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## ALL HONOURS TO THE DOCTORS

In the daily newspapers recently there have been so many flamboyant headlines, so many flaming pictures and so many columns upon columns of reading matter, about Dr. Dafoe, physician to the famous Dionne quintuplets, that there has been grave danger of the public being surfeited and turning from the interest and thought given to the remarkable achievement of a man who has shown that he possesses many of the attributes of true greatness. The adulation showered upon Dr. Dafoe could scarcely fail to cause the thought that there are literally hundreds of other doctors equally worthy of praise and attention for the remarkable services they have given their day and generation. "What has Dr. Dafoe done?" one man asked the other day. Then the man answered his own question:—"He simply saved the lives of five children and one woman! What country doctor is there whose skill and devotion can not claim to have done as much, literally hundreds of times." It is true that quintuplet births are so rare as to arouse the keenest interest. Anything that happens no more frequently than once in five hundred years is worthy of attention from all. The real point of the matter, however, is that Dr. Dafoe is worthy of the highest credit and acclaim not for the fact that he figures in one of the sensations of the century, but because from year upon year he has been giving a skill, a care, an attention and a devotion to the ill and the injured that should call forth admiration from all who value the nobler things of life. Dr. Dafoe did his duty in the case of the Dionne quintuplets simply as part of the day's work. Possibly no one is more surprised than he is at the furor created. The extended notice given by the newspapers tends to belittle the real issue. Dr. Dafoe is worthy of all the attention showered upon him, not for his incidental connection with a case that is a scientific curiosity, but for the fact that he typifies the average country doctor—the ordinary general practitioner. So did a doctor now in Timmins typify his profession when he saved a man's life in a camp in the Porcupine by the amputation of a leg with a meat saw, the only instrument that could be secured for the rough and ready operation that could not wait on help from afar. This is the courage, the resource, the skill of the country doctor! Driving through raging snowstorms and arriving cold and weary to be faced with a delicate operation, the only hope of saving life! Acting as his own nurse, his own assistant, often as his own and his patient's cook! This is a commonplace to the country doctor! And what a record could be placed to the credit of the mine doctors and the doctors in the lumber camps! What successful surgery under the most discouraging conditions! What medical skill under the most hopeless circumstances! Saving lives that is the motive! No hope of the limelight, and no thought of gain! The adventure, the resource, the romance, the gallantry of it all far overshadows the mere accidental like quintuplet births. It is this point of view that all the recent publicity given Dr. Dafoe seems to overlook. Just as the over-booming of many a new mining camp (Red Lake and Kamiskotia may be mentioned as examples) has been followed by shameful neglect, so the hysterical prominence given Dr. Dafoe in recent days threatened to react upon itself.

On this account it is not displeasing to see other country doctors thrust into the limelight this week. Front page prominence was again given another famous country doctor, even though it came about because he was himself under another general practitioner's care. Dr. M. W. Locke, of Williamsburg, who has cured his thousands, restored hundred upon hundreds of cripples to health and strength through his skill and talent, is himself a patient suffering from influenza and being attended by Dr. Charles Loudon, of Morrisburg, who is bringing him safely back to health, all as a part of the routine of the general practitioner. For the moment Williamsburg is a deserted village, the daily papers say, because Dr. Locke is ill. Limousines of the wealthy are speeding from the village because the famous Dr. Locke is absent from his post. But Dr. Loudon will soon have his brother practitioner well again, and Williamsburg will once more see its lines of patients waiting for their turn to test the country doctor's skill! So goes the story!

The moral of it all seems to be that Dr. Dafoe, Dr. Loudon, Dr. This and Dr. That, of Callander, Williamsburg, or Timmins, or elsewhere, are truly great and to be acclaimed, not because of the spectacular of the moment, but because of the faithful hours of skill and resource, the long days and nights of devotion to duty, the years of patient service that rise above obstacle and circumstance and spend themselves for the help of others, the alleviation of suffering and the saving of life.

