

**First Property Rights Acquired by Colonists**

Discussing some origins of property rights, the Journal of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers cites the fact that the first property rights in this country were acquired by the colonists by virtue of royal charters, occupation or purchase from the Indians. The lands usually consisted of large tracts and the title was deemed to vest in the inhabitants, in the commoners, in the original proprietors, and, usually, in theory, in the king of England, under whom they held title.

"The time came," explains the journal, "when it was deemed advisable to divide the lands among individuals, and many were the disputes in proprietor meetings or in town meetings between proprietors, inhabitants and commoners in respect to the division." Sometimes the proprietors claimed ownership for themselves to the exclusion of the other inhabitants of the community and held proprietor meetings, as distinguished from town meetings, and made the division among themselves.

"Sometimes the distinction between proprietor meetings and town meetings had been lost, and often times the right to share in the division, in so far as inhabitants who were not proprietors were concerned, rested upon which had a majority—physical or otherwise. Sometimes the division was made by number, each getting an equal share; sometimes it depended upon the amount of taxes which a person paid, the larger taxpayer receiving the larger quantity of land.

"Sometimes the division was made by the meeting, but frequently by a committee selected to make a survey and to lay out the land. In any event, the lands allotted were usually large farms, with a share of pasture land, wood lot, land for cultivation, a house lot, and often an undivided share in the commons."

**Edison Averaged About**

**18 Hours a Day at Work**

Edison always had a hundred things he was burning to try. If he was away from his work, he made a long list of things to be done, next day. "Putting salt on the tail of an idea," was his happiness and when some experiment turned out successfully, he would dance about, to his assistants' amazement.

On one of his birthdays, a visitor expressed the wish that Edison would live many more years. Taking the usual little pencil stub from his vest pocket he made a careful calculation and then said, "How would it be to live about 145 years? I've just figured that I'm working 'double shift,' so compared with the average 'single shift' man, if I live to be eighty I'd really be one hundred forty-five years old."

Edison's energy was vital and tremendous. He worked about 18 hours a day. And he was a night owl by choice. But when he was fagged he could "hit the hay" and sleep like a baby. Short naps after exhaustion brought him back to a task completely refreshed.

He once said: "Most men do their work in a series of efforts that require a lot more time than continuous application; when I have a problem, there is no let-up until I get somewhere on it. If I am up half the night, when I do go to bed it is usually in contentment, while your routine man may worry about a matter for a week before he arrives anywhere on a problem."

**Down Trees-Headfirst**

According to Stimpson's "Uncommon Knowledge," squirrels, chipmunks and similar light-bodied arboreal rodents are the only animals that habitually and naturally come down trees headfirst. This, of course, excludes cats, which come down tail first. Apes, raccoons, porcupines, opossums, kinkajous, coatimundis and other heavier-bodied tree-climbers come down tail first by preference, using the claws to help support the weight of the body; some of these, however, reverse the method when in a hurry or when the tree is inclined. Foxes and the smaller members of the family are not classed as true tree-climbers and they come down in a rather unnatural and awkward manner. The coatimundis may come down a tree either way, or they may simply drop from the branches of the tree.

**Verdi's Failure**

When Giuseppe Verdi, at the age of sixteen, took his entrance examination at the conservatory of Milan he showed so little evidence of musical talent that the authorities declined to enroll him. This is related in the Standard American Encyclopedia. This did not bother Verdi, however, and he continued his studies, ultimately rising to the heights with his "Il Trovatore," "Rigoletto," "La Traviata," and "La Forza del Destino."

**The Feet Always Busy**

The feet do more work relative to their size than any other part of the body. It is hard to visualize the fact that when a man walks a mile he places an aggregate of 250 tons on his feet. Three out of every four adults in this country have some sort of foot trouble. The blame for this condition is largely due to incorrect footwear, but the jar incident to walking on hard pavements and floors is a contributing cause.

**Does YOUR System Make Excess Acid?**

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**BUILDING A HOME—AND MARRIAGE**

The house-building problem in Canada today is in some respects similar to the marriage problem. It is well known that young people in general have difficulty in amassing sufficient funds for marriage. It is also well known that many people cannot afford to build houses.

Although Finance Minister A. C. Dunning's elimination of the sales tax on forty building trade items should aid the construction industry as a whole and contribute to better employment conditions, it is well not to be too sanguine of its effects upon the housing program launched by the Federal Government, or upon house building under any other arrangement throughout the Dominion.

Houses will not be built here in large numbers until one of two things happens. Either rents must go up or taxes must come down. As rents cannot be effectively increased until tenants are able to pay at a higher rate, and there seems small hope of that at present, the only feasible means of developing a house-building program is to reduce taxes.

