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**Notes and Comments**

**Lack of Effort to Protect**

Safety Deposit Boxes should have greater protection against thieves, states the Montreal Star, which believes that many of those in the smaller towns are far too vulnerable. "It is true that banks rent boxes without accepting the responsibility which many users assume they bear, but the invitation to make use of such conveniences carries with it some obligation to provide what the name 'safety deposit box' implies. Valuables stored in bank vaults are safer from loss by fire than they are in any place of safekeeping the ordinary home affords, but it is surely not too much to expect that they should also have better protection against thieves than a wall an axe can break down."

Worth-while alarm systems, such as buttons all over the bank that clerks could reach telling the outside help that a robbery was on, and other devices could be installed in banks which are totally lacking in doing anything about using these schemes.

**The One-room Schoolhouse**  
(Financial Post)

From the soft depth of big chairs in city clubs we have several times heard about the passing of the old-time schoolhouse. These country-boys-become-corporation-presidents were looking back proudly on their own heroism in "trudging three miles through the snow and lighting the fire when I got there." The younger generation, say they, has it much easier.

The old one-room schoolhouse is still very much with us, according to a report of the National Committee for School Health Research.

The back-of-the-lot privy, where the youth of the land enlarged its vocabulary and its calligraphical skill, still prevails in 71% of the nation's one-room schools. Only 3% have inside flush toilets.

There is no artificial lighting of any kind in 80 per cent of the one-roomers; 82 per cent are heated by stoves in the classroom, 30 per cent have too few windows for adequate light on bright days. In 44 per cent the school water, almost always from wells and streams, is "seldom or never tested." For another 27 per cent the answer on that was "occasionally." On washing facilities, 73 per cent had some without running water; 22 per cent had none at all. In 0.8 per cent of rural schools lunch is provided. In 18 per cent one hot dish or one hot drink is provided. In 6 per cent milk is available.

Apparently a lot of young Canada, when it grows up, will be able to continue telling tales of its grim, heroic struggle against the three R's.

The foregoing facts — plus the facts about school-teacher salaries — make this one less surprising: Inspectors

were asked to report on the mental health of the teachers in their charge. In 11 per cent of the Canadian inspectorates 10 per cent of the teachers were rated as "inferior in mental health," which presumably means nerve-wracked, frustrated, depressed, "mildly nuts." One inspector said 60 per cent of his teachers were that way. But then, that was only his opinion.

Note—a lot has been said against the one-roomed school, but strange as it may seem, a great majority of the leaders in business and professions started in the one-roomed school, so it serves its purpose, and provides an experience that could not be gained in any other way. There are a lot of advantages in smaller schools, despite all that is said in favour of larger and larger schools. The coming generation is being "spoon fed" beyond what is good for all.

**Housing Subsidy Nonsense**

In plain language, this housing subsidy business is just about the most dangerous nonsense that has ever been talked about in this country. It would produce nothing but injustice. The Canadian way of life provides that each of us shall live in the house which each of us is able to earn and that is still going to be the system in the future, no matter how many wild speeches are made about subsidized rentals.

—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

**Cleaning of the Food Places**

Mayor Saunders is doing a worth-while job in demanding better standards in Toronto restaurants. Too many of the eating places in the city are filthy, and if Stouffville patrons could see the food being cooked for them, they wouldn't accept it for nothing.

We know this to be true, from reports given us by persons whose business it is to visit the kitchens of these restaurants.

Thus in cleaning up the city restaurants, a great general benefit is being done by Toronto's popular mayor.

**The Punishment is Wrong**

Surely there is something lacking in our Ontario statutes wherein a man may be sentenced to jail, while his family has to be maintained from the municipal purse during the term of incarceration. This is happening in the province every week. It was brought home to us forcefully in recent weeks when a local case came to light.

Three married men with something like thirteen children and three wives depending on them for sustenance, were all three sent to jail on a theft charge. They stole a cow and sold it, an offense viewed as very serious in this province, and rightly so. However, immediately the wives applied for township relief, and the municipality accepted them as charges at a cost to the ratepayers of nearly a hundred dollars a month. There is no alternative for the relief officer, and there is no alternative for a magistrate but to send men who steal to jail if they are to be punished under present law.

The weakness in the law seems to be that there should be a sentence accompanied with hard labor, and the fruits of that labor should be sent back to maintain the families of the ones sentenced. As it stands the ratepayers of Whitchurch have to support all these people on relief, while the heads of these households serve their jail terms. This is all wrong, and should be remedied by our law makers. If there is no way to provide fruitful labor for those criminally minded, then the strap should be provided without a jail term of any length.

As it now stands its the innocent ratepayer who really takes the punishment while the guilty lounge in jail.



Lately, two reports which received widespread publicity outside of Ottawa have been heard in political circles but inquiries in well-informed quarters inside Ottawa have indicated that the facts have not been in accord with these reports. One report has insinuated that the Government might feel its position insecure in 1948 or after another session so that a general election was a certainty within a year, probably in the fall of next year. It is true that the Government's majority over all others in Parliament is now only 126-118 but here this is considered to be a relatively safe margin, particularly if nothing occurs to disturb the unity of the Government's political support at a time when opposing political factions are completely unified. The other report has been predicting that Premier King's successor will be a so-called comparatively "young man." As a matter of fact, no one in the "know" on Parliament Hill would even attempt to make such a forecast, realizing that there are many factors to be considered before such a leader will be chosen, with age alone, it is hinted here, being no means the deciding point. In other words, these widely circulating reports are not at all in accord with informed views here and the mentioning of such "young men," such as Finance Minister Abbott, 48; Transport Minister Chevrier, 48; Defence Minister Claxton, 48; Health Minister Martin, 44, and others, are not considered indicative of the man to succeed Premier King in face of the widespread publicity "outside" Ottawa offering such suggestions.

