

Railways Not Napping
Says S. J. Hungerford

During the last quarter of a century new modes of transport have challenged the railroads. Automobiles, trucks, buses and airplanes have taken their place in the transportation picture, adversely affecting railroad revenues.

Recent developments have not caught the railroads napping, however. S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and President of the Canadian National Railways, says in the April issue of the Canadian National Magazine, "Particular attention to speeding up and adjustment of train schedules, pick-up and rapid delivery of freight, improved air-conditioned passenger equipment on main-line trains and the operation of low-cost excursions have all helped to bring the railroads back more strongly into the travel and transportation picture.

"The railroads have but one thing to sell and that is transportation of persons and commodities. But there are certain points which we, as railroad people, may well stress in the selling of our transportation service. In selling transportation the railroads furnish also safety, comfort and dependability. There are in addition, of course, the ancillary services provided by our hotels, telegraphs and steamship departments which round out a complete transportation service.

"The Canadian National management is proud of the record of courtesy and service to patrons of the System which has been established," he adds.

Sales of Canadian cheese in 1937 by the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society in Scotland were the largest in several years, and exceeded the sales of 1936 by almost 50 per cent.

CANADIAN COWS FAVOURITES
IN UNITED KINGDOM

On account of their milk yield, their good health, and the way they thrive on British pasture, Canadian milk cows have increased in favour in Great Britain year by year since 1933 when the importations of Canadian dairy cows to the United Kingdom commenced. Since then the importations have been: 513 in 1933; 2,143 in 1934; 293 in 1935; 654 in 1936, and 810 in 1937. Of the number exported in 1937, 704 were Friesians and 106 Ayrshires, the landings at Glasgow being 503 head and 207 head at Cardiff. The demand for these Canadian cows from British Dairymen greatly exceeds the supply, especially during the autumn and winter months when the milk yields are short and prices high.

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

During the month of March there were 5,076 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board, as compared with 4,937 during February, and 5,968 during March a year ago. The benefits awarded amounted to \$627,469.81, \$507,132.24 of which was for compensation and \$120,337.57 for medical aid.

This brings the number of accidents reported during the first quarter of 1938 to 15,408, being 408 more than the number for the same period of 1937, and the benefits awarded during the first three months this year amounted to \$1,622,720.11, as compared with \$1,568,796.87 during the corresponding period of 1937.

"Is he fresh? Why I had to slap him three times before I let him kiss."

Hand and Foot

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LUELLA was not a private detective, nor even by nature unduly curious. It was honest concern for Eva's happiness which had brought her to Stetson. She could never forget that it had been Eva who had unconsciously showed her how terrible her life with Dan would have been. Luella shuddered now at the memory of her week's visit with Eva and her four brothers and sisters, among whom was the handsome Dan.

But now Eva had disappeared and Luella was worried. She could not blame the girl for running away and it was most unlikely that her present condition was more unhappy than had been her life at home. But until Luella knew at least that the girl was safe, she would not be satisfied.

Her search had brought her to Stetson, but there she was balked. Luella pondered. Eva could sew, cook, sweep and dust. She had been a furnace man, gardener and household drudge to her four healthy brothers and sisters almost from the day of her birth. It was possible that she had taken service somewhere.

Mrs. Eason, a motherly soul, to whom she confided the object of her search, shook her head.

"She can't be in Stetson. No such marvel among women has appeared, I am sure! The poor child! Why on earth did she work so hard?"

"Her family just let her," said Luella. "She knew how to do things, so they expected her to do them. Her great, hulking brothers couldn't even build a fire in the stove. And, since Eva could, they never learned."

The older woman sighed. "How full of inequalities life is! If only your Eva and our Mrs. Sam Grant could be shaken up together, how nice it would be!"

"Who is she?" asked Luella politely.

"A bride young Sam brought home from somewhere. Pretty, of course. Sam's wife would be. But she's the most shiftless soul alive. Can't lift her hand to do a thing."

"Doesn't he object?"

"Gracious, no! That's what makes it so hopeless. He adores her and he can afford to pay for help. He waits on her hand and foot."

The phrase halted Luella. Hand and foot! Her own phrase. Eva had waited on her sisters and brothers hand and foot.

"Can't she really do anything?"

"Well, she doesn't. And I've heard—" Mrs. Eason lowered her voice—"that she can't even make beds or wash dishes properly. Doesn't know where to find the damper on the stove. And since she can't do things, of course, Sam does them for her."

"But how does she occupy herself?"

"Just reads and embroiders. What you said about Eva's longings reminded me of her. She does beautiful embroidery."

"What does she look like?" Little prickles ran up Luella's spine.

"Where did Mr. Grant meet her?"

