

SLATS' DIARY (By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Well I did not haft to get up erly but I had my trubbles enney how. Did haft to go to S. S. & even had to stay to preechen. Ma says all littel boys otto go to chirk & S. S. But me & Jake & Blisters has are douts.

Monday: Jane & Elsey cum to skool with a clean dress onto them & I pertended I thot they was new & they was aparently plesed. But Jake sed I new better & which he was kerrect.

Tuesday: The teacher wanted to no of all the kids in are class what they wanted worsen any thing & I cum last. & so I sed for the next 9 months to go by quick. I brot down the house which was are class.

Wednesday: The teacher et dinner at a reterant last p. m. When the waitress brot her the check the teacher sed Take it back to yore desk & try it agen. Must of thot she was tawken to Jane or Elsy. Which never get nothen rite.

Thursday: I writ the folloing as a essay in skool. Jane & Percy Reddykash (the bankers kid witch I dont like no how) fell out & dissided to kiss & make up. Jane got kist & Percy makeupp. A lot of dum kids failed to see the pointe. Jane did & wont speak as we pass each another.

Friday: The teacher sed to me sed she What coarse do I want to grageate in & I replide & sed coarse of time. The laff was on the teacher Tomorro is Saturday & Sunday witch is okay by me.

Saturday: My cheef wurry today besides konciderabel work is that day after tomorro is another Monday. How time flys! From Friday p. m. to Monday a. m. I mean. It doant look possibel. But I half to conseed that it is. O deth whair is thy stinger.

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Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Radio, the Canadian National Railways, and the Bank of Canada are all away to a new start, with new blood in the management of affairs, and some changes in general policy. Broadly speaking, the government is carrying out election pledges, and is seeking to correct some weaknesses which the experience of recent years disclosed.

Take radio, for instance. For three years we have had a commission of three, with the chairman as general manager. Many improvements in radio broadcasting have resulted. But a parliamentary committee last session concluded that the three-man commission was a faulty set-up. They recommended a change to the British system.

So now we have a Board of Governors, nine in number, with the witty Leonard Brockington of Winnipeg as chairman, and such well known persons as Nellie McClung, Wilfred Bovey and N. L. Nathanson on it. Also we are to have a general manager, almost certainly Major Gladstone Murray, a Canadian who has reached the top rungs in British broadcasting.

(Division of Duties)

The Board of Governors will appraise and direct public taste in the matter of programs: the general manager and his assistant will seek to give the public what the governors think it wants. The control enjoyed formerly by the commission is divided.

There will be, also, some building of stations and some increases in power of existing stations. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation won't have the money to acquire all private stations, but it will gradually extend public ownership as funds permit. It will try to reach some of the 'dead spots' in regions of Canada which cannot now hear our own programs.

The chairman has a deep faith in the possibilities of radio broadcasting to bring and bind together the diverse far-flung parts of Canada. He is a man of cultured tastes, and will seek to raise the standard of programs to a desirable level. Not too highbrow, of course. But sufficiently high that those people who want something 'a bit better' on the air won't be disappointed.

(Changes on C.N.R.)

What about the 'new deal' on the Canadian National?

We have had three years of Three-Man Trustee government, with the chairman all powerful. It was to be a sort of receivership for a bankrupt system. The present government doesn't believe that it accomplished any more than a good directorate would have, in concrete results, and that it had a depressing effect on the morale of the employees. So now we go back to a board of directors—but not the board as of Sir Henry Thornton's day. That was a large (17) and scattered directorate, with limited powers of supervision. Now we have a small, efficient (so it is hoped) board of seven, embracing some outstanding lawyers and mining men. The president, S. J. Hungerford, is also the chairman, but before long it is proposed to separate these offices.

Its first job is to make the system pay its bond interest: if that is possible. It will go out after business, maintain economies, restore the morale of the workers, resist political pressure: that is the theory, at any rate. We are all interested financially because it costs the average man, woman and child five dollars a year in taxes to meet the deficits of the railway. Say \$25 per year for the head of the typical family. With business rising to better levels, it should be possible to pare down that annual deficit.

(Public-Controlled Bank)

The change in the Bank of Canada is not drastic, but in effect it turns a privately owned and controlled institution into one which is potentially under the thumb of the government of the day. The choice of directors suggests that the government is not hide-bound about monetary policy. George Coote is one of the monetary reformers, and Professor McQueen is a young vigorous-minded chap who has little use for stand-pattism. The government purchased a majority of shares last week also, and so the majority ownership is vested in the people now. The National Employment Commission hopes that 45,000 single men will be taken on to farms under the Farm Improvement scheme, which bonuses the farmer as well as the worker. The Youth Employment Committee is also preparing schemes to absorb smaller numbers of unemployed youth this winter. Trade and revenue figures continue to rise.

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ACCIDENTS, SAFETY FIRST

Our age is an age of accidents, but other ages have not been clear of them altogether. The cave man fought wild beasts to feed on their flesh and clothe himself with their skins, and often came out second best, with shattered limbs or body clawed and mauled. A mis-step between rock and rock in the chase meant broken bones or bruised flesh. Even the nomad had his wild horses to break and his flocks to subdue and handle. No sooner were houses built than walls began to fall, and no sooner did the chariot come than wheels began to crash. The Fates sent earthquakes and cyclones then as now, and then as now, in the jungle age as in the age of the League of Nations, war meant inflicting intentionally the most injuries and diseases possible on enemies and putting up with injuries and illnesses inflicted intentionally by enemies.

