

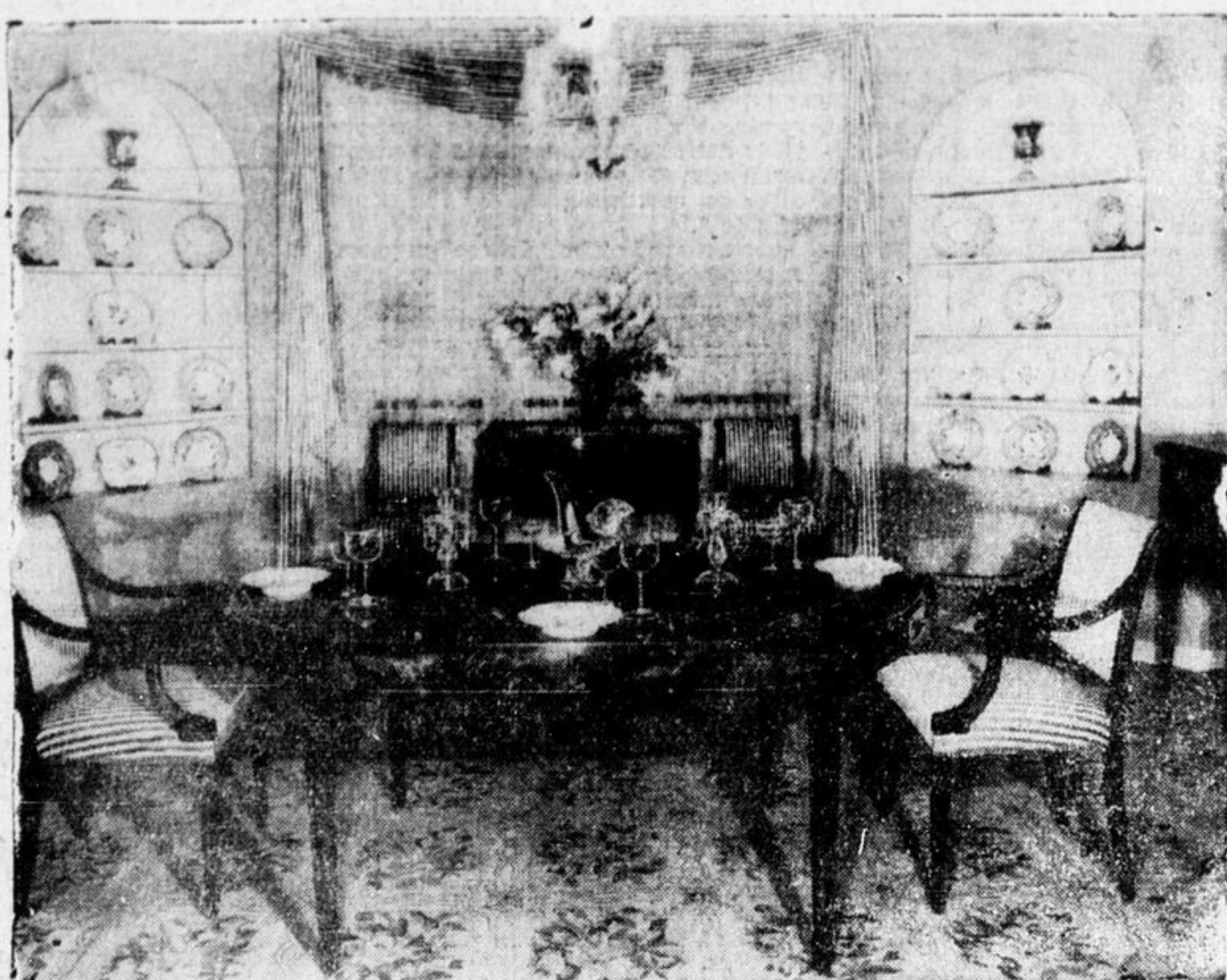


PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

GOOD THINGS ALSO COME OUT OF THE FAR EAST

Beautiful China as Well as the Method of Making it Among the Many Fine Heritages We Have from the Orient—Ideas for Using Fine China as Decorative Accent.



Niches built into the corners of this dining room enormously to the decorative effect of the room, display a beautiful collection of old china and add

If you look with bewilderment upon the far east, as presenting to remote and incomprehensible a problem ever to solve, we suggest that you look at the record of ornament and decoration. For that's where the east and the west have met and understood each other and merged courses and been enriched together. You will be hopeful that man may yet find other common denominators of understanding.

Look first at our homes and see how many things in them were influenced directly by the Orient—with particular accent on fabrics and China. The entire development of porcelain factories of the western world may be traced to the efforts of our craftsmen to imitate the fine translucent ware brought over from China, and to this day the influence of Chinese design is strong in all our china and pottery. . . . even the name.

