

Debasing People Worse Than Debasing Currency

The Advance has consistently and persistently objected to the idea of direct relief in this country. In some countries this form of relief may be the only way out, but in Canada, where there are so many public works necessary for the proper development of the country, employment appears the only logical and economical method. In addition, the evil effects of direct relief upon the morale of those accepting it is something it has been felt should be guarded against in this young country, where independence of spirit and habits of industry have hitherto held sway. The town of Timmins has handled its relief problems probably better than any other town of its size and situation in Canada. Credit for this is due the mayor and council, and the success that has been met with in this difficult problem is undoubtedly due to the fact that the strictest possible adherence has been made to the idea of employment as a relief measure, rather than direct relief. Had direct relief been featured here as in some other places the result would have been deplorable. It will be a matter for regret, indeed, if the time comes when the attitude of the governments forces the town to adopt any large measure of direct relief.

Something of the evils of direct relief will be gathered from the suggestions in the following editorial in The Cochrane Northland Post last week:—"It is passing strange that we find in the country today so many leaders who are expressing grave concern over any suggestion regarding the debasing of our currency, who are yet apparently quite unconcerned over the vicious debasing of our people through the medium of direct relief. It is not in the actual dollars and cents less to the country, heavy as that is, that the worst features of direct relief are to be found. It is in the undermining of the country's manhood and womanhood, the demoralizing effect of getting something for nothing that the true viciousness of this accursed practice is making itself felt. Instead of decreasing, the expenditures on direct relief are steadily mounting, and from all indications will continue to mount. "The true significance of direct relief is shown by a recent happening here in Cochrane. A man came from the Amos district in Quebec, seeking a farm, and when asked why he wanted a farm here, seeing that he already had a good one near Amos, his reply was

"Yes, but they are not giving any relief there." Household in Cochrane are reporting difficulty in obtaining firewood because so many of the settlers will not cut wood and bring it in to town, preferring instead, to depend upon direct relief. Millions of dollars are being poured out in direct relief all over the country, on deserving and undeserving alike, with no return whatever to the country in the way of work done. The same amount of money, spent on public works, land clearing bonuses, and so on, would not only have preserved the self-reliance and dignity of the people but would have given the country something to show for the money so expended. The situation and conditions resulting from direct relief are causing the gravest concern on the part of those who realize the harm that is being done. How much longer can the country stand this tremendous waste?"

A Duty to Spend These Days if You Have Money

Logic, commonsense and good patriotism are in the suggestion of the editorial in The Perth Expositor last week in reference to the duty of those who are able to spend to do so in these days when so many are not able to pay out dollars even for the necessities of life. Every dollar spent helps someone else to live and prosper and so does its part not only to prevent conditions from becoming worse but also to hasten the full return of prosperity to Canada. The editorial is as follows:—"The padlocking of bank accounts and pocket books by those people who really have no occasion to do so, particularly at this time of year, is indecible, although many persons are doing it, although many persons are doing it and using the economic crisis as an excuse. Others who are able to spend freely, and have the inclination to do so, do not because they are afraid of the criticism of their neighbours are also unwise. One of the best ways of helping to create more employment is, as has been repeatedly pointed out in the newspapers, by the spending of all that can be spent by those who have surplus funds and can well afford to do so without imperiling their own financial standing. The present time is one which gives everyone an opportunity to spend more freely than at any other time of the year, and present conditions do not afford an excuse for a curtailment of expenses, but a very good reason for a loosening of the purse-strings."

"If You Know of a Better 'Ole, 'Op to it"—the Idea

The following is an editorial in The North Bay Nugget last week:—"After a lengthy battle it seems reasonably sure that the eight men convicted of 'being members of an unlawful assembly' in other words Communists, are to be deported from Canada. The last move in the game was an application for a stay in proceedings so that an appeal could be made to the Privy Council. That was after the Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Immigration, had very properly refused to interfere with the decision of the courts. These men have been tried and found guilty by a succession of courts and the interesting part of the whole thing is where the money has come from to carry on their fight in the higher tribunals. There seems no reasonable doubt of their guilt and the fact that they have been able to finance appeals to the Supreme Court indicates their guilt about as plainly as anything could do. They are undoubtedly members of the Communist party and there seems little doubt but that they have been receiving financial aid from that party. These men have given every opportunity to live and become useful Canadian citizens. They chose to take the view that it was their duty to destroy the existing Canadian system of government and replace it by something else, something 'Made in Russia.' However when it came to being deported they exhibited a strong reluctance to going and fought every step of the way against being sent back to the countries from whence they came. Possibly the one lesson that had been taught by this amazing defiance of our laws is the need of more drastic means in the way of regulating those who would overturn our system of government by force. The constitutional method is the method of change in this country and must remain so. Anyone who differs with that had better move to those countries where other systems more in line with their ideas hold sway."

