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## NOTES and COMMENTS

### Back to School

Last week was an important one in the lives of the younger generation. Students have started back to school for another term.

Despite changes of the last century or so, which have removed most of the outstanding resemblances between schools and penal institutions, there are still those who go, like the schoolboy in Shakespeare's day, "with shining morning face, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school."

There are also those who look forward to school as a change from the cloying freedom of the holidays and as a time of reunion with accustomed playfellows. They are associating again with their friends, more closely than was possible during the holidays. They are entering new classes, many with new teachers.

There is a good deal of interest in the little tots who are going for the first time. To them it is a somewhat fearsome, somewhat exhilarating experience. They are nervous but eager in their anticipation of this new life. Seeing a little child off to school for the first time is an experience parents cannot forget easily, nor would they wish to do so.

Children will be back under institutional discipline outside of the family circle. For them the opportunity exists that will not repeat itself in later life.

The time spent now in classrooms will be remembered as "golden school days." That is what they are.

### Corduroy Roads of the County

A contemporary writing on the above subject has provided some material on early roads and present byways which is of general interest to the people of this section of Ontario. How far removed, he muses, are our present roads. Even the lowliest township byway is better than those provided the district's ancestors a century ago. In the 1840's the cheapest type of passable road was the corduroy road, made of split timbers laid crosswise on stringers. Here and there throughout the region—in swampy areas in Cavan and Ennismore—modern car wheels still joltingly tell of the invisible presence of corduroy surfaces of the last century. The logs sank in the bogs year by year, and were added to year by year. Plank roads seemed better, but were costlier. As Mr. Pammett tells, these planks, 3 inches by 13 inches, laid lengthwise on crossbars, lasted up to eight years. What planks they must have been—as good as being used to floor Yonge Street, Toronto, in these days of subway building!

Our county and township roads are a pleasure at this season. Not only are their surfaces good. They penetrate lovely countryside entirely missed by the paved highways. Some city people on summer holidays spend their entire two weeks exploring these avenues. What more relaxing and quietly rewarding way can there be of vacationing? One's own table and bed at night, and each day another jaunt into near-by, placid and fruitful county niches.

### Important Business

One of the casualties of the rail strike was the annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association of which this newspaper is a member.

The convention, now at least temporarily postponed, would have made few headlines, even in the press of the host province.

But that does not mean it would not have been important.

The very fact that the representatives of over five hundred newspapers, representing communities large and small from British Columbia to Newfoundland, take time out for a get-together is in itself big news.

Annual conventions of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association are a form of Dominion-Provincial conference minus the constitutional problems. They are meetings of mind at which common and uncommon problems are explored by men and women whose job it is to work with opinion.

Weekly newspaper editors are important people, even if they do say so themselves. They are important not because of who they are but because across their desks flow the cross-currents of community life at a level at which it can be interpreted, relatively accurately.

From the editorial and news columns of the weekly newspapers of Canada can be gained a sure insight into the inner workings of the nation.

The town and village press is a true reflector and a true light, interpreting and guiding. It is a Gallup poll whose accuracy has never been questioned.

Publishing a weekly newspaper is, indeed, a much bigger and more important business than most of its editors believe.

### USE 23 LANGUAGES

Toronto — More than 700 different publications in 23 languages in 58 countries were used in the world-wide advertising campaign for the 1950 Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto.

### MORE UNDERGROUND

Vancouver—There is 70 per cent more telephone wiring out of sight below ground than swings overhead in the breeze from poles in the Greater Vancouver area.

## FOR PARENTS ONLY



### YOUR CHILD'S EYESIGHT

(By Nancy Cleaver)

"If your child's eyesight was in danger, how much would you spend to give his eyes every chance to return to normal?" "What a silly question!" you exclaim. "I would get the very best professional eye advice available. I would spend whatever was necessary, borrow if I had to, in order that my child would not be handicapped by poor vision."

But does your child already show signs which should lead you to suspect that he does need attention for his eyes. Especially in the pre-school child, the condition of the eyes "crossing," frowning, rubbing the eyes, the "trick" of shutting one eye or squinting, or holding books or small objects very close to the eyes, stumbling or inability to catch a ball in a game may all be hints to a parent that something may be wrong with his child's eyes. If there is any doubt at all about this, a child should immediately be examined by an expert in eyes, and his suggestions should be followed to the letter. Semi-annual eye examinations would detect many minor faults and save serious harm to eyes needing glasses, corrective exercises or other treatments.

