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SIDEWALKS FOR YONGE STREET A NECESSITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY.

Three accidents to pedestrians on Yonge Street within a week including one fatality is a record which should arouse the citizens of this district and those in authority in municipal and provincial affairs to the urgent necessity of prompt action to provide sidewalks along the highway.

PROVINCE SHOULD TAKE ACTION.

The present policy of the provincial department of Highways regarding the construction of sidewalks has proven inadequate. The plan of giving a small grant to townships building sidewalks may be alright in some districts, but sidewalks along provincial highways through thickly populated areas where the traffic is heavy should be the special responsibility of the province. Yonge Street is a Provincial Highway and the Provincial Department of Highways should immediately see to it that sidewalks are built in the interests of the safety of the pedestrians and the motorists. A provincial government which is taking so much from the people in the way of taxation should not burden the already over-taxed municipalities with the responsibility for the construction of sidewalks which should be built by the province of Ontario.

HOW MUCH LONGER.

How many more lives must be sacrificed before the Provincial Government awakes to the fact that sidewalks are a necessity on Yonge Street?

A NECESSARY UNDERTAKING.

We understand the Provincial Government is contemplating the expenditure of thousands of dollars on public works to relieve unemployment. One of the first on the list should be the construction of sidewalks on Yonge Street.

PASS UP THE HITCH-HIKER.

The North Yonge Railways have enjoyed a very satisfactory patronage during the first month of operation. If the Hitch-Hikers, free-ride seekers, and the amateur taxi were abolished there would be no doubt of the financial success of the line. A strong public opinion can rid the railway of all of these competitors.

A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE.

The municipalities of Vaughan township and the village of Richmond Hill commencing on September 1st undertake to provide the people of these municipalities with a Public Health Nursing Service. It is a most commendable step in the interests of the welfare of the community and the nurse should receive the whole-hearted co-operation of the citizens. The expenditure for this service is an investment which will pay the municipalities handsome dividends in the form of a healthier and happier community.

DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR FRIENDS BY OFFERING RIDES.

A resident of the district in discussing with us our editorial remarks regarding the "free ride" nuisance on Yonge Street as related to the success of the Car Service took the editor somewhat to task for placing all the blame on the people who accepted the rides and letting the motorist go free. Such is not always the case, said the resident who visited our office and cited himself as an instance. "I am a resident and property owner of the district, and was very strongly in favor of the purchase of the car line," he said. "I know if we do not ride on the cars they will not pay. I use the cars to go to and from work every day, and I would rather NOT be offered a ride. But, if a friend comes along, hales you from the highway and invites you to ride it is somewhat embarrassing to refuse and tell him that you prefer to ride on the street car." It will be seen from the foregoing that the person who is planning to use the street car is often placed in an unpleasant position by a motorist offering a ride. The moral is that motorists should not embarrass their friends who want to patronize the street cars by offering them rides in motor cars.

BEWARE OF CONTAMINATED WELLS.

The owners of wells in the town have been notified of the result of the recent tests made by the provincial inspector. The warning should not be lightly regarded. The Municipal Waterworks offer a carefully guarded and safe water supply which is now available to every householder on attractive and convenient terms. Why take a chance?

Pass up the "HITCH-HIKER" on Yonge Street.

Don't embarrass your friends by offering them rides on Yonge Street. They probably would rather patronize their own railroad.

Tell the next one who asks for a free ride that you've recently purchased a car line to carry passengers on Yonge Street.

Nobody has yet explained why human nature has so changed that recklessness as to human life has taken the place of well established caution. The reckless driver on our highways shows a regrettable disregard for the lives and property of others.

There are drivers in this district who seem to have the idea that "Stop" signs have no significance so far as they are concerned.

**Another Fatality
On Yonge St.**

**WALKING BY SIDE OF HIGHWAY
AGED MAN STRUCK BY CAR AND
DIES FROM INJURIES**

David Burns, aged 75, father-in-law of H. W. Waters, general manager of the C.N.E., died a few minutes after he was admitted in York County Hospital, Newmarket, as a result of injuries received when struck by a car on Yonge Street one-half mile south of Richmond Hill, Saturday afternoon.

According to P.C. Massingham and Chief Sid Barraclough of Richmond Hill, who investigated the accident, W. E. Field, Glencairn ave., Dufferin County, driver of the car that hit Mr. Burns, was forced to turn in sharply to the edge of the road when another car driven by Catherine Wishart, Lambton ave., Mount Dennis, passed him and cut in too quickly. The right front fender of Fields' car struck Mr. Burns, throwing him into the ditch. Field was proceeding south on Yonge street at a slow rate of speed, it was stated.

The fatally injured elderly man was rushed to Newmarket Hospital by Chief Sid Barraclough, where he died a few minutes after his admittance. Hospital reports stated that death was largely due to shock, but he suffered a broken nose, fractured arm, bad cuts about the head and internal injuries.

According to residents of Mill road, Vaughan Township, where Mr. Burns lived, he was always very careful when out walking on the highway. "He always stayed on the path at the side of the road and walked on the side opposite to traffic," stated one resident. Just previous to the accident Mr. Burns had commented to an old friend on the heaviness of the traffic and the way in which some motorists were driving. "There will be someone hurt to-day the way some of those motorists are travelling on the road," Mr. Burns said.

Both Field and Wishart were arrested by P.C. Massingham and P.C. Reid on a charge of reckless driving. Bail was set at \$1,000 each. They will appear before Magistrate Duncan in Richmond Hill court on Aug. 22.

Mr. Burns is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. H. W. Waters, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

The funeral of the late Mr. Burns was held on Tuesday afternoon and interment took place in Richmond Hill cemetery.

