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### EDITORIAL

#### How Governments Improve Things

Every time governments interfere or attempt to correct some form of business, most folks look eagerly for improvement, but experience has shown that in most cases the result is a failure and the cost of the failure appears as an added tax burden eventually paid by the masses of people. The railway, owned by the people, is maintained by the people, not from railway earnings, but from other forms of taxation. The latest try-out is in connection with the radio and again the dear public pays with increased license fee. The plan was supposed to provide more Canadian programs. According to recent compilation of figures, CBL, the local station, 44.3% of its available time is now carrying United States programs. In other words we pay fifty cents more for getting programs we didn't want. The Dominion's new radio stations are being advertised to American advertisers as able to provide a better service for the Americans. And the percentage of American programs of CBL is steadily growing.

The increase in fees is expected to bring in an additional revenue of \$650,000 and you get what you didn't want.

#### And Continuing

There have been many conferences regarding the newspaper industry. The inevitable result was a boost in the cost of newspaper. And again the public will pay the bill and have been called on for the first instalment in increased prices on newspapers. It didn't go down very well and in order to economize the average householder curtailed his reading matter. Subscriptions to many papers were discontinued. Of course that just means that the newspaper plants do not require so much paper.

Now Canada may cut the newspaper output by 700,000 tons. The oversupply of newspaper at the end of 1937 was between 300,000 and 400,000 tons. Consumption of newspaper has declined both in Canada and the United States.

Possibly governments will instigate another investigation into the newspaper industry in an effort to stimulate sale of stocks that can't be used. Sounds all so foolish, but results have proven most of the government's handling of business is foolish.

#### Canadian Mining Highlights in 1937

Canada's mineral production neared the half-billion mark in 1937, according to preliminary estimates. Gold production at 4,054,799 fine ounces was up ten million dollars in value. Copper output at \$39,810,451 pounds was greatly in excess of previous years. Nickel production at 219,878,212 pounds established an all-time high. Lead and zinc outputs at 416,128,584 pounds and 364,625,754 pounds respectively constituted new records. Platinum metals at 259,149 fine ounces reached a new peak. Coal output at 15,663,000 tons was the largest since 1929. Crude petroleum production at 2,949,000 barrels showed marked advances. Asbestos output at 389,688 tons topped any former annual production. Salt production at 462,094 tons was much higher than ever before.

Production from Canadian mines in 1937 was valued at \$452,054,000 compared with \$361,919,372 in 1936, an increase of 25 per cent. over 1936. Gains were general to all groups but the greatest increase was in the metals division. Output from metal mines was valued at \$333,088,000 a gain of 28 per cent. This 1937 figure of production from metal mines was greater than the total value of all mineral production in Canada for any year except 1936.

- #### Ten Commandments of Business
1. Handle the hardest job first each day. Easy ones are pleasures.
  2. Do not be afraid of criticism—criticize yourself often.
  3. Be glad and rejoice in the other fellow's success—study his methods.
  4. Do not be misled by dislikes. Acid ruins the finest fabrics. However, both dislikes and acids may be used to advantage.
  5. Be enthusiastic—it is contagious.
  6. Do not have the notion that success means simply money-making.
  7. Be fair, and do at least one decent act every day in the year.
  8. Honor the chief. There must be a head to everything.
  9. Have confidence in yourself, and make yourself it.
  10. Harmonize your work. Let sunshine radiate and penetrate.—By Dr. J. R. Harry.

#### The Old Makes Way for the New

Evenually it would seem that nature wins over man-made efforts. For forty years the Falls View Bridge over the Niagara has withstood the onslaught of ice jams and the constant use of traffic. It would seem that man had outguessed nature and provided for all emergencies. But once in forty years the ice jammed harder and reached the bridge foundations. And the relentless push of the mighty river conquered the structure and carried it away. But scarcely had the bridge settled in the river when plans were under way for two more and better and greater structures. That spirit had not been beaten. No doubt lessons will be learned and the new structures will have incorporated in them features that the old bridge lacked and experience has taught should be included. Always attempting to conquer, always learning has made possible the many advantages we enjoy to-day. And the lessons of to-day make for better conditions for those who follow. Many will miss the old bridge, but with two better ones and forty years of service it has surely filled its mission.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

Traffic accidents in the United States last year claimed 39,700 victims. Almost the equal of a modern war with the casualty lists.

