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## FACTS THAT SHOULD BE KNOWN

It is an odd fact that many of the very people who used to object to the idea of Britannia ruling the waves, or even singing about it, are the very folks who are clamoring to-day for Britain to rush into war to protect ships under the British flag in the Mediterranean. It is well to have all facts in mind in such a matter. First of all it should be clearly understood that the British navy to-day, as for centuries, has protected all British commerce on the high seas. Next, it is well to note that the British government has warned all ship-owners in regard to the dangers within the three-mile limit of Spanish territorial waters. It has emphasized that ships carrying contraband cargoes enter that three-mile limit zone at their own peril. The fact that it is an unusually profitable venture tempts ships to take the risk. They incur the danger knowing the risk, and not forgetting the profit. In this regard, it may not be amiss to consider ownership of some of the British ships that have been sunk in Spanish waters. It seems to be admitted that all these ships were carrying contraband of war. The London Express made an investigation of one ship that was sunk and found it was owned by the Stanhope Steamship Co. The main owner of this firm, it is said, is John Albert Billmeir. A few years ago John was a minor clerk in a financial office in London. To-day John Albert Billmeir has a fleet of 23 freighters, and is reported to have made no less than five million pounds in the last three years, practically all of it from what might be termed the illicit but profitable work of carrying contraband to Spain. Billmeir is not an isolated case. His rapid rise to fortune has been built upon the venturesome traffic with Spain. Surely, it would not be worth a war to give him undue protection while at the same time he is being paid a fortune for taking risks. It is difficult to understand how the same people can urge war to protect the lucrative traffic of the Billmeir type, after making the welkin ring for so many years crying aloud at the munition makers profiting from war. The more the average Britisher considers the various angles of the question, the more he is likely to agree with the patient attitude of Premier Chamberlain, who is thinking more about the Britishers in general than of the few who make big profits.

## FOOLISH TAXATION

When taxation is discriminatory and tends to hamper progress and convenience, then it is unwise as well as unfair. Last year The Advance pointed out that the taxation in regard to signs and coal chutes then proposed came into this category and that in the end it would defeat its own purpose by stifling enterprise. This has been proven to be the case by the fact that during the past week not one, but several firms, have cemented in the places where there were formerly gratings in the sidewalks for coal chutes, thus escaping the unfair tax. That it is unfair is proven by the fact that this form of taxation would have meant an addition of several hundred dollars to the taxation of one firm without any compensating advantage to the taxpayer or the town. It is said that one man plans to replace the grated place in the sidewalk with a door arrangement in the bottom of the wall at the same spot, this latter of course not being subject to extra taxation—at least, until the council inaugurates a policy of imposing taxes on doors, windows and chimneys. It is not known that any signs have been taken down to escape the new coal-chute-sign tax, but it is certain that the impost placed on signs will halt the fashion for these decorations. As a matter of fact the cost of some of the signs was such that their removal now would be almost as serious a burden as the tax itself. The principle of this coal-chute-sign by-law is altogether wrong as The Advance has emphasized on a number of occasions. If the council find it necessary to impose further taxation, the rate should be raised so that the extra taxation might be fairly imposed. If mayor and council believe that they can gather taxation by the coal-chute-sign route and deceive the people into the idea that the taxes have not been increased, then they have a lower opinion of the intelligence of the people of Timmins than The Advance holds. The signs are an asset to the town, and if anything should be done about them, it should take the form of encouragement rather than prohibitory legislation. It is true that the town would do well to have a by-law to regulate the position and security of these signs, in the public interest and safety. The same idea holds true in regard to coal chutes. This proper end, however, could be secured by a nominal license fee. A dollar a year fee would make the license as effective as eight, ten, thirty or a hundred dollars. The same fee for such sign or coal chute to all would answer the purpose and be fair to all. Signs and coal chutes are not money-makers. The