Writing in The Mail and Empire Frank Yeigh raises the question as to whether or not oratory is becoming a lost art. Mr. Yeigh mentions a number of public men of a generation or two ago who were notable for their ability as speakers, but in touching on those of the past generation he misses some of the outstanding talent in this line. No catalogue of orators of the first part of the present century in Canada would seem to be complete without such names as Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Hon. Israel Tait, Hon. I. B. Lucas, Hon. T. W. McGarry, Dr. Maloney, just to name a few at random. Among the pulpit speakers Rev. J. J. Ross, of Chatham, and Rev. Mr. Hanna, of Mount Forest, are worthy of mention. A long list of able and effective speakers might easily be prepared from the men in public notice thirty or forty years ago. It is doubtful if their equals could be named among the public men of to-day.

One of the greatest injuries of the present day to public speaking is the use of the radio. The keynote in good oratory is sincerity, and that argues freedom of thought and action. Scores of effective public speakers have been ruined by the radio. This was noticeable during the recent provincial election when men previously noted for the force and freedom with which they expressed themselves were found to be weak and monotonous in their speaking. Apparently, they have become accustomed to speaking over the radio and accommodating themselves to the peculiarities of the microphone. As a consequence audiences found them flat and cold. The old fire and action were missing.

Whether oratory is dying out or not is a matter of opinion. It would be a loss to the public if there should be no more orators to deliver their inspiring messages. There are people who pretend to believe that the speaker who supplies facts in a matter-of-fact way supplies all the real needs of the occasion. It would be as true to suggest that statistical tables can present all the facts that anyone may desire and

that literature is not needed as a consequence. The orator has been able to swing public opinion by his power and charm, and so long as there are real speakers the public will find a pleasure and profit in listening. Neither books nor newspapers can take the place of oratory. There are thoughtless people who repeat the catch phrase that oratory is no longer in demand. It is only a few days ago that this idea was disproved in Timmins by an actual incident. Dr. Speakman, of the Ontario Research Foundation was advertised to speak at a board of trade banquet. There were fully two hundred people turned out to hear this speaker, and all enjoyed every minute of his address. Probably another hundred heard him over the radio. The fact that he paid no attention to the microphone but delivered his address solely with thought of the audience before him proves one of the points made in this article. The radio did not spoil his address because he did not surrender to the calls of the microphone. On the other hand listeners on the air were not nearly so enthusiastic as the audience actually before him. It would surprise many people to know how many enjoy a good address. One lady in town told The Advance recently that there is nothing that comes over the air that is more enjoyed by her than the able addresses sometimes heard. A local gentleman admits that he never misses the opportunity to hear a good speech either on the radio or in a hall or theatre. There are scores of able speakers in Canada to-day who are sure of full houses any time they care to give an address. If oratory is dying its demise will be mourned by the majority. If it dies, radio must take much of the blame for the crime.

## NEEDS OF THE NEW YEAR

In a few weeks a new town council will take over the administration of town affairs. The new council will have a number of difficulties to face, and the co-operation and support of all will be necessary to assure the best solution of the problems before the council.

Possibly the most pressing question to be dealt with will be that of the cost of relief. As Mr. John Dalton suggested last week to the present council the burden of relief will eventually prove too much for those now able to pay their taxes unless some plan is made to curb expenditures in this regard. The chief trouble at present seems to be that literally hundreds of families have been coming in here from distant towns and finishing up by going on relief. No town could stand this for any length of time. Closer check of the place of origin of those applying for relief will have to be made, with stern measures taken to protect the interests of the ratepayers.

While the chief business of the new council will necessarily be to reduce expenditures as far as possible, there will be some few places where the council's line of duty seems to be in the direction of taking steps to give service that will require some special outlay. One such matter seems to be the providing of a new town building. The present structure is not only absurdly inadequate but it has reached a stage where it is only wasting money to attempt to improve it or extend its facilities. In the matter of jail accommodation alone the present building is a disgrace to an up-to-date town like Timmins. The new council will justify the confidence shown in it if it can evolve a plan that will provide a suitable municipal building.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

No! Charles! Dr. Dafoe was not over in the United States trying to arrange anything about reciprocity.

No doubt the latest joke from Aberdeen will be that Scottish fathers and mothers are assuring their children that they need expect no visit this year from Santa Claus as the old gentleman has been stalled at Corbeil.

