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## PLANE TO REPLACE CAR?

An editorial article in The Kincardine News last week says:—"After this war is over Canada will turn to air travel and transport much the same as the generation after the first war turned to motor cars as a means of opening new vistas in education and travel."

It may be so! And then again it may not! One of the peculiarities of human kind is that they do not follow along the line of logical theories, but the most unexpected fashions may prevail without rhyme or reason. During the last war The Advance pointed out that for this North Land with its immense distances, the airplane seemed to be the ideal form of travel and transportation. At that time there were no highways in this part of the North and road transportation was both inadequate and unsatisfactory—such as there was of it. Hundreds of men left here to take up work as pilots in the air force. Others joined the mechanical branch of the air service. More men joined the Royal Air Force from Timmins than from any other centre in Canada. When the Canadian Air Force was established it appeared as if there would be no suitable men left here to make much of a representation in the Canadian air service, but despite the previous enlistments, there seemed to be a large number from Timmins and district joining the newer air force. It seemed to be logical to suppose that after the war was ended there would be hundreds back here with knowledge and experience in the air service; others with the necessary acquaintance and skill necessary to keep an air service for peace on very practical lines. That there was enthusiasm for flying may be taken for granted. When the Timmins Football Club the year after the war ended brought the first airplane to this part of the country as a feature for a day of sports, the novelty proved most popular. People paid \$15.00 for fifteen minutes of flight in that performing plane. It is interesting to note that in more recent years that rate of one dollar a minute has prevailed in another different method of using the air for travel purposes, words being in this case the commodity transported on the ether.

About the time the last great war ended, The Advance had visions of the men of the air forces turning their knowledge, their skill and their courage to the development of the airplane in peace service. There were enough skilled pilots to assure a full force of operators for the planes necessary to give speedy transportation service to this land of immense distances. The Advance saw the big mining companies speeding up prospecting and the development of new mines by the use of the airplane. But the men of the air forces, went back to work in the mines, in factories, in stores, in the school room, in a score of other occupations. It was many years after before any mine here used the planes in practical way.

It is true that there has been considerable development in the use of the airplane in Canada since the last great war. There is now a regular air service across the whole broad width of this Dominion. To-day there is a comparatively large number of planes in active service opening up the North. Several of the mines in the Porcupine area have planes of their own. The development of air service since the last war, however, is only a fraction of what the logic of the situation suggested as possible and desirable.

In 1913—before the end of the last war—there were 275,746 motor vehicles registered in Canada. In 1919 there were only 341,316. In 1920 the number had grown to 407,834. There was a gradual increase each year from 1920, but it was not until 1923—ten years after the war had been won—that the motor vehicle registration for Canada exceeded a million. It does not seem to have been any war influence that has been responsible for the remarkable popularity of the motor vehicle. Instead, the recent very rapid growth of the use of motor vehicles may be traced to the fact that prices for cars had been reduced to a popular level where only a few hundred dollars is sufficient to purchase to motor car. If the manufacturers of planes can reduce the prices to the level of a few hundred dollars, it is only logical to expect travel by air to attain a popularity only exceeded by the development of the motor car. There is hope for such a desired result. At the present moment Ford factories both in the United States and Canada are making airplanes or airplane parts on a mass production basis. If the war experience succeeds in making it possible to turn out finished planes at a popular price, the end of the war will see general adoption of the airplane as a means of transportation.

## THE GREAT WORDS

The Baltimore Sun brings forward a gentleman of the name of Richards—I. A. Richards—who is described as "a renowned semanticist." The words have an ugly sound. What makes the description the more questionable is the fact that no such word as "semanticist" can be found in the ordi-

nary reliable dictionary. It may be deduced, however, that the meaning is that Mr. Richards is an expert in the science of language. That is too flattering a description for a fellow who would do what he has done. Mr. Richards has had the audacity to pick one hundred words from the dictionary and allege that these one hundred words are the great words, the key words, the essential basic words upon which language must rest. Here are the hundred "great" words as listed by this Mr. Richards:—

"Amount, Argument, Art, Be, Beautiful, Belief, Cause, Certain, Chance, Clear, Common, Comparison, Condition, Connection, Copy, Decision, Degree, Desire, Development, Different, End, Event, Example, Existence, Experience, Fact, Fear, Feeling, Fiction, Force, Form, Free, Interest, Knowledge, Law, Let, Level, Living, Love, Make, Material, Measure, Mind, Motion, Name, Nation, Natural, Necessary, Normal, Number, Observation, Opposite, Order, Organization, Part, Place, Pleasure, Possible, Power, Probable, Property, Purpose, Quality, Question, Reason, Relation, Representative, Respect, Responsible, Right, Same, Say, Science, See, Seem, Sense, Sign, Simple, Society, Sort, Special, Substance, Thing, Thought, True, Use, Way, Wise, Word, Work."

Not only has Mr. Richards the temerity to set out what he considers the most important words in the world, but he also has the ill grace to leave out a large number of much more important words—words that are truly "key" words, the Semanticist.

