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SAFETY IN “INDIAN SIGNS”

One of the most striking things about the Royal visit by the King and Queen is the interest Their Majesties have shown in their Indian subjects in Canada.

At every point where Indians have turned out to greet the Royal couple both King George and Queen Elizabeth have shown a keen interest in them — in their life, their work, their families and their colorful costumes. In Calgary, the Indians made His Majesty a chief of their tribe and gave him the noble title of Chief Albino—“White Chief.”

The life of a king and that of an Indian brave are worlds apart and yet there is one thing they have very much in common — a vital interest in safety. The story of King George's interest in safety work has often been told—how he has taken an active and keen part in accident prevention movements in the British Isles for many years.

Many of us, however, are prone to forget how much the native Indian has contributed to safety in North America. And quite often this forgetfulness results in injury and death.

A noted safety expert recently expressed the belief that if drivers when on the road would emulate the American Indian in his constant watchfulness for every sign along the road and his interpretation of that sign with relation to his own safety, the accident toll would be greatly reduced.

This speaker—W. J. Davidson, president of the Society of Automotive Engineers—briefly outlined how Indians took notice of every possible indication presented to them in ensuring their safe passage along rivers or through the woods. They watched for signs other, Indians had placed on trees; they examined every track or footprint they came across; they listened for every sound and sign of movement; and always kept one eye on the weather.

He spoke of what he termed “the Indian signs” of highway travel, and classified them in two groups. The first group comprised signs placed by highway engineers bearing words of a directive or warning character or bearing merely symbols such as an arrow with a curved tail to indicate a road curve or a straight arrow with a bar through it indicating the intersection of a side road.

The second group, he said, comprised messages carried by the highway itself or by phenomena along the highway which are there to be seen on any ordinary drive but often are either not noticed or not interpreted.

Among many such “Indian signs,” he referred to mud tracks on a paved highway which should indicate a slow-moving farm wagon over the crest of the next hill. Such tracks should be an immediate warning to slow down and be on the watch. Another sign he spoke of was a cloud of dust to the right or left of the highway, which would indicate a car approaching to enter the main road from a blind side road.

“At the first spit of rain on the windshield,” said Davidson, “it should be instinctive for the driver to test his brakes at the first convenient opportunity.” Similar precautions were indicated, he said, when the character of the road surface changed in smoothness or color.

He declared that drivers should train themselves to react automatically to such “Indian signs,” and that in such instinctive reaction on the part of motorists lay the secret of safe driving.

IDEALISM

Favorite expression of one of Canada's very greatest men, although a publisher, is that idealism is the least used force in the world today. This is more than merely saying we are materialistic. Wordsworth had a low opinion of his age when he wrote, “The world is too much with us.” But to say we have idealism that we do not use is an expression of faith in the human race. It is sincerely to be hoped that faith is well founded. If it is well founded, Europe must by now have accumulated vast stores of idealism, for little enough has been used lately. Looking nearer home, we also have been thrifty with our idealism.

In every age men have cried out that they were fallen upon evil times, that people were bound up in getting and begetting, with no considerations of the broader and deeper aspects of an abundant life. It is then no new thing for us to believe that our age is materialistic. That it is militaristic we can believe without much danger of correction by posterity. But it is a great and courageous thing to believe that amid the cruel hatred of our time there is in us yet an idealism strong enough to mend the world.

PRIZE MONEY AT FAIRS

The suggestion comes from London, Ontario, that there should be a change made in the method of awarding prize money at fall fairs. The plan is that there should be a certain amount of money set aside for prizes in any class. The entry receiving first award would get the ribbons and the glory attached to such distinction, but would receive no more cash than others in the ribbon class. The contention is that the winning of the award should be a greater distinction than the receiving of the larger amount of prize money. It is also charged that such a system would probably create greater and more general interest.

One of the chief reasons for suggesting such a plan is that those who have had much to do with fall fairs have been looking for some time for a method to head off what is referred to as the “professional exhibitor.” This exhibitor is one who goes from fair to fair and makes it a business to take in as much prize money as possible. His interests are not in the district where the fair is held and his purpose in being an exhibitor is to win as much money as possible, and then go along to the next fair and do the same thing.

Whether the suggested plan will come into operation no one seems to know, although it is coming up for discussion at several meetings of fall fair directors. It has at least the merit of being a seriously made suggestion which comes from those who had long experience in the management of fall fairs.—Peterborough Examiner.

