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Weekly Newspapers Are Subject of Royal Bank's Monthly Letter

Canada has 963 weekly newspapers with a combined circulation of 2,475,140, says the Monthly Letter, the informative bulletin published by the Royal Bank of Canada. The January edition of the Monthly Letter tells a lot about the weekly newspapers and their great influence on the thought and action of the people of Canada.

"The average paper represented in the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, said William H. Cranston, publisher of the Midland Free Press Herald, in an article he wrote for The Financial Post last August, covers 82 per cent of the homes in its trading area, has a net paid circulation of under 1,500 copies a week, and is produced by a staff of fewer than ten. The staff usually includes the owner, who may be publisher, editor, printing foreman, advertising salesman and general caretaker combined."

"It can be said that on the whole the weekly press of Canada realizes its social responsibility, has maintained itself financially and economically so as to be able to withstand official or other interested pressure, and does its best to use its freedom actively in the interests of its community," suggests the Monthly Letter.

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Never Underestimate

Henry, an enthusiastic sportsman of the spectator variety, decided last fall that he would watch the Grey Cup game in comfort. So he bought a television set, costing \$300 with aerial, and installed it in his basement recreation room. Clara, his wife, had decreed that the set go there, because the children would naturally be the most constant viewers.

So far, so good; but as the weeks went by, Henry and Clara found they were spending more and more of their evening hours in the basement and fewer and fewer in the living room. The recreation-room had been good enough for the children, but was too dingy for the lord and lady of the manor or their guests. Clara's new decree called for panelling, painting and new lighting.

The contractor made a pleasant room of it and pocketed \$500. Clara was a little frightened at the rate they were now spending money, and her next idea was on the economical side. The recreation-room obviously had to have new furniture to match the new decorations, but their living-room furniture was almost new, and as they were spending most of their time downstairs, why not take the furniture downstairs too? Down it went, at no cost except to Henry's temper.

However, Clara is a native of Ottawa and has flexible ideas of economy. Henry got a Christmas bonus, sufficient to make a good down-payment on \$1,200 worth of new living-room furniture. Henry's personal share of the bonus is a new tie.

The situation is static for the moment; but Henry has moments of clairvoyance when he foresees that the new furniture in the living room will call for re-decoration there, and after that the rest of the ground floor will look shabby in comparison, and then...

Sometimes Henry wishes he had paid speculator's prices for Grey Cup tickets last fall. —The Printed Word.

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A Fine Organization Job

Ever take a stroll down to the Arena about one o'clock on a Saturday? If you'd take the trouble to do so you would see a real fine organization job, accomplished by members of the Stouffville Lions Club and others. There are one hundred boys and more there every Saturday. To a casual onlooker, the event may not appear serious but these young lads really take it seriously. Parents will tell you these boys are sometimes ready hours before it's time to go to the Arena. Not much help is needed to get ready and no urging needed to be on time.

Few people appreciate the work of organizing and directing such activities. However there are those few who do take a great pride and interest in such work and need no more pay than the gratitude and satisfaction which comes out of such activities.

Many have devoted years as real community builders in this type of work and fortunate is the town which can boast an unlimited supply of such people as they do eventually retire and others must take their place. There is never an over-supply and there are always openings.

Most of these men, and we might include women too, as many of them are engaged in similar work among the girls in various organizations, get a deep satisfaction out of the work. They get a real "bang" out of it and are not too worried whether they are appreciated or not.

Do parents appreciate this work being done for their children? A great many of them do, although they may not show it outwardly. However the odd pat on the back now and then from some of these appreciative parents would not be out of place. Parents on the whole would do well to show more interest and give more encouragement to those who are carrying on these activities. It costs little to put in an appearance, or give a helping hand.

ITEMS FROM BYGONE DAYS

From the files of the "The Free Press"

Nov. 20, 1896

Between 300 and 400 men are working on the extension of the electric railway to Richmond Hill. They were getting \$1 a day at first but went out on strike for \$1.25 which was finally granted by the contractor.

Wheat has taken another spurt upwards as the result of the recent election in the United States. The dollar mark is still looked for.

A printing office is sometimes considered by many persons to

be rather a tough place and a newspaper worker likely to be a bad man, but statistics do not seem to bear out that idea. In the state penitentiary of Texas out of 3,890 convicts there is not a single newspaperman or printer and in Kingston penitentiary there is not one printer.