signs brighten and adorn the town. In this regard the electric signs are especially valuable. It would be a serious loss to the town if any considerable number of firms removed them, or if others were debarred from putting them up. Any dangerous signs or coal chutes should be placed in proper position. Taxation on them makes them no safer. In any event there are so few to which objection can fairly be taken in the public interest, that it would not be a very onerous matter to deal with them all. It is apparent, however, that the coal-chute-sign by-law is not designed to protect the public, but rather to raise further taxation, and still leave the rate at a figure that may appear to be defensible by mayor and council. The business men of Timmins (with very few exceptions) are paying their full share of taxation without any coal-chute-sign imposition. In erecting the signs in most cases the merchants are conferring a benefit on the town. For this, they deserve at least fair treatment. The householders who may be told that he is escaping some taxation because of the discrimination shown against the business people with coal chutes and signs should not be deceived. He should remember that it will be his turn next. If the council is allowed to get away with its coal-chute-sign stuff, the ordinary householder will be the next victim. Likely next year the mayor will have the happy idea of taxing letter slots or garden hose or chimney pots. It is to the real interests of the ordinary taxpayer to see that no discriminatory taxation is imposed on anyone, because the principle once established it will go from one thing to another, and none will escape. Taxation should be open and above-board, so that people would know what taxes they are really paying, and also so that they may not be deprived of the right to appeal. The plan of sending the tax notice for signs and coal chutes in a bill apart from the tax notice left all the victims without any chance to appeal. The whole procedure is a vicious one and the public should understand that fact.

## FAIRY TALES

At the outset The Advance would say that the heading of this editorial seems out of place in these columns—thus forestalling any of the smart-alexs who might have ideas along that line after a few days' deep thought—if any.

The fairy tales that are referred to are those charming stories of elves and witches and gnomes and giants—and the inevitable triumph of good and the confusion of the bad—that lightened the days of so many fortunate children and planted in their lives ideas and ideals that made adult life so much the better.

J. V. McAree, the gentleman who writes the Fourth Column on the editorial page of The Globe and Mail, confesses that he was told no fairy stories when he was a child. Poor lad! Many have perhaps, suspected that he had been handicapped in some such way. It is to the credit of McAree that though he does not like fairy tales himself he is trying to do his duty as a father by reading fairy tales to his own little girl. One of the troubles of the world to-day is that too many fathers are telling too many fairy stories to their wives and not enough fairy tales to their little children. A youngster, who has never had the thrill, the heart interest, the stir to the imagination from the classic fairy stories is a neglected and dependent child. That youngster has been defrauded of the joy of childhood. No fairy stories in childhood? That is on a par with the poor lot that never saw a circus. It is an incomplete life. A youngster so neglected might in adult life rise to the highest heights—even to writing a column for the papers—but he could never be anything but a sad Napoleon, a frustrated Hitler, a despondent Stalin. Childhood is the time for fairy tales. Adults can never truly understand them, unless they have carried a rare combination of innocence and imagination with them through the years—a sympathy and understanding of the improbable, the impossible, that can be learned only in childhood and from fairy tales.

Mr. McAree suggests that the classic fairy stories of Grimm and Anderson are written in a language beyond the understanding of small children. "What small child," he asks, "could understand a phrase like 'stately dignity' or 'forfeit his life'?" Generations of happy children could answer him. The rolling phrases to the child's quick mind explain themselves. The tone of voice, the look, the unconscious gesture of father or mother or big sister or jolly old Uncle Bill (reading with the memory of the understanding of their own childhood when fairy tales thrilled them) give the little cue that may be needed to make all clear. Mr. McAree might be surprised at all the youngsters understand if only given a chance. Indeed, one of the troubles is that they sometimes grasp too much, and this is one reason why a diet of fairy tales does childhood less harm than too many of the alleged comics of the present day. Children know that fairy tales are fairy tales. They recognize them for what they are. Therein they are more shrewd than those untrained in fairy lore who have to wait for adult life to hear the fairy stories. Children love to live in a world of make-believe—pretending it is all real, yet knowing in their little hearts that it all but fairy lore. Adult life does not forsake the make-believe, but it does often seem to push the truth further back in the mind.