DOIN' THE WORLD'S FAIR

By Byron M. Fisher

Scientists predict that the city of Chicago will lead the world in population, according to a statement accompanying one of the numerous elaborate dioramas in the Illinois state exhibit at the Fair. Models to scale of public buildings in the State pave an artistic way for the exhibit's dioramic climax in the center of the building, the gigantic city of Chicago block map. Mr. Brady, the diminutive guide who is able to indicate any street, public or historically significant building, park or railroad with a swift, sure directing of his long pointer, states that the map is 99 per cent accurate in every detail, even to the height of buildings and the number of trees. The entire city of Chicago is shown, every building in its proper place, and numerous visitors to the exhibit have been able to point out on it the little block representing their bungalow or apartment house. The diorama took over a year to construct, after surveyors had worked for two and a half years making the map from which it was modelled. The entire exhibit is the handiwork of W. P. A. workers.

Foreign Pavilions and Main Exhibit Area Buildings have continued to open during the past week, with the result that all but a very few are now ready for the public's inspection. Some of those open to visitors have not been formally dedicated, especially in the Foreign Zone where countries have been in the habit of selecting some day of peculiar historical significance to them for the official ceremonies. Marvel to regular attendants at the Fair is the way in which Grover Whalen and Mayor LaGuardia keep going. In his speech on the occasion of Yugo-Slavia's opening, the latter addressed the gathering in Croatia. The Mayor had learned the tongue when he was in the consular service at Fiume.

The Bell Telephone exhibit is turning up some that are worth repeating. You've probably heard about the free long distance calls offered. Visitors enter their names and out of every hundred names six or seven are selected by a special shuffling to receive a free three minute call to some part of the United States. Husbands have been calling wives across the continent, a kid from the Navy, when the fleet was in the Hudson, called his sweetheart in a foreign port while his New York sugar giggled at one of the three hundred “listening posts” in the lobby, long-separated relatives and friends have been reunited by the human voice, while there's the pathetic case of the girl standing next to us who became ecstatic at the prospect of conversing with her student brother in Cambridge, Mass., only to be told he was out to lunch. And some wag claims he's found the loneliest man in the world through the telephone exhibit—the gentleman who won a call and asked for the correct time!

Anyone who entered one exhibit and frequently returned to the same spot would probably meet with enough humorous incidents and enough coincidences to write a book. Our experiences have been piling up at our New Brunswick exhibit headquarters. Yesterday a couple exclaimed: “New Brunswick! Oh, we pass through there on our trip this summer. Perhaps you could tell us about the roads.” We assured them: “The roads are excellent, the trunk highways have been paved within the last four years and the type laid is the best.” “But how about further up,” said hubby. “You see, we're going to Prince of Wales Island.” We stared to where he was pointing on the big copper map of the Dominion—yes, it was Prince of Wales Island! “It'll be a long trip,” he added. “Yes,” we agreed. “Likely a year or two.” We explained that Prince of Wales Island was far within the Arctic Circle, that only Eskimos and a Mounted Policemen lived there and that they'd have to make a few thousand miles of the trip by dogteam. It turned out they mean Prince Edward Island, but they were actually starting for the northern zone.

We are repeatedly being asked for information concerning brief tours of the grounds. Before long we'll probably be able to furnish those including a stamped, addressed envelope with a booklet, giving a number of sample tours. Here is our suggestion for the moment, however, from our own “scouting” forays. If you are planning to stay just one day see: The General Motors exhibit, the R.C.A. Building and television, take the trip around the Perisphere for a glimpse of the City of Tomorrow in miniature, and enter the Railroad Building. These are all in the Main Exhibit Area, in the For-

ign Zone go to any three of the following pavilions: United States Federal Building, British Empire, French, Russian, Netherlands, Japanese, Canadian. You'll want to visit at least one of the states — probably, your home state's entry if you are American. Two states would be better — Pennsylvania, New York, Florida and the New England are perhaps the most pretentious. In the Amusement Zone take your pick — Billy Rose's Aquacade, Merrie England, Calvacade of Centaurs, and Frank Buck's “Bring-em-Back-Alive” are all highly recommended. For eats try Finland, Albania, Norway and Denmark for exotic food at moderate prices. If you prefer more swank go to the French, British or Roumanian Restaurants. And there's every type of eating place on the grounds aside from the foreign buildings. Incidentally, our foreign selections have been made only from those which we have personally visited and you might happen on some that are better. If you've still got some time left, go to the House of Jewels, Gardenson Parade, Music Hall or some other similar type of exhibit which appeals to your particular interests. But unless you're a centipede or own a magic carpet you probably won't have time!

