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GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Most thoughtful people feel that there is nothing funny about divorce. Indeed, there are still some who consider that marriage is no joke. At the same time humorists about wedlock are about as common as jokes on the Scottish, and recently an American citizen, part humorist and part statistician, compiled a rather lengthy list of humorous grounds for divorce. Each of these ridiculous excuses for asking the breaking of the marriage tie were actually put forward seriously by petitioners in the law courts seeking divorce.

There was, for example, Ada Leonard, "strip tease" dancer, whose chief complaint in her suit for divorce was that, as her attorney explained, "She resents the fact that her husband doesn't resent the fact that she is doing this kind of work." It is a truly humorous reason for divorce because it has deep meaning behind its odd expression. The more it is considered the more the average man will agree that the "strip tease" dancer's husband is not the nicest sort of husband for a woman who doesn't glory in "strip tease" dancing.

Then the statistician notes the case of Samuel Hoffmanstein, scenarist and poet, of the famous Hollywood. He dedicated many of the jingles that he wrote to his own wife. At first, this might seem like a compliment. But in court the wife had some of these jingles quoted as grounds for divorce. Here is one of the jingles referred to:—
When you're away, I'm restless, lonely,
Wretched, bored, dejected;
But here's the rub, my darling dear,
I feel the same when you are here.

Mrs. Sarah Sanders sued Edward Sanders for divorce, and her chief complaint was of an odd form of brutality, that may be common among some strong men. "While he never actually struck me," said Mrs. Sanders, "he was always going around slamming his fist against doors till they rattled and shook and panels sometimes cracked." That seemed an uncomfortable habit in a husband, but Mrs. Sanders made it sound still worse by adding, "And every time he splintered a panel he said he wished it were me."

Mrs. Viola Beck had what might aptly be termed a bird of a reason for divorce. She told the judge that on one occasion her husband had knocked her unconscious by hitting her on the head with a live chicken, and then, finding he had killed the chicken, he revived the wife and ordered her to cook the chicken for him. Whether Mr. Beck had a chicken dinner that day is not added to the statistics provided.

Mrs. John B. Crane, wife of a Harvard University professor, won a divorce from the professor as soon as she completed her story to the court. She said that she stood much from her temperamental husband, but that when he hurled a prickly cactus plant at her when her back was turned to him and she was in a stooping position, she felt the situation so keenly that divorce seemed the only thing left.

Of course, all the odd reasons for asking divorce are not confined to the ladies, any more than petitions for divorce. One sample of woman's inhumanity to man is enough to offset the several quotations on the other side. Probably, this will keep the proper proportion. In any case, here is the plea of one named William Wilson whose divorce application was tried in the United States courts. William said his wife had a pernicious habit of filching his false teeth while he slept and holding them for \$2.00 ransom. "Divorce granted," said the judge.

Probably, some readers may get a laugh out of one or more of these United States divorce cases. It would not be well to laugh too loudly, however, for Ontario's own divorce courts are busy places, and while the strict letter of the law demands more serious material reasons for divorce than those cited, the ultimate effect of some of the cases results in divorces being actually obtained for little better causes than the United States examples that raise a laugh.

HELPING THE NORTH

From the Dominion Press Clipping Bureau, Toronto, this week The Advance received a regular bagful of clippings from other newspapers, showing how frequently The Advance is quoted in other newspapers. There were several hundred clippings in the parcel, and these clippings gave evidence that newspapers all over Ontario and the other provinces of Canada republish articles from The Advance. Some of the newspapers represented were important dailies like The Globe and Mail, The Telegram, The Montreal Daily Star, The Ottawa Journal, while others were live weekly or semi-weekly newspapers of the type of The Huntingdon Gleaner, The Halleyburian, The New Liskeard Speaker, The Brampton Conservator, The Fergus News-Record, The Barrie Examiner, The Simcoe Reformer, The Northern News, The Sud-

bury Star, The North Bay Nugget. There was even one clipping from Canada's Weekly, London, England.

