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Motor Car Door Handles

A Toronto paper recently called attention to the dangerous construction of the door handles with which most motor cars are nowadays equipped. The shape is much like that of a dagger and the handle is so attached on the front door as to point straight ahead. Several accidents have been reported in which these handles resulted in injury.

Only a few days ago in Toronto a 12-year-old cyclist collided with a standing motor car. The handle of the car penetrated his arm and it was necessary to obtain the services of a doctor before it could be removed.

There are too many motor car accidents without adding unnecessary hazards. It should not be difficult to design a door handle that would meet the function for which it is intended without at the same time serving as a danger.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Homicide Rate

Canada's homicide rate in 1935 was 1.4 per 100,000 of population. Of recent years it has varied from 1.3 to 1.5, or an average of less that 1½. The United States rate is annually in excess of 9. Toronto Daily Star.

Blasphemy

"Swear not at all." It is easier to forgive the oath uttered in anger or vexation than the unprovoked vulgarity of the careless and the vicious. To keep one's self-respect and gain and retain the respect of others, this matter of clean speaking is of first importance. Don't allow your reputation to be placed in jeopardy by any coarse tendencies.—Hamilton Spectator.

A Universal Game

Tennis is today the world's most universal game. It is played in every continent and nearly every country. The Davis Cup competition have now annually entries from most civilized countries. The game seems to appeal to the Oriental more than most Western sports and the Japanese in particular today force the world's best to the limit to win. Even to Russia tennis is now being approved by the Soviet and is being encouraged amongst the youth.

The world-wide interest in tennis is shown by the fact that thousands of dollars were spent by the newspaper agencies and newspapers to cable reports of the British championships held at Wimbledon. A few years ago the newspapers would just carry a few lines of the final results. —London Free Press.

Just Neighbors!

"Just wait till enthusiastic Americans begin playing air polo, with one-man 'planes and gas-inflated balloons," chortles The Boston Globe. They can begin playing it any time they choose, so long as they don't try it over our back-yard.—Windsor Daily Star.

Times Have Changed

The prison populations are now made up of youths in the twenties, sometimes younger. It's an unfortunate, and regrettable fact. There is less restraining home influence, parental control is slacker, children assume greater liberties than ever dreamed of before. Some argue with a show of illustration, that the lack of man teachers in the schools is not the least of the evils of today. —Guelph Mercury.

Takes Three Hours

It takes three hours for a man to tell all he knows; then he becomes interesting.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Radio Licenses Increase

The marked increase in the number of radio receiving licenses issued by the Canadian Government during the past fiscal year as compared with preceding years testifies to the improving economic conditions among the masses of Canadian people.

Government radio receiving licenses numbered 862,109, which was more than double the number issued six years ago and an increase of nearly 50,000 over the fiscal year ending March 1935.

Correspondingly sales of new Canadian-made radio receiving sets increased from 167,177 in 1934 to 190,289 in 1935 and in value from $7,344,625 to $16,513,520. In addition imports of radio and wireless apparatus and radio tubes during 1935 totalled $1,953,599 compared with $1,796,996 in 1934. Exports of radios last year amounted to $144,936.

A radio receiving license in Canada costs two dollars, but the Canadian Government supplies free licenses to blind people. In the year under review 2,314 such licenses were issued.

Solvenly English

One serious trouble is that few people regard it as necessary to pay attention to their speech and style of writing. They drift into solvenly methods that soon become a habit. Constant neglect of proper usage breeds a tendency to regard as unnecessary any effort to follow the correct style, with the result that the language becomes a jargon. Canadians are serious offenders in that regard. The deficiency is brought home strikingly in the communictions that come from the public newspaper offices. The average letter to the editor, if published as it reaches the desk, would be a shocking example of careless diction. —Sarnia Canadian-Observer.

Cheese vs. Butter

We have deserted the cheese factory, the product of which is in good demand overseas, and thereby increased the make of Canadian butter, which, in the British marked, is distinctly second grade. The summer of 1936 will be one of readjustments. Many dairymen will no doubt go back to their first love—the cheese factory.

With Canadian butter prices hovering around export levels the cheese factory will receive more favorable consideration. We are making too much butter because we are making too little cheese.—Farmer's Advocate.

Always That Way

It is always this way. We long for summer and when finally it arrives four or five months later we have lost 90 per cent. of our enthusiasm.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Nifty Playsuits

All the little moderns are wearing play suits with matching frocks these days.

Mummy is just as pleased as her little girl with this practical idea.

No undies in her summer play wardrobe. She wears the pantie sun suit right next to her skin. For visiting or going to town, she slips her pretty princess dress over the play suit. It buttons down the front so she can put it on quite unaided. This helps her to be a very self-dependent individual. Opening out almost flat, makes it easy to launder, also.

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To Step Out Again

Ernie Crosbie of Baltimore, winner of the 50,000 meter walk in 1932 Olympics, will again represent United States in Berlin in August. He's shown training in New York.

Praises The Railroads

It is, we think, distinctly to the credit of the railways that, notwithstanding the difficulties under which they have been laboring and which are clearly reflected in their receipts and earnings, they are displaying an increasing determination to show fight to their competitors in the contest for business.

