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WELCOME TO THEIR MAJESTIES

We are living in history-making days. The present visit of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Canada is an event of such importance that probably we overlook much of its significance.

That Their Majesties should visit Canada in these troubled times is an honour we appreciate. How grateful we are for the opportunity to do honour to them in our turn, is evidenced by the elaborate preparations of official and unofficial organizations and individuals up and down the country.

The King is more than the symbol of a common bond among 450 million Britishers over one-quarter of the globe, he is the visible sign of something deeper. He signifies the spirit of that host and their institutions, a spirit desirous of liberty and peace but also a spirit that can be aroused to the defence of these ideals when necessary.

Significance may be attached to the Royal Visit at this time because of Canada's strategic position in the geographical formation of the Commonwealth. Still well-removed from European political hazards, a source of untold natural wealth for the Mother Country and perhaps ultimately the safest route to Britain's Far East, Canada is particularly favoured to render invaluable assistance in time of peace and war to all the countries "marked in red". That Canada will make her full contribution, is a foregone conclusion.

Canadians have a special appreciation of this Royal Visit. When Their Majesties set sail for the North American continent they must do so with the confidence that there is in prospect no European crisis that will require, in the immediate future, their inspiration and counsel at home. As confidence is contagious, spirits here and throughout the English-speaking world, should receive an assurance they have long been awaiting.

No Canadian can ignore, moreover, the fact that the eyes of the world will be focused in our direction as the British Rulers see for themselves the natural resources, the industrial and agricultural development that is the heritage of this "twentieth century" country. His Majesty will speak from Winnipeg to all his subjects on an Empire hook-up while day-by-day accounts of the tour will be radioed and cabled to the four corners of the Earth. Our obligations will be increased in living up to a new international significance.

Who can gainsay that this first visit of a reigning British Sovereign to Canada will encase and strengthen those ties that bind this Dominion and the Motherland together, as perhaps no other event could? Their Majesties' visit to our good American neighbours, too, is bound to cement those political, social and economic relationships which have been quickening in the recent past. If ever there was a time when our English-speaking peoples possessing great common ideals, should stand closely together that time is now.

Englishmen under Queen Victoria came to regard the life of the sovereign as something bound up with their own private lives, and cable and radio have since done much to extend this attitude among Canadians. With this visit, however, the many will replace the few who have some personal knowledge of at least the appearance of their King and Queen, this husband and wife, this father and mother, who are the human symbols that ensure to us our British way of life.

We join with the thousands of Canadians that will converge at the stopping places en route and with the thousands that will cross the United States border this month, to give a warm and hearty welcome to our King and Queen. We appreciate the honour they do us. We are alert to the Royal tour's significance. Long live Their Majesties!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The reports which are being presented at the annual meetings of different branches of the Women's Institutes throughout the surrounding territory make it clear that these organizations which represent one of Canada's greatest contributions to rural welfare and improvement, have not lost their zest for service, which has been an important part of their activities since the time of their establishment.

All over Ontario, in cross-roads centres as well as in villages and sometimes fairly large towns, the Women's Institutes are continuing to devote themselves with all the vigor and resources at their command to betterment of conditions in the communities in which they are situated. They are doing so, not with the idea of benefitting themselves or gaining publicity for the movement with which they are connected, but to the end that villages or other centres in which they are established may be better and happier places in which to live.

To-day's Parent

By Ellen McLoughlin
Director, Children's Institute

ART AND PERSONALITY

It's been a long time since we have seen a statement on a problem concerning numerous parents as clear-cut as the one touched on the other day in an address by Dr. Holland Thompson, editor of The Book of Knowledge. It expresses our sentiments so well that we have gotten his permission to use it as our column for this week.

Instill your child with an appreciation for art and all that is beautiful if you would have him develop into an all-around human being and get the most out of life, whatever his circumstances, is the gist of Dr. Thompson's remarks.

