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### A SENATOR FOR THE NORTH

There are six vacancies in the Senate of Canada at the present time. As The Globe and Mail points out, it is no dearth of applications that causes the positions to remain vacant. Indeed, there is reason to believe that the delay in filling the vacancies is more likely to be due to the very fact that there are so many good people who feel they have a special call to fill the posts. The Government's difficulty is not to pick men to fill the places, but to find ways and means to allay the disappointment of those who will not be selected. In addition there are all sorts of traditions and precedents that are supposed to be followed. This makes the filling of the places the more difficult. So many in the Senate have to be from one province, so many from another; so many have to be of one faith, and so many of another; so many have to be of one race, and so many of another. With the appointment of a woman to the Senate, the Bennett Government established another precedent—another difficulty. Among all the other things that will have to be considered will be the thought that every once in a while it will have to be a woman that gets the appointment to a Senate seat. And by the time that every province has a woman to represent every race, every creed, every political complexion and every part of the area, the Government will be as greyheaded as the Senate.

In regard to seeing that all the different sections of the country are represented, the Governments have all been sadly remiss. Never in the history of this part of the North has a Senator been chosen from what is known sometimes as the T. & N. O. country. Yet this T. & N. O. country is an important part of Ontario, of Canada. It has produced—is producing—immense new wealth to keep Canada on even keel in a wave-tossed world. It is a funny thing (that is, it would be considered funny over the radio) that whenever a government thinks of finding someone to take care of the unemployed, the North naturally jumps to mind. "There's prosperity, work, wealth in the North," say the wise heads then. But when it comes to Senatorships, no one thinks of the North, except the newspapermen here who have been pointing out for years that a Senator from the North would be of value to the North, to Ontario, to Canada—even to the Senate itself. Every government in recent years has had Members from the North. Some of them have had Cabinet Ministers from the North. But there has never been a Senator from the North. How come? Why not? and so on! The North has sent Members to Ottawa that have been outstanding. The North had a Cabinet Minister that was the Premier's right-hand man. Are all premiers left-handed when it comes to Senatorships? It would be thought, perhaps, that when the powers-that-be at Ottawa noted the value of the Members and Cabinet Ministers that come from the North, they would naturally say:—"The North is just the place to plant one of those vacant Senatorships." The North needs more apostles at Ottawa—and everywhere. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., has done a fine piece of work in telling the truth about the North at Ottawa on any and every occasion. What a splendid thing it would be for the North—for all Canada—if he had a sort of side-kick in the Senate, to do there the missionary work that Member Bradette does in the Commons.

If Premier King would simply say that one of those six seats just simply had to go to the North—that this large and valuable section of the country must be represented in the Senate of Canada—then a sixth of his present difficulties in regard to filling Senate vacancies would be automatically cancelled. That should be a big help to Mr. King. It isn't every statesman that can shave a sixth of his troubles away so easily. A Senator for the North!

### WATCH YOUR HOISTS

As the old Irishman said, "the world is getting no better fast." There was a time in this North Country when people did not need to lock up their houses when they left home. Indeed, there were houses here where the doors were never locked. There were locks, perhaps, but some of them were out of order. Scotsmen could see no reason for spending good money to fix old locks, so long as the doors would keep closed to keep the cold out. In those good old days stores didn't need watchmen. Merchants were accustomed to displaying everything from rakes to washing machines and from clothing to newspapers in doorways and on sidewalks before their stores. Sometimes the storekeeper would be unavoidably delayed at a poker game and go home without remembering to take in the goods. But when the assistants got around in the morning, as they usually did, the goods were all safely on display in doorways and on walks. Everything was safe without lock or key. No man was going to the trouble of stealing goods from in front of a store and hauling the goods

away. Why should he? Couldn't he have the goods delivered to his house, telling them to charge it up? Well, anyway, everything was safe from thieves. But how about these later years? Try leaving a door unlocked at the house these days, and likely they'll take door and all away. Talk about leaving goods on the sidewalk! Why, the jewelers find the goods are not safe in the windows, even behind thick plate glass. The North certainly "ain't" what she used to be." Too much civilization, or something!

