

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

COST OF RATS.—

It is scarcely understandable that human beings have remained so tolerant of the rat. The latter has invaded virtually every community in the world except the polar regions. Even in a country of limited population such as Canada, the depredations of rats cost millions of dollars annually.—Sarnia Observer.

ON PARKING A CAR.—

A good way to park a car at the curb when the space is small is to back it in. It takes an expert to do this, however, without serious damage to the bumpers and finish of the cars front and rear of the short parking space. It is a useful stunt if done expertly, but downtown streets are not the proper practice ground.—Ottawa Journal.

CLEAR ENUNCIATION.—

The necessity for correct expression and voice modulation has for many years received half-hearted attention in the schools. A greater need which should be the precursor of all the graces of speech has been strangely neglected. This is the need for distinctness of pronunciation.

The result is at once apparent to those who attend a public function of any sort. There is no distinctness of the speakers. Those who by nature are expected to understand properly for distinctness of speech are often negligent in this regard. They do not seem to understand that the purpose of speech is that other people should clearly hear.

A visit to any of our law courts has its interest from a spectacular point of view, but as for hearing what goes on, that is usually impossible. The average lawyer, from whom one might expect distinct speech, is saying something or other to the presiding justice. This police official sees something else which may be audibly to a person a yard away but is quite unintelligible to the audience.

COME TO CANADA.—

According to the Financial Post, United States newspapers are making favorable comment on Senator Dennis plan for a bureau of tourist and travel publicity for Canada. And they are urging Americans to visit Canada.

The Detroit Free Press, speaking of "this exhibition of enterprise" said: "After seeing their own country first Americans cannot do better than see Canada next."

The Scripps-Howard papers, comprising 25 leading dailies including The New York World-Telegram, have placed themselves behind the Canadian proposal, praising Canadian holiday attractions.

Thus before the House of Commons has voted the money, Canada is getting some direct benefit from the Dennis plan.—Victoria Times.

FANCY THAT.—

Statisticians have figured out that the newspapers of Canada and the United States use sufficient white paper each year to make a giraffe around the earth 50 miles wide. However, we sincerely trust nothing of the sort will be attempted. Think of all the pretty birdie-girl photos you'd miss!—Border Cities Star.

AFD WHERE THE BEAVER?—

In Mrs. Simcoe's Diary, which has just been republished in a special anniversary edition, the governor's wife wrote as follows under date of Oct. 29, 1792: "At eight this dark evening we went to see salmon spawning.... seeing them swimming in shoals around the boat is a very pretty sight.... The flights of wild pigeons in the Spring and Autumn is a surprising sight." Where are the salmon and the passenger pigeons in the Toronto area now? Where, for that matter, are the pigeons anywhere?—Toronto Star.

OUR TALL YOUNG MEN.—

Hamilton police department has applications for places on the force from several young men who are six feet four inches tall, but they fail to compete with Harry Shelton 22 years of age, who is seven feet one and a half inches and weighs 218 pounds. The chief and his associates are said to be favorably impressed with this young man and he stands a good chance of receiving appointment.

We have no records which can be consulted, but our impression is that this generation is producing a fair share of men who are of the six foot type or over. Within recent years there have been a number of them in the collegiate, and they have been well built so they carry their height with ease. We can think of one family where three sons, all of them quite young fellows yet, are over the six foot mark.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

CANOE COMMANDMENTS.—

With the canoe season definitely here and the local boat livery advising canoeists to make sure of getting a boat by having one reserved two

or three days ahead of time, no doubt many young people are planning canoe trips for a vacation.

Ten commandments that will assure a happy and successful camping trip are:

Build your campfires small, close to the water's edge on a spot from which the leaves and moss have been scraped away. Drown it with water when leaving, and stir the ashes with a stick to make sure no live coals are left.

Leave your campsite clean. Bury all rubbish, bottles and cans. Never throw glass or tins in the water where others may bathe.

Learn how to swim, and first aid methods.

Do not sit or lie on the bare ground.

Never run a rapid without first making sure that it can be done with safety. Examine it carefully for logs, boulders and other obstructions. Two canoes should not run a rapid at the same time.

Do not make your packs too heavy; about 40 pounds is a good average.

Avoid crossing large lakes or rivers in rough water.

Make camp before dark. Erecting a tent, or preparing a meal by firelight, is not easy.

Learn how to prepare simple meals over a campfire.

Unless familiar with wilderness travel, never attempt a trip through uninhabited country without competent guides. Charts of the route and good maps of the surrounding country are essential.—Lindsay Post.

THE EMPIRE

ANOTHER BUSINESS IS BOOMING.