It seems on the surface that he has left out as many vital words as he has listed. Indeed it might well be that he had the wrong hundred, so essential are many other words to life itself. No list of key words, basic words of power, is complete without Children, Wife, Mother, Father, Son, Daughter, Home, Action, Music, Justice, Virtue, Kindness, Hope, Courage, Victory. To list Science and forget Faith; to mention Knowledge and neglect Virtue; to note Fear and overlook Courage; to honour Power and disregard Kindness; these are the wrong policies that have pushed the world along to its present unfortunate situation. There are qualities and characters that are beyond all material things. Science, Power and Law are in reality of no account when contrasted with Faith, Hope and Charity.

## OFF FOR THE DURATION

No more new motor cars? Oh, well, there are lots of good used cars on the market!

No more new tires? Oh, well, when the present tires wear out, it will be a good thing if people would return to the science, the art and the happiness of walking!

No more cuffs on trousers? Oh, well, it is only a few years ago that cuffs were unknown on trousers, and no one was the worse in health or courage for that!

Shortage of sugar? Oh, well, just call for your Honey!

No second pair of pants to a suit? Oh, well, there is always the old barrel that used to be used after the poker game!

As a matter of fact with all the talk of economy, salvage and sacrifice, life is little different from what it has always been so far as those who stay at home are concerned. There are few things these days—apart from the editorials and the advertisements—to impress anyone with the truth that the battle is a life and death struggle! Profits, partyism, plebiscites and other wasteful and absurd oddities are the order of the day. There are earnest folks who feel so deeply the need for an awakening to the fact that there is a war in progress that they actually call for one of the tragedies of war to visit Canada—preferably a bombing attack on the East or West coast—which ever coast happens to be the farthest away... Fortunately, so drastic an alarm clock is not necessary. The lesson that a bitter battle rages may be forced upon the Canadian conscience by less terrifying forces than actual bombing or invasion. For example, when a distinctly Canadian institution that has become a regular integral part of the life of the nation, is forced by the war to discontinue for the duration of the war, then surely it should not be difficult for all to realize that conditions are serious. For example suppose it were necessary to suspend all schools, or newspapers, or theatres for the duration of the struggle, would not such a fact arouse popular realization? There has been suppression of such a national institution for the duration of the war. Announcement was made some days ago, that, complying with request from the Department of National Defense the Board of the Canadian National Exhibition (more commonly known to the good people of the big village of Toronto as the "Toronto Fair," and to the common folk at large as the "Ex") has unannouncedly agreed to cancel the Exhibition for the duration of the war. The cancellation was made effective for this year, after considerable expenditures had been incurred for printing and other preparatory measures. The chief item making the suspension of the exhibition desirable was the fact that the grounds and buildings are needed for national defence purposes. Other items, of course included the need for conserving men and materials ordinarily going into the arrangements and conduct of the exhibition. It is a genuine sacrifice for the promoters of the exhibition to suspend the fair for the duration, and to the people of Canada it is a loss of no small proportions. The Canadian National Exhibition is a national institution of

importance. It is much more than an entertainment or a series of contests. It is educative, inspirational, gives leadership. It appeals literally to the millions. Its suspension for the duration of the war will but increase its prestige with the Canadian people, while at the same time it is a gentle hint to all and sundry that in this world war, business is not—cannot be—as usual.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Red Cross has never failed you. Do not fail the Red Cross!

The Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto has been familiarly called "The Ex." Now it can be technically termed "the Ex-Fair," for the duration of the war.

"Still stands the motto of the King:—

"Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

Newspapermen will agree that the new president of the C. P. R., Mr. D. C. Coleman, is a man of outstanding ability. At one time he was in the newspaper business himself, but had sense enough to get out of it while there was yet time.

It is a great thing for Canada at this time to have an organization like the Canadian Legion. There are scores of examples of the value of the Legion in Timmins in patriotic way. The helpful loyalty of the Legion is evident elsewhere also—indeed wherever the Legion may have a branch. At Kirkland Lake last week there was an organi-

## Schumacher School Has Notable Record for Its War Effort

Annual Exhibition Shows Patriotism as Well as Talent of the Pupils.

Schumacher, May 6—(Special to The Advance)—The annual Spring Exhibition was held Friday afternoon, May 1st, at the Schumacher public school. It was very gratifying to the principal and staff to see such a large turn out of parents and friends and the interest they took in the work displayed by the pupils.

There were three showings of moving pictures (talkies) in the library and there was a large attendance at each performance.

The fish pond was a big attraction to the children and was soon sold out. The booth for the sale of novelties, woodwork and bird houses drew large numbers of eager purchasers. The interest taken in this booth by the many who attended reflected credit both on the teachers and pupils, for the display of work was really wonderful. There were bed trays, towel racks, tie racks, teapot stands, wool-winders and all sorts of novelties made of wood.

The bird houses came in for special attention and attracted many buyers. The display of potted house plants, as usual, was soon sold out. This booth had a large selection of plants to choose from, and had many eager purchasers.

In the main corridor was a display of Red Cross articles, socks, sweaters, helmets, blankets, quilt's gowns, and pneumonia jackets. The work on these articles was so neat and well done as to deserve special mention. Another booth which drew special attention was the display of parents' work, including many articles of lovely embroidery, crocheted work, also children's dresses.

