

SLICED VERY THIN

By Sixbits

"No Matter How Thin You Slice It — It's Still Boloney"

Why these corporations and individuals keep on bringing suit against the Ontario Government is more than we can fathom, unless the lawyers are doing it for exercise. For the way Mr. Hepburn's Govt. acts reminds us very much of a boy who used to live in the village of our nativity.

(By the way we have just heard that the citizens of that village have put up a tablet on the house in which we were born. It reads "Main Street.")

Anyway this boy was a lot bigger—and huskier—than the rest of us kids, and bossed us around no little. And when playing baseball—or what we fondly thought was baseball—he dearly loved to bat, and hated to field.

So the way he ensured a permanent turn at bat was like this. Whenever he was struck out, or caught out, or put out in any other wise, he would promptly stop the game and change the rules—making said change retroactive. And if any of the rest of us would protest he would threaten us with a swell bust in the snoot.

If we remember he got away with these tactics for some considerable time—in fact, till a new kid moved to town who turned out to be even tougher than he was.

After the fight which ensued, our batting-loving friend played the game strictly according to the old rules—and took his turn in the field just like the rest of us.

After almost a hundred years they have changed the rules of the famous Diamond Sculls so that "artisans" as they phrase it are now allowed to mingle with and compete against "gentlemen." Formerly only those who had never soiled their hands with vulgar toil were allowed to take part in this sculling classic.

Which reminds us of the time when Lou Scholes went over to Henley to compete in this event—which he was good enough to win. But when he got there the question arose as to his status—whether, as the son of a hotel-proprietor—we suppose they said, ovah theah, "pub-keeper", he was fit to match oars against the Oxford and Cambridge graduates who regularly won this event.

Somebody told old John L. Scholes—Lou's paternal parent—about this trouble, saying that the English authorities were in doubt as to whether Lou was a workman or not.

Said John L. "They can set their minds at ease, because I'm willing to take my oath he never did a stroke of work in all his life."

Just what one good and colorful performer can do to boost any sport—and especially the sport of wrestling—is shown by the way business has perked up since the appearance of this new Masked Marvel, or whatever they call him.

That Masked stuff is very ancient—in fact it was tried and tested around here till the public no longer took any interest. But this present mysterious stranger seems to have what it takes—in other words he can put on a show even without the aid of his disguise, with the result that once more the folks are flocking to the show.

Wrestling, modernly, in Toronto started with such performers as Zbyszkos—real wrestlers if ever there were any—Renato Gardini and several others whose names for the moment escape us.

But it wasn't till Ivan Hicakoff brought here that master showman—the unforgettable and forgotten Stasiak—that the crowds started to bulge out the sides of the auditoriums.

Gus Sonneberg kept up their ood work, and while probably neither he or Stasiak—from a standpoint of real skill—belonged in the first ranks, they had the color that makes the cash register jingle.

And when Gus the Goat lost his title, and Stasiak died, wrestling hereabouts started to slip. It is true that Danno O'Mahoney drew big crowds for a while, but it got so that even some of his compatriots began to notice that Danno's opponents weren't playing for keeps against him.

The funny thing about it is that Danno is a far better wrestler now than he was when he was flailing all and sundry with his "Irish Whip"—but that's the way it goes.

Anyway, we are glad to see wrestling on the up-grade, because we have had plenty of fun at wrestling bouts, although we must confess that we got far more pleasure sitting in the dressing room talking to the performers than we ever did at the ringside watching them squirm and listening to them grunt.

I WILL SUCCEED

If you keep your faith in me, Though life be like a stormy sea, And difficult my task may be — I will succeed!

If you will look with smiling eyes, Let days be dark with lowering skies And nights be fraught with weary sighs, I will succeed!

If you speak a word of cheer, Though harassed oft by doubt and fear, An ugly failure hover near — I will succeed!

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

"Let joy be unconfined," even if there are slip-ups here and there. Mandy had been given leave to attend her sister's wedding, and on her return entertained her employer with a full account of the proceedings. After listening to a glowing description of the guests, Mandy's employer said:

Farmer — "Yes, we've got all the new-fangled machinery there is. Our latest buy was two milking machines. City Miss — "How interesting. But tell me, do they really give as good milk as the cows?"

Unless he has the ambition to fit himself for a better job, he has not the ability to acceptably fill the one he now has.