Municipal taxes creep up, with few exceptions, year by year. In each city and town the current incumbents of the councilors' chairs are able to present arguments to show that they are not responsible for the increasing severe taxation. They point to mistakes of past councils, or to other conditions over which they have no control. Some of these arguments are sound, but this does not alter the fact that it is municipal taxation more than any other one factor, which is strangling house building.

The 1938 Dunning budget should effect a reduction of some five per cent in capital account building. This is important, but it does not deal with the fundamental trouble. That trouble is not capital cost so much as the year by year municipal taxation.

**THE SALVATION ARMY OPERATES BUREAU FOR MISSING PERSONS**

Nothing is impossible to the Missing Persons' Bureau of The Salvation Army.

When the China Clipper raced across the Pacific on a scheduled flight last month from Honolulu she carried instructions from Toronto headquarters of The Salvation Army to Far East officers of The Army. It was the start of a widespread search through the battle-scarred province of Anhwei for the family of W. Sitt, Chinese, Parry Sound restaurant keeper, who is fearful for their safety.

Sitt, who has been in Canada for some years, has repeatedly tried to locate his family by letter. But Anhwei has been heavily bombed by the Japanese, villages are in ruins and whole families have fled before the onslaught of the invaders. One by one his letters have come back with a notation from postal authorities saying they could not be delivered.

Sitt despaired of ever reaching them through regular postal channels. In the characters of the Chinese, he again wrote an appeal to his family to be of good cheer to follow instructions of The Salvation Army officers and seek the safety and assistance of the British consul, Salvation Army officers in China have the letters. Now all that remains is to find one small island in a country where countless thousands are homeless and on the move.

This search in China is but one of the 250 cases listed that are under investigation through the Toronto office of The Salvation Army. There is a Men's Inquiry department and another department which looks after missing Women. The men's department handled 774 cases of missing persons last year. Of that number 407 were located. The bureau has an average of 55 inquiries monthly for missing men and about 15 for missing women.

**DEVICE HELPS SAFE LOADING OF TRANS-CANADA AIRPLANES**

An ingenious device for determining the centre of gravity for all Lockheed "14" aircraft while fuel and cargo are being added to the initial weight, a Librascope balance computer has been installed in each of the western Canadian hangars from which Trans-Canada Air Lines planes will operate.

At first glance a bewildering mass of dials and controls, the Librascope in reality is simple in operation. Distribution of the cargo for the most efficient flying is easily effected before even a pound is actually loaded in the airplane. Given the weight of the cargo he is to carry, the pilot, by manipulation of the dials, can determine exactly where in the craft it should be placed. For example, if an excess is being loaded into one of the four cargo compartments a "centre of gravity" scale immediately responds, recording the discrepancy and indicating how adjustment should be made.

The weight of the fuel in the front and rear tanks, the express and mail cargo, and of the passengers is taken into consideration in the computation. Even the retractable landing gear comes under the surveillance of the Librascope. How its position, retracted into the fuselage or lowered for landings, affects the balance of the huge airplanes is indicated clearly.

One Sunday night, the preacher sternly roared: "When those young men in the rear get through flirting with the girls I hope they will give me a chance," and he wondered why the congregation laughed.

**PEACHES**

It is peach time in Canada. Early varieties of peaches grown in the Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, and in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, are now on the market and will soon be followed by later varieties. This year the crop of peaches is a good one, and the quality is excellent. Of all the fruits grown none is more luscious nor more healthful than peaches. The following recipes may prove timely:

**Peach Ginger Shortcake**

1/2 cup butter  
1 egg  
1/2 cup sour milk  
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and sugar, add egg and beat well. Add molasses, then sour milk, to which soda, ginger, and cinnamon have been added. Mix well, then add flour and baking powder sifted together. Bake in greased pan 50 minutes in slow oven (325 degrees F.). Split while hot and pile fresh sliced sugared peaches generously between and on top. Whipped cream may be served if desired.

**Peach Muffins**

2 cups flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
1/2 cup butter  
3/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup sliced peaches  
1 cup milk

Mix and sift flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Beat egg and milk and add to sifted ingredients. Add peaches. Stir as little as possible to blend well. Bake in moderate oven (350 to 375 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Serve hot.

**Fresh Peach Cobbler**

6 large peaches  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons baking powder  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup granulated sugar

Peel and slice fresh peaches. Sprinkle each layer with sugar. Make a batter of the ingredients and drop by spoonfuls over the peaches. Bake 1/2 hour in hot oven.

**Fresh Peach Crumbly Crust**

1 cup flour  
1 cup sugar  
6 peaches  
1/2 cup butter

Peel and slice fresh peaches and sprinkle 1/2 cup sugar over them. Mix remaining 1/2 cup sugar with flour and rub in butter until well blended and of crumb consistency. Spread over peaches and bake in moderate oven 1/2 hour. Serve hot or cold.

*Watch for the Salada Tea man*

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