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MADE IN CANADA

The Tragedy of Idle Youth
 (Toronto Globe, Dec. 16th)

There is something startling in the news that 5,000 young men, among them many more boys, are wandering about Ontario seeking something to do. Yet that is a condition indicated by a plan sponsored by Mr. Hughes Cleaver, of Burlington, M.P. for Halton, who requested chief constables throughout the province to take a census of these jobless transients as they appear in various municipalities.

It is reported from Burlington that a committee of philanthropic citizens in the Toronto-Hamilton district will co-operate with Mr. Cleaver in an effort to discover what can be done to restore these homeless travellers on the highways to some kind of employment.

This is an important step toward registration of the country's unemployed men. In fact the aim of the plan is to furnish to Federal and Provincial governments reliable data as to the number and former occupations of these idle youths. The intention is that each municipal list will show the names, former homes, ages, nationalities, trades and dates of last employment of the wanderers who seek shelter and food along the road.

Mr. Cleaver and the committee are tackling one of the most tragic features of the unemployment situation. If nothing be done for these youths, what of their future? They are in a hopeless and wrathful mood. It is difficult for Canadian youth to understand why in this new country—their country—they cannot get a chance to make a living. Eager for employment, they find no openings, and as a last resort take to the highways, hoping to run across something.

But they are not wanted in the municipalities, which feel obliged to provide food and a night's lodging. For this reason, if for no other, there should be co-operation by municipal officials in any undertaking that promises an enrolment of these young men and an effort to provide for them a better opportunity in life, at least a chance to earn their daily bread.

That is the minimum of their desires after years of disappointment.

Australian Rice Had Unique Origin

An idea born in the mind of an agricultural agent while visiting California about 10 years ago, is responsible for the present rice industry in Australia. It was stated a master of one of the Canadian National Steamships' freighters in the Canada-Australia-New Zealand service, recently arrived in Canada with cargo from the Antipodes, was in the department of agriculture of New South Wales and when he got back to Australia, he turned his attention to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, which was originally a grazing country. Within six years from the time the rice was first put on the market, Australia was able to produce enough for domestic requirements and is now exporting it to other markets.

Machinery is used wherever possible in the cultivation of the rice. The land is sown dry during September and October; it is then flooded until the seed germinates, when the water is drawn off and the plant is enabled to root well, the growth being assisted by the sun. The fields are again flooded, with the depth of water being gradually increased to about 10 inches as the plant grows. The water is finally drawn off between March and April and the crop is harvested by machinery during April and May. A three-year rotation with wheat and fallow is generally followed.

Nearly Half Lost All of Deposit

Nearly half the candidates in the Dominion election—404 out of 892—lost their \$200 deposits, when final figures were revealed. The number is the highest ever recorded in a general election. The Dominion treasury took in \$50,800 from candidates who failed to poll half the number of votes required for the successful candidate. "Third parties" were given credit for this record, the Reconstructionists having lost 162 deposits with 174 candidates nominated. The C. C. F. gave up 78 of 119 deposits, and Social Credit 23 out of 46. Every Reconstructionist and C. C. F. candidate in Toronto lost his deposit, the returns show.

An Easy Way to Get Rid of Mice

Here's a simple remedy to get rid of mice in your home. "Put some peppermint about the place and the mice will flee," it is claimed by a woman who tried it. It may be herb of peppermint, it may be herb of peppermint, or it may be oil of peppermint, but once the house gets the aroma of peppermint, the mice is away, it is claimed. The smell of peppermint does not kill the mouse, it just drives him to other haunts. Beekeepers when troubled with mice in the beehive use this method, it is said.

GROWING COST OF RELIEF

In 1929 there were less than a thousand families on relief in York Township. By 1932 the number had increased to 2554 and by the end of October last the figures had jumped to 4390.

What is quite as remarkable as the increase in the number of families on relief in this particular municipality is the increase in cost per family of the relief granted, the expenditure per family having jumped roughly from \$3.50 in 1932 to \$15.00 in the present year. It may be accepted as certain that no such increase in the number of families on relief in York township between 1932 and 1935 would have occurred, nor would the cost per family have grown as it has done had York township been paying the whole cost. It may be accepted as equally certain that this cost will go on increasing as long as Province and Dominion are foolish enough to foot the entire bill.—Peel Gazette, Brampton.

Months Have Wrong Names

Before the time of Julius Caesar the olden Romans counted the year as starting in March, and that made September the seventh month, but the first month was made January, but the old name of September was kept, October, November and December (meaning eighth, ninth and tenth), says a writer in the Detroit News, are other months which we may say have the wrong names.

Largest Block of Stone

The largest building stone ever hewn by man lies half buried in rubbish at Baalbeck, in Syria. This huge stone block is perhaps the greatest triumph of the ancient masons. It is a 60-foot block, and is perfectly squared, despite its size. Baalbeck is famous for its temples, many of which were built with huge stone blocks.—The Hit Magazine.