Business is picking up elsewhere. The armament industry is active. Sorry, there will be no cheers for that. When those guns of admirable British workmanship go off where will they be pointed? If you look in Bedford Park you will see a notable war trophy. A gun captured from the Germans, and bearing a British trade mark. The Dardanelles were sown thick with mines, made in Britain, which blew British seamen sky high in that campaign of bloody memory. For whom are we making the shining instruments of death?—London Daily Express.

SHE STARTED SOMETHING.—

The young man who has been confronted by his aunt with the choice of marrying and settling down before Christmas Day, 1936, or of forfeiting £100,000, should be a prey to conflicting emotions. "Give me liberty or give me death," exclaimed a historic patriot who was not, as it happens, faced with the necessity of embracing the one as the only alternative to losing the other.—London Evening News.

BATH CHAIR VERSUS CRADLE.—

A decreasing birthrate and an increasing expectation of life are altering the balance between youth and age. Whereas in 1901 there were less than 1.4 million people of 65 years and over, in 1926 there will be 5.34 millions of over 65. Whereas in 1901 there were 12,000,000 children up to 15 years of age, by 1951 there will only be 6.12 million of such children. The proportion of children to old people was nearly seven to one at the beginning of the century, is growing less and less, so that, in the Nineteen-Sixties the children will be actually outnumbered by their elders.—London Morning Post.

GOLF DEMOCRATIC.—

There has been too much snobbery about golf in the South. It ought to be everybody's game everywhere, as it always has been in Scotland. Working lads from Troon hoisted their sawmill comrade, Jimmy Wallace on their shoulders after his victory over Jack McLean, at Prestwick, in the amateur championship. The Prince of Wales, mixing in the crowd, saw that match. Golf, properly regarded, is a great leveller—the most democratic game of all.—Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

HARDWORKING ROYALTY.—

In common with the people of Australia, New Zealanders will regret the reason which will bring them the pleasure of a visit by the Duke of Gloucester instead of that projected for Prince George. Prince George has completed a particularly arduous tour of South Africa and it is not at all surprising that the strain upon his health should make it inadvisable for him to undertake so soon afterwards another, extending over six months. The members of the Royal Family live lives of incessant duty. The ideal of service is deeply implanted in their hearts. They give a lead to a vast variety of social causes and their example is far-reaching. But particularly when they are engaged upon Empire tours, the King's subjects, in their delight to honour them, may become hard taskmasters. This has been seen in New Zealand. Every Royal tour has become a test of endurance. That must have been the case in South Africa, and it will un-

Fire Fights Insects



Dreaded foe of the world's timber growths, fire is being proved an aid at United States Forestry Station near Ogden, Utah. Carrying tanks of oil, workers spray insect-infested trees and set them ablaze. Controlling crew follows with shovels.

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EMPIRE RECOVERY.—

The story of the present economic conditions in Canada is a deheartening addition to the recent evidence of improvement in Australia, in South Africa and in India. The Empire as a whole is out of the depths. In Canada every one of the ordinary tests of well-being shows the Dominion making rapid recovery.—London Daily Telegraph.

Leads in Silk Kills Rodents

May Hurt Women Weavers—Metal Content Dangerous Experiments Reveal

New York.—The late rats which became ill or died from wearing silk weighted with a lead treatment was described recently to the American Home Economics Association.

Lucien Rodier, K.C., counsel for the Quebec Labor Department told the court that Cooperberg had committed only a technical offence against the act.

It was pointed out that Cooperberg could have merely pleaded guilty to the infraction and escaped with a maximum fine of \$50 and costs.

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and who, after cataracts had been removed, went home unaided. The gratitude of the patients is most touching, stated Miss McConnell.

Big Cheques Given Women

To Cover Low Pay—Charges Against Montreal Employer Dropped.

Montreal.—Fat cheques were handed recently to 27 girls in the employ of the Cooper Dress Company here because of failure of Morris Cooperberg, their employer, to comply with the Quebec Women's Minimum Wage Act.

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Probably the most discouraging epoch in the life of the child to the mother is the time of adolescence.

And not only is the mother, but to the child, whether boy or girl. Also it is the most difficult for writers on child training because each growing youngster now becomes an individual with a vengeance and no blanket rule of handling may be applied.

Moreover there is a difference of opinion about freedom during these years. We read one day that we keep our children babies too long and deprive them of responsibility at an age when they should be learning to stand on their own feet. The next day we hear some master mind declaring that children during adolescence need more protection than ever, because they have no judgment and may pay too bitter a price for experience.

A ROMANTIC PERIOD

During the fourteenth and fifteenth years especially, and even the thirteenth and sixteenth, depending on the boy or girl and their adult outlook, it is necessary for mother and dad to exercise that eternal vigilance which is the price of safety.