Perhaps, the worst has happened at Cobalt. Last week three men pleaded guilty at that once honest town to stealing a couple of mine hoists. Of course, they weren't the sort of hoists that the alleged Timmins shift boss told about at Midland the other day—a "lift that carried 240 men down the shaft at the one load." But they were husky hoists at that, hardly the kind that three men would mistake for a piece of scrap iron dropped from a passing truck. What is the North coming to? Something will have to be done, or it will be as bad as the South. The police now regularly each night try every door in the main part of the town, shaking the door, no doubt to see if it is loose enough for anyone to carry off. Is it coming to the time when the law will have to keep its uniformed eye on mine hoists to see that no one carries them off in the night?

There are two comforts in this mine hoist stealing business. The first is that it is at Cobalt, and may never get up this far as an epidemic. There have been other calamitous affairs like that—they have never come farther north than Cobalt. The second comfort is that the theft of mine hoists cannot be carried on with much impunity. That is too grasping, too greedy! There is the story of the sinful fellow who stole a sawmill one night, but was caught the next night when he went back to carry off the water power.

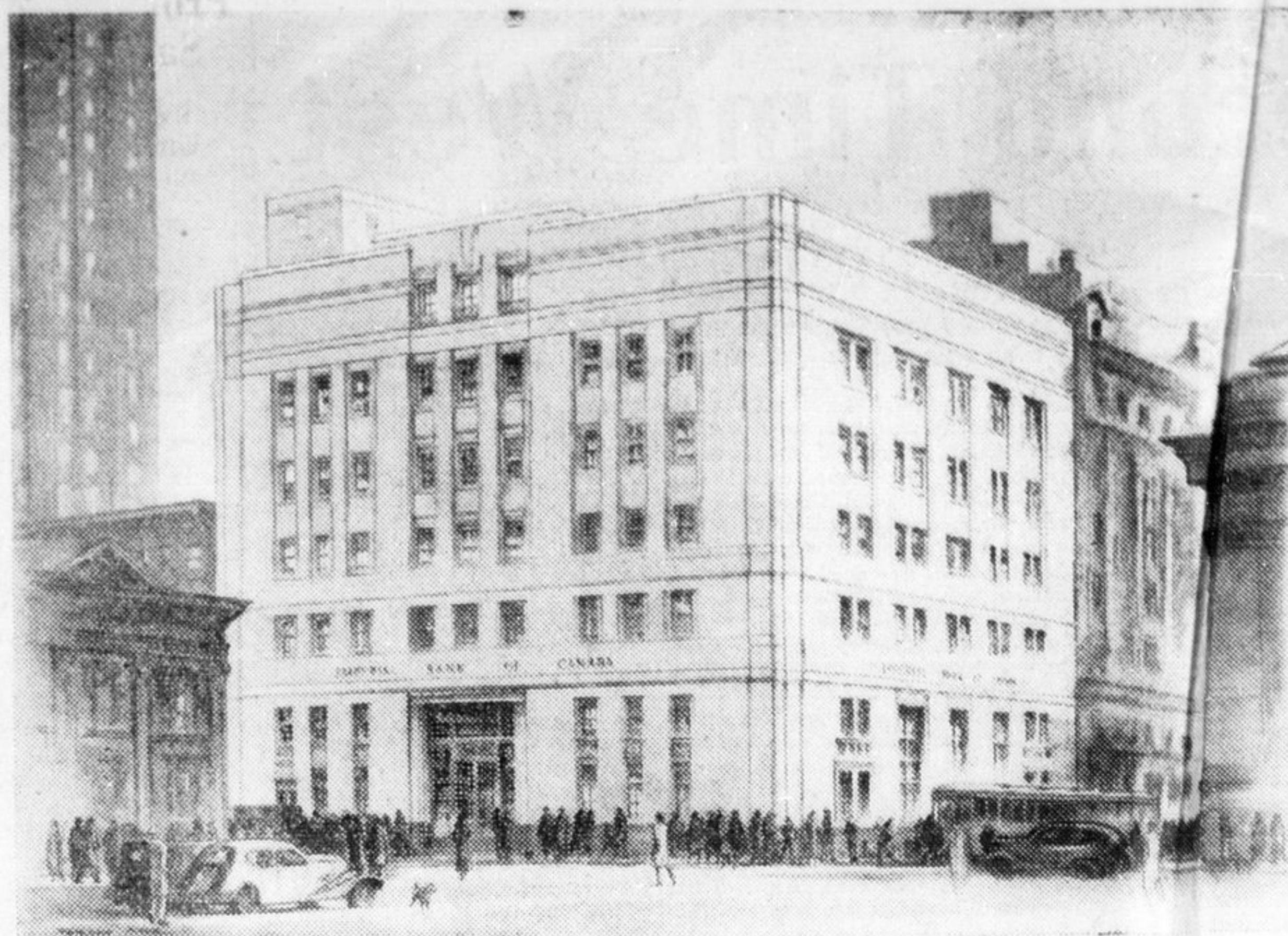
### HELP FOR CHINA

Many good people feel grieved and ashamed that the so-called civilized nations of the world stood back and allowed the innocent and inoffensive civilians of China to be slaughtered by the thousands. The feeling is much the same that the ordinary man would have if he stood on street and watched without protest while women were ravished, children killed and old people wantonly slaughtered. Much of the undeclared war with China to date has been little better than the wholesale murder of non-combatants. In the last day or two the news from China has been less depressing. It appears that the Japanese have met unexpected resistance and Japanese troops are being exterminated in a wholesale way as were the Chinese civilians in the early part of the undeclared war. There is indeed a recognized chance now that the Chinese may overwhelm the invaders and drive them from the country. While such a result would prove highly pleasing to the ordinary, the methods by which it would be accomplished would not be so satisfactory. The Chinese victories reported appear to have been won by outlawed Communist troops, while Soviet Russia is supposed to have thrown some of its military power on the side of the Chinese people. Russian aeroplanes and munitions are reported as being freely used in China's behalf. If the Chinese victory proves no more than a success for Communism, then the last state of China will be as unhappy as the first.

