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Young Ambassadors Much Impressed With Dominion

"Infinite Variety the Most Wonderful Thing About Canada," Says British Young Lady in Prize Essay. Canada Appears "Not One Country But Many." Nature Has Been Very Kind to Canada, the Young Ambassadors of Canada Assert.

People in Timmins remember with much pleasure the visit here last summer of the Young Ambassadors of Empire—fifty keen young men and fifty bright young ladies, who toured Canada under the auspices of the Allied Newspapers of Great Britain, in co-operation with the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway and a number of the steamship companies. These young people were full of enthusiasm, health and good spirits and entered with zest into all the activities of the trip. They undoubtedly had a good time, but it was equally apparent that they had their eyes open and noted everything with keen attention and lively consideration. The people of Timmins liked the Young Ambassadors, and the same may be said with safety in regard to all the people in the towns visited on the tour. Accordingly, there will be interest in what the Young Ambassadors thought of the Dominion and its people, after they had returned home and had had time to think over the trip and its incidents.

After the return of the Young Ambassadors to Britain, prizes were offered for the best essays on the trip. The essay that won the first prize is a striking article on Canada, written by Miss Mollie Rushton, Great Harwood, near Blackburn, England.

Under the title, "What I Think of Canada," Miss Rushton writes:—"The most wonderful thing about Canada is her infinite variety. To the traveller she appears not one country, but many. Sailing up the St. Lawrence he comes to a quaint, Old France; then, in the Maritimes, to a green-pleasant England, to North Ontario—a wilderness, one day to be one of the world's richest mining districts—to Niagara—a sunny land of fruit trees and blue waters. He crosses the vast, rolling prairies golden with grain; the Rockies—an even grander Switzerland; and there in the West he finds a land of great forests and rushing rivers

—a glorified Norway. Yet, travelling always on one great national railway, among people of the same tongue and the same ideals, he sees these various countries without the discomforts of customs barriers, exchanges, differing languages and national characteristics.

"Nature has indeed been kind to Canada. All is beautiful; her towering mountains, her wide prairie vistas,—mighty waterfalls, dark forests, rivers and lakes studded with little fir-clad islets. Above all, there is her climate,—her almost perpetual sunshine, and her dry, unbelievably clear air.

"One is impressed, too, by Canada's towns and cities with their clear, unpolluted air, their wide clean streets, their noble public buildings, their schools and colleges beautifully situated and splendidly equipped, their well-kept homes and gardens. Who, having once seen them can forget the stately buildings of Ottawa, the busy streets of Toronto, Winnipeg's broad thoroughfares or the beautiful situation of Vancouver?

"But to me, it seems that the deepest impression of Canada which the visitor receives is that made by her people. Despite the vast size of Canada—despite the many races which have gone to form her people—there is a nation of Canadians as surely as there is one of English or French. The early settlers went out from every country of Europe to make a home for themselves in the New World; and from this amalgamation of British, French, German, Italian, Scandinavian and others, has evolved the Canadian. Retaining some of the qualities of all these races, he is yet different from them all—a new type, remarkable for his hospitality, his good fellowship, his joy in life, his abounding optimism, and his supreme confidence in himself and his country.

"But this confidence is based on very real foundations. Canada has an amazing past of which to be proud—a wonderful future to expect. Her natural resources are beyond calculation. Nowhere else has an equal number of people such untold wealth at their disposal. She is rich in minerals, as yet little exploited and imperfectly known—coal, oil, and natural gas—gold, silver, nickel and copper. In every province, except Prince Edward Island, are great tracts of arable land still uncultivated. In forest resources Canada ranks next to the United States, and may one day surpass her. Her rivers and lakes, distributed throughout every part of the country, provide abundant

'white coal' for her growing industries. "Half a century ago, where Vancouver now stands, was virgin forests; and prairie grasses grew over the site of Winnipeg. Fifty years have witnessed phenomenal changes. With her vast resources as yet but lightly touched, it is certain that the next fifty years will leave Canada incomparably greater—one among the ruling nations of the earth."

The second prize was won by Miss Ruth E. Newbigging, of West Kilbride, Ayrshire, Scotland. Her essay is also of very special interest. As a title to her article she took the words, "Why I Should Like to Live in Canada!" Her essay was as follows:—

"Canada offers an irresistible appeal, alike as far as I know, to young and old. During my trip across the country I did not hear a single person express the opinion that life in the Old Country was the better. The charm thus appeals to both natives and settlers.