Sudbury Star:—An Italian doctor has announced that Alexander the Great died as a result of a wound on the neck received in the siege of Clropolis. This should help to lift the depression, inasmuch as everybody has been greatly distressed over the matter for 2,200 years, believing Alexander died because there were no more worlds to conquer.

Special Recipes to Suit Holiday Time

Helps in Feeding the Guests at Other than the Christmas Dinner. Some Tested and Tried Recipes.

The other day a lady known as an excellent cook and housekeeper said:—"It's all right for the newspapers to give recipes for the Christmas dinner, but most of us know all that. What we would like would be a few recipes for the odd party during the holiday time." It would appear that the remark must have reached Barbara B. Brooks, the culinary expert, reached her either by wireless or by thought transference, for "Other Holiday Entertaining," is the subject of the latest article from the noted domestic science expert. This article is really a reply in full to the request of the lady referred to. It even mentions the point she made about the Christmas dinner and what it should include. Here is the article by Barbara Brooks:—

Other Holiday Entertaining
One of the nice things about Christmas is that though it comes but once a year it brings with it enough excitement and good cheer to last for several weeks. From the moment the first holly wreaths appear on front doors till the last drooping Christmas trees are reluctantly stripped of their tinsel and resigned to the ash can, the spirit of good will is the keynote of the hour. It is this spirit that finds vent in Christmas giving and holiday entertaining. Though you may not go in for parties in a big way, you can hardly avoid (without being a Scrooge) entertaining at least once during the Yuletide season in addition to the day's feast.

These other holiday meals offer unlimited chances for ingenuity, because unlike Christmas dinner which everyone knows will include the proverbial turkey and dressing, cranberries, steaming plum pudding or mince pie, they can be full of new ideas and surprises.

If a Sunday night supper is your choice, you will enjoy serving one of the simple menus suggested here. In the evening a thoughtful hostess serves coffee from which the caffeine has been removed in order not to embarrass any of her guests or cause them discomfort later by loss of sleep. Fortunately caffeine-free coffee can now be purchased in almost all grocery stores.

- Apple Ring Salad
- Hot Bran Biscuits
- Rice Krispie Macaroons
- Beverage
- Creamed Chicken on Waffles
- Celery
- Beverage
- Candy
- Apple Ring Salad

Slice rings of bright red, tender apples. Dip into lemon juice or French dressing, to flavour, and to prevent darkening. Spread each ring with Philadelphia cream cheese. Between each ring, place a date, studded with celery and mayonnaise. The bright red apples in contrast with the dark green leaf of lettuce and white cheese make a showy salad.

All-Bran Biscuits
1/2 cup all-bran, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup shortening.
Soak bran in milk. Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening with knives or dough blender until the mixture is like corn meal. Add bran and milk, stirring carefully with a fork until flour disappears. Turn on to floured board. Knead lightly and roll or pat into sheet 1/2 inch thick. Cut with floured cutter. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 12 minutes. Yield: 16 biscuits (2 1/2 inch).

Rice Krispie Macaroons
2 egg whites, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup rice krispies, 1/2 cup nuts, 1 cup coconut, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract.
Beat egg whites until they are stiff enough to hold their shape but not until they lose their shiny appearance. Fold in sugar carefully. Fold in rice krispies, nuts and coconut. Add vanilla. Drop on a well greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 15 to 20 minutes. Remove pans from oven, place on damp towel and remove macaroons immediately with a spatula or sharp knife. If macaroons become hardened to pan, they may be put in an oven for a few minutes to soften.
Note: A standard measuring tablespoon which has a round bowl may be used for shaping the macaroons. This insures a regular shape and better appearance. Either brown or white sugar may be used.
Yield: 12 dozen.

