

# THE TRAINING OF A KING

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It was in November 9, 1902, the 61st birthday of King Edward VII of Britain. He and the last Emperor of Germany were watching a merry-eyed, tow-headed lad of eight romp on the spacious lawns of Balmoral Castle, Scotland.

That merry-eyed, tow-headed lad now is Edward VIII, ruler over one-fourth of the earth, through the death of his father, George V.

The Seventh Edward took tremendous interest in the Eighth Edward. It was he who picked Henry P. Hansell, in June, 1902, as tutor for his eldest grandson and Prince Albert, now Duke of York and Heir Presumptive to the British Throne. The tutor remained at his job until the outbreak of the war. He is said to have had more to do with molding their characters than any one person.

In "A King in the Making," Genevieve Parkhurst told how:

"King Edward has very definite plans for his grandson. He wanted him to be a friend of the people—to understand them, and to develop those qualities which would make him, when his day came, a beloved and therefore, wise ruler.

"In his own youth he had been kept aloof from all those who were not within the royal circle. His education had been planned with a stern eye toward the actual duties of a sovereign. He was not allowed to read or study any book or subject which might lead him away from the practical. Even Sir Walter Scott was forbidden, lest his mind should wander toward the adventurous and romantic."

**Ideas Work Out**  
That King Edward's ideas on the making of a king have borne richly in the person of King Edward VIII is widely accepted. But the new King has packed adventure into his 41½ years.

This slight, boyish-looking chap (he is five and one-half feet tall and weighs 125 pounds) has travelled 200,000 miles. He never has visited a country without trying to bring back some knowledge of its people, their language, and customs.

For his education, he has found travel the best way to discover the why of many things. For his diversion, he has turned to sport. Perhaps that is why he has a trim, athletic figure and fresh complexion.

To Edward VIII it is sportmanship, not the sport that counts.

Here is his own application of the principles of sportmanship, made in a speech at the Guildhall, London, several years ago:

"The sportsman needs love of adventure. He needs courage to understand it and take risks.

He requires energy and initiative, quickness of judgment and action, however sudden and startling the emergency; good temper, patience and perseverance . . .

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# SLATS' DIARY

(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Pa isent & doant seem to be abel to xtrikate hiself offen his

noosepaper thots even when in the bussem of the famby. This a. m. Ma sed she made a kake that is a poem & Pa replide well I xpect I'm xpected to be the waist basket.

Monday: Theys a dum cub reporter on the noosepaper at witch Pa wirks at. The editur sent him to rept. a big ivangelust's surmen & to kon dens it, so the c. r. writ J. Christ & Co. whair it shud of sed Jesus Christ and his apostels.

Tuesday: Last wk. teacher told are class to each rite a pome for today & I rote—I took Jane out a riding & cold cold was the breeze. Jan sed to me your antey-freeze seems turned to antey-squeeze. Jane didnt like it none two well.

Wednesday: A hov from the country got 1 on a maishen at the oprey house last nite who was gotten aigs and etc out of a hat. You cant get aigs without no hens can you sed the majishen to the boy & the rinply was Shure can-we got tirkies dux & gees & ganders all so. Evry body laft.

Thursday: I & Pa was at the grocery store buven sum shugar & etc. The grocerie man sed he ust to be a prize fiter as Pa was watchen the skales. The lite wate champeen? sed Pa. I didnt see the joak but its there sum whairs.

Friday: Blisterses littel brother cum to skool for the 1st time vester-day & when he got home Blisterses Ma ast him what did he lern & he sed considerable but hede haft to go agen tomorrow. Blisterses fokes sed it was funny but I dont see how cum.

Saturday: At skool vester day p. m. a P T A paytren was tryen out are classes on observing at the black board. She ast me for a No. & I sed 36 witch she writ down 62. Blisterses giv 28 & she writ 82. 55 sed Jake, less see you change that.

Roomer—I like this room, but the view from the windows is rather monotonous.

Landlady—Well, of course, this is a rooming house, not a sightseeing bus.

"Well, what single quality have I put into that catalog which isn't essential to the statesman? Surely none. And are there not lessons from the parallel that leap to the mind?"

Whether he can follow one new manifestation of his love of sport—aviation—is going to be a knotty problem for the new King's Cabinet Ministers. He is the first British King to have flown.

When he returned to London with the Duke of York from their father's death-bed at Sandringham, Norfolk, they flew in one of the new King's private airplanes. Both can fly, but never go along alone.

Airplanes are one symbol of the modernity of this second generation of Windsor. In "The Biography of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales," W. and L. Townsend pointed out:

"The Prince of Wales will, without question, make as good a King as his father. Yet he is a King, not of the past, but of the future . . .