WOODBIDGE RECITAL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Woodbridge's Orange Hall was filled last Friday evening to hear a recital by pupils of Mary C. Grosart, A.T.C.M.

Among those taking part were Mary Kellam, Jean Kellam, Joyce Ostrander, George Beatty, Lois Wilkinson, Lorna McClure, Jean Gowland, Mary Beatty, Eulaline Newton, Betty Hutchinson, Anna Hutchinson, Ethel Hutchinson, Jean Barker, Lois Clarke, Ted Maltby, Margaret Watson, Lillian McLean, Shirley Eckardt, Ross Petch, Ruth Breadner, Jack Devins, Nora Lyons, Mary Heron, Keith Clarke, Helen Leslie, Ethel Leslie, Audrey Wilkinson, Jean Eccles, James Keys, Margaret McLeod, Mary Campbell, Jean Watson, Roland Gailus, Mary Schweitzer, Doris McKee, Lois Brunskill, Jean Phillips, Fern Berry, Agnes Watson and Jean Wallace. Assisting artists were Mr. Bert King, Lauda Grady and Lawrence Eckardt.

A pleasing feature of the affair were two presentations to Mrs. Grosart, one a beautiful watch from her pupils and another a handsome basket of red roses presented by her son, Johnnie.

Schomberg and Kettleby residents enjoyed an entertaining event in the Kettleby hall on Tuesday of last week when the Anglican Church Young People staged a Minstrel Show and Dance.

TESTON

Arrangements in connection with the Strawberry Festival are under way and the committees on the entertainment, etc., are on the lookout for talent suitable to the occasion. The church is being painted and the windows repaired under the direction of Mr. W. Palmer, Newmarket, who has the contract, so that everything will be made spick and span for this year's anniversary. For the Sunday services Rev. Westcott will be the speaker and in the morning the children's choir will sing. Further announcement with regard to the evening service.

Teston will have a general store again. Mr. and Mrs. West have rented the store from Mr. J. Egan. We welcome them to the Village.

Last Sunday the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. E. Bowen, announced that the Vaughan Township Sunday School Convention will be held at Kleinburg on Wednesday, June 14th, and any of the officers and teachers who could attend were to be delegates.

Mrs. Towgood, Sidney, Marion and June Towgood, Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacDonald, Teston, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ireland, Brampton.

Miss Alma McCluskey and her friend Miss Corbett of Toronto spent Sunday with Mrs. McCluskey here.

Mr. Frank Piercey had a vacation over the week-end.

Mrs. Pearl Windas and Shirley were Teston visitors on Sunday.

Miss Hazel Carson and her friend Miss DeCarol, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Carson.

Friends of Mrs. W. Windas will be pleased to hear she is progressing favorably.

King township council decided at Saturday's meeting at Kettleby to petition the Canadian Bank of Commerce to continue operating its branch at King City on full time instead of the three days a week proposed. The bank's action would “inconvenience many clients including council,” a resolution declared. Beginning June 1, the bank will operate here only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

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Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival



Flowers and music will be the highlights of the seventh annual Apple Blossom Festival in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, largest single apple belt in the British Empire, from June third to fifth this year. The commodious Cornwallis Inn at Kentville will be headquarters for the festival and temporary home for many hundreds of visitors from Canada and the United States who come to see the Land of Evangeline at the peak of its beauty. Festival arrangements call for the election and coronation of the Queen, folk dances and songs, an

Apple Blossom Ball at the Cornwallis Inn, memorial services at Evangeline Park, colorful parades and pageants. Of unusual significance will be the visit of Miss Florence Small, of Potterels, Brookman's Park, Hertfordshire, who is “Queen of the English Orchards,” and who will represent England's fruit growers at the Canadian Festival. The first apple trees were planted in the Annapolis Valley 300 years ago and the province has the distinction of exporting more apples to Great Britain than all the other overseas dominions combined.

Visitors will have the opportunity of seeing the Shrine of Evangeline at nearby Grand Pre, the ancient willows, and the picturesque old well, and church described in Longfellow's epic romance. This festival is an unfeeling indication that the summer vacation period has arrived in the charming seaside resorts of the Maritimes. Three popular Canadian Pacific resorts are opened for the summer: The Pines at Digby, N.S., June 24; Lakeside Inn at Yarmouth, N.S., June 27, and the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., June 30.