The Fort Frances Times is following the practice of publishing letters from the children to Santa Claus. Most of the letters seem genuine enough. One boy, however, writes that all he wants is "a pair of pants, a pair of stockings, a heavy winter sweater and a stocking cap." Any boy that only wants those things doesn't believe in Santa Claus.

"Bingo," an Ottawa dog owned by Mrs. Pauze of that city, had his name duly entered by one of the enumerators on the list of voters for the coming Dominion election. Later the name was removed by order of the authorities. Some days ago Bingo was poisoned. After a dog's life Bingo is now dead and buried. All of this, surely, proves something or other about politics.

Commenting on the conviction of a Chinaman in Toronto on a charge of theft, The Mail and Empire refers to the fact that the Chinese are among the most law-abiding citizens of Canada. It is seldom, indeed, that Chinamen are charged with anything more serious than playing games of chance, and then it is usually among themselves. Of course, Chinamen are sometimes accused of trafficking in narcotics, but only rarely is the charge proven. Whether the Chinamen are law-abiding or not they are not easy to convict. As a matter of fact, however, the experience in Timmins has been that the Chinaman makes a good citizen. The experience here has been duplicated elsewhere. The Chinaman is honest, industrious, friendly to others and mends his own business. It is hard to beat that for good citizenship.

## Some Thoughts from Northern Old-Timer

### Prefers North to South. Not in Favour of Rocky Road. Has Faith in the North.

From H. A. Preston, old-timer of the North come this week the following paragraphs well worthy of consideration:—"Really I feel puzzled to know what bad name to give to those who continue to criticize this North country which has grown by leaps and bounds for thirty years and placed Canada in second place for gold and with such a large agricultural country to grow the food of life, and where the summer days are long daylight ones. How can anyone say anything against it? I am ready to meet the King or anyone else in the matter and ready to defend this North that has more chances of a bright future than anywhere else in North America. I say that anyone who doesn't like it should get out and stay out. I have lived in it for over thirty years and have enjoyed life better than I did at Niagara where I lived for 28 years in full view of the falls, and at one time the falls were right in front of the door of my home. I much prefer city life in the North than the South for the North has both city life and outdoor life and so is much more healthy and happy. I like the drinking water of the North much better when it is fresh from the ground below. As for flies and mosquitoes, I prefer to have them bother me than have people like down south who hate to see anyone make five cents."

"Hon. Peter Heenan says that the road from North Bay to Timiskaming will be started. It is claimed that it will serve many settlers. That is correct. But how many settlers will a rock road north of Sault Ste. Marie serve? If settlers from North Bay to Quebec are to be served, then the greatest settlers are in Northern Ontario from Cochrane west, and these certainly should also be served."

"Dec. 21st.—The shortest day of the year.—All hope the winter will be the shortest ever known, seeing that last winter was the longest one. It looks as if the Porcupine camp will be much better place by the time the longest day of the year arrives."

"Diamond drilling continues at the Foley-O'Brien. A merry Christmas and a big prosperous lucky New Year to those responsible for starting her going! And the same to all others! May they discover the best yet!"

"Hon. Peter Heenan states that the North Shore route (the rocky road) is closest to the thickly-populated area. When did this happen? Does anyone think there are more people on that route from North Bay to Fort William than there are on the route from North Bay to Fort William by the Cochrane-Hearst route and including these two cities? Size it up and see which has the most people and the most of everything that's good for making a country grow fast. One route has taken fifty years to grow to what it is, and yet it's not as big as the one that has only taken thirty years. What other township in all Northern and Northwestern Ontario has three monster towns in it and a wonder gold mine in each town, like Tisdale township has. Just think, Tisdale thirty miles west of the main T. & N. O. railway line in what some people call a hinterland, and there's going to be other big towns in other hinterlands, and they will be between Cochrane and Fort William."

