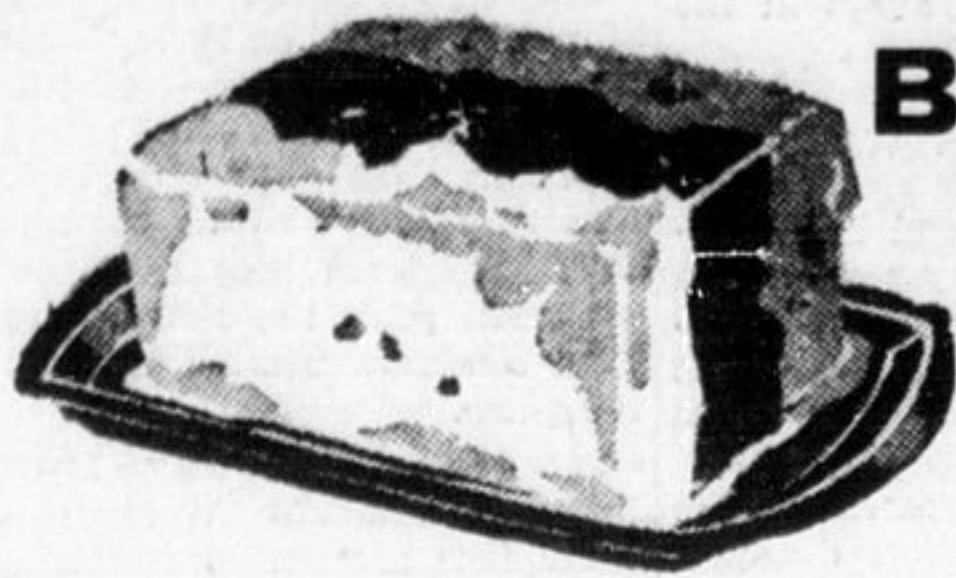


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Deputy Minister of Mines Able, Energetic Official

(Lethbridge Herald)

The Canadian civil service has some outstanding men in its personnel. Dr. Charles Camsell, Deputy Minister of Mines, stands to the fore amongst them. He knows his job and fills it well.

A few weeks ago he told an Ottawa audience about a trip he made by air into Northeastern British Columbia, a country that is very little known and about which the imagination has run riot. It is believed that there is a tropical valley. It was to find out whether there was any truth in such reports that Dr. Camsell made his trip. He glimpsed the country from the air and examined it on foot, and came back with the conviction that the tropical valley was a myth.

No man in the civil service knows the far north as intimately as the Deputy Minister of Mines. He was born at Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories and after attending college at Winnipeg he went back to the North at the time of the Klondike rush, and along with his brother had the contract for carrying the mail by

dogsled from Telegraph Creek to Wrangell.

If he were to record his experiences, they would make a most interesting volume. There is something fascinating about the far north; the outside world reads with keen interest all about it, and few men have had the experience with its hard life or know so well its resources as Dr. Camsell. The world would benefit by having him tell all he knows about it from his boyhood days right up to the present.

THE BEST EVER

My most successful season of opera was in Russian. No one understood a word of it—Sir Thomas Beecham.

MORE TROUBLE AT STURGEON FALLS OVER RELIEF AGAIN

There has been more trouble at Sturgeon Falls over relief, mobs of several hundred gathering and proceeding to the relief office to make demands for increased relief. The relief officer was out on two visits and the third trip was made to the mayor's residence, where the crowd asked that the relief officer be disciplined, or worse, for not being in his office when they called.

Drastic School Changes Planned by Department

New Intermediate Course Studied by Timmins to Replace Fourth Book and Lower School. Other Changes Planned by New Legislation.

For some time past both the public and high school boards in Timmins have been earnestly studying the matter of an intermediate school as a solution to some of the educational problems of Timmins. Roy Dunbar, chairman of the public school board has been particularly active and earnest in considering this feature. The matter takes on special interest in view of the proposed changes now before the Ontario Legislature. The matter of intermediate schools is given special prominence in the proposed changes before the Legislature. For this reason extended reference is desirable and The Advance gives herewith the complete report of The Toronto Daily Star of the proposed legislation as introduced by Dr. Simpson, Minister of Education:

Proposed Changes

"Drastic changes in Ontario's educational system, involving inauguration of a new intermediate school will be brought about by a bill introduced into the legislature this afternoon by Hon. L. J. Simpson, minister of education.

"The intermediate school will provide a four-year course of study, taking the place of the public school junior and senior fourth classes and the first two forms of collegiates and high schools. The first will be opened in September it is expected.

