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Suggests Giving King and Queen House in Canada

King Has Homes in Scotland, England, Why Not in Canada, South Africa?

"Give the King a House in Canada" is the title of a brief but most interesting article by D. Kermodie Parr in Toronto Saturday Night. The article is very timely, and after the recent loyal demonstrations in Canada, with the genuine affection that is felt for the King and Queen, most people will feel that the suggestion of Mr. Parr would be a very appropriate gesture. Here is the article by Mr. Parr, in full:

Give the King a House in Canada

The crowd in Ottawa sang "Will ye no come back again?" when the King and Queen were leaving the capital and there is good reason to hope that there will some day be an answer in a second royal visit. Even before Their Majesties reached Canada, the London Observer was commenting on the probability that as time went on, the King would inevitably spend more and more of his time in the various dominions, now equal partners in the Commonwealth.

The King has a house in Scotland, where he is accustomed to spend a few weeks of restful holiday every summer. Why should he not have a house in Canada?

There should never again be any attempt to cover all Canada in one terrific tour. The present journey has been invaluable and its triumphant success has done untold good, but it has clearly been extremely fatiguing, and nothing so tiring need be attempted in the future.

Let us give the King a house. It might be log-built, somewhere among the hills and lakes away to the north of Ottawa, a typical Canadian summer home.

There the King and Queen could bring their children every two or three years for a month in the early summer or, best of all, in the Fall when the maples are turning. If the King likes fishing, he could have sport of the best. If the Royal Family like such things as canoe trips, swimming, tennis, all would be available in the finest surroundings and the best autumn climate in the world.

Just four or five days in the month could be devoted to public appearances and royal functions. The King is accustomed to drive up from a restful stay in Sandringham to perform such duties in England, or to come out from Balmoral for a day or two to attend a function in Edinburgh or Glasgow.

Then the King and Queen would not be visiting Canada, they would be before a time in residence among the Canadian people, in their own Canadian home.

The scheme ought really to be spread across the whole Empire, with royal residences in each dominion. Perhaps Australia and New Zealand are too remote for frequent visits, but it does not take long in the right seasons of the year to travel from England to Canada or South Africa. It is agreed that South Africa is a fine region during the northern winter; and the magnificence of Canadian autumn conditions is beyond question. Given a free choice, the King and Queen might ask nothing better than to spend a month in South Africa one year, a month in Canada the next, and so on in a series as regular as their migrations to Scotland.

But it should surely be a month providing a large proportion of enjoyable rest and peace. For that a house is needed. Well then, let's give the King a house, with a fervent petition that it may please Their Majesties to come and live in it for a few weeks from time to time, sharing Canada with their royal Canadian subjects.

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Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

The Advance twenty years ago had reference to plans adopted in a hurry by the Timmins Football Club for a big day on July 1st 1919. The idea was to put on the best day of sports held to date in the camp and also to make enough money from the occasion to wipe out all indebtedness incurred by a previous football club in town through some hard luck encountered. Merchants who had accounts that they never expected to receive were pleasantly surprised when they were asked for a detail statement and later were paid in full. It may be noted that the plan of the Football Club worked most successfully, both as to a great day of sports and to fine financial returns. The committee appointed at an enthusiastic meeting of the T.F.C. included: G. A. MacDonald, E. H. Bridger, H. C. Garner, W. Field, J. W. Faithful and J. Thomas.

There were complaints twenty years ago, even as to-day of the dust from the roads in the dry weather. On certain streets in the main part of the town the firemen used the hose and this helped some but, of course did not help the bill as a complete dust layer for the town. The use of the water wagon was very satisfactory, the sand drying out and blowing away again almost as soon as the cart had passed. In 1919 Mr. Vincent Woodbury urged the council to test out a plan of oiling the streets. He donated enough oil to give the plan a try-out.

Twenty years ago the Timmins Football Club inaugurated the plan of giving to each of the schools here a football for the boys to play the Old Country game. At that time there were only a few here interested in football. Baseball was the big game for these parts, but the football lovers were enthusiastic and what they lacked in number they made up in interest. They have had the satisfaction of seeing football grow to overshadowing proportions and take its proper place in this British country. Football has been consistently conducted as a clean amateur sport, has been well looked after and received always the generous support from the public, even from those who do not appreciate it as a game, but who do appreciate the good sportsmanship back of its struggles to secure and maintain a proper footing.