"Regarding the proposed routing of the Trans-Canada highway by the rocky north shore route from Sault Ste. Marie or by the more practical northern route westward from Hearst, what will it cost to build such a highway as the rocky road one, and what to build the route by the Cochrane and Hearst and westward route? Which has the best and the most material along its route? Which has a railway close to it to hurry up things for the building? Study all this and take into consideration the future, and don't forget to ask yourself this question:—Which route is growing the fastest at present, in the past, and will in the future? Also which route has the longest daylight on it and the safest travelling during the night hours? Which is the best travelling when there is a fog, and on which can approaching cars be seen the farthest away at the most spots? Which route has the most fogs and similar conditions that make travel dangerous part of the time? It would be well to study all these questions. If study is given the matter the rocky route would not be seriously considered."

Renfrew Mercury:—Of course it is not true that men will not work hard unless they can be sure of a money reward. The money-profit motive need not be the dominating one in a nation. Thousands of men in public service are there because they find their reward in that kind of self-expression. Teachers, scientists, explorers, gardeners, ministers, soldiers, social workers—there are actually millions who work for the joy of working.

Members of the staff of the railway is one feature of the recommendations by Mr. Racine. Any such move would be looked upon as folly in an ordinary business. The fact that Messrs Lang and Gallagher wish to follow business principles will find approval from the general public. Another recommendation by Mr. Racine was in regard to disposing of the hotel at Moosonee. Hon. Mr. Hepburn suggested that the hotel be "given back to the Indians," as he chastely phrased it. Mr. Racine, it is understood, wants the hotel given away, but not to the Indians. The chairman and deputy chairman, very rightly, it would seem, consider it very poor policy to be in any hurry to give the hotel to anyone. The Moosonee line has had no chance to prove its worth or otherwise. It is difficult as yet to form any definite idea as to whether the Moosonee line can be made to pay at present or not. The value of the hotel as a consequence

## Seeking Relatives Late Mrs. Teasdale

### Insurance Policy Payable to the Estate of Mrs. Teasdale still to be Paid out.

On November 11 Thomas Teasdale perished when fire destroyed his home in Schumacher. Since that time it has been found that he carried a life insurance policy in which his wife was named as the beneficiary. North American Life representatives here have learned that his wife is dead and they have been unable to trace any of Teasdale's or his wife's relatives.

The only information on the policy is that he was born in England on June 24th, 1881 and his occupation at the time the policy was issued (1926) is given as "plate worker." His wife's name was Emma.

The policy is for a considerable amount, is fully paid and is ready to be adjusted, if the company can find any person to whom it can be legally paid. North American Life is anxious to get in touch with any of his or his wife's relatives or with anyone who may have any definite information which might lead to the finding of them. F. W. Whaley or A. Nicholson at the North American office here are handling the

matter. Teasdale died without having made any kind of a will as far as can be learned but since the policy is made out in favour of his wife, it is possible that anyone who could prove relationship to the late Mrs. Teasdale might have a chance of collecting the money. Information in The Advance files is to the effect that Mrs. Teasdale died on Sunday evening, April 8th, 1934, and that she was survived by her parents, a brother and sister in England. If anyone can give the insurance company the address of the parents or other relatives in England, it will expedite the settling of the estate.

Police Court Next Week to be Held on Thursday

The Christmas week schedule for police courts in Magistrate Atkinson's district has been arranged as follows: Thursday morning, South Porcupine; Thursday afternoon, Timmins; Friday, Kirkland Lake; Saturday, Halleyburg; and Cobalt; and Monday, New Liskeard.

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can not be decided for a time. It seems to be a case where the proper procedure is to make haste very slowly.

There are still three more shopping days in which to shop early before Christmas.

Canada's trade for the first eleven months of this year is twenty-five per cent. greater than for the same period in 1933. The total trade for November exceeded any month since May, 1931. These are surely signs that prosperity is returning to Canada.

The street railway line between Cobalt and New Liskeard is to be discontinued after this year. This will mean that the only street cars in the North Land will be the ones underground.

**HON. MACKENZIE KING WAS SIXTY YEARS OLD MONDAY**  
Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Dominion Liberal party celebrated his 60th birthday on Monday. He was born in Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario, on Dec. 17th, 1874. His mother was Isobel Grace Mackenzie, daughter of the noted William Lyon Mackenzie whose fight for parliamentary government and freedom from any approach to autocracy in Ontario was a feature of his time. Mr. King's father was John King, K.C. Hon. Mr. King has been leader of the Liberal party since 1919.