"A student graduating from the new type of school will be given a certificate and may continue into the academic high schools for those proceeding to the universities and professional schools; the commercial high schools for those who intend entering business; or the vocational school for those going into the industries, home-making, nursing or dietetics.

"Nine definite educational improvements are expected to be brought about. Pupils will be given the opportunity of beginning what are now looked upon as high school subjects earlier in their school life than is possible under the present system and gifted students will save an entire year.

"There will be a segregation of adolescents with the advantages which psychologists claim are attendant with this action. Setting up of an intermediate school does not necessarily involve a separate building.

"The new school will give an opportunity to teachers to discover the interests and aptitudes of the pupils, so they may better guide them into one of the secondary schools.

"Pupils who stop at the age of compulsory attendance will be able to leave school with a certificate of graduation.

Few Finish High School

"It is estimated that over 60 per cent. of the pupils enrolled in secondary

schools leave within two years, without having received any certificate or having completed a definite course. It is pointed out that they have spent these years studying subjects of which some have little value if they leave before completion of the secondary school course.

"High schools, by the weeding out and segregating effects of the intermediate schools, will be relieved of a large number of pupils who now enter high school without any intention of completing the course it is held. High schools will have a more select group of students and should be able to give more advanced courses.

"The cost of education will be lowered by ensuring less wastage and by limiting the number attending advanced secondary schools which cost more to operate.

"The intermediate schools will be less departmentalized than the present secondary schools, and the pupils will have closer contact with their teachers.

"They will enlist the services of teachers with all-round training, rather than narrow specialists.

"They will enable a rural pupil of 14 or 15 to attend a school within daily reach of home.

Won't Force Immediate Start

"The new school unit will not be forced on municipalities immediately, but will be brought into effect gradually as the occasion warrants. Dr. Duncan McArthur, deputy-minister of education, points out.

"Intermediate schools, a senior division of the common school, will come under the administration of public school board, separate school board or a joint board.

"Proposed amendments to the High Schools Act, Continuation Schools Act and Boards of Education Act will give these boards power to discontinue the lower courses of study in high and vocational schools in districts where intermediate schools are established.

"Pupils who have completed the third book of public school will be permitted to enroll. The regular course of study will require four years but gifted pupils may graduate in three years.

"In the intermediate school there will be an obligatory course of subjects for all pupils, comprising English, history, civics and citizenship, geography and physiology, mathematics, some branches of elementary science or agriculture, physical training and hygiene. In addition there will be optional courses in commercial subjects, manual training, farm mechanics, general shop practice, cooking, sewing and home economics and foreign languages.

"Establishment of intermediate schools will probably take place first in centres where the high school is filled to capacity and where accommodation for additional pupils can be more economically provided by building an addition to the public school rather than an addition to the high school, as both the capital expenditure and maintenance will be less.

Offer Larger Grants

"To encourage establishment of intermediate schools a new scheme of legislative grants will be adopted whereby the cost of equipment, the percentage paid on teachers' salaries, the grants on certificates, will be greater than in either the public or the high school. It is expected that costs will be still further lessened by the reduction of one year in the time in which the more gifted pupils can pass through the whole school system, through the opportunity to begin foreign languages, algebra and elementary science earlier.

"In several towns and cities, centrally located public schools which have lost a large part of their school attendance because of the tendency of the residential parts of the municipalities to spread toward the outer edge, necessitating the building of ward schools, would be suitable as intermediate schools. In such municipalities, it would be possible to segregate in these buildings the fourth grades from all the public schools, and the lower school pupils of the high school, and without additional expense set up intermediate schools almost immediately. In rural parts development of larger school areas would make it possible to establish intermediate schools to serve a number of public schools."

"The uses of aviation seem to be steadily widening. A group of public-spirited men in the district of South Porcupine proposes to equip an airplane with stretcher and first aid apparatus to serve as a "flying hospital" for mining and other camps as well as for individual settlers within a radius of 500 miles. They are inspired by a desire to aid sick and injured persons in the remote sections of the North, where medical and nursing facilities are not available. Many thrilling stories have been told of injured or sick being rescued by an airplane. What the promoters of the idea wish to do now is to meet such situations regularly and as a matter of routine. The airplane has played a great part in the development of mining areas in the North. The "flying hospital" would supply a need that is denied to many because of the lack of roads, and the cost would be small in comparison with the benefits which would be conferred upon the hardworking and worthy citizens of the North. The South Porcupine proposal is both humane and practicable, and should be carried out."

"Flying Hospital" Proposed for Northern Ontario

An editorial article in The Toronto Mail and Empire yesterday says:—

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Public Can Judge as to Who Misrepresents

A Letter and the Necessary Reply re Hospital Resolution Given Council.