TAKING CENSUS OF TRANSIENTS

An effort to take a complete census of transients in Ontario has been undertaken by Hughes Cleaver, member of Halton county, backed by a committee of those interested, with Edmund Holby as honorary secretary. Circulars were sent out recently by Mr. Cleaver to all municipalities in Ontario, requesting the police chiefs in each centre to supply the names, last addresses, age, and trades of any transient harbored by them on the night of Dec. 13th. By this means it was hoped to overcome duplications and establish a correct estimate of the actual number of transients in the province.

On Monday returns began to come in from municipalities all over the province. Those who are interested are highly pleased with the results. When all the reports are received, Mr. Holby will compile the list.

"These men, the majority of whom are under forty years of age, should be better looked after," stated Mr. Cleaver. "This is desirable from a community point of view, as from the ranks of these transients spring many undesirable characters."

It is felt if these men were better cared for they would not be a loss to the community. Mr. Cleaver is of the opinion that a community or committees of transients should be established under proper supervision, the men to direct their own buildings and to do their own work, with some assistance. The men would not be committed to get a community under his plan, but would do so voluntarily to pay for their treatment and care.

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World's Greatest Plague Being Overcome

Not so many years ago, consumption was the world's greatest scourge. It is still a deadly enemy but not so potent because of the medical advances which have been taken for its prevention and cure.

The physician, the dietitian and the sanatorium, have all combined and have materially checked the great scourge of the tubercle bacillus, made upon our population.

The National Sanitarium Association operates the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives, the Toronto Hospital for Consumptive Children, and the Ontario Hospital for Consumptive Children. They are all equipped with the latest medical apparatus and have all facilities for the treatment of their patients. The National Sanitarium Association, 222 College Street, Toronto 2.

Will Be Mild Winter Says Indian Chief

It's going to be a mild winter and there won't be much need for overcoats. Rubbers may come in handy, but muffers will be out. This is the prophecy of Chief Sam Snake, of the Ojibway Indians on the Rama reserve, and his words are concurred in by Black Hawk, the tribal prophet, who himself has seen 72 winters and has been busy forecasting them for at least 50.

Chief Sam Snake bases his weather prophecy upon nature's natural barometer, the far-bearing animals and birds. He bases his findings upon a number of nature's signs. In a telegram received by the Toronto Passenger Department, Canadian National Railways, the chief stated that the freeze of the southward wind, the heavy snow higher than they have for years, a sure sign of an open winter. The foxes and other far-bearing animals have not donned a heavy coat this winter, and the bear has not made a den. He does not think that a winter home will be a necessity. Even the fish have not taken to deep water, as they would ordinarily do if heavy frosts were promised.

Prophet Black Hawk goes even further than Chief Sam Snake. He predicts that in the north snow will not fall more than a foot in depth. This fact, indicated by the deer, which are scratching their horns in trees and bushes just 12 inches above the ground. Through some strange intuition, Prophet Black Hawk finds that deer invariably select as their scratching mark will fall. And to clinch his statements, the prophet claims that there will be practically no snowfall along the shores of Lake Ontario.

Canada's Investment In Schools

Canada has over half a billion dollars invested in schools and universities—nearly \$600,000,000 the record seems to indicate. This sounds like a vast deal of money, but its significance is perhaps clearer when we say that it represents about two per cent of our total national wealth. It is about double our investment in telephones; equal to our investment in the electricity supply industry; comparable with, but less than, our investment in the automobile industry; or in automobiles; about one-fifth or one-sixth of our investment in railways; about one-tenth or less of our investment in farming.

There is still a considerable part of the investment in schools to be paid for by the public. The ordinary publicly-controlled schools are valued at less than \$400,000,000 and there is an investment in them of more than half this amount. But if they could collect the \$50,000,000 or thereabouts owing as arrears of school taxes, and apply it to the reduction of debt, their indebtedness would be only about \$150,000,000.

The value of lands, buildings and equipment used by the universities and colleges is \$145,000,000, about the same as is invested in Canadian hospitals. The universities have indebtedness, too, but it will be largely offset by their endowments, the value of which is about \$45,000,000, which is not included in the \$145,000,000 of property that they use in teaching.

A Worth While Work

The problem of caring for the many unfortunate sufferers from tuberculosis is a task which for some 30 years has been occupying the attention of the National Sanitarium Association, operating the Toronto Hospital for Consumptives and the Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children.

At present these up-to-date hospitals, with an accommodation of over 1,000 beds, are taxed to the utmost to care for the needy consumptives, whose only hope of future health lies in proper treatment and care.

It is of these institutions that we are enabled to carry on this work which is necessary to annually make an appeal for funds, for the actual cost of maintenance of our allowances received fall far short of the actual cost of maintenance. With a deficit of many thousands of dollars to make up this year on operating account we ask that you give as generously as you can. Please send your gift to the National Sanitarium Association, 222 College Street, Toronto 2.