When we remember what they have meant to Canadian development and progress, what they also mean in the distribution of money, and how indispensable they really are, the best wishes of the public in general will be, we feel, with them in their struggle. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Guilty of Negligence

The breeder of purebred animals who shirks his recording and testing duties is guilty of wanton negligence and such an attitude should not be tolerated.—Country Life in B. C.

Passenger Liability

In Alberta, as in Ontario, there is a law which exempts motor drivers from payment of damages when gratuitous passengers are injured. Despite this law, a woman has been awarded damages against her brother by the Alberta courts. It seems, however, that the Alberta statute specifies in juries sustained by negligent operation, and the courts held that "negligence" did not, under the statute, cover recklessness. In Ontario, on the other hand, the Act says that the owner or driver shall not be liable, and makes no reference to either negligence or recklessness. — Toronto Star.

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Local Government in India

What is needed for the present is not thoughtless clamour for further powers but a concerted effort to stir local bodies throughout India to a better sense of the responsibilities with which they are already invested. The resources of India's municipalities and rural boards, slender though they are, are sufficient if promptly realized and properly expended to improve out of recognition sanitation, water supply, communications and other services vital to the health and welfare of town and village alike. Here and there a local body has set a shining example of what can be done when existing opportunities are made full use of, but the majority are slow to follow and are satisfied to cast the blame for inefficiency on the insufficiency of their income; the restriction of their powers or the hampering influence of such control as the Government has necessarily preserved as the custodian of the public purs and the authority ultimately responsible for the welfare and good governance of the people.—Calcutta Statesman.

Nearer Home

The saorstat is experiencing the full and severe effect of sanctions which are not ineffective. They are not a thing that can be described as "distant or indefinite." They are in operation, and by their means a heavy toll, detrimental particularly to the agricultural industry of this country, is being exacted by the British Government. We agree with the President's earnest plea for peace in the world, but from the practical point of view, would it not be more profitable and of more immediate importance if he announced that, by negotiation or otherwise, a genuine effort to bring about a settlement of the economic dispute was to be made? — Irish Independent, Dublin.

Sees Chess as Crime Reducer

Would Teach Game in Schools to Prevent

WINNIPEG—Teach chess in the schools to reduce the flow of delinquents through Canada's juvenile courts, says James H. Booker, president of the Manitoba Chess Association and leader in a chess-for-children movement here.

Besides being a deterrent to crime, learning to play the game would be a great factor in the proper development of a child's future life, in his opinion. Chess, Mr. Booker believes, would give the children confidence to overcome all difficulties. "It makes one think," he explains.

Winnipeg's leading chess players are behind Mr. Booker in his efforts to promote the game in the city's schools. Following the example of the association's president, they have offered to give their time freely in the role of teachers, basing their methods on the plan adopted at Milwaukee, Wis., when in the past five years 10,000 persons have been taught to play.

The game need not—and should not—hinder girls and boys in their studies, Mr. Booker believes. Two nights a week should be sufficient and not result in any mental strain. The children's movement champion has played the game expertly for a quarter of a century.

Chess already has taken hold of young Winnipeg. Dozens of school children are enrolled in various clubs. Of these, about 20 are ranked as first-class players and give every indication of attaining front-rank places among the Dominion's best players.

Abraham Yanofsky, 11 - year - old Polish schoolboy, was "undoubtedly" the best child chess player in the West, in Mr. Booker's opinion. A member of the Winnipeg Jewish Chess Club, Yanofsky has defeated graying veterans of the 64-square board and is being groomed to enter the Dominion championships at Toronto in August.

Close behind the North End youngster were ranked two 16-year-old members of the Garwell club, a West End association. George Palmer, the president said, could be ranked a strong "B" player or a weak "A." Clarence Blundell played a good "B" game.

Palmer took up chess only a year ago. Now he is one of the best players in the club from which have come some of Manitoba's leading chess experts. It has taken Clarence a year longer to become adept. Mr. Booker can name a dozen other promising youngsters, indicative of the steady growth of the love of chess among Winnipeg's younger set.

Footwear Production Is Lower for May

OTTAWA—Canada's leather footwear production in May totaled 1,795,518 pairs a decrease of 270,969 from the preceding month and a decrease of 237,233 from the corresponding month last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

May imports were 84,589 pairs valued at $97,020 against 34,107 worth $53,775 in May last year.

Exports totaled 26,351 pairs worth $62,625 against 11,897 pairs and $30,612 in May last year. The United Kingdom was the best customer, taking 11,886 pairs valued at $40,628.

Christian Names For Dionne Baby Chosen

CALLANDER, Ont.—The christian names Joseph Robert Telesphore have been chosen for the new baby boy that arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne recently.

Joseph was chosen in honor of the patron saint of boys, St. Joseph. Telesphore is in honor of Mrs. Dionne's uncle, Telesphore Demers. The name Robert is without particular significance.

Both mother and baby are reported continuing to gain strength. Mrs. Dionne hopes soon to be able to visit her quintuplet daughters in their nursery home across the road from the Dionne farm house, where the new baby was born.

Daisies

Bliss Carman

Over the shoulders and slopes of the dune
I saw the white daisies go down to the sea,
A host of sunshine, an army in June,
The people God sends us to set our hearts free.

The bobolinks rallied them up from the dell,
The orioles whistled them out of the wood;
And all of their saying was, "Earth, it is well!"
And all of their dancing was, "Life, thou art good!"

Japan has a shipbuilding boom.

Production of rayon in Britain is near record high levels.

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