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Council of Friendship Co-operating with All

An editorial note last week in The Rouyn-Noranda Press says:— "In a sympathetic article in its editorial columns, which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue of The Press, the Porcupine Advance deals with the formation of the Council of Friendship in Rouyn-Noranda and suggests that the organization may find its greatest usefulness by co-operating with existing organizations rather than attempting to blaze new trails. That is exactly what the new council here is endeavouring to do—seeking helpful co-operation from the churches, fraternal societies, Kiwanis club, school authorities and the various national organizations of the foreign-born residents with a view to combined effort for the general helpfulness and mutual understanding and good will."

ANNUAL MEETING SOUTH PORCUPINE RINK COMPANY

Announcement has been made that the annual meeting of the Porcupine Skating Rink Company, Limited will be held in the council chambers, South Porcupine, on the evenings of April 26th, commencing at 7 o'clock. A good attendance of shareholder is specially requested.

Schoolboys Produced Sardines with Heads on

North Battleford, Sask., and Black's Harbour, New Brunswick, are a considerable distance apart but each entered into a rather amusing affair arising out of school lesson on sardines. Sardines, explained the teacher, have their heads cut off before they are canned. To make the lesson emphatic, the teacher offered to take the entire class to the movies if any one could produce a can of sardines with the heads on. Two future "captains of industry" immediately saw an opening for some strategy so they wrote to the sardine canning factory at Black's Harbour and asked for a can of sardines, heads and all, arrived and the teacher took the entire class to the movies. The sardine canner at Black's Harbour is the largest in the world, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways.

When the clock struck the midnight hour, father came to the head of the stairs and in a rather bold tone of voice said, "Young man, is your self-starter out of order to-night?" "It doesn't matter," retorted the young man, "as long as there's a crank in the house."

Sport Vital Part in Modern Education

Health Aided by Athletics. Good Health Considered Very Important as Basis of All Learning.

What part has athletics in this educational process, the aim of which is to develop good citizens? Few people get to know their friends as a football coach knows his players, and one thing he invariably wants to know about a player is, "What happens when he gets bumped?" This is the test of life as well as of the athletic field. Modern athletic contests such as football provide hard bumps, educating knocks, bumps that bring out the best in boys, and show up the worst.

Clach Zuppke of Illinois, tell an interesting story that happened at the time the famous Red Grange played for him.

"Heinie Schultz was so modest and self-effacing that I lost all track of him in fall practices. Never gave him the acid test. He hung around as a left-over. Not good enough for the Varsity, we supposed, not even good enough for scrubs. One of six or eight extra members of the squad, part of the hopeless fringe needed as a margin of safety.

"The team was weak on tackling. I drilled them on the dummy until they were sick of it. But the dummy is only a rag doll, and doesn't act and feel like a human being. I wanted them to get their arm around flesh and bones. My eyes fell on Heinie. I thought, he'll do for cannon fodder. He may get hurt a little, but he isn't on the team, it doesn't matter. I "Tackle this man." I told the team "and tackle him hard. He is impersonating a Wisconsin player loose for a goal; you've got to bring him down."

"To Heinie I said, 'Don't let 'em hit you if you can help it, son.' To myself I said, 'G-d help Heinie.'"

"But Heinie didn't need it; he helped himself. He kept the team so busy, gave them such a run, it was a sight for sore eyes. I've watched men enough on football fields to know a fighter when I see him. Heinie was "Son". I said, when the eleven huskies had mauled him and he was sore but still smiling for more, 'you're on the team.'"

In the last play of the game during the Varsity-Queen's football match this fall, with the score tied six to six, an incident occurred that threw the thousands in the stands in a frenzy of excitement. With ten seconds to play, Queen's kicked the ball from behind their own goal-line to Bobby Coulter of Varsity and the crowded stands knew it would be a tie game. But in a fraction of a second, surrounded by opposing players, the Varsity boy returned the kick to the deadline. The whistle blew at once and the game ended, Varsity 7, Queen's 6. That is poise—the ability to do the right thing in a crisis. Think of the value of poise to a successful business man.