The Advance has received the following letter for publication:—

Timmins, Ont., Mar. 31

Dear Editor:—Please allow me a small space in your valuable paper to correct a misstatement, appearing in your report of the discussion re Hospital Grant, at the council meeting, Mar. 25th. In it, you state I presented to council a motion protesting the grant, on the grounds that St. Mary's hospital was a private institution. This is a misstatement of facts, Mr. Editor, and a direct attempt to mislead the public. The motion presented to council read thus: That this meeting of citizens protests the grant of municipal funds to any institution, which does not present to council a financial statement, and I think, Mr. Editor, that is only a fair request. Never at any time has the Citizens' League opposed the grant provided the hospital could show need. I can assure you we do not cast any reflection on its service to the community. But we do feel that any institution which receives a grant from public funds should, in fairness to the taxpayers, present to council a financial statement.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, and trusting you will give this the same publicity as your previous report,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. G. Bellamy, vice-pres.

Timmins Citizens' League.

In reply The Advance would say that it never wilfully misrepresents anyone, and in this case the public may judge for itself who is trying to mislead.

Following are the words used by Mr. Bellamy in opening his address to the council:

"At a meeting of citizens held in the town hall, Tuesday evening, March 24th, it was decided that the following resolution be presented to the council at their meeting, Wednesday, March 25th: It is resolved that this meeting of citizens of Timmins protest against the action of the council in granting money to any institution which is not a public institution, and further it be required that all public institutions shall submit financial statements annually to the town council and before any grant is made from public funds. The motion was passed unanimously by the meeting."

It will be noted that both the resolution of the so-called Citizens' League and the words used by Mr. Bellamy who simply quoted the resolution at this stage of the proceedings, distinctly made the protest "against the action of the council in granting money to any institution which is not a public institution." The reference to the financial statement was dealt with later in The Advance report in its proper place as a secondary consideration in the opinion of the resolution. Apparently Mr. Bellamy does not know what he did say or what the resolution said, but unfortunately for his claim the resolution itself tells its own story. It is Mr. Bellamy who has been misled, and The Advance, having a friendly feeling for him for many years regrets very much that he has permitted himself to be used as a catspaw by designing people.

At Fort William on Tuesday night a coroner's jury arrived at the verdict that Miss Mildred Susan Johnston, telephone operator, came to her death on March 26th at the city of Fort William by being strangled by Gordon Bliss. Although the young man was held on a nominal charge of assault after the finding of the girl's dead body by the police, it was not expected generally that the jury would directly name the young man, though those who had inside knowledge of the case felt that the evidence that could be brought out would fully warrant a verdict against the young man.

Police were summoned to the home of young Bliss, whose parents were visiting in Pembroke, and on arrival the officers found the young girl, 18 years of age, dead, with a man's tie tightly twisted round her throat, as well as her head battered apparently by an iron bar or wrench. It is understood that young Bliss was the one who called the police.

At the inquest it was shown that Miss Johnston had attended a dance on Saturday evening, March 26th, and there had danced with Bliss. The couple had danced together several times that evening and had left together, the girl telling some friends that she was leaving to attend another party. From the evidence it appeared that Bliss had induced the girl to visit his home and there she met her death. Police witnesses at the inquest said that Bliss admitted strangling Miss Johnston. Bliss met one of the officers at the door of the house. The body of the girl was found lying on the floor in the parlour. A man's necktie was tightly pulled around her neck. Her clothing was disarranged and newspapers had been spread over her. An officer asked Bliss who the girl was and the young man replied that he did not know. To another constable Bliss said: "I did it." He told the officer he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. "She resisted me, and I struck her," Bliss was further quoted as stating. Dr. James Bell, provincial pathologist, told the jury that Miss John-

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ston's death was due to strangulation. He described wounds on her head, but said that the skull was not fractured. He suggested that the wounds on the head were not sufficiently serious to cause death. Dr. Bell said that the girl had been assaulted prior to strangulation.

The story published in some newspapers about the body being found on the road near the house was apparently not correct, as the evidence at the inquest told of the police finding the body in the parlour. The parents of Bliss are highly esteemed in the town it is said and much sympathy felt for them in the terrible tragedy. The young lady was very popular and her funeral this week was very largely attended, the telephone operators attending in a body, and sympathy for the bereaved family being expressed on every hand.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR LOOMS ON MANCHUKUO-RED BORDER

Danger of fresh outbreaks on the border between the U.S.S.R. and Japanese Manchukuo seemed imminent yesterday and the far East is in fear that a war may soon result.