Postman's Wife — "Why Pa, you look all tuckered out!" Postman — "I sure am. I have been all over town looking for a guy named 'Fragile'."

Read It or Not! That lightning does not strike even twice in the same place is erroneous. It is of record that it struck five times within thirty minutes.

Salesman — "I understand that you and your husband have both lost several pounds since you bought one of our reducing machines." Customer — "Yes, we've had to starve ourselves to keep up the payments on it."

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Cooper (at summer resort) — "And when did you discover that you loved me?" Agnes — "When I found out that you were the only unmarried man here."

Young Doctor — "Say, ah-h-h. Sweet Young Thing — "All right, I will say it, but remember, I don't mean it."

From an exchange we clip: "It is suggested that movies be flashed on the ceiling in the work shop of dentists, and the minds of the patients may be distracted. The patients will furnish the sound effects, it is assumed."

Mary — "Well, leap year passed and we're still single." Martha — "Yes, but lap year is always with us."

The following letter was received by a firm that manufactures corn syrup, saying: "Dear Sirs: Though I have used six cans of your corn syrup, my feet are no better than they were before."

Indignant Caller — "What do you mean by saying in the paper that I looked quite nutty as I stood on the speaker's platform?" Reporter — "Nutty? My dear sir, I am very sorry. I wrote 'natty.'"



President

HON. G. HOWARD FERGUSON Who has been elected President of the Crown Life Insurance Company, in succession to the late Sir Robert Borden.—Photo by Aylett.

Thinks The Small Business Man Still Has A Chance

Because Big Business Is Too Often Afraid Of New Ideas

Can the Small Business Man Survive?

This is a question which in these days of large corporations with wide-spread ramifications and of chain stores is often asked.

And it is a curious thing that it is in the United States, which has opposed branch bank systems, that chain stores have had their greatest development. In Florida, however, legislation was introduced to ban chain stores from the state. It was thrown out of the state senate, but it is nevertheless symptomatic of a new trend.

On the other hand, in Canada anti-trust legislation has been strengthened, though in the United States there are forces working both for and against at the present time.

In spite of the apparent trend toward business mergers, a writer in Harper's Magazine, declares "the evidence is overwhelming that the small business man has a chance." The small man's chance he says is "to exploit new ideas" — something that too often big business is afraid of.

Big business, he argues, is handicapped "because its owners put too much emphasis on finance."

Most of big business were small to start with — and the same thing may happen again.

U.S. Gunboats Will Visit Exhibition

Two United States gunboats will visit the Canadian National Exhibition this year and from their anchorage off the seawall will fire a salute in connection with the Warrior's Day Parade. The latter this year takes on added international aspect because of the attendance of numerous posts of the American Legion with their bands and drum corps from various points in the north-central area of the U. S.

The naval secretary of the Department of National Defence has informed Exhibition authorities that the gun-boats will be the U.S.S. Wilmington, Capt. Anthony Nicklett, U.S.N.R., and the U.S.S. Dubuque, Lt.-Commander Richard T. Broadhead, U.S.N.R.

They are saving dust in Germany now. Woolen rags, collected under the Four Years' Plan, are beaten out and the dust collected. One centre, handling the rags, supplies over 15 tons of dust a fortnight to a firm which manufactures tarboard.

Habits seldom stay the same. They either grow or lessen.

New Zealand Has Most "Advanced" Social Program

But Its Per Capita Debt Is Almost Three Times That Of Canada

New Zealand probably leads the world in advanced social legislation.

There are probably several reasons for that. But in the first place it's away off by itself, separated from the traditions of centuries which might have held it back. And in the second place, it has no federal organization such as there is in Canada or the United States to put a check on the authority of the central governments. Nor has it had the same hectic industrial development that this continent has had.

Thus, New Zealand has the lowest death rate in the world, the lowest infant mortality rate, few if any illiterates. It owns its railways, its telegraphs, its telephones, and its electric power schemes.

But its national debt is \$718 per head and its taxation is \$64 per head, contrasted with a net debt for Canada of \$272.59 per capita and revenue receipts of \$33.78.

Apparently advanced social programs cost money. On the other hand most of the cost of Canada's social program is met by the provinces.