Occasionally a child's sight is threatened by an unexpected tragic accident when the sharp point of a pencil, a pen, a stick, a penknife or scissors enters the eye. Blunt scissors and no toys with sharp points are essential safety first rules in a home with little children. Each year a few children have their eyes hurt in fireworks accidents, and this kind of carelessness on the part of adults in charge of minors is almost inexcusable.

Most parents know that during certain contagious diseases such as measles, whooping cough, or diphtheria, a child's bed should be placed in the room to avoid direct glare from the sunlight. The eyes should be used as little as possible for close work. At all times parents should see to it that there is proper lighting in the room in which a child is reading or playing or working. The light should come from behind the child. If the light is in front, the child's eyes receive both direct and indirect glare. If from the side some glare may still be present. During periods of rapid growth a child's eyes need protection from strain or being over-taxed.

But during ordinary health, investigation has shown that a child's sight is often being slowly but surely harmed by bad habits such as bending or stooping, or lying in a prone position, with the eyes much too close to the book or object attracting attention. Concentrating for longer than half an hour without resting the eyes and working or playing in a poor light are also disastrous to good eyesight.

Parents who realize that a child suffers discomfort, headaches, slow learning, unhappiness and possibly a permanent handicap if eyes are not properly protected from strain will do all they can to save their children's eyesight by insisting on proper posture and correct lighting. Even little tots should not form the habit of keeping their eyes fixed at a distance closer than a foot. A longer distance, about 17 inches, between the eyes and the book should be observed by older children. Because of faulty posture, shortsightedness (myopia)

increases from a small percent of children who enter kindergarten at five years to about 30 per cent of boys and girls starting high school. A child should form the habit in early years of sitting upright in a small properly designed chair when he wants to read. A child's eyesight is beyond price—no trouble should be too great to safeguard and preserve it for adult use!

Some folks make monkeys out of themselves carrying tales around.

*Near Neighbours Now!*



Nowadays, it's no trick at all to pay a visit to the folks back home on the farm. Over thousands of miles of Ontario's highways, fast and modern buses provide frequent and convenient service direct to the farm gate.

### ROUND TRIP

Barrie	\$4.80
Orillia	5.90
Hamilton	3.55
Toronto	1.65

(Subject to Change)

### TICKETS AND INFORMATION

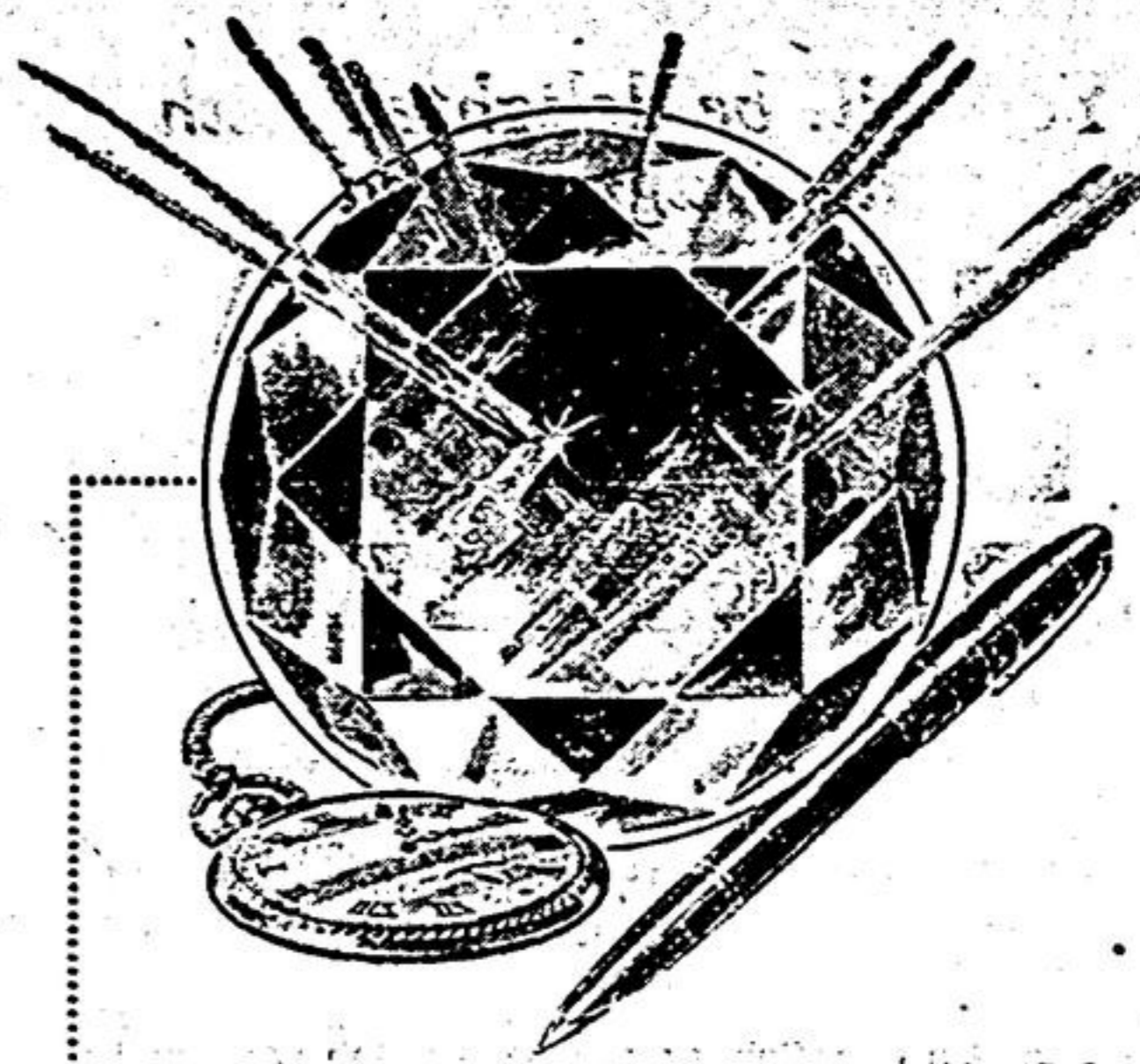
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### THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