Some serious charges have been made about the operations of an extensive "black market" in cars throughout this country due to the unusually heavy demand for such motor vehicles, new or second-hand, being so great that Canadian dealers are unable now to meet even a fraction of the orders on hand, with the biggest complaint being that the whole trouble has been aggravated by made-in-Canada motor vehicle exports. Why, it is asked, should so many cars be exported at this time when there is such a desperate need for passenger cars and trucks? Whether

this complaint is true or false can be judged by the disclosure that the latest report here reveals that, in the first five months of 1947, factory shipments of made-in-Canada motor vehicles for export included 18,903 units of passenger cars, 15,009 units of trucks, and 20 coaches or buses so that the total exports of such motor vehicles had amounted to 33,932 out of a total production in Canada in that period of 105,078 passenger cars and commercial vehicles.

With the cost-of-living rising steadily and the growing concern of the masses on this account being more apparent now in Ottawa, it is learned one of the big causes of anger and protest against this upswing has been the Government's policy to stop subsidy payments. Bread is expected to rise in price for this reason. Tea is in the same position. Other increases are on the way. Naturally, anger and protests over the boosts in prices are anticipated. However, there are no signs in Ottawa that the Government intends to step back one inch in discontinuing subsidies and more increases in everyday items may be expected. The Government's choice seems to be to pay such subsidies with resultant higher taxes or to allow the people to pay more for these items. It is not an easy decision, though the gradual abolition of subsidies may give a chance to lower taxation and competition in business keep prices down.

A common complaint heard along Parliament Hill among observers is that the U.S. loan to Britain has curtailed or limited food imports by the United Kingdom unless there are carried out in principle in strict accord with the terms of the loan.

Canada is aiming to resume trade with Japan which was this country's best pre-war customer next to United States, Britain and Australia, but it may take a much longer time than it is generally realized owing to many current obstacles in such a trading arrangement, with the aside that Japanese buying here before the war was given over to potential war materials, such as lead, nickel, aluminum, copper, etc.

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**A RATTLING GOOD ONE**

Owner of a profitable huckleberry area in Haliburton, a wide-awake farmer was annoyed to have hundreds of holiday and other people roaming over his bushland in search of huckleberries. Ordinary signs "No Trespassing" were of little avail, so he tried this one, which cleared the property of pickers right away: "Beware, rattlesnakes, in this Area."

**ELECTRICITY ON THE FARM MAKES RURAL LIFE WORTHWHILE**

During the past few years the Ontario Government through the Ontario Hydro Commission has done a great deal to help farmers to obtain electrical service, observes the Bowmanville Statesman.

The results are beginning to show, and whereas a few years ago the farmhouse and barn illuminated by electricity was a rarity it is now a common thing to see farmhouses brilliantly lighted up at night. There are a great many new lines and installations being made in rural districts as materials and power are made available.

Probably there is no single thing that makes life in the country more enjoyable and attractive than to have electricity, and no one knows it better than the man or woman who for years had to fuss around with a few coal oil lamps or lanterns that at best throw out only a feeble attempt to pierce the gloom. To attempt to read newspapers or books in that feeble light was quite a feat, especially if a number of persons were trying to crowd around one or two lamps.

It certainly gives one a tremendous uplift to find that after years of carrying lamps around from room to room, and having to light special lanterns to go outside or else go in the dark, it is suddenly possible by only pressing a switch to have bright lights in any room of the house and also in the barn and stables.

It also opens up new worlds of pleasure in the farm home in allow-

ing the use of better radios, refrigerators, toasters, cooking and cleaning utensils and a host of other conveniences and who is entitled more to all the modern electrical appliances in the home than the farmer's wife?

Farmers are finding out that electricity makes life on a farm very much more enjoyable as well as profitable.

**"TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT"**

Somebody thought it might be fun to invite the mere male, poor thing, to enter the tea brewing contest at the Canadian National Exhibition. That was five days ago. Today, officials admit they are in the centre of one of the hottest tempests to toss in or over a teapot. Over 50 men have accepted the "challenge," as some of them term it, and entry forms are still pouring in from all over the country. Not content with entering, however, the males have taken advantage of the opportunity to voice their opinions of women—and women who profess to make tea, in particular. "They drowned the poor tea leaves," declared one indignant male. And what's worse, folks, the women actually wash their teapots. Many of the men claim to know this as an actual fact. And their writing shakes as they record this tarnishing bit of information.

"The men are insisting that they be allowed to bring their own teapots," states Mrs. Kate Aitken, director of women's activities, "and they say some of the pots haven't been scrubbed for years. As far as Mrs. Aitken is concerned, the men can bring their own bathtubs and brew their tea in them, but only one cup will be submitted to the

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judges. Four tea tasters, representing various Canadian tea packers, will be judges. Each contestant will receive one pound of tea free. First, second and third prizes will be \$50, \$35, and \$25. All entry forms must be in prior to the contest, September 2.

What, no grand stand performance at the Ex. this year? observed a friend the other day, certainly not. The old stand burned down is being replaced, but it will not be ready for use next week.

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