New Liskeard Showered with Geese and Turkeys

Talking about it raining cats and dogs and hailing omnibuses, as they used to say in the Old Country, that is nothing to the experience of New Liskeard last week when that town was showered with turkeys, geese and other poultry. A despatch last week from New Liskeard says that a shower of Christmas fowl descended on that town when a truck, travelling from Exeter, Ont., to Timmins with a load of live turkeys, ducks and geese, skidded and collided with a telephone pole one day last week. The brakes of the truck failed to function on a curve of the Ferguson highway near the centre of the town and the results were disastrous. There were ducks on the streets, geese in the neighbouring yards, while the turkeys took refuge on the fences and in the topmost branches of the trees. After considerable difficulty the truck was extricated and most of the load collected. A few of the turkeys were dead, while it is stated that a few residents of the town will not buy a turkey for the Christmas dinner. The truck was able to proceed with about a day's delay.

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Why You Should Join the Prosperity Procession

(Reprinted from Industrial Canada)
The key to better times is more buying. Just as soon as the public loosens its purse strings, a revival in industry must follow.
Because buying has been restricted, many men and women who would normally be employed have been out of work.
Jobs disappeared because there was no sale for the products manufactured; jobs will reappear just as fast as the public begins to buy.
Every man and woman reinstated in a job means just that much more buying power added to the market. Once started the process and it will roll up like a snowball.
Owing to the restricted buying of the past three years, the margin between supply and demand has become very low. It really won't require much of a shove to set the industrial machinery of the country moving again towards "full speed."
If all Canadians who have the money would step into the market NOW and purchase those requirements in the way of household goods and clothing; repairs and new construction; replacement of obsolete equipment, etc., which have been accumulating over the three year period, the effect would be tremendous.
It would start moving from the retailer, back through the wholesaler to the manufacturer and on to the producers of raw materials, a flood of orders for replacement goods that would ensure employment for hundreds of thousands of people.
The time is opportune. Goods of all kinds are being offered today at lower prices than may prevail for many years to come. You will not only be helping to solve the unemployment problem by acting now but you will be benefitting yourself through the purchase of needed commodities obtainable at exceptionally low prices.
Above all, make sure that your purchases are directed to the greatest possible extent into channels which will tend to relieve the burden of unemployment. This can be best effected by insisting on Produced-in-Canada goods. When buying these you know that your purchase represents in large part wages paid to a fellow-Canadian. It also means that you are opening the way for replacement orders which will keep the wheels of industry turning in Canadian factories, during the coming winter.

The Sudbury Legion and Citizens' Band has discontinued its regular Sunday evening band concerts, the proceeds from the last event being only 42 cents. The band claims that it is going "in the hole" right along and so can not continue the concerts. The Sudbury city council is also considering the idea of dropping the grant to the band in which case the band will likely have to disband.
Yarmouth Herald:—President-elect Roosevelt is now being besieged by deputations of unemployed. Unhappy lies the head that wears the crown, even in a Republic.

Christmas Cookies Joy to Youngsters

Satisfying Cookies Better than Rich Fruit Cake for the Children. Some Recipes that are Sure to Delight the Children.
The following article on gay Christmas cookies is furnished by experts in domestic science. It may be noted that these recipes, applying only to Canadian conditions, have been checked by Canadian dietitians as well as by two Canadian editors of women's journals or pages:—
The small boy is usually shown holding his "middle" sympathetically in most Christmas and Thanksgiving pictures. That is generally true, particularly when rich pudding or Christmas cake is going around. After the children have had a taste of the traditional Christmas cake, they will find interesting cookies, bright with bits of coloured candy or fruit much more appealing.
Christmas tree shapes, or even if the child himself may be stored in the cookie jar by the thoughtful homebaker now. To make the cut out, simply draw or trace the figure onto cardboard. Cut out carefully. Lay cardboard pattern on rolled cookie dough and cut around the edge with a sharp knife. Bake. If desired, eyes, mouths, and costumes may be made from candies, preserved fruit, peel or frosting.
Either of these recipes make excellent rolled cookie dough for the cut outs and the coconut cream jumbles recipe is splendid for a Christmas tree shape and a few bits of coloured sugar or fruit give the ornament to the tree.

