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**HITCH HIKERS**

Thomas Richard Henry writing in the Evening Telegram has the following to say about Hitch-Hikers: "Hitch hikers say that in Ontario only one motorist in 500 gives them a lift.

The percentage is too high. What these upper class boys who go hitch hiking fail to realize is that when they stand on the highway and beg a ride they become beggars and panhandlers just the same as the "cup of coffee" lad on Bay street - except that the Bay street panhandler may need a cup of coffee.

Then the ordinary beggar doesn't think he has done something smart, and go around to try and get his picture in the paper because he has panhandled many cups of coffee.

It's time these hitch hikers got wise to the fact that they have no heaven sent privilege to ride in the other fellow's car at the other fellow's expense."

**CURB THE SPEEDERS**

There is a hesitancy on the part of some towns and villages to get after motorists who tear through at fifty and sixty miles an hour in case the municipality will get a bad name. It is argued that motorists and business might avoid towns where the speed laws are too rigidly enforced. We have no sympathy with this view and we believe the more strict enforcement of speed laws the better for everyone. Even if some business should be lost a little business is not nearly as important as human life. Motorists drive too fast through Richmond Hill and many other towns and villages of Ontario and after there has been a serious accident is too late to start action to curb the recklessness. Towns which have a reputation for prosecuting speeders and reckless drivers are more safe for those who use the streets.

**THE GLOBE MUST BE SLIPPING**

The Globe and Mail editorial page which used to be looked up to for its considered opinions on national problems of late is more noted for ill-considered crack-pot ideas. The latest is the suggestion that Canada should be used as a haven for Old Country children in time of air raids. Under the heading "The Globe's Pet Dream" The Peel Gazette says:

"Has the 'Globe and Mail' bought an ocean liner, or is it just the hot weather? This idea of bringing the children of Great Britain over to Canada in case of air raids is on par with the American Civil War suggestion of moving the slave population back to Africa. All the boats in the world couldn't handle the increase let alone the present juvenile population. 'The Globe' better turn this suggestion over to its leadership league as a test problem."

On the same subject under the heading "Hot Weather Brain Wave" the Midland Free Press says:

"The Globe and Mail is busy patting itself on the back because of the reception given in England to a hot weather pipe dream of its editor. Its brilliant idea of bringing the children of Britain to Canada for shelter from German air raids in case a war breaks out is just about as wildly impractical as it is kindly in intent. Even though arrangements could be made for housing and taking care of Britain's 10,000,000 children between the ages of one and ten how in heck could they be brought to Canada?"

Allowing 1,000 children to a load it would take 10,000 ships to bring them across the Atlantic, and since there are probably not more than 100 liners running out of Britain which could be utilized for this purpose, if indeed there are that many, it would take 100 round trips for each of them. If these were made at the rate of one every three weeks it would take 300 weeks or nearly six years to get all the kiddies across, and another six years to get them back. And how would a nation of eleven million people look after 10,000,000 British youngsters for six years, and how about stopping new babies being born?"

It would be infinitely more practical and much less costly to build great bombproof shelters for the little folks in some remote part of Scotland or Ireland. Canada will be very anxious to help if emergency arises, but there's no use attempting the impossible, no matter how fine it may sound."

**WORTHY WORK NEEDS YOUR HELP**

"Application cancelled. Killed in accident." This grim inscription at the foot of a card on file in the Country Home department of the Neighborhood Workers Association, Toronto, cancels the application for a two-weeks vacation for a nine year old boy.

The application card further reveals these additional remarks by the visiting social worker. "This is a small three roomed dwelling. There are eight in the family. It is very important that this boy get a holiday away from the city as he has absolutely no place to play."

Efforts were being made by the Neighborhood Workers Association to find a country farmhouse where this little lad could spend a few happy days. His name had been placed on the "urgent" list, but unfortunately an invitation didn't come in soon enough. He was killed while playing in the street with a group of other boys.

According to the director of the country home department, there are close to 300 boys between nine and thirteen years of age for whom a country vacation is urgently needed. "The boys are playing on the streets during these hot summer days. Not only are they in constant danger but their health is becoming impaired. A visit to a farm might not only prevent a fatality but would help build up resistance against sickness," she said.

More than five hundred children have already been sent out of town by the Neighborhood Workers Association, through the courtesy of country-folk who have extended invitations to them. For the most part the lucky ones have been girls. "People seem a bit afraid of inviting boys for fear they get into mischief, but according to our records they are so thrilled to be on a farm they remain on their very best behaviour in the hope they will be asked to remain a long time," the director said.

Persons who live within 150 miles from Toronto could fill a great need by simply despatching an invitation to the Country Home Department, 22 Wellesley Street, Toronto, asking that one or two boys be sent out for a vacation. Transportation is provided by the Neighborhood Workers Association.

**DOIN' THE WORLD'S FAIR**

By Byron M. Fisher

Next to the Argentine Pavilion on Presidential Row South is the Canadian Pavilion. Despite the fact that it has no restaurant and offers nothing for sale, the Canada Building is said to stand next to pavilions entered by the major powers in the number of visitors.