Twenty years ago the Advance was only an eight-page paper, but it devoted literally columns each week to advocacy and support of the proposal to establish here the Timmins Citizens' Band.

In the issue of June the 4th, 1919, The Advance said in part:—"Following the suggestion from many quarters for a citizens' Band in Timmins, there was a meeting last week for organization, a number of those interested being in attendance, and much enthusiasm being shown. It was decided that the mayor of the town should be president of the organization; Mr. A. Borland, fire chief, was elected vice-president and business manager, and Mr. J. T. Easton, secretary-treasurer, until such time as a constitution and by-law should be adopted. For the present at least the members will supply their own uniforms. Ways and means for the purchase of the instruments was left in the hands of a strong committee including Fire Chief Borland, J. T. Easton, Robt. Simms, T. Bennett and others. Already 25 former bandmen have handed in their names as desiring to join and several others are expected to be secured. Mr. E. W. Johnson, a former bandmaster of the Queen's Own, has been appointed leader, and the new band starts out with good prospects for success. Those interested in the organization explain that the purpose is to provide a musical organization that will assure good band music for the town, not only for special events but for regular occasions the year around for the public enjoyment. They view a good citizens' band as an asset to the town, and are ready to give their time and talent, if they receive any measure of public support. They realize that much work will have to be done for the love of music and for the sake of the public enjoyment, but believing that band music is a benefit to any town they are willing to go ahead and do their part." The Advance urged the public in general to give the Timmins Citizens' Band the very heartiest support as a public benefit and as asset to the town. It

may be noted that in addition to those named in the paragraph quoted above, Rev. Fr. Theriault, B. Pare, Jas. Gellis, John West, Asa Simms, and other good citizens were helpful and generous in assisting along the good work, as was Dr. McInnis, then mayor of Timmins. It may also be noted that Bandmaster Johnson, while thanking The Advance for kind words about his ability and experience, disclaimed ever having been "bandmaster of the Queen's Own band, as The Advance in its enthusiasm had stated. "I did play in the Queen's Own Band," Mr. Johnson said, "but I never had the honour of being bandmaster of that excellent band."

There was a big rain, and electrical storm in the district on June 2nd, 1919. At Timmins the power and light plants could not function during the storm on account of its severity, but otherwise Timmins got little but rain. In Golden City and Pottsville, the wind damaged some of the buildings there, several structures being moved bodily by the wind's velocity. One building was dragged fully 50 feet from its original foundation by the high wind.

On May 31st, 1919, fire destroyed the double house in Moneta occupied by Messrs. Lamirante and Legam and their families. The fire also damaged the roof and side of the house occupied by Mrs. Landers and Mr. J. Landers next door, while the building on the other side of the burned dwelling was also scorched. The dead body of Mr. Lamirante's infant child was lying in the coffin in the house awaiting burial and it is thought that one of the candles burning down set fire to the sheet near the coffin and the flames springing to the ceiling the whole house was almost immediately on fire. Fire Chief Rayeroff sent in a call to Timmins Timmins for help and Chief Borland and some men were on the scene within two minutes. "They saved us from a much more serious fire," said constable Rayeroff.

A Sinclair, well-known in the north Land as a railway contractor, was twenty years ago awarded the contract for building the spur line from Timmins to the Mattagami river. Work was started at once.

"This week Fire Chief Borland received a cheque for \$25.00 from the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines," said The Advance twenty years ago, "together with a nice letter expressing appreciation of the work of the Timmins Fire Brigade at the recent fire at No. 12 Hollinger hoist house."

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GENERAL EVANGELINE BOOTH ARRIVES



General Evangeline Booth, 73-year-old world head of the Salvation Army, arrived in Toronto, June 8, on her speaking tour of this continent. She said she believed there would be no war. With her is Commissioner George L. Carpenter, head of the army in Canada, Newfoundland and Alaska.