NOTED DAILY NEWSPAPER HAS CEASED PUBLICATION

Announcement was made this week that The Hamilton Daily Herald had suspended publication, leaving the large city of Hamilton with only one daily newspaper, The Spectator. The Herald was established as a one-cent newspaper and has been published for some 47 years. It was an able newspaper and many people not only in Hamilton, but all through the province, will regret the suspension of this excellent journal.

Northern News:—There are lots of good drivers. Largely they are the sort you don't really notice on the road.

The Spartans Did Not Like Talkative People

(From Volk and Welt, Hanover)
The Spartans were famous for their laconic style. They loathed nothing more than talkativeness.

Once a neighbouring island in the Aegean Sea was struck by a famine and the population sent an envoy to Sparta to ask for help. He made a long speech describing the distress of the islanders but the Spartans sent him back empty-handed and told him:

"We have forgotten the beginning of your speech and we understood nothing at the finish."

The famine-stricken population sent another envoy to Sparta urging him to be as concise as possible in his request. He took a lot of empty flour bags with him and opening one for the Assembly of Sparta, he said: "It is empty. Please fill it." Which the Spartans immediately did and they filled the other bags as well, but before he left the chairman of the assembly told him: "You need not have pointed out to us that your bags were empty. We could have seen it anyway. It was not necessary to ask us to fill them. We would have done so anyway. Remember, if you come another time do not talk so much."

TO MAKE IT HARD

(Baltimore Sun)
The complexity of income tax returns reminds of a story told about the late Chauncey Depew. Propounding a riddle, he asked what creature it was that was feathered, often stood on one leg and barked like a dog. No one guessed and Mr. Depew said that it was a stork. Objection was promptly voiced that a stork did not bark. "Oh," said Mr. Depew, "I put that in to make it hard!"

