



# PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

## LOWELL THOMAS IS A REAL DIRT FARMER

The Lowell Thomas' Old White House has Room for Lots of Company and Many Hobbies—Decorated in Lovely Bright Colours and a Country Mood.

If you're up on your English country novels, you can pretty well picture the leisurely charm of life on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas near Pawling, New York.

An old white house nodding comfortably in the autumn sun, it seems to spread all about and make room for most anybody who might turn up. And there's space for more hobbies than we thought one small family could ride. Then, lest you're thinking it's all play and no work, I'd better mention the teletype in the attic studio where Lowell Thomas has the latest news tripping into him on his private wire. Not to mention the hook-up for broadcasting direct from his home.

### Two Swimming Pools

Besides being ardent dirt farmers, the members of the Thomas family are active sportsmen. I won't bring up the

baseball team because you're probably thinking that's all the Thomas men do, but there are two swimming pools on the place, plenty of riding horses, tennis courts, ski runs, fishing streams.

As for the farming, well, that's what impressed me the most. For they practically everything that comes to the table. The butter is churned right there on the place; they put up their eggs for winter in water glass and, of course, it goes without saying that there is all the milk, cream and fried chicken they can use. They even cure their own beef and pork, and put up shelves and shelves of preserves and jellies. Vegetables there are in profusion, to say nothing of fruits and berries. The farm proper grows hay, corn and other feed for the stock, which include saddle horses as well as milch cows and stock for butchering.

### Nobody's Martyr

As you would gather from all that, Mrs. Thomas is a fine housekeeper and takes great pride in her kitchen and her cellar store-room. But she's nobody's martyr to the cause... usually you'll find her in riding breeches till after lunch... always she's a glowing hostess, pink-cheeked from the out-

door life she leads, up on the important new books... interested in all the people she meets. She has an amazing and flattering memory for names and often delights a shy guest with "oh - I met-somebody-the-other-days who-knows-you"—and making good on it with names and dates. Who wouldn't be put at ease at the thought of being talked about in important places?

You couldn't expect her to be good at everything, but somehow she seems to be. When I asked her about the decorating of the house, I could tell that she'd had a hand in mixing that subtle off-shade on the living room

er paintings and a delicate pastel portrait finish the room with a tranquil sort of country style.

There's a small library downstairs where the family spends many evening hours. Pine panelled wall with space for books, a carpet in a dull coppery rust, curtains in about the same color, one or two easy chairs in a lighter coral are complemented by two other chairs in a fine woody looking chintz with browns and clear greens and creamy yellows. And above the mantel there's a portrait of fifteen-year-old Lowell Thomas, Jr., in the cadet uniform of the Knickerbocker Greys.