"It requires only a little intelligence to see that the youth of Britain is moving in a world entirely different from that of their elders, constrained only by the realization of their immaturity from attempting to put into practice the ideas they hold; soon, the youth of to-day will be the middle-aged backbone of England. They will be able to realize their ideals; and their leader will be the Prince of Wales!"

British officialdom probably would deny that a king ever has his finger in the political pie, yet, even in this century, there have been evidences of the royal, withal impartial touch.

**Frank Speaking**  
The depression has focused the new King's attention on matters political. He is most interested in unemployment and slum-housing problems. Talking on these subjects, he does not mince words. Recently, after inspecting the slums of some of Britain's chief cities, he returned to London, and, soon after, was invited to a Guildhall function. There, industrial and political big-wigs expected to hear pat words of praise.

Instead he blistered their ears with: "There are a great many slum dwellings in this country that are relics of a bygone idea of what was tolerable for workmen. That type of home must be demolished. They are not, and must not be, considered fit for the coming generation . . .

"This nation can not afford to perpetuate such slums. What's the use of treating the diseases of slum-dwellers, especially the children, if when cured, they are to be sent back to such slums? It is a disgrace to our national life."

Those are outspoken words for royalty. Would a king be allowed to speak his mind so brusquely. That is what William Philip Simms, Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor implies in asking: "Will Britain's new sovereign, Edward VIII, come to be known as the Empire's 'Socialist King?'"

"Precedent Smashing"  
"There are those in England who predict he will. They say he will turn Britain upside down, smash precedent and do and say things never said or done by any British monarch in history."

But Mr. Simms hesitates over the Socialist tag, finding:

"The new King will hardly be a 'Socialist King.' But he is, and will likely remain, social-minded.

"Never has the ruler of England been a 'stuffed shirt.' He played the game even when a stripling . . . A rebel against the conventions all his life, Britain's new King can hardly become a slave to them now . . .

"No one expects him to play politics, if, by politics, is meant active interference with party rule; but, as a moral force, probably no man alive wields so much prestige. His reign, therefore, may see vast changes."

A farmer arrived very late at a country doctor's house and requested him to come instantly to a distant farm. The doctor hitched up and drove furiously.

Upon arrival, the farmer enquired "What fee?"

"Three dollars," replied the doctor. The country man paid.

"There ye are, Doc; that darned liveryman wanted five."

A father was giving some advice to his son. At the end of the lecture he said:

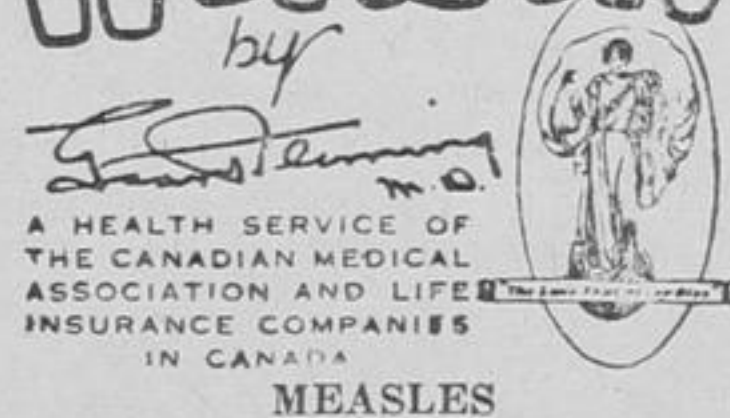
Father—Now, son, you understand perfectly what I mean.

Son—Yes, it boils down to this: If I do well, it is because of my illustrious forebears; if I fail it is my fault.

Mr. Newrich—Yes, sir, I started in life a barefooted boy.

Mr. Oldfam—I, too, was born without shoes.

# HEALTH



## MEASLES

Practically every human being who is exposed to measles will contract the disease. Striking examples of this were seen when measles was introduced, for the first time, to certain islands in the Pacific. Regardless of age or sex, every man, woman and child fell victims to the disease.

We do not know enough about measles to enable us to control it. We do, however, know how its ill effects may be minimized. We cannot, as yet prevent the regularly recurring epidemics, but we can reduce the loss of life from measles.

While the symptoms of most disease vary a great deal, measles appears consistently in a typical form. The onset is marked by what seems to be a cold in the head, accompanied by fever. Later, a rash develops, to be followed by a branny desquamation of the skin during convalescence. Before the skin rash appears, there are present, on the mucous membrane of the mouth, Koplik spots—bluish-white, pin-head in size, and surrounded by a red zone.

Measles is a children's disease because most of us are exposed to it early in life. The earlier in life the disease is contracted, the more dangerous it is. The proportion of deaths to cases decreases with each year of life. Therefore, the first year of life is the most dangerous year in which to have measles, the second year the next most dangerous, and so on.