"It is this alluring appeal that makes me wish already that I lived in Canada. I love the Canadian spirit of hospitality and welcome, and the entire lack of that stiff formality which makes us Englishers stand aloof from each other. First and foremost, this feeling of equality and friendliness draws me to Canada.

"Apart from the people altogether Canada is a smiling and inviting land. There are chances for all. And in a country of such vast dimensions there are surroundings to suit all. We must indeed have strange tastes who cannot find something to his liking between the shores of the Atlantic and Pacific.

"My difficulty would be in choosing a place to settle. I was so charmed everywhere I went. The towns are so modern and so handsome, while the rural districts are more beautiful if not quite so advanced. Nature has been good to Canada in more ways than one.

"From a home point of view I envy Canadian housewives the facilities that boundless electricity offers. Canada is far ahead of us in labour-saving devices and thus in its homes drudgery is minimized.

"I should like to live in Canada, because in it one can find towns without two houses alike. Life in such towns must be most interesting and entertaining. The first thing that impressed me in Canada was the total lack of fencing around private gardens. The absence of a barrier between the stranger and the native is an introduction in itself. Such freedom does not seem practicable in this country—and yet I cannot see why. Almost involuntarily I visualize someone gathering our apples if the walls of the orchard were away, yet in Canada in many places, I saw fruit trees growing along the roadside, and all laden with ripe fruit. This feeling of understanding is lacking here, and I should like to live in Canada, so that I could cultivate it. It is unfortunate that everybody in this country has not an opportunity of seeing Canadian life. There would be a better understanding among the people at home; and a greater number of emigrants, if such visits were possible.

"Having said all this, I begin to wonder why I am in this country at all. It is purely on account of circumstances, I hope to be back in Canada before very long."

Manitoba Free Press:—"The outcome of the Nova Scotia election reminds me of the story of the backwoodsman who took a highly recommended wolf-hound into the woods and set him on the fresh trail of a wolf. Anticipating rare sport he followed in the wake of the baying animal. Some miles farther on, meeting another woodsman, he asked him if he had seen a wolf and a dog and how they were getting on. 'Yes, I saw them,' was the answer. 'The dog was a little ahead of the wolf.'"

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Cobalt Board of Trade Suggests Smelter There

The erection of a smelter in Cobalt for the treatment of copper and other ores was one of the suggestions made at the annual banquet of the Cobalt Board of Trade last week. The president, A. K. Roberts said that while the scheme had not gone very far yet mining men did not entirely scout the idea. Dr. Armstrong quoted facts and figures to uphold the plan, while Capt. Jeffrey, of Haileybury, said that he had a man ready to finance the proposition if it could be got going. Mr. Geo. T. Smith, of Haileybury, thought that both Haileybury and New Liskeard should get behind Cobalt in the plan proposed, and that the plan should be submitted to the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at New Liskeard on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Mr. Carl Reinhardt pointed out that both refining and smelting processes are required for North Land ores. He figured that the Noranda smelter would handle only its own ores and those of its subsidiaries. Cheap power and cheap coal were mentioned as two of the requisites to make a smelter pay. The matter will be placed before the Northern Ontario Associated Boards this week.

At the banquet, the Cobalt Board of Trade also adopted a resolution calling on the Federal Government to proceed with the canalization of the French River which would mean that lake boats could come through to North Bay.

St. Louis Star:—"Chicago assassin may have shot wrong man." Headline. Something ought to be done about this. Perhaps they can work out a scheme for numbering prospective victims up in Chicago on the order of the football-player system.

Basketball Scores for Four Games Last Week

Basketball continues its popularity and is attracting increasing attention at the Timmins High School. The following are the results of last week's games:—

Holly Rees, (32):—Garner, 2, 2-2, 2, 2; 1 foul in second half. Studor, 2-2, 2, 2, 2. Webb, 2, 2, 2, 2-2, 2. B. Alton; J. Elrick, O. Alton, 1 foul in first half. Field goals, 32; fouls, 2; played at Timmins High School, Nov. 16th. Score 32 to 13.

Night School Seniors (13):—Ray, 1-2, 2. Boyd, 0-2. Banning, Suttan, 2-2. Rensenhausen, Newton, 2-0. Farrel, 1 foul in second half. Field goals, 13; referee, Cuthbertson; umpire, Davis; timekeeper, Dainton.

High School Seniors vs. Technical School, 18-16; referee, Boyd; umpire, Davis, timekeeper, Wallinford.