DOC PILLSBURY ALWAYS WAS KNOWN AS A GREAT "SECOND GUESSER"



## 200 Million Dollar Diamond?

If a diamond as large as a baseball were ever found, it would probably be worth about 200 million dollars. But it would benefit only the person who owned it.

The amount of money which the life insurance companies in Canada invest each year on behalf of their policyholders is large enough to buy such a diamond! But this money is invested in ways which benefit every Canadian.

It is put to work to help build new schools, power plants, highways, industrial plants, homes and many other vitally important constructions. In all these ways it promotes progress and helps create jobs in communities throughout the nation.

Thus life insurance works for everyone two ways. It helps raise living standards. And it provides security by building income for old age and protection for families. Today nearly 5 million Canadians are creating this security for themselves and their families the life insurance way!

### The LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES in Canada and their Representatives



### DETROIT TRADE FAIR

Detroit — If Detroit goes ahead with its plan to stage an international trade fair, it will be held two weeks after the big Canadian trade fair in Toronto. This is to allow overseas exhibitors an opportunity to show at both on only one trip to North America.

### \$3,500,000 EXHIBIT

Toronto—The composite display staged by more than 100 British tool and scientific instrument companies at the 1950 Trade Fair in Toronto cost \$1,000,000 to put on. The products exhibited had a value of \$2,500,000, bringing the total to \$3,500,000.

### PULP, PAPER LEADS

St. John's, Nfld. — Post-war expansion of Bowater's, Corner Brook newsprint mill, has helped to boost the tenth province's pulp and paper industry into the lead in export and product value. Fish, which held top spot for years, is now in second place, with mining third.

### SUPPORTS 10 PER CENT

Corner Brook, Nfld.—It has been estimated that Bowater's huge pulp and paper mill (the world's largest), located here, supports 10 per cent of Newfoundland's wage earners when the service and supply industries, created by its establishment and recent increased newsprint production, are considered.

# PLAN TO VISIT THE INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH

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**OCTOBER 11-12-13**

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by

Hon. W. E. Harris, M.P.,  
Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

### PRIZE PRESENTATION BANQUET

Beeton Community Arena  
7 P.M. OCTOBER 13

Speaker, Hon. Leslie Frost,  
Premier of Ontario

FOR PRIZE LIST WRITE TO

J. A. Carroll, Secretary-Manager  
International Plowing Match  
Parliament Buildings, Toronto