In the list of clippings it is evident that one particular editorial in The Advance has received very wide and very general circulation throughout Ontario by being re-published in an unusually long list of newspapers. This was an editorial pointing out the futility of people from the South rushing here in the hope of securing employment. Among the newspapers reproducing this editorial for the benefit of their readers were the following newspapers, in the order in which the clippings came out of the bag:—Port Rowan News, Tilbury Times, Dresden Times, Cobden Sun, Alexandria Times, Athens Reporter, Jarvis Record, Arichat (Nova Scotia) Record, Rodney Mercury-Sun, Kingsville Reporter, Carp Review, Shawville (Quebec) Equity, Tavistock Gazette, Rainy River Record, Elora Express, Bothwell Times, Pickering News, Markham Economist and Sun, Grand Valley Star and Vidette, Paisley Advocate, Markdale Standard, Thorold Post, Port Perry Star, Stouffville Tribune, Dunnville Gazette, Creemore Star, Dutton Advance, Durham Review, Fenelon Falls Gazette, Parry Sound North Star, Parry Sound Canadian, Erin Advocate, Gravenhurst Banner, Thessalon Advocate, Beamsville Express, Milverton Sun, Palmerston Observer, Glencoe Transcript, Parkhill Gazette, Lucan Sun, Comber Herald, Norwood Register, Marmora Herald, Chapeau Post, Morrisburg Leader, Blyth Standard, Carleton Place Central Canadian, Carleton Place Herald, Southampton Beacon, Teeswater News, Hespeler Herald, Ridgeway Dominion, Bancroft Times, Colborne Express, Wheatley Journal, Minden Echo, Tottenham Sentinel, Thamesville Herald, Havelock Standard, Beaverton Express.

During the recent visit to Timmins of the members of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, it was impressed upon the visitors that they could do a genuine service to the North, and incidentally to their own people, if they would make it plain through the columns of their respective journals that there were already a thousand men out of work in Timmins, that there were no positions open here, no new work opening up that would give opportunity to transients or newcomers, and that there was neither sense nor fairness in men rushing to the North from all over the Dominion. Practically all of the hundred and more weekly and semi-weekly newspapers represented in the delegation touring the North made special reference to this matter of employment and the North. Some of them made apt editorial reference based on their own knowledge from facts gathered here. It was made plain that what was true of Timmins in this respect was equally true of other centres in the North. The reproduction of the editorial from The Advance was part of the campaign to give the facts in regard to the North and employment. All this was of decided benefit to the North, and the North is grateful to the friends of the weekly and semi-weekly press for a genuine service in extended way. It is true that transients have not ceased to come here, but it is equally true that the North would have been more burdened had it not been for the wide circulation given the truth of the matter. With the extended publicity in so many influential newspapers, it is also a fact that men coming North now can not claim that they had no warning of the true state of affairs. With a thousand men out of work in Timmins and a similar proportion in other centres in the North, the rush of transients to the North was not fair to the transients, the North, or the country in general. The chances of the transients securing work was poor indeed. Even if they did by sheer luck hit something in the way of employment, it was at the expense of someone else here before, perhaps an old-timer whose pioneering days gave him a preference surely in such cases. The expense to the towns of the North in caring for the rush of transients was a most unfair burden. The transients themselves suffered hardship and expense unnecessary and fruitless. All round, it was a poor procedure, and thanks are due the worthy weeklies and semi-weeklies for their help in making the situation clear.

It takes about two months for the average Canadian factory worker to earn as much money as the Canadian National Railways costs the Canadian people in one minute. The railway problem is Canada's No. 1 problem. Neither of the great political parties shows any disposition to attempt to deal with it. This suggests, the writer submits, that it is high time that ordinary citizens study the problem in a non-partisan spirit and demand that something be done about the extremely severe drain on the resources of the people of Canada.

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HOW MANY BY-LAWS—IF ANY?