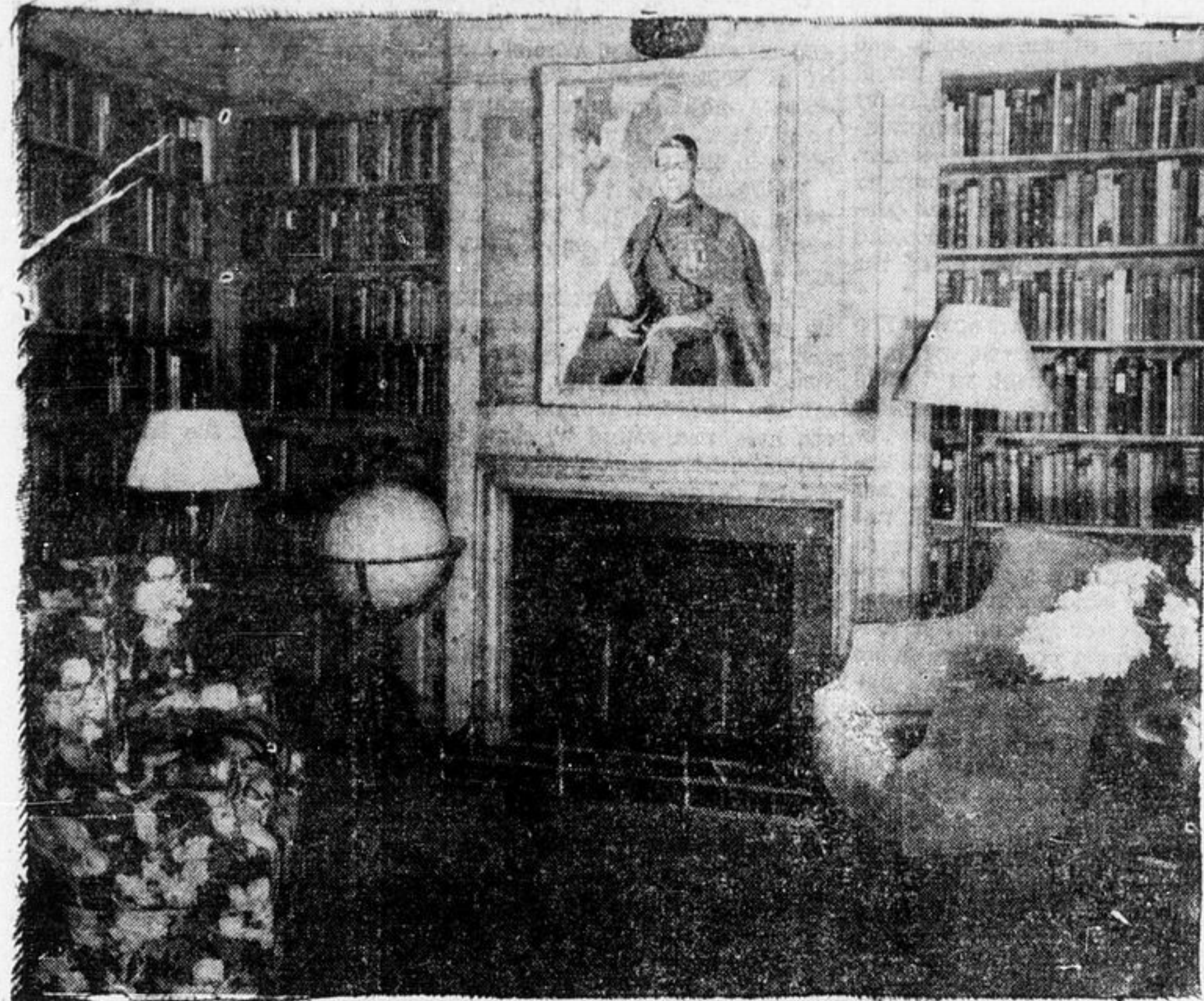
The dining room is bright and anything but sedate, for all its Chippendale furniture and old silver. The walls are yellow, the carpet is turkey red; the curtains are of flowered chintz in colors to harmonize. An unexpectedly stimulating room that always seems to be flooded with sunshine.

Upstairs the house is arranged so that each group of rooms has its own privacy. A little hall that can be shut off from the main hall has the master bedroom, both and dressing room opening into it. Another small back hall opens into this suite—here is Lowell Jr.'s room, connecting with a back stairway. Then the three guest rooms

guest room has a magnificent mahogany poster bed with spread and canopy of beige quilted chintz piped in deep rose; the draperies are likewise quilted chintz piped in rose; the floor is carpeted in burgundy; the wall paper is a sprigged design on an ivory ground and easy chairs have coverings of a deep pink linen.

Up on the top floor, under the eaves, there's a huge studio-office where Mr. Thomas works amid the trophies and treasures he has collected on his adventures. While in the cellar, there's a ski room with lockers and skis galore. Also in the cellar there's a little talk room that looks more like a funny basement cafe in Europe, for it has red and white check cloths on the tables, lots more keepsakes and trophies, autographed photographs and just the sort of a quiet detached air that would make good friends enjoy sitting around here for hours over beer or coffee.

Certainly Mr. and Mrs. Thomas lead the life of Reilly in their pleasant country home. And here's the part that reassures me—it's no sudden notion... they've lived out on this farm 12 years so that it's really home. Anyway I'm just enough of a sentimental sissy to like the idea of a man like



The library in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas has pine panelled walls, coperny coloured rug and accents of chintz in woody tones of brown, green and creamy yellow. The portrait of Lowell Thomas, Jr. in his uniform of the Knickerbocker Greys hangs over the mantel.

walls and that the fine old furniture throughout the house had been affectionately collected by her. When I asked her what she aimed at in decorating the house, she smiled, "Oh, it's simple enough—I wanted it to be the kind of a house that babies and dogs would feel at home in."

And it is that—and more. You enter a wide hall that goes all the way through the house. The walls have a white paper with a leafy green pattern scattered over it, a light green carpet and curtains of a chintz that looks as if it were the same pattern as the wall paper, though it isn't exactly—but it's white with greenery trailing over it.

### Used Lavishly

In the living room there are the palest blue walls, a light brown carpet and a lovely floral chintz used lavishly through the room—for curtain at the many sunny windows and for the slip cover on the sofa. This chintz has a white ground and a pattern in colors that blend with the pale blues and light browns... in the design there's also a flash of raspberry red which is repeated in the covering of the love seat and for a couple of odd small chairs. A pair of wing chairs in French blue damask and a large chair in a powdery brown damask complete the color theme of the room. Furniture that's mostly 18th century, flow-

open into the big front hall. Quite a convenient arrangement, I thought, for a house that's likely to be full of company a lot of the time. The master bedroom is a restful pastel room, predominantly beige, pink and grey-blue with sweeping views on two sides. A large dressing room that goes with it has powder blue walls, powder blue carpet, off white quilted draperies at the windows, built-in closets around two walls and a grand big mirrored dressing table.