During an interfaculty game at the University of Toronto this fall an incident occurred that left an indelible imprint on the minds of a good many boys who witnessed it. One of the teams contesting had a very substantial lead. Darkness was slowly covering the jack campus, and the losers, unable to see what they were doing, were striving valiantly to whittle down the opponent's lead. The coach of the winning team, a graduate of the University who believes in "playing cricket," called the two teams together and said the game would be replayed when the losers would not be handicapped by darkness. This incident can be duplicated on hundreds of athletic fields where a spirit of sportsmanship prevails, and when a boy who has

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learned this lesson on the athletic field goes out into life, he'll take that same spirit of free play into all his other activities.

Walter Camp once said, "It is fine, isn't it, to tell the boys that when they go into a game that they should play for the sport never mind who wins? That isn't the way to bring up boys. One side or the other has got to lose and the boys who make the right kind of men are the boys who go in to play as hard as they can to win; to play fair, but play hard, take the whipping without a whimper and come back for more. Win if you can; lose if you must. That is the sort of men we want to develop."

Boys often come to college with the reflected light of heroes in their eyes. They trot out on the field with the zeal of crusaders in their hearts. Fighting for an ideal, a tradition, with complete absorption of their goal, they forget self entirely. One prominent coach tells the true story of a boy who went seventy-two hours without eating because he hadn't the money for a meal; yet he showed up cheerfully every day for the grilling physical labour of football practice. These boys quite naturally lose this zeal later in life for a game, but they put the same fight and spirit into other causes, and the game of life rarely gets the better of them.

Health. About twenty-three hundred years ago we find Plato, the Greek philosopher, advocating that the educational curriculum for the first ten years of a child's life should consist entirely of sports and play. Modern education is stressing more and more the importance of health as a sound basis for all learning.

Bobby Jones, the world's greatest golfer, was the despair of his parents as a small child. His health was so poor his doctor advised exercise in the open air as the only remedy. The Jones family moved near a golf course to give their son the opportunity to play outdoors. Not only did his bodily health improve, but his poise, stamina, and perfect co-ordination have become one of the marvels of the age.

Competitive sport demands the finest in physical condition. A boy must know the value of proper diet and rest. He learns that tobacco and alcohol are a real detriment to his success. The care of the body when in training has a carry-over value through the years.

Academic. Two boys enter college as freshmen together. One boy supplements his academic work by an active part in athletics. The other chap concentrates entirely on his studies. How do their academic standing compare?

Statistics and data are available from many colleges giving us accurate information on this very controversial subject. At McGill, Harvard, Michigan and Wisconsin Universities the following conclusions were reached:

- 1. 20 per cent more athletes complete their courses than non-athletes.
- 2. 22 per cent fewer athletes failed or withdrew during their first or second year than non-athletes.
- 3. Athletes averaged slightly higher academically than non-athletes.
- 4. There was a greater percentage of "A" men scholastically in the athletic group than there were in the non-athletic group.

Conclusion. Why athletics? This training a boy receives in athletics lies at the very heart of the development of an individual toward good and useful citizenship.

"It is possible in the classroom to preach all this to a boy, to show him the need and the importance of it, but it is vital and important that he should have a laboratory training in carrying out the precepts given. The athletic field furnishes such a laboratory.

Professor: "If there are any dumbbells in the room, please stand up."

A long pause and then a lone freshman stood up.

"What, do you consider yourself a dumbbell?"

"Well, not exactly that, sir, but I hate to see you standing alone."

—Exchange.

"Canada Standard" May Alter Market

By "Shakes"
If the commission appointed to investigate business methods in Canada has its way, Canadians are going to be more scientific buyers than they are now. The commission discovers that the public needs an education. It proposes to set up a "Canada Standard" that would in the course of the years, become a world famous stamp of quality.