Even the weather seems over-emphasized when told about over the radio. Fifty mile an hour gales are quite common, but who would have believed it from merely being out in one.

Australia has compulsory voting, and in the recent election there 98 per cent. of the available ballots were cast, and every candidate didn't have to send cars out to take the voters to the polls.

Editor E. Lashbrook, Reeve of Rodney, has been elected Warden of Elgin County. Fellow publishers offer congratulations to the editor on his preferment. He is a brother of Mr. W. Lashbrook, Acton.

Mr. Gladstone, the representative for the neighboring County, is prepared to introduce measures to cut speeches in parliament in half. It might be termed the half way bill and also delete half of the speeches in parliament.

"Capital is essential; reasonable earnings on capital are essential; but misuse of the powers of capital or selfish suspension of the employment of capital must be ended or the capitalistic system will destroy itself through its own abuses." President Roosevelt.

Toronto's Hush has discontinued publication Bankrupt? Oh no! Its editor and publisher says he wishes to retire to his country estate to devote himself to his horses and greyhounds. He says he wants more leisure to go south in the winter and to Europe in the summer. Financial Post.

And there are, no doubt, a few who will believe that the collapse of the suspension bridge was part of a diabolical plot of the power barons to prove that Ontario needs Quebec power. Globe and Mail. But it must be admitted that the breaks are certainly with the power barons.

If every bachelor in Canada, between the ages of 20 and 35, made up his mind to marry, there would not be enough brides to go around because there are 249,000 more bachelors than maidens in this age class. However, for the sake of our unmarried friends, we hope this news does not make the girls more independent than usual.—Hanover Post.

Some Labor Unions can qualify as "big business." The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union has about 250,000 members, of whom 5,000 are in Canada, and during the past year its revenue amounted to \$5,300,000. The expenditure of such a large amount of money in one year indicates that the union is wealthier than many of the firms with which it does business.—Hanover Post.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

#### CHALLENGING THE SOCIAL ORDER

Golden Text.—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.—Mark 2: 13-22.

Time.—Vs. 13, 14, May or June; vs. 15-22, Autumn, A.D. 28. Place.—Capernaum.

Exposition.—I. The Call of Levi (Matthew), 13, 14.

The crowds are still following Jesus. He teaches them. He uses God's own temple, the open air, by the sea, with the sky for a roof. As He passes along, His eye falls on a few gathering taxes for Rome, lining his pockets at the sacrifice of his patriotism, Levi, otherwise known as Matthew (cf. Matt. 9: 9). This man was to play an important part in the establishment of the Gospel. He belonged to a class despised by the Jews, but he was to write the distinctly Jewish Gospel. His business fitted him admirably to write a Gospel; as tax-gatherer, he had been trained to accuracy, to judge men, and to be proof against impostment.

Those who have been unwilling to admit the truth of the Gospel story, especially of the resurrection, have suggested that the supposed appearances of Christ after His crucifixion were visions (Strauss), and one of them (Renan) has said, "The passion of a hallucinated woman (Mary) gives to the world a resurrected God." The utter preposterousness of such theories appears at once, when we remember that one of the writers of the Gospels received his training as a Jew tax-gatherer. It was very humiliating and offensive to the self-righteous religionists of the day, that Jesus should choose one of His most intimate disciples from the class they most despised. Matthew was attending faithfully to his business, when Jesus called him, while the multitude had forsaken their usual avocations and "resorted" to Jesus. This may have been from sturdy fidelity to business at the time of business, or from indifference to religious enthusiasms. From the fact that Jesus called him and that he so promptly obeyed it, it would seem that it had been the former.