Mr. Robt. Crombie died Tuesday morning. The community express their deepest sympathy to the family.

Wm. S. Hare & Son shipped five fine cockerels to Herbert P. Baker, Sunderland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibner and family of Aurora spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Andrews of Schomberg Junction, spent Sunday at Mr. John Jennings.

About 16 ladies from the church attended the W.M.S. on Wednesday last which was held at the home of Mrs. P. Forester of White Rose. A very fine program was rendered and a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. Russell of Canfield is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Beynon.

Mr. Hazard, K.C., of Toronto will preach at this church next Sunday.

An old-timer is one who can remember when lightning was considered fast.

Perhaps managers have spoiled the fight game, but you can't blame them. Everybody hates to see his meal ticket punched.

Meat and dairy products are increasing in popularity on the daily menu of the people of Canada. The per capita consumption of meat is eight per cent. greater than in 1920 and the total quantity of meat consumed annually in the Dominion has increased 20 per cent. in the last 10 years.

Ontario tops the list of Canadian provinces with fatalities at level crossings during the past three years, according to Arthur Gaboury, secretary-general of the Province of Quebec Safety League. His figures show 71 deaths in 1928, 78 in 1929 and 16 to the end of May, 1930. These compare with 39, 7 and 7 for Quebec in the same periods. The greatly reduced numbers in the case of Quebec are attributable, says Mr. Gaboury to the observance of the law in that province calling upon cars to stop when reaching a crossing, whether a train is in sight or not.

Bright Atlantic silver sea-run salmon are entering New Brunswick angling waters in greater numbers than ever this year, according to reports from wardens reaching the provincial department of Lands and Mines. On the Restigouche River catches of 23 lb. and 25 lb. salmon have been made.

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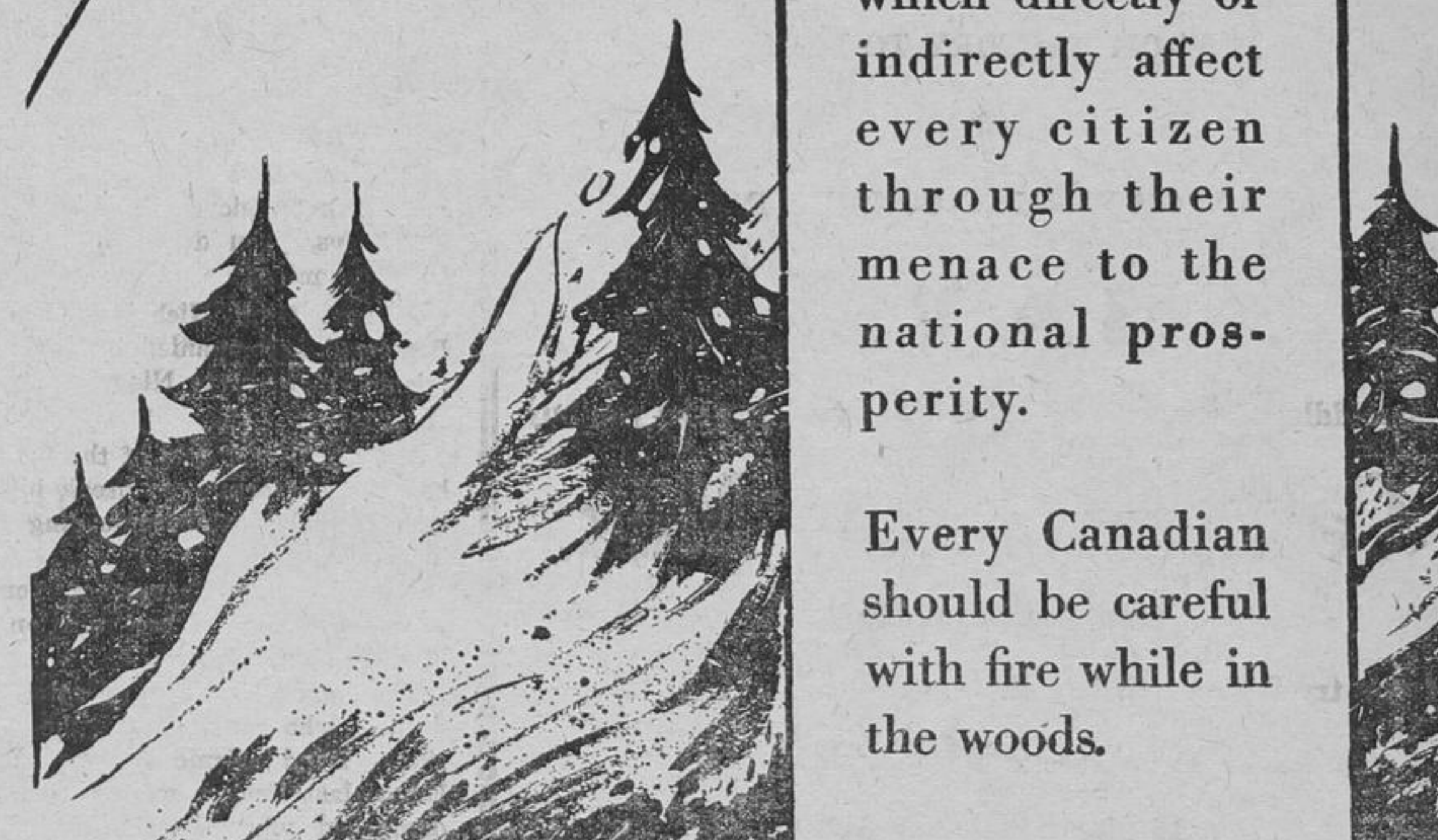
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