Observing 724th Anniversary of Magna Carta To-day

Local Canadian Legion Again Taking Special Interest in the Event.

In past years the Canadian Legion, and specially the Timmins branch, has taken particular interest in the observance of Magna Carta Week, this year being observed June 11th to 17th. In other years the local Legion has joined in a religious observance of the event, but this year the service was not held but instead greater emphasis was placed on the secular features of the occasion. "Magna Carta" known as the "Great Charter of English Liberty" was a formal agreement solemnly guaranteed by the King, extorted from King John by the Barons and signed and sealed at Runnymede on June 15th, 1215. Its limited feudal obligations of the Barons toward the Crown, decreed that no one should be kept in prison without trial, that justice should not be sold, refused or delayed, and that none should suffer fine, imprisonment or exile but by the judgment of his peers. The Magna Carta has often and rightly been referred to as the basis of British liberty and individual freedom and protection from oppression and injustice. It has been re-affirmed many times since it is interesting to note that it is also considered a basic feature of United States freedom and justice. It is with this in view that Magna Carta Week is also observed in the United States.

To-day (Thursday), June 15th, is the special Magna Carta Day, being the 724th anniversary of the signing of this charter of liberty. It is a fitting occasion on which to publish "The

Standardizing Sizes in Clothing for Children

Manufacturers of children's clothing will soon be able to start using the new standards of sizing garments, based on actual body measurements of 150,000 young Americans, developments indicate. Science Service reports. A publication to reveal to the clothing industry the tables of measurement obtained in the measuring survey is being rushed to completion at the U.S. Bureau of Home Economics.

Companies making dummies on which garments are modelled in the factories will be first to put the new body measurements to use. One company, ready to start, has arranged for a worker from the Bureau to aid in turning out the first child dummies to the dimensions of real American boys and girls.

Designed to go away with the unsatisfactory method of sizing child garments by age, the new standards offer 13 regular clothing sizes and 13 "slims" and 13 "chubbies" for boys between four and 17 years of age. Height and hip are the two basic dimensions on which these sizes are based. For the girls 12 regular sizes and 12 slims and 12 chubbies will be provided.

The published tables will give manufacturers and patternmakers 39 measurements for each boy of a given size, and 36 measurements for each girl. These will be used in designing the suits, dresses, coats, underwear to be sold simply by height and hip measurement.

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Message of Magna Carta

What stands for Freedom?
Who dies if England lives?
—Rudyard Kipling: For all we have and are.

It is often said that democracy is now passing into the discard. Yet it remains as true now as ever that democracy has certain advantages over other forms of government. It is still true that if things go wrong under a democratic system of government, it lies within the power of the people to set them right; whereas if things go wrong under an autocratic system of government they can only be righted by bloody revolution. It is also true that under democratic government "a man's a man for a' that"; whereas in the totalitarian state he is a mere cog in the machine. There is a dignity about human life if a man is free, such as there is not if he is a slave—even though he be merely a slave of the state.

There is no doubt, on the other hand, that autocracy has some advantages over democracy. The autocratic ruler can get things done much more quickly than a democratic government can. He does not need to listen to interminable debate, once his mind is made up. He is apt also to be more efficient. Once he has a sufficient number of machine guns behind him he does not need to think of "political considerations" in carrying out his plans; whereas the rulers of a democracy are likely to have their eyes fixed on the next general election.

Our problem then is to see how we can make democracy as efficient as autocracy, and there is only one way in which we can do this. We Canadians can give Canada as efficient a government as that of any country on earth if we will only accept our indi-

vidual responsibility, and allow ourselves to be guided by a spirit of pure and disinterested patriotism. If you think you are assuming your full individual responsibility, please ask yourself these questions:

- (1) Do I regard it as a sacred duty to vote in every dominion, provincial or municipal election?
- (2) Do I make a point of finding out for myself who are the best candidates for me to support?
- (3) Do I make a point of seeing that the best available men in my community are selected and persuaded to offer themselves as candidates for election?
- (4) Am I guided in my political views by a regard for the interests of my race, creed, locality, or social group, or by a regard for the welfare of the country as a whole?
- (5) Does the oath of allegiance to the King mean anything to me?

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