









The Right Way to Boil Potatoes

Put the potatoes in an SMP Enameled Potato Pot. Cover with water. Add salt to taste. Boil until soft. When finished, drain off all the boiling water through the strainer spout. No danger of steam scalding the hands because the handle securely locks the cover on. If your family uses potatoes, you require one of these.



RENFREW NEWSPAPER DOES NOT BELIEVE IN BIG ESTATE.

In a recent issue The Renfrew Mercury makes a somewhat bitter attack upon The New Liskeard Speaker sible legacy that might come to a Charlton lady. "Is that New Ontario journal being paid for the publication The Mercury suggests as another 000.00 to the Treasury of Ontario. That much will be absolutely agreed ations are as follows:-

upon in this North Land. The Mercury appears positive that \$135,409. the Edwards Estate Case is a "palpable fraud" and that "only blind \$95,237. unreasoning cupidity could induce Transportation expenditures deany rational person to believe in creased \$209,601. them." The Mercury may know all The improved showing in the net about it. The Mercury may be able result was due to the cutting down of to scent a fraud from afar. But the expenditures. Mercury is wrong in three important | Commissioner Lee points out that particulars in this particular case. pronounced dullness in all operating In the first place, no Northern On- revenues caused the railways of Cantario newspaper has had any special ada to show a falling off of \$12,000,000 interest in the case, except the news in the year's business, but "so far as interest and the kindly human in- that part of Northern Ontario tribaterest, such as The Speaker evidenced, tary to the T.&N.O. Railway is concern in hoping the best for a lady of this ed, general business conditions have North Land. Second, if the case is compared favorably with other years a fraud, it is by no means a very and a steady improvement and propalpable one. The story connected gress is recorded in most lines of enwith the Edwards Estate appears deavor, especially in the mining of quite a reasonable one. It has re- precious metals. New lands have ceived publicity from New York newspapers that believe in their own sophistication as much as The Mercury does in its own sweet wisdom. The Toronto Mail & Empire (a wise bird when it comes to news values) gave front page prominence recently to a review of the Edwards Estate case. In the third place, if the case is a fraud, it is not on any large scale like that of the Baker Estate, referred to by The Mercury. Although the case has been under way for some time, no single firm of lawyers, shyster or otherwise, has attempted to make any money out of the case in any organized way. From what appears at present, information about the heirs has been gathered at considerable expense by one of the heirs himself. He has paid his own expenses of the preliminary legal steps in the matter. Recently, however, this heir suggested that he could spend no more and that it would be necessary for each of the two thousand other heirs to contribute a small amount to carry on the fight.. The Advance did suggest to one interested in the matter that it would be well to hesitate a long time before sending a single cent. It is always good policy when anyone suggests spending money to turn one's thoughts for the time to laying up treasure in Heaven. Still it may be all right after all. The Mercury is scarcely hard-boiled enough to be too sure. In any event it is not greed that is impelling any of the heirs up this way. Far from it. Up to date no one concerned in the case has shown any greed. And The Mercury alone has been bitter.

A Timmins reader of The Mercury has handed the clipping of the editorial about The Speaker to The Advance with the question, "Now what do you think has made the Old Merk. so mad?" The answer is that it may be bitter memories. Some years ago The Mercury gave some prominence to the story of a local lady being heir to an estate in England. On the strength of the publicity received and also on the strength of a fascinating personality that may even have charmed a hard-boiled Mercury, the lady secured extensive credit and beautiful loans. She left in state to collect personally the sweet fortune overseas. She did not reach England. Instead, she was stopped at a place a little further east and eventually went to jail on the charge of forging or raising a cheque. Apparently there was no fortune, no heirs, no money, no nothing. Oh, it was awful, Mabel! Tears were shed,big briny, burning tears. It may be that ever since The Mercury has hated fortunes, estates and heirs, and all the vast et cetera. Men live and learn—occasionally. But newspapers always have the comfort that whatever interests people is interesting in a newspaper.

If The Mercury in its superior wisdom can do anything to prevent honest, unassuming people, acting in

good faith, from being victimized by

any fraud, palpable or otherwise, it

should hop to it in detail, instead of

doing the honours to itself at large.

The fellow who pulls on the oars doesn't have time to rock the boat. Exchange.

SHOW INCREASE ON 1923

because that paper referred to a pos- Rule Among Other Railways Was a Falling-off in Revenue for Year,

The annual report of the T. & N.O. of that sort of nonsense, or is it Railway for 1924 shows that the doing so on its own initiative?" People's Railway has done a little asks The Mercury. Anyone who better than the average railway on would impugn the motives of The this continent. Most of the railways ing. Speaker in this way tempts to reflec- have to admit a falling-off in revenue tions on his own moral standing. The for last year, but the T. & N.O. had a Speaker is unbuyable. For twenty slight increase (\$2,849.00) over the years it has stood foresquare for the previous year. And this despite the people of Temiskaming. It is a fact that the revenue from freight kindly newspaper; shrewd enough and fell off \$139,926.00, or nearly ten per clever enough, but never sacrificing cent. The increase in passenger honesty, the truth or kindness, to be traffic was due to the increased popusmart or to pose as sophisticated or lation of the North Land. The net ultra wise. The Speaker would never revenue amounted to \$839,697.00, enlend its columns knowingly to what abling the Railway to turn over \$750,-"Spanish Prisoner" type of fraud. Some features of the year's oper-

Freight earnings decreased

increased Passenger revenue

been brought under cultivation for agricultural and general farming purposes and mining interests and prospecting have materially increased."

The Kirkland Lake branch, 22.5 miles long, was completed; also the South Lorrain branch of 17 miles. The extension toward James Bay was operated for 43 miles, pending the completion of the other 30 miles. The stimulus to development by the first two branches was expected to make both lines quickly self-support-

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