This does not mean that our children are not to be trusted, but they are likely to get confused. These are beautiful years when the world unfolds its doors to a new fairy land. The flowers are of more bewitching beauty, the moon one long shudder of delight even a street car or a fence can glow with rosy romance.

Therefore we do not want them disillusioned or bitter. Nothing should spoil the emotional beauty of this time.

One thing that will spoil it completely for any girl is to tell her constantly that boys are not to be trusted. While it is true that some are not one of the finest persons in the world is this very youth who is so cock-sure of himself and who springs surprises on us every day with his vagaries and comedies.

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being managed this is often the very thing needed to balance his development. No use trying to force a hobby on a child it just won't work but sometimes it will be the means of putting over something the mother had failed in before, once he is interested.

This is the one great thing about a hobby. It doesn't greatly matter what it is, but it acts almost invariably as an agent through which its rider may be reached.

PARENTAL COMRADESHIP

If a father for instance feels that his child is getting away from him, has lost interest and comradeship, he could do nothing better than to go in to partnership in his son's new interest. For father and son to share an urge for stamps is a tremendous tie. They are boys together sharing triumphs or disappointments alike.

We mention stamps and patches, but almost anything under the sun may be used. Carving or shipbuilding is good boys' play, making notes on the habits of birds in long walks, or kite flying. This is a real science.

As far as girls go they are usually interested in the same things as their brothers only not at the same time. Hobbies stop the dawdling, time-wasting bored habit. They sharpen wits and ingenuity and promote ambition. They are good things for everybody.

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Bit of Philosophy

The age-long dream of social bliss To be achieved by man Though long deferred has ever served The fires of hope to fan. That glad in human thought When man to man shall brothers be And truth and peace hold sway.

Some wag has said "Man never is But always to be blessed." Discerning minds can pass this by, As philosophic jest. Despite the failures of the past In spite of all that's done The student of collective thought Must regard the race as one. In spite of all the mists and fogs Of man's contentious strife To feed the fires of human hope Through a broadening view of life.

To think in terms of fellowship, To serve no selfish end, To ever keep before his mind His neighbor and his friend, Who keeps this simple rule of life Who this path hath trod, Will find his soul in fellowship And make his peace with God. Who seeks for God in cults and creed His favour thus to gain And yet ignores his fellowmen Will make his quest in vain.

The God of light and truth and love Who serves all human need Is found revealed in daily life And not in cults and creeds. The prophet and the priest of old Enthroned their God on high, A being endowed with magic power Who dwelt beyond the sky.

The mountains trembled at His word The heaving waves grew still, The tempest and the earthquake's power Were creatures of His will. The hammer strokes of ancient Thor The thunder bolts of Jove Were symbols of that unseen power Whom priests enthroned above.

Thor's hammer strokes resound no more Old Vulcan's forge is stilled Those ancient myths so powerful once Advancing truth hath killed That stern old dame whose child we are Is ever at the helm, The choicest wisdom sees and knows She is monarch in her realm.

The mind of man is not supreme But subject to her laws. By deep research in Nature's ways We aid the human cause. The thunderbolts of ancient Jove So oft in anger hurled Are used to-day for industrial power Or radiated around the world.

As science with her vast research The scroll of truth enrolls The vision of a broader life, The human mind beholds. A life enriched by common aim, Inspired by common good That finds the God of all mankind In human brotherhood.

Who wills the love of God know In terms of human kin Must seek that wondrous truth sublime In comradeship with men The mind that's swayed by noble thought Above the common clod, Has recognized the tie that binds And comprehends its God.

—Written by Phil Leeder, McIntosh Mills.

Half Way

"I'm willing to go half way!" It is usually said with a pout, by the quarrelling child, the contentious adult or the young bride who means to have "her rights" in the domestic sphere.

"I'll go half way—not an inch more!" said a little wife, of whom Ruth Fargo tells, and a wise old aunt replied:

"It's a ticklish place to find, Half way! I'd rather hunt for a needle in a haystack!"

Is it worth while, do you think to risk so wonderful a thing as happiness in the search for anything so small and unimportant when found? Yet people constantly do it.

If it is a question of "rights" one usually suffers infinitely more, in the long run, by taking from one who loves us (or from any one, for that matter), more than by taking less than our rights.

If we could only learn to be more concerned about the other person's rights than about our own, what a wonderful world this would be. How hearts would sing with happiness, how homes would glow with the spirit of love, and how nations would rejoice in peace.

Such an ideal may seem a counsel of perfection, but at least we can make a start towards its attainment by considering more highly than our own the rights of our loved ones. For the futile effort to find the place which is half way let us substitute the eager desire to go "the second mile." The Good Book says, if one would compel us to go with him one mile, to go beyond his compulsion and make it twin. Such a spirit would revolutionize home and community life, and bring a happiness beyond our dreams.—The Globe Home-maker.