"Unless his intellectual, spiritual and esthetic faculties are developed, an individual is not a whole person," he said. "The material universe alone is not enough to satisfy. You may say, 'My boy is going to have to work hard to make a living, he won't have time for art.' The complete answer was given by the founder of the Chautauqua movement who said: 'If I had a son who intended to become a blacksmith, I should send him to college. No one can be a blacksmith alone. He must be a man and a citizen.' He meant, of course, that food, drink, clothing and shelter are not enough for complete living.

"But there is even a more practical answer why your boy or girl must have a grounding in the arts. It's part of today's need, and he will make a better living if he is in tune with it.

"During the early years of our land, the people were engaged chiefly in securing safety and in making their living. Trees were cut down in order that houses might be built, or fields prepared for crops. Roads and bridges were constructed. Cloth had to be woven and clothes made. Usefulness and cheapness was the chief watchword, particularly in machine-made products.

"But around 1900 a change began to be noticeable. The cultural level of the population began to rise. Hard-headed business men began to make their products attractive as well as useful, so that today utility is no longer the only measure of value. Articles which had hardly changed form for decades are being re-designed. Old trades and occupations are dying, while many new occupations are developing which require artistic knowledge and ability. Moreover, and this is important, they are not so overcrowded as many of the old."

Pets in the City

Mrs. L. M.: We are moving to the city, and my children do not want to leave their pet dog behind. Do you think it harmful to keep a dog in a small apartment?

There are no fixed rules about keeping dogs in the city — rather it's a matter of preference. Albert Payson, Terhune, noted authority on dogs, says that city dogs are just as healthy and happy as country dogs if they are well cared for. If it means so much to your children, and you are willing to give it adequate care and affection, there can be no harm.

Ellen McLoughlin will answer questions of readers pertaining to parent-child relationships — no medical or legal advice. Address her in care of this newspaper, enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for a personal reply.

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OBITUARY

CHARLES DAVIS

Charles Davis, one of the oldest residents of the Schomberg district died on May 2nd at the age of 95. During a long career he taught school, managed a tannery and conducted a hardware business. He is survived by two daughters, Clara at home and Mrs. Florence Moore, Ithaca, N.Y. and one son Charles at Ridgetown.

P. C. R. KEYS

P. C. R. Keys, who was born at Woodbridge 65 years ago, died suddenly at his Toronto home on Thursday, May 4th. Deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keys. Three years ago he retired from the employ of the Western Assurance Company having served that organization for 41 years. He was an Anglican, a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Red Cross Society, the Canadian Club, and the Victoria Club. He was unmarried.

Funeral services were held from the late residence on Saturday afternoon with interment in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

VAUGHAN TOWNSHIP BARN IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn on the farm of Hugh O'Brien, north of Teston in Vaughan township, last Friday.

Damage was estimated at \$4,000, partly covered by insurance. The farm is owned by B. Weldrick, the occupant's father-in-law. Maple fire brigade responded to the alarm but were powerless to halt the fire due to a lack of water in the vicinity. A threshing outfit, valued at \$1,000, a calf and a number of chickens were reported lost in the fire.

By-law No. 454

To Restrain Dogs from running at large in the Village of Richmond Hill

Whereas, in order that the persons and property of the residents of the Municipality may be protected from possible injury occasioned by the running at large of dogs, and it is expedient that some measure of restraint should be exercised in this regard.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Village of Richmond Hill enacts as follows:—

FIRST—That from the First day of May to the 30th day of September no dog shall be at large within the Village of Richmond Hill unless the animal is on leash and under the control of some responsible person.

SECOND—That the owner of any dog running at large within this Municipality may be summoned before the Police Magistrate and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1.00 and costs.

THIRD—That in the event of no owner being found in the case of a dog running at large, the said dog may be destroyed forthwith.

FOURTH—That this by-law shall come into force on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a First, Second and Third time and passed on the 7th day of May, 1937.

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