Modern man has only changed the types of accidents. He is not clawed by a bear, charged by an elephant, pounded by a lion's paw or torn by a tiger, mangled by stampeding herds or pierced by arrow or spear. But he is hurled from aeroplanes, mangled in the wheels of his own machinery, mutilated in the wrecks of his new-time chariots and blown beyond recognition in modern warfare that out-jungles the jungle. The dangers are different, and the mutilations more varied than at any previous age. This is, and for many reasons, an age of accidents.

Modern medical and surgical science can patch up broken bodies better than ever before, and almost re-make mere mangled wreckage into a man, but in both medicine and surgery, both in the matter of disease and of injuries, there has been a tremendous shift in this past half-century from cure to prevention. Prevention is better than cure, also cheaper and less painful and bothersome. Fixing car brakes is a better job than fixing human body breakages. Overhauling metal machinery beforehand is a better job than overhauling mangled human bodies after a machine has run amok.

So the whole leadership of the nation should turn to Prevention. Plans, laws, education, regulation, should all turn toward "Safety first."

But what is much more important than signs, laws, regulations, sentences, is to get the psychology of 'Safety First' into us all. We are a nervous, keyed-up, fast-living, hard-working, hard-worrying people, living in a climate that tends to high blood-pressure. We stimulate ourselves to still greater nervousness by excitements, late hours, by rushing about, by coffee drinking and other drinking. We wear out our organisms before their time. We cut every split second off our journeys and often do nothing in particular that is worth while when we arrive. If we only had a keener sense of humor we would laugh at ourselves for our much and frantic fussing about and the little importance or joy of what we do after all. We should get the habit of asking ourselves just what we are rushing and fussing about anyway. The real reasons extracted from a hundred arrested speeding drivers would convulse the court by their littleness.

As has been already hinted, even climate may have something to do with the pace we live at. A middle-western Canadian after a few years in China, it is said, has a lowered blood pressure. And it is said that Chinese people who spend a few years in Canada have increases in blood pressure. Something in the climate, it is guessed, not unlikely the frequency of sudden changes here in temperatures and atmospheric pressures, electrical storms, cyclones and all that sort of thing, with much more level and hum-drum conditions in China — and for that matter in our own American South. We are not endorsing all these theories absolutely and have not worked out any plan for people to travel North-west to be pepped up and South-east on our own continent, or to China, or to many another region, to be quieted down.

At any rate if ever a people needed some philosophy of quietness and rest and calmness we North Americans — westerners especially — are that people. Every day we need to ask ourselves many questions. What are the things that are most worth while, and what are not worth while at all? What are the things that make for life and living and what the things that deplete life and impoverish living? What is merely fuss and froth? What things can be left out, whose loss would be gain, leaving life not poorer but richer? And in this matter of accidents we have been discussing. Safety first can be helped by laws and regulations, by road signs and putting morons of the steering wheel into jail to cool off. But the root of the matter of safety first is the getting of some bits of philosophy into our own hearts and lives. Questions concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

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YOUNG PEOPLE

PLAN CONVENTION

Third Annual Province-Wide Gathering of Presbyterians in Hamilton

A large representation of Presbyterian youth from Toronto will participate in the third annual province-wide convention of Presbyterian Young People's Societies in Hamilton from October 9 to 12. Rev. Dr. W. M. Kannawin, general secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the church, will be a principal speaker and will give impressions of the World's Sunday School convention at Oslo, the theme of which was "Christ, the Hope of the World." A measure of the inspiration which the world conference conveyed to its many delegates, will thus be relayed to Canadian youth.

Other speakers at the Hamilton meeting will include Dr. Frank S. Morley, St. Catharines; Rev. Roderic Lee Smith, Buffalo; Dr. Jonathan Goforth, Manchuria; Rev. Arthur Lowther, India, and many other missionaries and outstanding leaders of church life. Some excellent discussion group leaders have been obtained. Miss Eileen Ellis, Hamilton, is the registrar.

Features of the convention program will take in a Y.M.C.A. play hour a study of helpful and harmful recreation. Presbytery projects, how to lead a sing-song, producing a paper, 'Our Study Book,' on spending \$5,000, a mock business meeting, missionary addresses and a pageant.

"Most interesting," said the sweet young thing to the motorcar salesman, "and now show me the depreciation, please; I hear it is heavy in these cars."

"As a matter of fact, madam," replied the opportunist, "we found it a source of worry, and had it removed."

ADAM GOODFELLOW

Adam Goodfellow, a well known resident of Nobleton died there on September 5th. He was born in Albion township 68 years ago. He was a member of the United Church and a Conservative in politics. He was an Orangeman for fifty years, having joined the old lodge at Coleraine and later transferring to No. 590 at Nobleton. He is survived by his wife and five sons, Harold, Lorne, Borden, Howard and Kenneth. The funeral was held on Monday following to the Nashville Cemetery.

James H. Rutherford, Road Superintendent of Albion township attended the Canadian Good Roads Convention held recently in Charlotte-town, P.E.I.

Miss Uberta Steele who has served as a Missionary in China for 30 years is now visiting her mother, Mrs. William Steele in Bolton.

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