NEWS!

Keep in mind the big event of the year—the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Plans are rapidly being completed and the celebration will be one of the best ever held in Milton. Secure your tickets now and assure yourself and friends an enjoyable time on New Year's Eve.

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A BLANKET HUNG OVER HER ARM

Editor, Dear Sir:

I see by the paper that the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto is now sending out its Annual Appeal for funds to enable it to carry on successfully for the next twelve months. This brings back to my mind the last time I had occasion to be in that Institution. An incident impressed it very vividly on my mind.

A bewildered sad-faced woman preceded me down the low, wide stone stairs leading to the front door of the Hospital. A blanket hung over her arm. "Ah yes," I said to myself, "that signifies only one thing. She has just left her child here for treatment. The poor thing! I wondered if I should try to comfort her, or if anything I might say would only make her feel worse. I overtook her as I debated just in time to steady her as she stumbled on the last step. It came naturally enough that we should drop on a ball bench, and there, seeing my sympathy, she brought forth her desperately tragic story in broken sentences.

It was wash day. She had just stepped out of the kitchen into the dining-room to take off the tablecloth that she had decided, at the last minute, to add to the wash. There was a sound of some heavy object striking the floor, a splash of falling water, a childish scream of fright and pain. In a split second, a bright sunny morning had become a nightmare of unbelievable horror. Her three-year-old child had pulled over her a huge pot of boiling water. Her little body was terribly scalded. Her face had miraculously escaped. "Will she live, will she live," sobbed the distracted mother. "Catching the blanket on her arm she said, "I can take this blanket home that we brought her in, but I have to leave her, my baby, with strangers. I want to hold her in my own arms and soothe her, poor frightened little one!"

I hesitated as to whether I should tell her of my hospital experience, but, although terrible for me at the time, I knew it was nothing compared with hers. However, I thought it would help, so I forced back my tears and holding her hand in mine, I told her how very good the nurses at my hospital were, and how I would son when I brought him to the ward at the age of seven with a broken leg to mend. "They will be so tender with the baby and nothing will be left undone," I assured her, "not only to save the little life, but to prevent ugly scarring." We left the Hospital together and, parting at the corner, she thanked me sincerely for my sympathy. I think I had managed to comfort her, a little, at least.

Each day for weeks I telephoned the Hospital to learn how the child was. For many days its life hung by a thread, but they would not let it go. At last one morning I was joyfully told it would recover. I have since had the great pleasure of seeing this little one, who is now a happy, laughing school girl.

This is my remembrance of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Yes, I'm sending the Hospital my gift of money to-day, the largest I can spare, and I trust others will do so, too, for I think it is worthy of help from everyone.

—A MOTHER OF FOUR.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD
 HAVE A SNAPSHOT PARTY

The "magic chair" will prove to be a popular attraction.

SOME people just naturally frown on the idea of doing anything unusual or different, but be that as it may, here's a suggestion for a new kind of party. A "Snapshot at Night Party" and the chances are it will be voted by those who are fortunate enough to be invited as an outstanding success.

To further add to the merriment of the party you might have your guests come in costume. Tell them to come dressed as their favorite movie star, some famous person of history, a character from one of the nursery rhymes, or you might simplify the matter of costumes and make it a regular "Kid Party" all guests dressing as children.

Setting the stage for your Snapshots at Night Party is very simple and can be done before your guests arrive. Here is what you do. Place a chair in an out-of-the-way part of the room so that it will not be disturbed by the guests as they arrive. Close to the back and to the right of the chair place a floor lamp so that the light bulb is about two feet from the back of the chair. Now tilt the shade slightly upward so that it will throw the light directly over and down on the shoulders and head of the person sitting in the chair. About three feet directly in front of the chair place another floor lamp with its shade tilted to throw the light directly on the front of your subject and chair. You now have one floor lamp back of and to the right of the chair and another one three feet in front of the chair or subject.

With the lamps in this position you will have to take the picture from the side; so place your camera on a table or some firm support at a point where you can see all of your subject in the finder. If you have a folding camera with an f.8.3 lens open it to this aperture and set the shutter speed at 1/25 of a second.

With supersensitive panchromatic film in your camera and two Photoflood bulbs in the lamp facing the subject and one in the lamp back of the chair you are ready for the arrival of your guests and fascinating indoor snapshots at night.

In placing your camera be sure that neither of the lights shines directly into the lens of the camera or shows in your finder.

After your guests have arrived lead them one by one to the "magic chair," switch on the Photoflood lamps, and—snap—you have the picture. And you can count on much merriment as each faces the camera.

Suppose you do not have a camera with a lens as fast as f.8.3. You can have your party and take pictures with any camera just the same. You can take a short time exposure without any change in your setup.

In taking either a snapshot at night at 1/25 of a second or a time exposure picture, caution your guest not to move when the picture is actually being taken.

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