"We think he met her at some girls' school. No one really knows. She's very pretty. Ash blond with brown eyes, always striking. I think. And a dimples set in crooked."

Luella's heart was beating rapidly. Who else could it be? Though she had never thought of Eva, the household drudge, as pretty.

The doorbell rang. It was Eva's brother Dan, who had started her on this quest.

"I traced you here, Luella." He acknowledged his introduction to Mrs. Eason with a bow of his handsome head. "Have you found Eva? You know I think I have a clue to her whereabouts."

Luella was thinking rapidly. "No, I haven't found her."

"I think she is living in this town. I have heard that she is married. It must be annulled, of course."

His voice was brusque. "She must come home. We can't possibly spare her."

Luella wondered why she had ever thought Dan handsome, why she had never noticed his selfish mouth, the cruelty of his chin.

"I am sure you are mistaken, Dan," she said firmly. "Eva is not in Stetson."

"But I think she is. I heard she married a Sam Grant, a man with a lot of money. He'll have to settle some on her, of course, but he must give her her freedom."

That last word settled it for Luella. Freedom! Poor little Eva who had found herself for the first time in her life waited on "hand and foot" by someone who loved her.

"You are mistaken, Dan," she replied, without the least tremor of conscience. "I heard that rumor, too. And I know all about Mrs. Sam Grant. She is the most shiftless soul on earth, and only resembles your sister in the color of her hair. If you had only telephoned I could have told you that your long trip here would be wasted."

The young man turned reluctantly away, convinced at last. And Luella, looking up to meet the suddenly comprehending and sympathetic gaze of the older woman, gave a deliberate and unslavlike wink.

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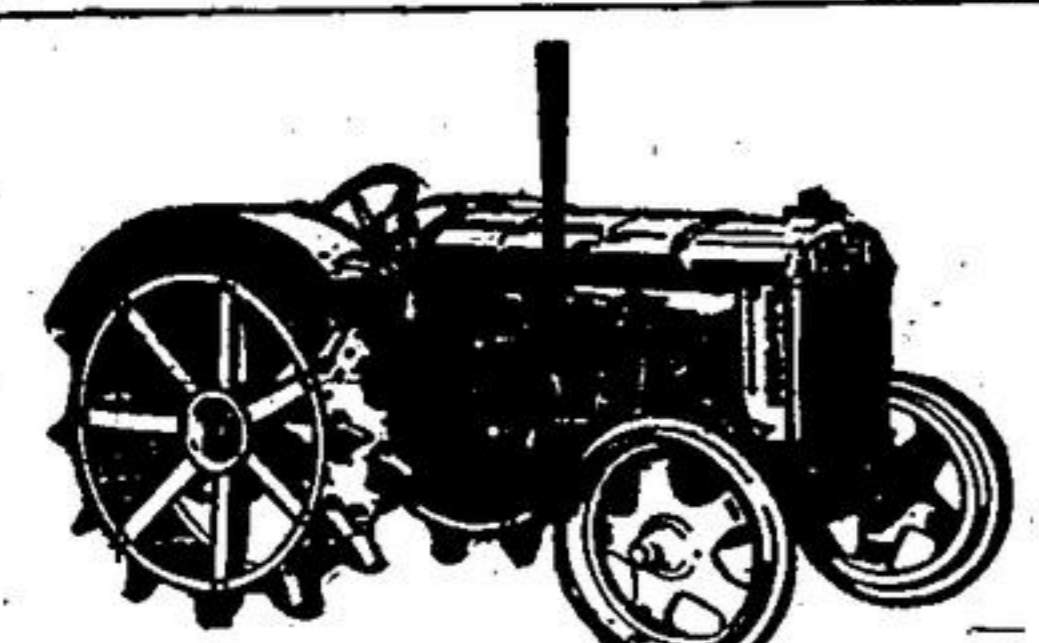
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Prophecy
It is well that prophecy falls in many instances. Two ladies, who had known each other in years gone by, met on the street. One of them, who had been married for some years, was pushing a baby carriage in which were five triplets, all girls. "The other had been married only a couple of weeks. "What beautiful children!" exclaimed the newly married one, with much interest, after the two friends had exchanged greetings.

"Yes," replied the proud mother, "and it was the funniest coincidence. At our wedding supper the boys who played with my husband in the orchestra serenade him and played 'Three Little Maids,' from The Mikado. Isn't that queer?"

The newly married one gasped for breath and turned pale with horror. "Merciful heavens!" she gasped, "at our wedding supper, a couple of weeks ago, Tom's friends serenaded him also, and they rendered 'Sex-tette from Lucia.'"

He (boasting): "Say! When I kiss a girl, I don't fool around."

She: "Why not? Are you bashful?"