The call was very sudden, very brief and very much to the point, "Follow me." There was a word of meaning in it. It involved the renunciation of self, the taking up of the cross, the saying farewell to earthly ambitions, possessions and prospects (Matt. 10: 24; Luke 9: 57, 58; J. 8: 22), but it would bring honor and blessing immeasurable (John 8: 12, 13; Matt. 10: 28). There was no hesitation on Levi's part; he arose at once, forsook all (Luke 5: 28, R.V.), and followed Christ. It was the voice of Jesus that transformed this keen, money-getting publican into a devoted disciple.

II. Jesus Associating and Feasting with Publicans and Sinners, 15-17.

Levi made a great feast at his house (Luke 5: 29). Jesus attended this gay party. Levi's purpose was evidently not to display his wealth or even merely to honor his new-found Master. He sought to get hold of this old business associate and friends. He succeeded, "Many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus." The publicans were welcome to the companionship of Jesus here on earth; there will be a great multitude who were once publicans and sinners who will sit down with Him in glory. Jesus associated with publicans and sinners in order to save them. We can never save them unless we imitate the Master's example. But in associating with them, we must be careful to do it for the same purpose He did, or they will drag us down rather than we lift them up.

Jesus directed the conversation quickly into Gospel channels. The scribes and Pharisees were around as usual to find fault. They did it not to Himself, but to His disciples. But Jesus heard He hears all the fault-finding, bear that in mind. It did look odd at first sight, that One who was so pure and holy, and who taught such lofty ethics, should make friendships among the abandoned and the vile, but Jesus Himself gives the solution of this enigma. "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick." Jesus was not merely a holy man and a teacher; it thus, He was above all a Saviour, a physician. The place for a physician is among the sick, for a Saviour among the lost. Where then is the Church's true place? Jesus came to call sinners. He has no invitation of grace for a righteous man. Before a man can get anything from Jesus' hand he must take his proper place that of a sinner at Jesus' feet then he gets all (Luke 18: 9-14, 1 Tim. 1: 15). Blessed is the sinner who hears the gracious call of Christ to repentance (Acts 2: 38, 26, 18, Luke 15: 7, 10). If the sinner turns a deaf ear to this call there is no more hope (Luke 13: 3).

III. Jesus' Thought Concerning Fasting, 18-22.

Jesus' disciples were a joyful company while He was with them. Fasting did not come natural to them. People were puzzled for not only the Pharisees, but John the Baptist's disciples fasted. They wisely sent to Jesus with the perplexity He solved. It was not the proper time to fast now; He was "the Bridgroom," and they "sons of the Bridegroom," and their joy in His present companionship forbade fasting. But the time was coming when He would be taken away for a season, then fasting would be in order. We are now "in that day" when fasting is in order. Jesus tells them further not to try to make a patchwork

#### The Cancer Crusade

Fighting the Great Enemy with Knowledge—A Campaign in Wise Out Ignorance, Fear and Neglect

—By—  
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#### THE CANCER CAMPAIGN

The campaign against Cancer undertaken by the Canadian Medical Association, with the aid of the King's fund, recalls one of the same nature now being carried on in Belgium. In this connection the Secretary of, and moving spirit in, the Belgium society for combating cancer, Doctor Schraenen, well-known to many in this country, declares that the object of the campaign in Belgium was to give the best possible treatment to the greatest number of patients at the earliest possible stage of the disease.

"In order to achieve this idea," says Dr. Schraenen, "the following demands must be met: The public should have a basic knowledge of the nature of cancer, know what methods existed for fighting it, and above all must be persuaded of the importance of their own co-operation in this struggle! The diagnosis of cancer," he went on to say, "must be so organized that the disease might be recognized as early as possible. Opportunities for suitable early treatment should be assured. For subsequent treatment there must be a service of supervision and also a social cancer welfare organization devoting itself to the economic and psychological consequences of cancer for the patient and his family."

Dr. Schraenen pointed out that the measures required were the special scientific training of medical students in relation to cancer; a constant re-awakening of interest among practicing physicians, by means of courses on the subject, by post-graduate lectures, close co-operation between physicians and anti-cancer centres, in a word by tackling the practical side of the question.

