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PARADE OF HOMES

A "Moving" Experience

Everybody knows moving is a trying experience. According to Toronto psychiatrist, Dr. Cameron Cochrane, there are a few traumas in life which are worse—loss of a job, the death of a loved one, or divorce, for example—but the experience of moving is ranked just beneath these as one of the most traumatic in modern life.

"It can cause as intense a feeling as losing a person," commented Dr. Cochrane, "fresh from counselling a patient threatening suicide because he couldn't cope with a two-block move."

"So, it is our minds as well as our bodies we play with when we decide to move. A move to a new home can be one of life's most exhilarating and energizing experiences, or it can be dangerous... especially to children."

"Children move badly between the ages of eight and 16, when they are beginning to build their own social networks," Dr. Cochrane said.

A move is most critical for a child entering puberty, he added, and parents contemplating a move should give lots of advance notice to the children, bringing them in on the discussions, and if the decision to move is made, allow them to get angry about it.

Dr. Cochrane spoke from experience. His own children took two years to forgive him when he last moved his family, he said.

Yet for most Canadians, moving is as inevitable as a snack at McDonald's. Statistics are sketchy, but the professionals in the moving business estimate that we urban Canadians move on the average of once every two years.

We are promoted at work and buy a newer and bigger house, we divorce, sell the conjugal property and move to clean white apartments with no memories, or we start a family and move to a home with a backyard and swings near a good school.

For whatever reasons, we move... and often.

We give notice to landlords, arrange mortgages, tell old friends we'll still meet them for lunch once a month, arrange to disconnect the phone, get a final gas and water meter reading, and prepare for the big day.

The legs are off the beds, the closets empty, rugs rolled up.

The holes in the wall from the pictures are patched over. The movers arrive and load the chest of drawers in their van.

"These people are among the few individuals in the world who take all of your possessions. Everything you own in the world, your whole life, they've got in their truck."

The speaker is not a harried housewife or distraught husband voicing moving day nerves. He is Jim Strathdee, president of Don Valley Movers. And he is explaining why just everybody gets upset on moving day.

"Moving is one of the most difficult things to do. It's a distasteful thing to do. We do a service which no one likes."

Strathdee is a pro and although he sympathizes with all nervous, tense and worried people upset by the process of moving, there is, he says, such a thing as a good move.

Just how good the move is depends on the customers' attitudes and the ability of the mover.

Strathdee remembered one man who worked for him. A heavy and bluff man, he would lift and load one piece of furniture, then tease the wife and give the husband 10 cents to go out and get a cup of coffee.

"He would get them laughing, prove he was a professional, then get them out of the house while he was loading," Strathdee remembered. "The people loved him."

"The best movers are those who like to put a puzzle together, the logical people," Strathdee said.

The best customers for the movers are the families who have shipped the children off to friends or relatives for the day, have packed every loose article in the home in a box, are reasonable and calm, and who are concerned but not anxious about their possessions.

Not everyone falls into that category. Strathdee remembered being ordered to move out the entire contents of a 20 room mansion in an upper crust neighborhood before 5 p.m. the same day. The wife was leaving her husband and wanted to be moved out before he came home from work.

"I flooded the place with nine guys," he laughed. "I wasn't going to be there when he got home, that's for sure."

Then there was the time he was on the job and arrived with the husband to find the wife had slashed and destroyed all the furniture and furnishings in the home. They moved what they could.

His movers also helped a man move his safe from his basement by tunnelling a hole, knocking out part of a wall and hoisting the safe through the hole and tunnel to the outside.

Another example of a bad move? "Not at all," replied Strathdee. "He told us about it beforehand. He knew it couldn't be moved any other way and we were prepared for it."

Movers have all kinds of pulleys and dollies to help them do their job, but they cannot move the impossible. The impossible is not the nine-foot custom made couch. That can always be slung out a window and down the side of a home or apartment. The impossible could be the freezer or pool table which was placed in the basement before all the renovations and restorations to a recreation room were done.

Strathdee thinks many people label the wrong possessions as fragile and treat with Tender Loving Care objects which easily could survive the bumps of moves. Stereos and color television, he said, are often thought to be delicate objects. In fact they are not, and in the case of the stereo need only the turntable screwed down and the changing arm securely fastened in place to be safely portable.

But he classified as delicate glass table tops, marble furniture, all furniture made from white metal and smaller items such as ship and plane models. Items such as these won't be insured by his company. He recommended they either be professionally packed or moved, if possible, in the family car.

Although Don Valley Movers charges between \$4 (books) and \$16 (china) per box for packing services, Strathdee was willing to share some of the secrets of the professional packers. Use newspapers, he advised. Movers use newspaper anyway and most people wash their dishes before they put them in their new cupboards.

Wrap dishes individually, going from kitty corner to kitty corner and wrap them fairly loosely to give them a cushion. Line the box with paper balls, then pack the plates standing on end (if they are laid flat as they would be on a kitchen shelf, too much pressure and strain is placed on the plates).

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