Safety Education Urged for Homes

Ottawa Speaker at Health Convention Deplors General Indifference on Topic

OTTAWA. — If a proper understanding has to be reached for the educational problem in connection with prevention of accidents in the home, more attention will have to be paid to the psychology of the general indifference to home safety education. R. N. D. Burnette, Ottawa, told the convention of the Canadian Public Health Association here.

Dr. Burnette's observations related to a paper presented by Miss Yvonne Baudry, of the Vital Statistics Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The document covered the circumstance accidental deaths in Canada in 1936.

Marked differences between the sexes in the incidence of accidental deaths noted, said Miss Baudry. Moreover, each period of life had certain forms which characterized it more than any other.

Sterilization in Alberta was discussed—"Now when I was a child—" received solid backing as the old-timers revived memories of the '90's.

Horse cars running on Portage Avenue had to be disconnected and stored, to be replaced by sleighs and later by toboggans. One old timer claimed the snow was so deep that he had to snowshoe through the city to school.

Canada Divorce Laws Too Easy

In Canada divorce law is too easy; not because of a multiplicity of grounds, but because of evasion of the law. Since the establishment of divorce courts the number of divorces has increased amazingly; and one who follows "divorce court proceedings closely cannot but notice the number of suits which go undefended. The proceedings are purely formal; and, no matter how strongly collusion may be suspected, hardly ever is an effort made to prove it exists. And, quite often, the ink on the final decree is hardly dry before the divorced persons are married again. If a time limit were set within which divorced persons might not marry it might cut down the number of divorces.

It would do no harm, either, to make the marriage laws stricter. A little publicity—publication of names and addresses of applicants for marriage licenses—would cut off a lot of hasty, ill-considered marriages which are practically doomed from the start to end in the divorce court. Prevention by making marriage not so easy would be better than "cure" by the divorce court.—The Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Reports still being received at the International Bureau of the Boy

Whatever causes underlie the figures, much of this fall in birth rates can be easily accounted for. The prevalence of unemployment and the general insecurity of life in recent years has not only delayed marriages, but has reduced the size of families. This may be a temporary phenomenon, destined to disappear as economic conditions improve.

In some countries the rapid decline in birth rates is causing alarm, but in Canada it is assumed that the sag is temporary and that there will be an increase as the effects of economic recovery make themselves felt.

There has been a long-term downward trend in birth rates for the past thirty or forty years, but this has been more than offset by a decline in death rates. Since 1930, however, there is a further sag below the trend line, and this undoubtedly is associated in some degree with the economic conditions.—The Winnipeg Tribune.

After Canadian Nurses

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Board of Education here has joined the State Industrial Commission in an appeal to the Federal Bureau of Immigration, Washington, to determine what action can be taken against Canadian nurses coming into Minnesota without jobs. Investigation discloses 100 or more Canadian nurses in the State.

When Field Marshal von Blomberg of Germany visited England he and his staff were shown three new bombing planes which were regarded as the finest in Britain. The visitors were allowed to enter the machines, examine all the gadgets and inspect everything. Then there was criticism. One writer said if he had described in print what the German visitors were allowed to see he would be brought to court under the Official Secrets Act. Officials smiled broadly and assured the public that no closely-guarded secrets were revealed to the visitors.

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PLUG SMOKING TOBACCO



Nearly 2,000 Rover Scouts assisted the London police in traffic control during the Coronation. Their principal job was the erection and manning of "crush barriers" on side streets.

Just as it is "news when a man bites a dog," so it is "news" when a Boy Scout is found guilty of a crime, declared Magistrate S. B. Arnold, of Chatham, Ont., addressing the Scouts of Blenheim. The magistrate stated that during his years on the bench he had never had a Scout before him charged with a misdemeanor.

The Cornwell Badge, Scouting's highest decoration, awarded for outstanding courage and cheerfulness under continued suffering in addition to other evidence of high character, and uninterrupted progress in Scout work, has been conferred upon King's Scout Buckwell Graham of the 14th Ottawa (St. Andrew's) Troop. Scout Graham, suddenly stricken with tuberculosis of the spine, has carried on cheerfully for over a year at the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium, for six months in a cast which permitted only the moving of his hands, and since then in a frame on a fracture board. Doctors and nurses have paid a high tribute to his chery patience and the value of his example to other patients in the wards. Scout Graham recently climaxed his progress in Scout Proficiency Badge study, notwithstanding his handicap, by qualifying as a Coronation King's Scout.