Lowell Jr. has a room that's red white and blue, furnished simply with plenty of space for his own treasures and pictures. My favorite of the guest rooms has white wall paper with little silver flowers sprinkled over it, chintz curtains with a white ground and a magenta and bright blue pattern... the chintz is used to upholster the headboard of the bed and for the spread. The sheerest organdy drapes the dressing table skirt and flutters at the windows. The carpet is bright deep blue and there's an easy chair in a pale chartreuse.

### Eyetele Embroidery

Another guest room, furnished in maple, has yellow flowered wall paper, a dark brown rug and yellow eyetele embroidered organdy for curtains, dressing table skirt and flounces for the beds. The spreads are handsome hand crocheted ones in off-white. The third

Lowell Thomas pouring all his enthusiasm and success into his home. After all the world's pretty much his oyster—yet he's kept perspective enough to realize that he'll never have more than he can make out of the little routine of daily living. So that's why he'd rather wear old clothes and poke around his farm than haunt the bright spots in a white tie.

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## Discussing Prevention of Accidents in the Mines

Helpful suggestion to mine operators in the establishment of an accident-prevention organization are contained in a paper by W. E. Montgomery, safety engineer, Quebec Asbestos Producers' Association, appearing in the October issue of the Bulletin, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. The paper was awarded first accident prevention prize (1937-1938) donated by Mine Safety Appliances Company, Pittsburgh.

Accident prevention work in years goneby, the author notes, has been carried on by many mine managers as a philanthropic movement, but in recent years they have come to realize that safety is good business, and pays tangible dividends. The foreman is described as the

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most essential cog in the entire accident-prevention organization, as specific safety education is in his hands, and it is his attitude toward it that will determine the degree to which his men observe safety regulations. Accident-prevention work is primarily education and requires constant effort. It will not continue on its own momentum as it operates in a direct ratio of the effort expended. Intensive safety programs have produced remarkable results, but never has the excellent record achieved continued after the 'drive' was over.

Keeping of adequate records and statistics is most essential in intelligent accident-prevention work, and it is important that all records be kept on a common basis, for it is only then that a true picture will be obtained. Statistical information is necessary to determine the accident-causing conditions and places. In any accident-prevention campaign the companies concerned should take the initiative, as by doing so they will gain the confidence of the men, and also show the sincerity of those in charge.

## Pharmacy Endows Its Own Researchers

Thrilling Search for Modern Elixirs of Life.

In the field of public health nowadays, you hear a great deal about medical research, especially research carried on by well known medical foundations and the better known hospitals.

Their activities are usually endowed by capitalists outside the medical profession whereas, in research carried on by manufacturing chemists, the cost is carried by the business.

Recently the titled head of an internationally famous firm of manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, bequeathed his entire fortune together with future profits of the business to endow medical, physiological and other scientific research institutions, says Marguerite Marshall in the Commentator.

Many contributions to public health have been made by modern manufacturers of pharmaceuticals. These have revolutionized the practise of medicine during the last twenty years. Great stimulus to the industry came during the war years when the Allies were faced with serious drug shortages, especially of those drugs which up to that time had been manufactured only in Germany.

Eminent British chemists and pharmacists saved the day by devising suitable substitutes before it was too late. They were called upon to produce antidiabetic and other serums not just for home use but to supply whole nations in famine and pestilential areas. Their discoveries and inventions affect every aspect of modern life in more ways than it would be possible to enumerate. They have developed the dyes for our clothes and floor coverings, they have invaded the field of dentistry and devised fillings that are heat and cold proof, they invented the duco used for painting your car—and made it so that it would dry in 20 minutes, and developed rayon for hosiery and other uses. These discoveries and im-

provements, besides those in the field of medicine, sprang from the research laboratories of chemists who back the integrity of the products you buy from your druggist.

The care and thoroughness which features every department of the drug manufacturing business is perhaps most easily exemplified in the almost laughable lengths to which these great concerns will go to secure the best possible combinations of drugs and specialties.

For example: To obtain sheep glands used in preparing tablets for thyroid deficiency one firm sends to England or Austria. There are two reasons for this.

Sheep in these countries usually graze near the seashore, or at least within range of salty sea air, so their thyroid secretions are richer in salt and iodine than is the case with native sheep from Canadian grasslands. Also, Canadians prefer their sheep in the form of spring lamb—Canadian sheep die young! The English prefer mutton, so as thyroid extracts only reach full potency when taken from mature sheep, that provides the second reason for going so far afield to secure the best thyroid deficiency medicaments.