There is no doubt but that the sympathy of the vast majority of the people of Canada has been with the Chinese nation in their present undeserved affliction. Sympathy, however, is not enough in such a case. Most people will feel that there should be something more than sorrow for the suffering, or a feeling of shame for those who stood idly by. Perhaps, it is a recognition of this fact that has prompted the zeal with which a national committee has taken up work for the relief of war sufferers in China. This national committee, headed by Sir Henry Drayton, as chairman, is sponsored by the Canadian Red Cross and the religious bodies of Canada, including the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Disciples, Friends, Jewish, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, United Church and other denominations. The national committee now appeals to the Canadian people for funds. It is pointed out that both Japan and China were tendered the offer of medical and relief assistance by the International Red Cross. Japan declined, stating that she had made the necessary provision. China accepted, because she was in desperate need. As the national committee points out, the extent and severity of the suffering of the people of China is probably without parallel in the history of nations. The shelling and bombing of cities, bringing terror, death, disablement and destitution, not only to soldiers, but to countless women and little children helplessly caught in the path of ruthless war has brought misery and distress of monstrous proportions. A fund is being raised to do something to alleviate some of this terrible suffering. Donations, made payable to the "Red Cross Chinese Relief Fund," may be mailed to the "National Committee for the Relief of War Sufferers," 621 Jarvis Street, Toronto, or deposited at any local bank or Red Cross office in Canada.

### GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The stork was a very busy bird in Fort Frances during 1937, bringing no less than 152 babies to that town of 5500 people. That means, in other words, that the stork visited Fort Frances 29 times in every 100 working days of the year, and still had enough Fort Frances babies left to drop one every lawful holiday, including Sundays. It is



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### Philosopher Amused by Line-up at Office

Thinks People Will Miss Something Under Mail Delivery.

Timmins, Ont., Jan. 15th, 1938  
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—I understand we are soon to have the mail delivered and I wonder what difference it is going to make. We all know it will save us a walk and a lot of waiting but somehow I believe a lot of people will miss calling for their mail the same as they would if they ran out of funds and had to give up their favourite club on account of not being able to pay their dues. Now I think I have spent an average of 15 minutes a day in the line for six days a week and as we get a letter about once a month with an occasional one thrown in, not counting light and water bills, I believe I have spent 1326 hours in the line during my stay in Timmins and received about 400 letters.

Yet I don't think I would care to have missed it. In seventeen years I can honestly say I have only seen three people in the line whom I knew, and in consequence I had a great deal of time to spend

difficult to understand how some people can re-tain a faith in the stork and still question the reality of Santa Claus.

In reference to a note in the last issue of The Advance, a local reader writes to ask:—"Who is this Charlie McCarthy that you have mentioned?"

The answer is:—"Charlie McCarthy is the most popular dummy on the radio to-day." It is a pleasure to answer questions.