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Scouts Association, London, show that the Boy Scouts of war-ravaged Spain, both in the government controlled and insurgent controlled territory, continue to carry out the Scouting code of helpfulness to others "at all times." In his last letter to the International Scout Commissioner, the Spanish Chief Scout, writing from Madrid, reports Scouts helping the wounded, serving in the hospitals, looking after lost and orphaned children, turning over their camping equipment for the use of refugees, and otherwise "doing everything in their power to put into practice their Scout Promise to do their duty to their country and help other people at all times."

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Farm Land Must Be Properly Fertilized

Otherwise Production Reduced; Health of Humans and Livestock Endangered

VANCOUVER — The farmer who doesn't "feed" his land to make its minerals available to growing crops, is reducing the food value of his produce, and harming national health, Dr. Howell Harris, of the University of British Columbia told 20th annual convention sessions of the Canadian Chemical Association.

He blamed some cases of rickets, goitre, anemia, joint ills, and sterility from malnutrition to inclusion in diets of foodstuffs from mineral-lacking soils.

He said experiments showed that until soils are "judiciously fertilized" to build up mineral content, especially phosphates, produce grown on them will be deficient in minerals and consequently—not for best quality for human consumption.

Similarly, "serious impairment" in health of livestock has often been traced to widespread mineral deficiency in herbage—a deficient due almost invariably to incorrect farming practice.

Extent of variations in mineral content under various soil conditions sometimes reaches as much as 450 per cent, he said, quoting analyses of carrot which indicated iron content was 9.0 milligrams per 100 grams in some and only 0.20 in others.

Sugar beets grown on one unfertilized field yielded 13.2 per cent sugar; but after adequate fertilization increased to 17.3 per cent, he said.

Dr. Harris declared chemical analysis of any individual soil quickly shows what must be added to get the best results from the standpoint of nutrient content.

He said deficiency diseases in plants can usually be detected by foliage symptoms.

"If growers learn to recognize these symptoms and pay attention to them we will have gone a long way in insuring our population of a full nutrient-containing, healthful product," he said.

Early Half-tones Were Uncertain

Before the late Frederick Eugene Ives and others had perfected the half-tone process of photo-engraving, the art department of a newspaper was apt to look like a flour mill. The obituaries of Mr. Ives say his process succeeded the woodcut, but its immediate predecessor was the chalk-plate, at which many of today's distinguished newspaper artists put in their apprentice years.

The chalk-plate was a sheet of steel covered on one side to the depth of an eighth of an inch with a composition of glue, whiting and other substances. A staff artist, attending an event, would sketch it, and back at his office would sketch it again on a thin transparent piece of paper. This would be laid on the chalked side of the plate, and traced to leave a grooved picture in the chalk. Then with a sharp tool the chalk would be etched away to the steel, along the indicated lines, the aproned artist blowing after each stroke to remove the excavated material.

Finally, type metal would be poured over the plate. Often the chalk on which an artist was working would have developed a crust and it would have to be scraped; and many plates were scraped away, for the more shallow the chalk the less resistance it would offer the etching tool. Sometimes they were too shallow to print clearly, and a common figure in art rooms was an outraged stereotyper, bellowing—"Give us more chalk on them plates!"

Early half-tones were inclined to be uncertain quantities, sometimes appearing in print as solid black squares, which called for a standard test, "the foreman must have left his plug of tobacco in the form." Mr. Ives and his fellow experimenters steadily improved the process, but like many another inventor he neglected to patent some of his contributions, and had fallen on lean years before he died the other day in Philadelphia.

Cockerels and Off-Type Pullets

There is a time in the early part of the season when cockerels will bring just as much as a three-pound bird later on. Therefore, what is the use of keeping cockerels for extra weeks, feeding extra corn and other grain into them, just for the pleasure of their company? This early sales time is also the best time to dispose of the poorer pullets, the ones not likely to grow into good layers and breeders. Birds that are off-type, of low vitality, of poor form, all should go to market to give the very best chance to the good birds kept for the future laying and breeding flock.

Smiles and Chuckles

Employer — "You haven't told me anything about the bridegroom, Mandy. What is he like?" Mandy — "Why, ma'am, dat man never did show up."

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