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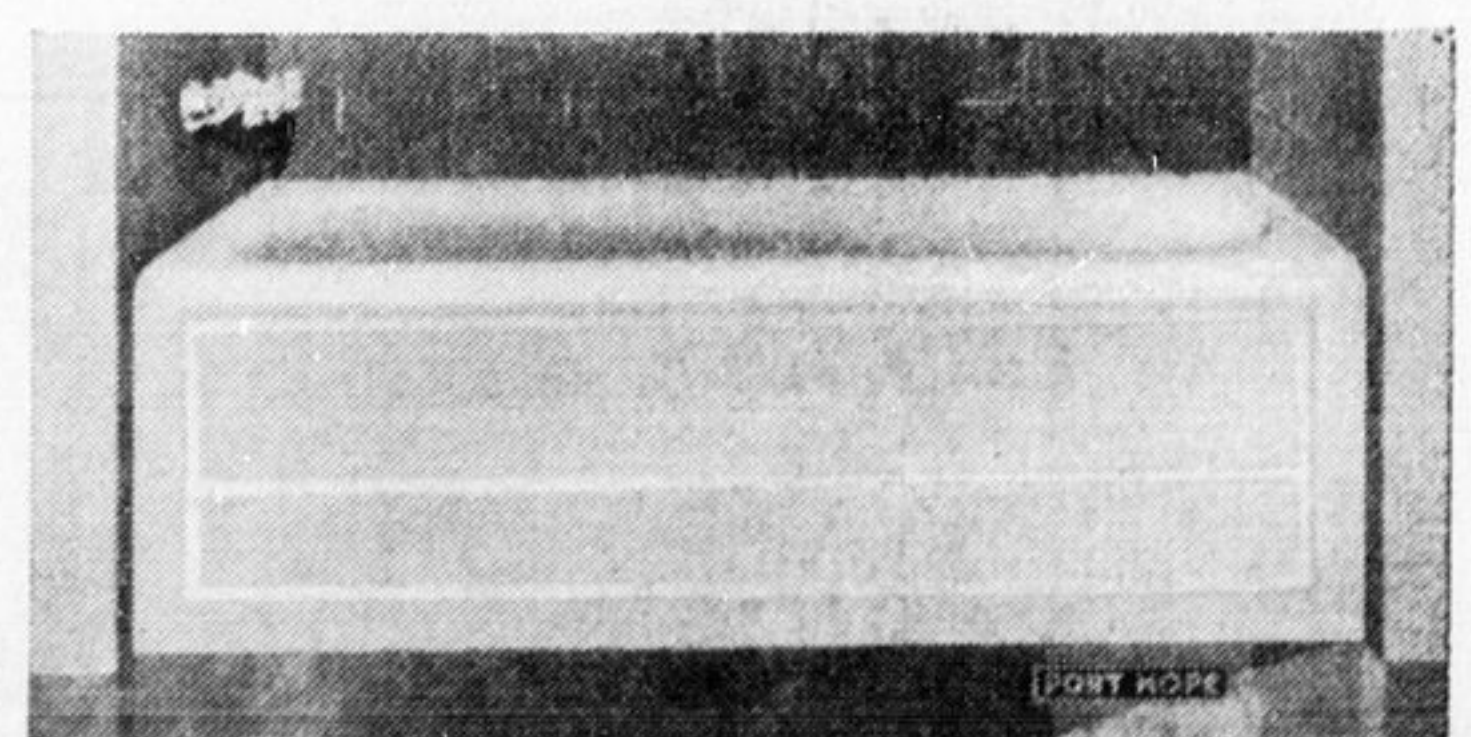
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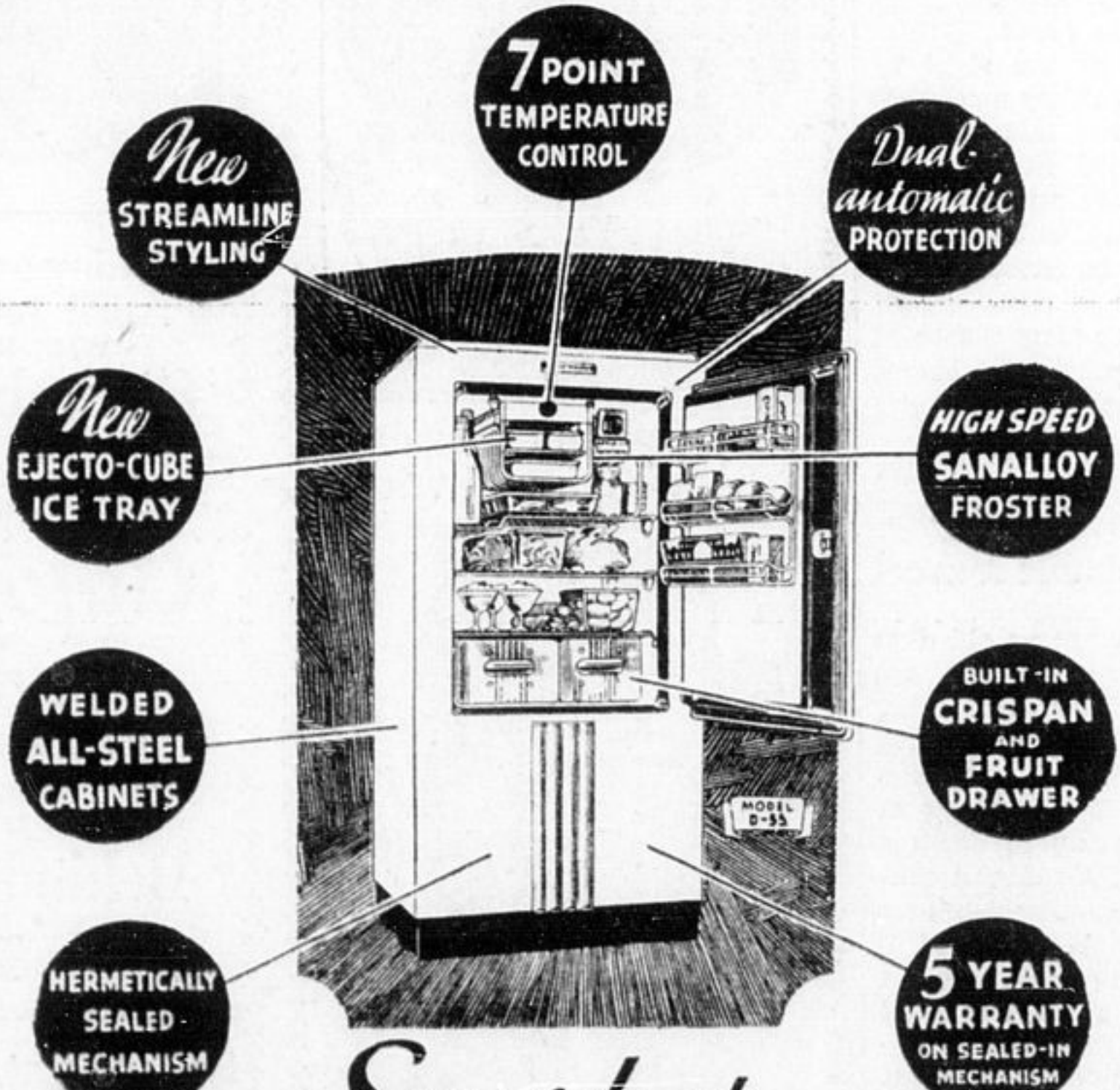
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