Some people are inclined to believe that instead of one building by-law for mayors and another for ex-mayors there are as many as there are friends of the building by-law resulted this week in rather astonishing attitude. There were no available copies of the by-laws, it seemed from the answers reported. Of course, copies of the by-law were available, but these were office copies, and the impression was left that even these were not the final word, as the by-law was being amended by the council, or about to be amended, or something. In short, it would seem that the new building by-law has not been finally passed. In that case, of course, the old by-law must be in force. The old by-law (No. 470) needs amendment and clarification. But even that old by-law does not contemplate one rule for mayors and another for ex-mayors. It says:—"Within the aforesaid Zone A. of the town of Timmins, no person shall hereafter construct, build, erect or place any wooden veneer building or any part of a wooden veneer building, except as hereinafter provided. The main walls of all buildings to be built, replaced or placed within said Zone A shall be of brick, stone,

To Sell Ancestral Home



Setting sail from Southampton, after visiting England for several weeks, the Earl of Egmont, Alberta rancher, announced his intention of selling his ancestral home in Hampshire, Avon castle. The earl also announced he would proceed with formalities to enable him to take his seat in the House of Lords.

Railways Costs Are Over \$150 a Minute

Discussion Carried Along by Members of the Association.

Extremely severe drain on the resources of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on May 28 last produced figures showing what it cost the Canadian people to own the Canadian National Railways in the ten-year period from 1927 to 1936. The total including interest on Government advances was \$786,703,427. This figure does not take into account losses prior to 1926 nor losses in 1937 or 1938.

The amount of \$786,703,427 is sizable. It means the average yearly deficit for the ten years was \$78,670,342, so that those who speak of the million-a-week of C.N.R. deficits are guilty of understatement. It was more like a million-and-a-half a week in that ten year period which included lean years and fat.

It is \$215,524 per day, or \$8,891 per hour. To get it down to figures that are comprehensible to toiling taxpayers, it is a few cents less than \$150 per minute.

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GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

When Quebec seizes communist literature and closes up places used for improper propaganda, The Ottawa Journal refers to the law as a "Padlock Act." When Ontario seizes cheques of a private individual and ties up a bank account, without trial, or charge, The Ottawa Journal should at least call it a "Yale Lock Act."

Observation suggests that the majority of the people whose knowledge of the railway problem is confined to cursory reading of headlines, are profoundly suspicious of the proposal advanced by officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It could not be otherwise for advocates of public ownership inevitably are suspicious of the motives of private ownership. And one might suggest that ordinary citizens should be suspicious, for they need to be sure that whatever is done be an improvement on present conditions.

There is hardly a doubt that the C. P. R.'s proposal is intended to help the C. P. R. The C. P. R. desires to make profits for its shareholders. To do that it must render such an efficient service that it attracts patronage which gives it the revenue to meet all its obligations to employees, suppliers, bond holders and tax collectors. Having done justice to all of these it may, if it has money left over, pay something to its shareholders.

One would suggest that the C. N. R. might do better if it were operated with the same ultimate motive—profits. To attract patronage, it would need to give efficient service to the people of Canada. The most efficient service would win the ultimate in patronage. The ultimate in patronage would give it the revenue to meet all its obligations and, perhaps, leave something over to pay to its shareholders—the taxpayers of Canada.

Question for the Taxpayer
It might be proposed—though with a certain diffidence—that the proposal of the C. P. R. for a unified railway should be examined with some care despite the probability that a unified railway would benefit the C. P. R. The real question which concerns the taxpayer is—would unifying the two systems relieve the burden of the already-overburdened taxpayer? If unification would accomplish that, it is possible that the Government could appoint men sufficiently astute to arrive at an equitable contract with the C. P. R. for the splitting of the revenues of the unified railway between the Government and the C. P. R.

One does not need to be a unificationist to deplore the fact that both of the major political parties have evidently condemned the unification plan without exploring its possibilities or even awaiting the final report of the special Senate Committee.

The railway problem must be solved, despite political considerations. In the four minutes which the hurried newspaper reader has expended in reading this article, another \$600 of the taxpayer's money has been dissipated beyond recall.

That \$600 is a year's pay for many a country school teacher in Ontario.

Another of Those Poor Slanders on the Scottish

(Letter in London Observer)
Sir: May I instance a conversation between two Scots bargaining over wool being carried on entirely in vowels?