This constant effort to secure the best reaches into every branch of the pharmaceutical field. Responsible manufacturers and distributors of drugs and pharmaceuticals, building on their own initiative the highest scientific and industrial standards, have offered co-operation rather than resistance to various government agencies working to eliminate crooks and faddists who prey upon public ailments.

In fact, the manufacturers go farther. Frequently they establish the standards themselves, and it is a commonplace that many well-known manufacturers keep to a higher standard than that imposed by law. This is typical of the case of one well known firm which has secured more than 270 highest competitive rewards for excellence of products at great world exhibitions.

Globe and Mail: Italians are being trained not to laugh at some of the most eminent of screen comedians, like Chaplin and the Marx brothers, because they are Jews. As a matter of fact the laughingsticks of the world today are to be found among the Aryans.

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"MEN AT WORK" is an encouraging, cheerful sign upon the highway.

It is the happiest sign on the business highway too. Business enterprise, making wise use of banking service, is the mainspring of employment.

The contractor responsible for that "Men at Work" sign gets the job of building that stretch of highway by being the lowest responsible tenderer.

Not always does he have the ready money to buy all the materials, pay wages and build it out of his own resources. He goes to the bank and, having assets and a good reputation, he negotiates such advances as he may need.

He orders materials, sets men to work. As the job proceeds, engineers' certificates enable him to collect from those with whom he contracted, and the work goes on.

The highway finished, the bank is repaid. Such repayments enable the bank to supply credit to other responsible borrowers.

A manufacturer gets a large order, with an early time limit for delivery. With only a hundred men, his factory cannot turn out the articles within the time required. With more men he can do it—but he lacks sufficient cash.

Operating his factory, as a going concern, with a profitable order and having a reputation for integrity, he asks the bank to lend him what he needs to pay wages.

The bank makes him a loan. He takes on more men. They get wages. The goods are turned out, delivered and paid for. The manufacturer repays the bank with the agreed interest.

He has his profit and can spend some money developing new business to keep his men employed.

How does a bank make these advances—where does the money come from?

Banks, having branches throughout Canada, mobilize the surplus funds of millions of depositors, large and small, and, based upon them, make credit available throughout the country as may be required.

Millions of little sums represent the toil, production and lifetime savings of Canadians—your fellow-citizens.

Safeguarding these deposits is the bank's first care.

Deposits of \$1,000 or less—most of them much less—are owned by 3,770,000 out of Canada's 4,084,000 savings depositors. The total of all bank savings deposits in Canada is nearly \$1,584,000,000; the average savings deposit in a bank is only \$387.

Wisely safeguarded by Canada's chartered banks these deposits furnish credit that keeps "men at work" when used by Canadian business and industry—producing new realizable

wealth from Canada's great resources. The country and all its people benefit.

In the field of business deposits, out of an average of 660,000 "current" accounts, 596,000 amount to \$1,000 or less.

Savings deposits are, primarily, the basis on which banks can make loans.

Only the confidence of the people and their willingness to leave their money on deposit, enable a bank to lend money and—at small profit-margin to itself—serve the community.

We have mentioned the contractor and the manufacturer. The same process stimulates employment throughout the whole fabric of production, industry and commerce.

Loans to agriculture and for marketing agricultural products totalled in 1937, \$88,294,000—9.0 per cent. of all ordinary bank loans shown on the return to the Minister of Finance, October 31st, 1937.

Of this sum \$57,490,000 went to farmers, cattlemen and fruit raisers and \$30,804,000 to grain dealers, seed merchants and grain exporters.

Other bank loans went to municipalities and school districts; wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers of and dealers in lumber, pulp and other forest products; fishermen; fish packers and curers; public utilities including transportation companies; stockbrokers and bond dealers; provincial governments; mining men; churches, parishes; hospitals; and to charitable and religious institutions.

Canada's chartered banks defend and protect the safety of the funds of depositors—the millions of thrifty souls we have described, whose life-savings they entrust to their banks.

No Canadian depositor, through the world-shaking events of recent years, has had to fear for the safety of a single dollar lodged with Canada's chartered banks.

The funds of depositors are their own—not a pool from which everybody may draw at will for any and every new financial experiment.

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A charming guest room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas. The walls are papered in white paper with silvery flowers and the chintz for draperies, spread and upholstered headboard of the bed is white with magenta and bright blue as the predominating colours. The rug is bright blue and the dressing table skirt and curtains are sheer and white. Note the use of the white painted floor around the rug and the chintz covered waste basket.

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