High School Seniors (18):—P. Aide, 2-0. Hass, 2-2; 1 foul in first half. Shields, 2-2, 2, 2; 1 foul in second half. Tennyson, 2-2. Charron, 1 foul in first half. Killeen, 1 foul in second half. Ostrowsky, Field goals, 18; fouls, 4; played at Timmins High School, Nov. 16th.

Technical School (16):—Mullins Lacosse, 2, 2-2. DeLuca, 2, 2-2. Sheldest, 2-0. Utley, Salomaa, 210. Pichuta, 1 foul in second half. Calverley, Field goals, 16, fouls, 1.

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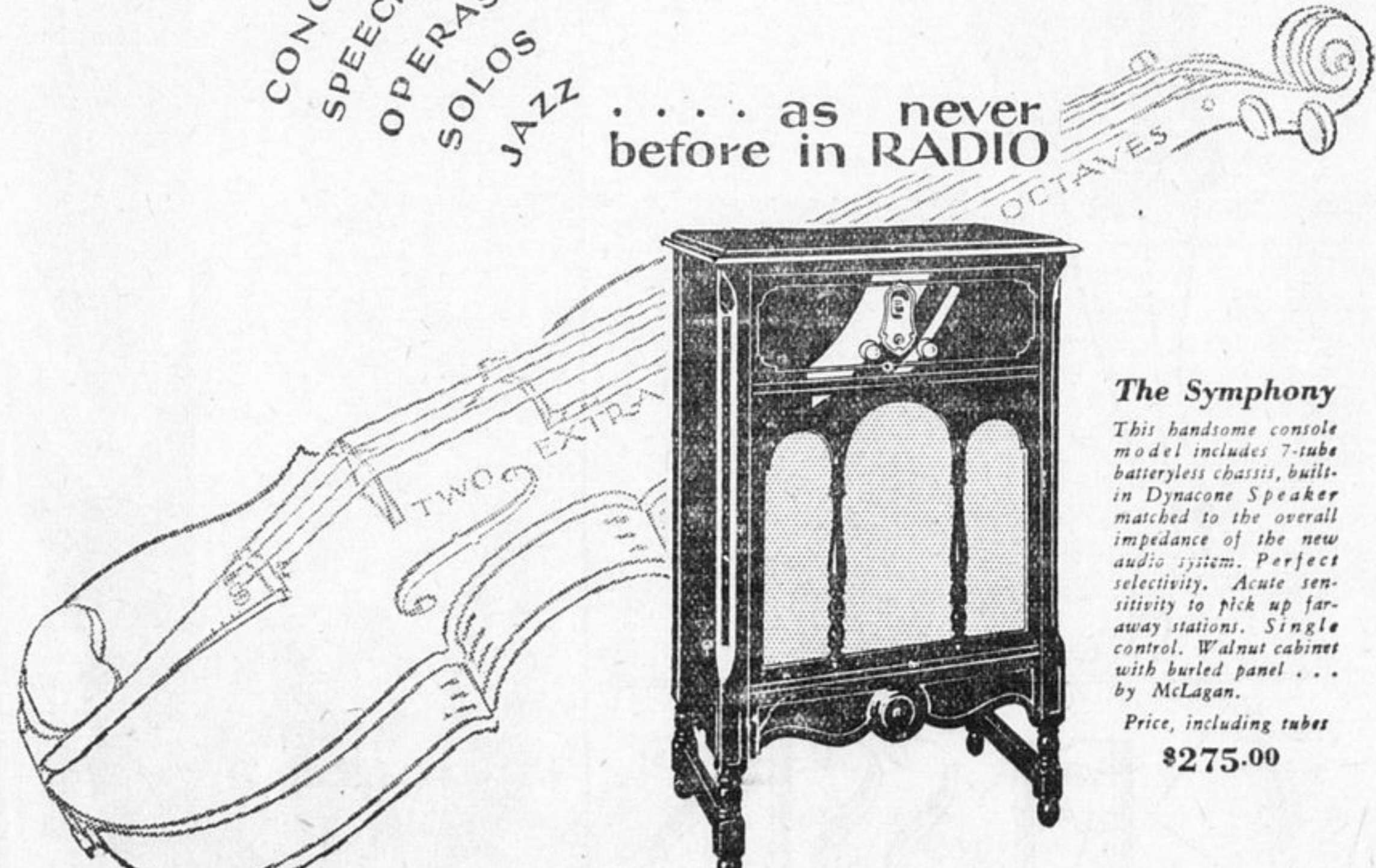
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