Entering the building you find the exhibits of the Dominion's two great transportation systems, the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific facing each other. A survey of these will give you a good general idea of the scenic attractions of the nation from coast to coast. The Canadian Pacific features a moving panorama with a printed border describing the various scenes as one takes an imaginary railway tour over the C.N.R. lines, starting with Victoria, British Columbia, and moving east to Halifax and the company's trans-Atlantic steamship lines. Another section of the exhibit gives an accurate depiction in dioramic form of Banff Springs Hotel and the Town of Banff in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Model trains and automobiles move about through the towering miniature mountains exactly as they do in Banff. The C.N.R. exhibit depicts with photo murals the various phases of railway transportation in serving the welfare of man. The exhibit is built around a moving picture in technicolor which shows interesting spots throughout the Dominion. The cinema has been attracting a lot of attention and usually has quite a crowd of onlookers.

The National Parks Department has a series of various panoramas showing various parks throughout the Dominion and illustrating some of the tourist attractions to be found in them - golfing, bathing, hiking, boating, motoring and so on. There is a map of Canada with the parks noted.

The Mines Department exhibit consists of a series of eight colorful dioramas with descriptive plates synchronized with the dioramas. Scenes from the various types of mines are shown. Gold, asbestos, nickel, platinum, copper, lead and zinc or zinc petroleum and radium are represented. A map synchronized also with the dioramas lights up the various fields where the different products are found.

The Dominion Travel Bureau exhibit is built around the slogan: "It is easy to travel to Canada," a slogan, incidentally, which was mentioned by Grover Whalen in his speech on Dominion Day, July 1st. A combined map of United States shows with flashing neon lights the principal highways by which the tourists may enter the Dominion from the United States. Above the General Information Booth is a mechanical book, the turning pages of which pictorially illustrate and describe features of interest to the tourist. In one section of the Travel Exhibit the Province of Prince Edward Island is represented by colored transparencies of interesting spots in the island province. Attendants give out attractive literature.

Province of Quebec exhibit consists of an elaborate diorama depicting in combined form the scenic Gaspere Peninsula, the River Saint Lawrence, hunting and fishing attractions, and a section of Quebec City. The last mentioned is extremely well done, with the heights topped by the Citadel and Chateau Frontenac. In the streets below pedestrians and vehicles are seen. At night street lights come on and the windows light up in the houses.

Intricate dioramas are displayed by the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and Department of Fisheries. A logging scene with lumber mill in operation is displayed by the former. Department of Agriculture shows a typical Canadian farming settlement with farm buildings and tilled fields. A large statue in one corner represents the Canadian farmer holding a cornucopia from which is pouring many of the products of the farm as they are offered to the public. Department of Fisheries offers a picturesque fishing village, with fishing boats moving over the waters. The diorama combines the principal features of fishing in the three Maritime Provinces and British Columbia. A model room entered by the Forestry service shows the uses to which Canadian timber may be put in home construction.

A showcase in one corner displays Canadian furs, both made up into wraps and in pelt form. Mink and silver fox furs feature the exhibit.

The Department of Mines and Resources exhibit shows the importance of water power in the nation's industrial and economic life with a

series of moving panoramas, murals and charts. A map shows the location of developed and undeveloped sources of water power. Other murals show the importance of water power in the development of secondary industries. A huge statuary figure is symbolic of the immensity of Canada's water power resources.

The Province of Nova Scotia exhibits a map with neon lights showing paved highways. A series of transparencies show scenic spots in the province while a diorama displays the historic Grand Pre, home of Evangeline in the Annapolis Valley. A painting with models illustrates Peggy's Cove Point lighthouse. In another section of the exhibit tuna, swordfish and other game fish found in the coastal waters are shown, and above these is a painting in dioramic form showing President Franklin D. Roosevelt fishing for swordfish. Hand hooked rugs from the province are also on display.

Now for our own New Brunswick headquarters. A map similar to that in the Nova Scotia exhibit shows, with flashing neons, the extensive system of new paved highways in the province and the principal trunk gravel roads. In a semi-circle around the information booth is a series of transparencies showing spots of scenic and historical interest throughout the province and emphasizing the paved highways. Hand made pottery from the Kingston Peninsula is also displayed in one of the showcases. Two lighted maps at each side show in detail the towns and villages, highways, railroads and other points of interest in the province. At the rear of the map a painted diorama gives a view of the upper Saint John River with the picturesque Hartland bridge, and shows cars moving along the highway in the foreground. In an upper alcove a woodland diorama has been attracting consider-

able attention from visitors. A mounted buck deer and a bear are shown in their native habitat. Beneath in a lower alcove are mounted specimens of New Brunswick trout and salmon against a photo mural of fishing in New Brunswick and a pair of mounted bear cubs. (There have been frequent requests from visitors to have their pictures taken holding the cubs. There is an extensive display of fabrics manufactured in New Brunswick homes in connection with the Youth Training Movement.

Other general features of the building include the enlarged stamps that have thrown philatelists into frenzies, the large copper map covering one end of the building and showing with successively flashing lights many of the nation's features of interest, the two magnificent dioramas facing each other from the top of exhibit booths at the center of the building, one showing a mounted bull moose (a N.B. moose, incidentally) in his native forests, the other a mounted buffalo bull leading his herd on the plains.

The Provinces of Ontario, Mani-

toba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia have no exhibits but are represented by the Travel Bureau. The last named has a booth in the San Francisco Fair.

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