Belgium is well organized to cope with the cancer plague. The centres for diagnosis and treatment of cancer are among the best to be found in Europe. The organization for preventive work is not surpassed anywhere. In every phase of effort against cancer, Canada can learn something from the heroic little Kingdom on the North Sea.

#### OLD PERSIA AND CHRISTIANITY

Zeal is in the air in Iran, formerly known as Persia, but there are also signs of religious change and of a spiritual awakening. Most of the Iranians are, by inheritance Moslems, but leaders are declaring that Islam has had its dead hand on the people long enough. Christian workers have new opportunities to call attention to Christ and His power to give true light and liberty. The movies are introducing pictures with a Christian background—including a film called "Golgotha," showing the trial, death and resurrection, of Jesus. In Meshed, the pilgrim centre of Shia Islam, the theatre was crowded with Moslems for several days. A few years ago such a film would have caused a riot; now it was viewed with quiet attention.

of the new Gospel and the old law. It would bring harm to both. It is unfortunate that many are doing it in Canada.

#### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



A SLEDGE RIDE WITHOUT SHOW  
VISITED TO THE MOUNTS OF MADIRA MAY RIDE TO THE TOP OF AN INCLINED RAILWAY AND DESCEND ON A SLED WHICH SLIDES ON A STONY ROADWAY SO RAPIDLY THAT ATTENDANTS MUST GO ALONG TO KEEP THE SLED FROM RUNNING AWAY



THE OAK LEAVES AND BIRCH TWIG STAMP OF LATVIA IS SUPPOSED TO SYMBOLIZE THE STRONGHOOD OF THE UNION

BIRD EGGS LAID IN DEEP NESTS AND REFILL EGGS HABITUALLY DEPOSITED UNDER GROUND ARE VIRTUALLY ORIGINALLY WITHOUT ENLARGED ENDS, WHILE EGGS LAID IN FLAT NESTS AND ON TOP OF THE GROUND ARE GREATLY ENLARGED AT ONE END SO THEY WONT ROLL FAR FROM THE NEST, IF DISTURBED

#### Help! Women's Hat Fashions Go Berserk!



"Sweet, sweet! We are going balmy!" Reason? Just look at this array of style-schneiders culled from the hot show put on by the Kappa Delta girls of Alabama University. It may be a bit of Dali's surrealism or perhaps a joke poking fun at the current moda. On the LEFT we have hats made from a kitchen funnel, ice cream cones and oil cans. On the RIGHT we have hats made from electric bulbs, hot water bag and a swollen glove. It looks as if dame fashion has gone gaga again!

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#### Talk From Soaring Plane to Depths of Mine



Canada listened in when passengers in an airplane 5,000 feet above the earth talked to a man in a mine 1,000 feet below the surface, in a recent demonstration of the power of science to overcome space and time. The history-making conversation was part of a programme sponsored by D. E. Galloway, Assistant Vice-President, Canadian National Telegraphs, at a meeting of the Toronto Rotary Club.

In the plane were H. A. Carson (left in inset), Vice-President, Central Vermont Airways; Philip G. Johnson (right), Vice-President, Trans-Canada Air Lines, and Chief Pilot M. H. Anderson (centre). While the plane was coming in to Montreal on its regular flight from Boston, contact was established with R. E. Todd, Superintendent, Lake Shore Gold Mines, Kirkland Lake, Ont., many miles away and hundreds of feet underground. The conversation was heard across Canada over a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network.

The upper photograph was taken at the Rotary Club meeting in Toronto. Left to right are: A. H. Cavanagh, General Manager, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, North Bay; Hon. Charles McCrea, former Ontario Minister of Mines; W. A. Kingland, Vice-President, Central Region, Canadian National Railways; Jack Deegan, president of the Rotary Club; Sidney Norman, mining editor of "The Globe and Mail," Toronto; R. C. Vaughan, Vice-President, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, and Mr. Galloway.

The young lady operating the teletypewriter is Miss C. Hill, Canadian National Telegraphs. By means of her instrument, greetings were sent to Rotary clubs from Vancouver to Halifax and replies received within 12 minutes.