Those who pass through an attack of measles do not, as a rule, suffer from the disease again. As most of us have measles during childhood, the adult population is, in general, immune or resistant to measles.

It is not only possible, but it is practical to take blood from a person who has recovered from measles, and, by injecting it into a child, to confer on that child, for two or three weeks, a measure of protection against measles.

Young children should never come in contact with other children who are ill or who appear to have a head cold. If there is such exposure and the ill child is found later to have measles, then it is advisable to inject the child who was exposed with blood

serum taken from convalescent measles patients, or with the blood from their parents who will almost surely have had measles. Such injections are usually given to children under three years of age, and, if given early will prevent or modify the attack which is apt to be so dangerous in the early years.

The child with measles should be in bed. It is the complications of measles which kill. Proper nursing care will do much to ward off complications, or to meet them should they develop.

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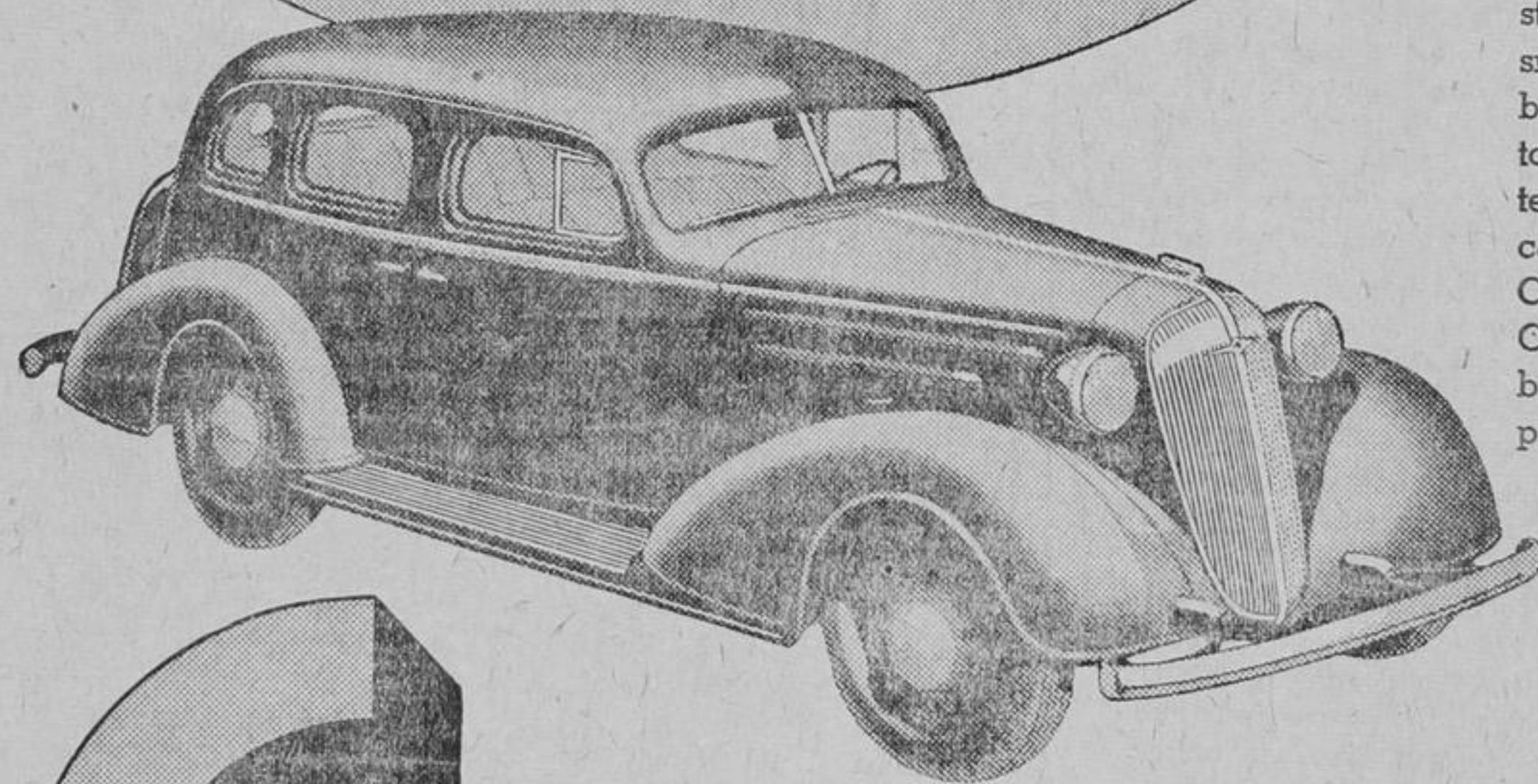
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