A London, England, Borough Councillor the other day brought up the matter of ballot papers. He pointed out that the meagre description given on the present election ballots often leaves the voters in doubt as to the identity of the candidates. The same difficulty has been noticed in this country. In one recent election in Timmins one of the candidates for mayor gained some votes, and perhaps lost some other votes because some voters thought he was a man of the same name who was a barber. There is little doubt that Councillor Wren gains votes because his name passes for that of W. Rinn. It was a general belief here that Wellington Armstrong was given many votes when he ran for public school trustee because he was thought to be another Armstrong. In the same way when this Mr. Armstrong ran for council at the recent municipal election he lost votes because the friends of the other Armstrong were told that the candidate was the wrong Armstrong, while his own friends were confused by stories that it was the other Armstrong that was running. But what should be done to right this sort of thing? The London Borough Councillor suggests the printing on all ballots of a rather detailed biography of the candidates, including their occupation, place of birth, political party affiliations, age, marital condition and so on. Whether this would help matters

looking around and seeing just what was going on.

On one occasion I was at the end of a long line when a man walked in and pushed through the line and walked out again through the doors at the library end. He then came in the main doors again and he and another man pushed into the line about half way up.

They had no sooner settled than someone spoke to the first man and he was decent enough to take his place at the end. Then the other man was spoken to but he began to shout and wave his arms and say he had been there all the time but that he had moved away to speak to someone.

As I had been watching the line closely I knew that this was not so, but because the man was elderly, no more was said. However I think he must have felt uncomfortable for he shortly left the post office.

Then there is the lady who brings her child and puts it on the floor to play. While she is laughing at the child's antics she is gradually easing herself into the line.

However, she looks over her shoulder so many times during her walk to the wicket that I think that most people believe as I do:—"Her nerves are under such a strain for fear someone will ask her to step back that that is punishment enough."

If people have a sense of humour they will see a great deal of comedy in

that slow march from the end of the line to the wicket and it has certainly been worth while.

But not long ago I saw something which I thought was the nerve of comedy. The line on this day was not very long and a man near the end was standing back in order to leave a space for people to pass through, which I believe you will agree was a manly thing to do.

One young lady, however, thought he was foolish and practically told him so. She stepped through the gap and then turned and deliberately stepped into the gap.

Someone touched her on the shoulder and she turned like a flash and said:—"If you don't expect people to step in why do you leave a gap?"

It is like the lady who told her husband that he wasn't as gallant as he was when he was a boy, and he replied:—"Well, you aren't as buoyant as you were when you were a girl."

"That kind of thing tends to stifle the gallantry in men."

However it has all been amusing and well worth the time. I remain

Yours most sincerely,  
A. J. DOLING.

New Liskeard Speaker:—A young man, asked if he favoured higher education for women, said:—"No, if they are pretty, it's unnecessary, and if they are not, it's inadequate."

### Regular Dividend of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Porcupine district, has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable March 1 to shareholders of record Feb. 1. On the 798,000 shares outstanding, dividend calls for distribution of \$399,000.

Last year the company distributed total of \$1,569,000, the same amount as in the three previous years. Total amount distributed since inception of dividends in 1917 to the end of 1937 was \$17,746,517. Current declaration will bring grand total to \$18,145,517.

### Golden Gate Expects to Have Mill Going in April

Preparations for production at the Golden Gate Mining Company's property, Kirkland Lake, are being hurried with a view to having the mill in readiness for the turn-over in April. Machinery has been arriving daily and practically all has been delivered.

S. A. Pain, consulting engineer, reports that the high-grade 303 vein has been opened for more than 185 feet on the 475-foot level and is still in ore with the face showing free gold. Besides showing greater length, width is also better than on the 350-foot level, where it was opened for 130 feet, averaging 806 in gold per ton.



### "My advice

to parents is to have their children's eyes examined at an early age. I speak from experience. My eldest boy was twelve when we discovered his eyes needed correction. Had we known sooner, the chances are his sight would be brought back to near normal by now. How sorry we are that we didn't have his eyes examined sooner."

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According to some of the Toronto newspapers the proposal to increase the radio license fee in Canada is due to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation spending too much money during the past year. Remarkable as it may appear, all the artists appearing on commission programmes are paid. In some cases, no matter what the amount may be, it is worth it all. In some other cases, no one knows why.