China-Mania
The enthusiasm of Europe for china from the far east reached such epidemic proportions in the 17th and 18th centuries that it became known as china-mania. It was stimulated by the interest of royalty, the vogue for chocolate, tea and coffee drinking, and the fact that more and more ships were plying back and forth in the china trade. China has been known in Europe long before this, but it had not been plentiful enough to be collected widely. . . . it had belonged among royal treasure.

It is hard for us today to understand this extravagant craze for china that swept Europe and even reached our shores, but remember that such ware was rare at best and its exquisite translucence, its intricate decoration and its lovely colorings looked fabulously lovely to eyes accustomed only to pottery and to pewter vessels for ordinary use.

But be warned that china-mania is contagious to this day, and you may catch it if you go into the subject too closely. The collecting of china is a fascinating hobby that has had a certain revival lately, if indeed it can be said ever to have really died down.

The abolishing of the plate rail sent it into temporary eclipse on the popular front, but it is coming back into fashion even for wall decoration. Plates on the wall in interesting arrangement are in high favor. Beautiful china in niches and on brackets and on hang-

ing shelves is a charming addition to the design of many rooms. Even the plate rail is coming back "in." Unusual furniture for china collections is also available—breakfronts, corner cupboards, wall cabinets, secretaries and curio tables suggest attractive ideas for display.

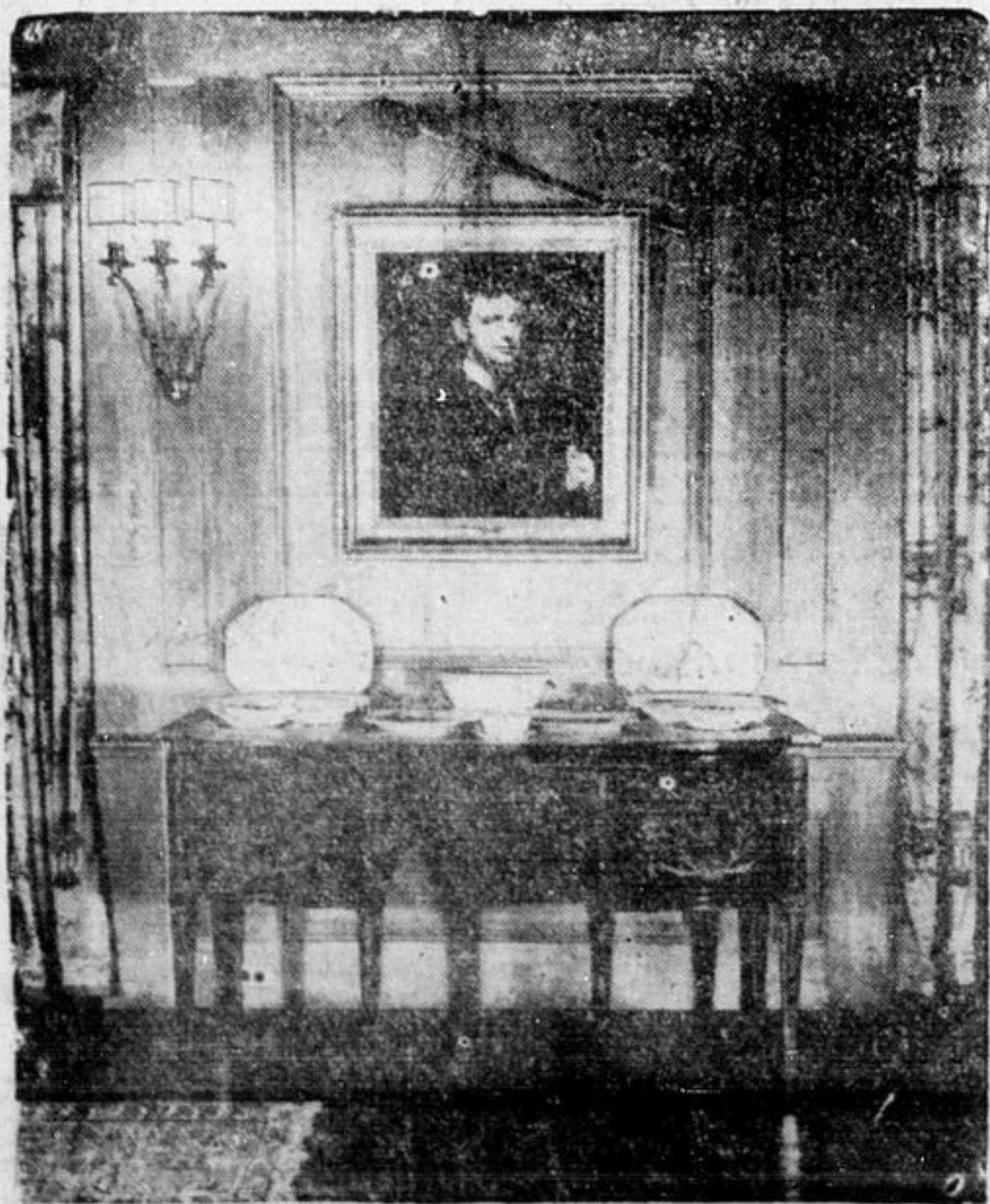
As appealing a mantle as we've seen had three large fine-old blue willow platters arranged across the shelf in graduated sizes, the largest at one end instead of the middle. Another over-mantel achieved great distinction by having the entire wall covered with pieces from an old French dinner set hung in interesting arrangement. A row of Victorian flower plates were engaging over a white marble mantel, and we saw some Spanish pottery plates in tones of aquamarine to greens and turquoise interestingly hung over a maple buffet. In a pine paneled study, with a fireplace faced with blue and white Dutch tiles, the overmantel had a row of five old Delft vases, the kind every good Dutch home will have standing across the top of the tall carved cupboard.