Mr. McAree would have a translator to transcribe the fairy tales of old into words of one or two syllables. This might make them more adapt-



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### Iroquois Falls

Abramson, Bindle; Address, Shirley; Bailey, Marguerite; Barr, Ida; Barr, Myrtle; Beagan, Raymond; Beauchemin, Paul; Boucher, Aurele; Briant, Rita; Brindle, Hazel; Brown, Alvin; Charron, Francis; Chatelaine, Yvette; Cloutier, Rita; Cutten, Laurence; Cybolsky, Bert; Dawson, Enid; Dawson, Harry; Dobrovolsky, Helen; Doehuk, Edward; Dube, Liliane; Elie, Gladys; Fedorenko, Kathleen; Frank, Walter; Gauthier, Roland; Gignac, Robert; Goodman, George; Grattan, Elizabeth; Grummett, Raymond; Hill, John; Hotzolla, Nellie; Houde, Emilien; Hyland, Katherine; Jessop, Vernon; Krukko, Nette; Larocque, Gerard; Larouche, Rene; Laviolette, Therise; Levoy, Hazel; Locke, Margaret; McDowell, Joyce; Manion, Rita; Marcacini, Florence; Marquis, Leopold; McCarthy, Eileen; McDonald, Leona; Mousseau, Lily; Murray, Gwendolyn; Murtagh, John; Needham, Shelagh; Nurse, George; O'Donnell, Emmett; Ogden, Bert; Oloveson, John; Paquette, Romeo; Perron, Rita; Plamondon, Desneiges; Proulx, Marguerite; Radek, Mary; Reginald, Desmond; Repinski, Francis; Romaine, Laurier; Smith, Michael; Sobchuk, John; Spence, Maurice; Stables, John; Tessier, Louis; Urchuk, William; Valiquette, Dorothy; Valiquette, Dor-

able to the adult mind. But children know. For them, the fairy stories translate themselves as they unfold before bright eyes and keen ears. What is really needed is not translated classics in the two-and-two-makes-three-and-one of a certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper, but understanding hearts and innocent minds to repeat the fairy tales in the "stately dignity" that children understand.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Premier Hepburn this week paid a visit to Moosonee for a fishing trip. It is to be hoped that he will make such a good catch that he will be put in such good humour with the far north country that he will squelch (and he is an expert at the squelching business) all talk of abandoning the pioneering railway line north of Fraserdale.

Some old-timers hope that Dr. Manion's National Remedies may become as much a household word in Canada as once were Dr. Munyon's Family Remedies.

Dr. Manion has been a physician, a surgeon, a soldier, an orator, a statesman, an author. He is now the leader of a great national party. He may be premier of Canada one of these days. Yet even so, he will not be as world-noted as another doctor whose fame rests on the fact that he was once a good delivery boy.

On previous occasions The Advance has referred to the good friend who explained that he never read anything in the newspapers but the editorials.

son; White, Pearl; Wlad, John; Wood, Helen.

**Matheson**  
Brazeau, Evelyn; Buckley, Cecil; Buckley, Doris; Cunningham, Marjorie; Dodd, Earl; Dyer, Enid; Ford, Oliver; Johnson, Hazel; Ladouceur, Aline; Ladouceur, Cecile; Landon, Barbara; Ling, Jacqueline; McChristie, Isabel; Miller, Jack; Monahan, Margaret; Olmstead, Inza; Phillips, Phylis; Torrance, Evelyn; Whitehead, Stanley.

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## Moneta Porcupine Mine to Change Mill Process

Moneta Porcupine Mines is changing the mill flow sheet to flotation and cyanidation in order to secure increased extraction. Meanwhile the new ore on lower levels, appearing as parallel structure to the original ore, is giving considerable encouragement. Recent development in advancing north has been good, showing new structure along the contact. The 3rd level has advanced 70 feet in \$21 grade. The 5th level on 875 drift is reported in ore for 240 feet of \$20 grade. The 6th level on the 825 drift is advanced 70 feet of same grade. The Moneta structural conditions underground, particularly at the 5th and 6th level, have been subjected to intensive study by the mine's staff and consultants. The faces to the north are said still open, with ore widths in full not determined. The new ore was found at most opportune time, and was not previously indicated by diamond drilling to any major measure, as was the first ore which has provided mill feed to date.

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