Here it is:
Oo?
Aye, oo
A' oo?
Aye, a' oo
O, aye, a' ae oo.
which, being "translated," reads:
Wool?
Yes, wool.
All, wool?
Yes, all wool.
All one wool?
Yours, etc., JOHN HARPER,
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Glasgow, W.2.

The Hanover Post is responsible for this very pertinent comment on the way affairs are being administered in Canada: "The backbone of Canada is not in the very rich or in the indigent, but in the great middle class—those who are making an honest effort to help themselves. They are the ones who deserve every consideration, but they're not getting it, whether they be small manufacturers or merchants, farmers or artisans."

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Dome and Ulster Gather At Banquet After Final

Winners Warmly Congratulated on Victory by Vanquished Visitors. Receive Many Good Wishes for Success at Dominion Cup Finals to Be Played in Winnipeg Soon.

Following the Eastern Canada football final between Dome and Toronto Ulster Monday night, the two teams, managers and members of the executives of the two clubs, gathered at a complimentary banquet at the Dome. Rivalries and petty differences were buried, the Ulster team being profuse in their congratulations to the Dome. To a man they expressed their best wishes that the team would return to the Porcupine from Winnipeg with the Dominion title.

W. E. Honer, vice-president of the N.O.F.A., told the gathering that it was a red letter day in the football history of Northern Ontario. "This is the first time that a team of the calibre of Ulster has come North and I can conscientiously say that they are a good bunch of sports and good fellows. I hope that they will carry away a good impression of the North and realize that we have some good sports here too," said Mr. Honer. In extending his congratulations to the Ulster team, he expressed the opinion that the fans were well satisfied with the series and complimented the visitors on their play.

R. Murdock, manager of the Ulster team, tendered the thanks of the club to the Dome management for the generosity and good time that had been shown them and told the gathering that Ulster would return home bearing the best possible wishes for Dome's success in the finals.

"Cliff" Thompson, of Hollinger, local D.F.A. representative, regretted that there had been so much wrangling regarding the place where the Eastern Canada finals would be played but felt that everyone is now satisfied with the way things went off.

"It has been a real treat to have Ulster here and see how the North could stand up against a team of their calibre," said W. F. Morgan, president of the McIntyre football club. "I think that if the Dome use the same type of

play as they did against Ulster that they will be successful in the finals," was the McIntyre prexy's forecast.

"I hope you win the cup and then Ulster will come next year and take it away from you," was the humorous comment of Jimmy Magill, trainer of the Ulster team.

John Fell, Sr., was introduced to the gathering by Mr. Honer as the man who has done more for football than any other man in Northern Ontario. He pointed with pride to the fine Dome football grounds, which he told his listeners had been made possible almost entirely through Mr. Fell's efforts.

Mr. Fell declined to accept all the credit for the grounds but felt that now Ulster have seen the Dome stadium, other teams from the South will come north more often to play.

George Graham, veteran star of the Ulster team, complimented the Dome on their victory and clean play during the two games. "If you play the way you did against us I think that you can win in Winnipeg," said Graham.

Others who spoke briefly offering congratulations and best wishes to the Dome team were E. Tomlinson, secretary of the Hollinger Club, Percy Andrews, a member of the Dome executive, Ted Duxfield, manager of the McIntyre team, and Alex Mearon, a member of the McIntyre club.

Joe White, manager of the champion Dome team, in a few brief remarks, warmly commended the Ulster club for their sportsmanship and play and extended the best wishes of the Dome for their success in quest of the National League honours in Toronto.

Great plans are being made for the trip to Winnipeg and two of the most rabid supporters, the one and only Sandy Harrower and Mark Ford, have definitely decided to go west with the team. If the optimism of this pair is any criterion the Dome club won't return without a firm grip on the Dominion Cup.

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A headline on Tuesday in The Ottawa Journal says:—"Gatineau Farmer Killed by Bull." It is a wonder that more of them do not die that way—so near Ottawa.

It is said that the police stumbled upon a consignment of illicit furs while searching for gold stolen from the Dome. Perhaps, if the provincial police started to search for illicit furs they might stumble on stolen gold.

Another line to make the column? This is it!