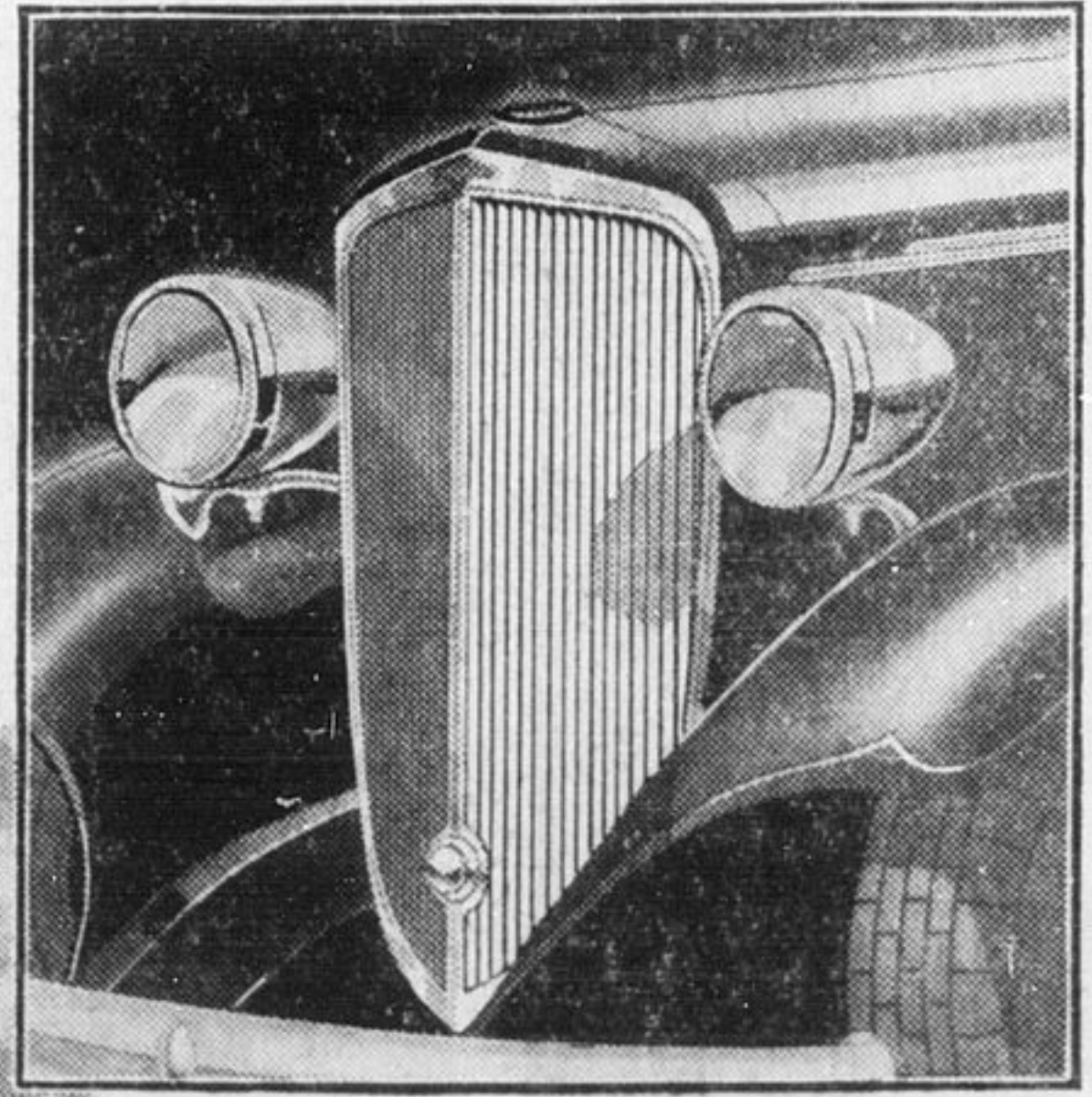
- Cocoanut Cream Jumbles**
3 cups sifted cake flour; 1 teaspoon soda; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 1 cup heavy sour cream; 3 teaspoons baking powder; 1 teaspoon salt; 2 eggs, well beaten; 2 cups premium shred cocoanut; 1 teaspoon vanilla.
(One cup sweet cream may be substituted for sour cream and soda in this recipe).
Sift flour once, measure, add baking soda, and salt and sift again. Beat sugar into beaten eggs. Add cream, vanilla, and cocoanut and mix until blended. Add flour and mix well. Chill thoroughly. Roll 1/4 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter into 3-inch circles, or use cut out pattern. Place far apart on ungreased baking sheet and bake in hot oven (400°) 12 to 15 minutes or until done. Makes 30 cookies.
- Chocolate Cookies**
2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour; 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder; 1/2 cup butter or other shortening; 2 eggs, well beaten; 1-3 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon soda; 1 cup sugar; 3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted; 1 tablespoon cream.
Sift flour once, measure, add cinnamon, baking powder and soda and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, chocolate and cream and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Roll into thin sheet on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter and dredge with sugar. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (350°) 9 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen 3-inch cookies.

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