Niches built into the walls of dining rooms, halls or living rooms with shelves for a fine collection of china are very decorative. . . . often with the inside painted in a color contrasting to that of the walls, and if possible with indirect illumination. If there is no niche available in your home but you'd like one, consider the possibilities of building one into the space occupied by an unused door or arch. Or if you have a colonnade opening between living and dining room, what about converting that into a pair of niches for your best china. . . . with glass shelves and indirect illumination they could be stunning.

In short we must remember that beauty, as well as horror come out of the Orient, even out of Japan—in the form of alluring merchandise. And hope that the next peace can design a world that uses the best of each nation's energies and talents—instead of the worst.

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Sudbury Star—With a new fruit, developed in Ecuador, and having characteristics of the orange, the tomato and the lime, the candidate wouldn't know what s.ruck him.



This buffet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Iselin shows an interesting display of rare antique china, highly treasured for its historical associations. The portrait above the buffet is of the second William Jay painted by Sargent in his early days. Their home was built by Mrs. Iselin's great great grandfather, John Jay, first Justice of the Supreme Court, and many relics in the house were used by him.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

The annual meeting of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association was held at Cochrane on February 1st and 2nd, 1922, and at the meeting Schumacher was decided upon as the place for the annual tournament on July 1st that year. Chief A. Borland and Deputy Chief W. G. Smith were the Timmins delegates at the convention. Among the other delegates present were Chief Jucksch and G. Henderson, of Schumacher, and Max Smith, J. E. Boyle and Harry Wilson, of South Porcupine. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Halleybury. The following officers were elected for 1922: president, Chief E. Carswell, Cochrane; vice-president, Max Smith, South Porcupine; secretary-treasurer, F. E. Thompson, New Liskeard. Official judges were appointed from each town, Dr. McInnis being the appointee from Timmins. Cochrane fire department tendered the visiting delegates a banquet at the Paris Cafe, Cochrane.

Among the guests of honour were—Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O., and Commissioners L. T. Martin and J. I. MacLaren; Major Morris; Col. Hooper; Capt. Maxwell, of the Laurentide Air Service; Mr. Ward, of Grant Smith and Co., the contractors for the T. & N. O. extension; Major Mac Lang, M.P.P., and others.

The Advance noted twenty years ago that a good start had been made on the drive to raise \$15,000.00 for St. Anthony's Church. A big thermometer on the side of the Bank of Commerce building showed the progress made each day. The first night the thermometer registered \$1,500.00 with over \$3,000.00 registered the second night. The canvass was confined to members of the church in the parish, though there were some voluntary subscriptions from others given in the campaign.

Twenty years ago The Advance reported that word from North Bay was to the effect that the Hollinger consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, had finally secured the rights to develop electrical power on the Abitibi river. There was no official confirmation or denial of the report from either the Government or the Hollinger.

There were hundreds unable to get into the New Empire theatre for the concert on Feb. 5th, 1922, under the auspices of the Navy League of Canada. Admiral Bessford branch, Timmins. Before 8.15 the theatre was crowded to the doors and literally hundreds had to be turned away. The programme was given by the Schroeder orchestra, the McIntyre orchestra and individual artists of special talent. The Schroeder orchestra, which was a combination of the two excellent orchestras, the Junior orchestra and the Strong orchestra, delighted all with the fine music so capably presented. The McIntyre orchestra also proved remarkably effective and won high favour. Vocal solos by Mrs. Gilbert, piano solos by little Miss L. Robitaille, selections by the Schroeder quartette, and the violin playing of Master Willie Shub were extra special numbers on a particularly pleasing programme. Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, presided, and in introducing the programme he referred to the aims and objects of the Navy League. Dr. McInnis, as usual, helped the success of the evening by his wit and geniality.

Twenty years ago The Advance was very critical of the Ontario Government for its lack of assistance to the settlers of the North in their desperate struggle for existence. Scores of them were suffering an extra touch of hardship on account of the failure of the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. to pay the settlers for pulpwood and labour. At the suggestion of The Advance one settler wrote direct to the Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. Beniah Bowman, detailing the situation, and asking, as the settlers were more or less in the position of wards of his department, for assistance in fighting one of the most cruel schemes to the detriment

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