This is not only a Canadian idea—it is a world-wide movement. United States is trying at the present time to frame a control of products law enforceable by an independent commission. Altogether, there are 20 nations having standards of one kind and another. Where does science come into this scheme of things?

Years ago strawberry jam, for instance, was just strawberry jam. Today the consumer has an idea what the various grades of strawberry jam require in the way of fresh fruit, cane sugar and so on. Chemical analysis of our common foods has done wonders in the prevention of some serious diseases. It wasn't the packers' fault nor the public's fault—it was more ignorance.

Throughout our high schools to-day, it is compulsory to take a few courses in elementary science of some sort. Thus a gradual education is going on that will in the end, lead to a much wider knowledge of proper foods and so on. "In Canada control of quality is to be found mainly in the field of agricultural and dairy products. The grading, labelling and certification of wheat, milk, eggs and other food products has proved of great value to the housewife, both here and abroad, in guaranteeing the quality of the goods which she buys," says an official government publication.

What of all the other things we buy? Consider cloths, as an example. Suppose you went into a dry goods store and the clerk described the material to you in phrases that really indicate quality. He would talk to you about the "tensile strength" of the strands that were woven into the cloth; he might tell you the exact size in thousands of an inch, of the yarn used; he might give the weight per square yard of the cloth; he might indicate the number of loops made per inch in the knitting of the garment, if it were of that sort. But would all those figures mean anything to you?

It is not generally known that there are definite government standards already set for various kinds of textiles. Both the Ontario Research Foundation and the National Research Council are continually making tests of various manufacturers' products, to see whether or not they conform. In co-operation with the research bureaus, some textile industries of Canada have volunteered to aid in the setting up of standards for the control of quality. This is still in the nature of an experiment, but it points the way to what is definitely coming—the eventual standardization of all products sold in retail stores. Simply by a letter or a number, the consumer will be able to know what wear may be expected of a fabric or to what degree of purity a food product conforms.

We shall all have to be re-educated in science to a certain extent when these standards become more universal. If we are to do our buying intelligently and wish to keep within a certain budgeted expenditure, quality standards, rigorously supervised by our science laboratories, should make purchasing a much easier thing. Imported goods would necessarily have to bear the "Canada Standard" mark when placed on sale here. That might help enormously in the stimulation of Canadian industry.

Toronto, Telegram:—If you don't worry about your children when they are young, they are liable to cause you much worry when they get older.

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Here's Still Another "Thirty Years a Motorist"

A citizen of a Florida town, recipient thirty years ago of a letter from the sales manager of the Olds Motor Works, suggesting that he become a dealer, decided the horseless carriage would never amount to anything and filed the letter. A few months ago, the same citizen saw the 1935 Oldsmobile models and wished he were an Oldsmobile dealer. He dug the 30-year-old letter out of the files and answered it. Result: he is now selling Olds Sixes and Eights. This habit of filing things carefully away may also explain how a cheque popped up for payment the other day at General Motors of Canada, Limited, after the ink had been dry on it for a matter of a dozen years. Comptroller F. B. Coate slightly puzzled because the cheque was signed by St. John, N.B. Branch of the McLaughlin Motor Car Company, which had not been operating for years, promptly honoured the demand. A statement still clipped to the cheque showed that it had been issued to pay off a credit balance due F. J. Baltzer of Berwick, N.S., on a parts transaction.

Importance of Screens to Protect from Flies

The danger to health caused by the common fly has led the Ontario Safety League to appeal to householders all over Ontario this Spring to keep flies out of their homes. There is only one way to do this properly—screen every door and window. When screen doors and windows are on hand, they should be checked carefully and, if damaged, the screen wire should be replaced. A defective screen is worse than useless as it gives a false feeling of security. It is a well known fact that the common fly is a carrier of disease germs.

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