The White Elephant table did good business and was soon sold out.

Report of Pupils' War Effort

This booth was nicely arranged. There were letters of thanks from many of the school's former pupils now in service, thanking the school for parcels received. The pupils have also donated since last Exhibition the following:—

Cigarettes	\$12.00
Boxes	128.71
Wool for socks	13.00
Postage	11.00
Navy League	20.00
Russian Medical Aid	50.00
Junior Red Cross	41.00
War Charities	60.00
Prisoners-of-War	130.00
War Savings Stamp, almost	1,900.00

Direct contributions were made by the pupils to the Prisoners-of-War fund. They have "adopted" eight prisoners of war and since last April have donated one hundred and thirty dollars to this fund. The object of his scheme is to have each pupil give four or five cents a month, rather than a few give twenty or twenty-five cents. When you stood at this booth and read such a wonderful report of the school's war effort, fund, you could not help but feel that great credit is due the principal, Mr. P. A. Boyce, and his staff of teachers, also the pupils, for their splendid contribution to the war effort.

In the main corridor upstairs afternoon tea was served. The small tea tables were very attractive with lovely linen cloth and a vase of daffodils and narcissus on each table. The tea tables were attended by the senior students.

The bake table had a large selection of delicious home made cakes to choose from and were soon sold out.

The draw was made in the evening for the lovely Afghan cushion, and loil's Afghan. Miss Louise Abrams was the winner of the Afghan; Miss Margaret O'Leary winner of the cushion; Clarence Kuzer was the winner of the doll's Afghan. The principal, Mr. P. A. Boyce, and his staff expressed their thanks at such a large attendance of parents and friends and the interest that was taken in the work displayed by the pupils.

zation meeting for securing recruits for the reserve army. At this meeting there were 40 Legion members and 35 of them signed up themselves as recruits. If that proportion were carried through in all classes and groups, recruiting would be a very easy matter.

The Red Cross has met every emergency that has arisen—and there have certainly been enough of them. It is up to the people to meet the emergency now faced by the Red Cross. The Red Cross needs nine million dollars in the campaign starting on Monday. It is the duty of every man, woman and child to do his or her very best to see that the people do not fail the Red Cross. The Red Cross has never failed the people.

In the retirement of Sir Edward Beatty from the position of president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, owing to ill-health, not only is the railway the loser but the whole Dominion will be injured. Sir Edward Beatty has more than administrative talent to win business and personal success. He has the broad and kindly outlook on humanity that gives the spice of kindness to business and industry. In his mind, men, money and machines were catalogued in different compartments, and men always were treated with a kindly shrewdness that helped all. Sir Edward was interested in vital broad national issues like health, education, the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army. He saw the value of such issues and gave his great talent to such causes. For Canada's sake it is to be hoped that he will soon be "back on the job again," fully restored to health and vigor. Sir Edward Beatty was a frequent visitor to the North and made many friends here, though his company was not directly concerned here. His friendliness to this part of the North was but another sample of his vision, his generous kindness, and his patriotic spirit.

Hart House Theatre, and later founder-director of Toronto Repertory Theatre, is to be credited with the continuing and direction, while Red Ainsworth, as pianist and accompanist, should also receive his share of the laurels for the success of the performance.

In speaking to the citizens of the town and district, Mayor Emile Brunette said that Canada is to-day challenged by the whole world. Her answer, he continued, must be heard by all the world. The answer is enlistment, and these are the days in which all Canadians must answer the challenge to their freedom. "Awaken, gentlemen, and give the world your answer," said the Mayor in concluding the brief address.

Reeve Victor Evans of Tisdale stressed the fact that Canadians must face the issues that confront them to-day. Each man, woman and child must bear his share of the load forced upon us. "Our young men and women have gone forth and won a name for themselves and their country," com-

tinued the Reeve. "This should stir a desire within us to at least emulate our brothers and sisters. You and I as Canadians have a very important job to do. When we see our common enemy perched on our very doorstep, then it is our duty to see that we do what we can. The greatest service you can render is to offer yourselves as Canadians in the service of your country."

Mr. Neame expressed the thanks of the committee in charge to Mr. I. K. Pierce, for the loan of the grand piano; to the Star Transfer for the moving of the piano; to the Timmins Citizens Band, directed by Mr. Fred Wolno, and providing several fine selections during the evening; to the Porcupine Male Choir, directed by Mr. Ron Jones (which gave a few well-chosen numbers); to the Timmins Fire Department, especially Mr. A. Ayotte who through the kind permission of Fire Chief Alex Borland, arranged the decorations; to Mr. Stark, manager of the Palace Theatre for the use of the theatre; and to the newspapers and radio for the publicity. Mr. Neame explained that proceeds will be used to provide small gift boxes for local men who leave to join the services, these boxes containing such articles as cigarettes, matches, chocolate bars, gum, etc.

Total proceeds for the event were over one hundred and ninety-nine dollars—a record silver collection for an event of this kind.



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