The past week has been one of great activity at the Newmarket depot. Fifteen cars of grain have been shipped from here, mostly barley, and three cars of eggs have been shipped direct to Liverpool. A car of cattle was shipped to Toronto on Monday and a car for



"... And be promised me the moon on a silver platter and I didn't red that either!"

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Feeding Birds In Winter

By Nancy Cleaver

Have you discovered what fun it is to feed the birds in the winter? Even the most common of little feathered friends are so appreciative of scraps from your kitchen, and you may have the thrill of being host to some of our rarer cold-weather birds.

After a heavy fall of snow, when a thick icy crust forms on the surface, many wild birds may search in vain for enough nourishment to keep alive. This often happens late in February or March, when a thaw is followed by a "freeze-up". Sweep a little patch near your back door clear of snow, throw out crumbs, rolled oats, tiny scraps of food. This unexpected feast may save a few feathered friends from perishing from hunger.

But providing food for the birds does not have to be only an emergency measure when they need human aid. It can become a fascinating hobby for old and young alike. It is a wonderful activity for a child who is confined to bed by a long sickness.

A boy in the neighborhood who started to feed the birds in his backyard when he was ill, found in bird watching a wonderfully satisfying hobby. His whole family rejoiced in his new interest and co-operated in his plans for a food container and provisions for his bird friends.

A sunflower head fastened in a tree is a wonderful source of food for chickadees. A cocoon can be drained of its milk by boring several holes and then filled with peanut butter, bread crumbs and seeds. Suet may be hung in a loosely crocheted string bag or the kind of a container onions are often sold in. Avoid wire mesh holders as on sub-zero days, a bird's feet, or even his eyelids might be seriously damaged by being stuck to the metal.

It is not hard to make a satisfactory wooden feeding tray. All that is needed is a solid floor, a raised moulding around it, forming a little wall so the food will not blow away, a roof and at least one sidewall to provide protection from snow, rain, and wind.

Quite often the food tray is fastened on the outside window ledge, or on a pole or hung by a strong wire from a tree. It is possible to use a double wire

with a pulley arrangement, similar to a clothes line. Fasten the far end to a tree and pull it in to a window verandah. Then you can fill the tray and, afterwards, pull it out to the tree where the shy birds are more likely to come.

Sometimes a cat pounces on a bird when the bird's attention is focused on eating. A deep band of tin around the pole or trunk of the tree prevents a cat from climbing it and a strip of tin at forty-five degree angle around the bottom of the feeding box accomplishes the same purpose. Cats or squirrels cannot reach a container hung from a strong wire.

In choosing the location for a feeding tray, remember that the birds need shelter in the bad weather. You will want it where you can watch them from a window and where you can easily replenish their food supply. It is possible to make a food hopper for dry supplies such as seeds which will drop down into an opening as the birds remove the lower supplies.

Crushed eggshells and grit or fine sand are needed by birds to digest their food. They require drinking water too, even in the freezing weather and in the winter often find it hard to find. A wooden mixing bowl is a good water container and you can add hot water to melt its surface as it freezes over.

Birds, just like people, have favorite foods. Suet is liked by woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches and titmice. Cardinals, towhees and blackbirds delight in sunflower seeds and broken peanuts. Robins, cardinals, hermit thrushes are partial to pieces of apple and orange, currants and raisins. Bread crumbs and scratch feed are quickly eaten by finches, juncos and sparrows.

But there are a great many food scraps, such as potato and apple parings and bacon rind which are often thrown in the garbage, that birds would appreciate. Bits of any kind of fat, meat, hard boiled eggs, or cheese are real delicacies. Pumpkin and squash seeds, rolled oats, broken pieces of pastry, cookies—even dog biscuits provide nourishing morsels. Best luck to you and your bird friends!

horses is ordered for tomorrow.

From The Tribune Jan. 14, 1926

While some parts of the province are bound up with snow and motor traffic is at a standstill, motoring from Stouffville to Toronto is still good along the main highway.

Carloads of turnips are being shipped this week from the local station by the U.F.O., the farmers expecting to realize 25c per bushel.

A new section of plate glass was placed in the window of Button's Hardware Store on Tuesday to replace a cracked pane, which was broken right across by a young boy recently.

On Wednesday of this week a large 30-passenger motor bus was in town, having made the trip from Toronto with a couple of officials investigating the prospects for business, should they extend the bus service now operating from Toronto to Markham village. To begin with, a car would leave here every morning at 7 o'clock from the extreme east end of the village, returning leaving Toronto about 6 p.m. The fare would be \$1.60 return or 35c

Feb. 5, 1931

Fourteen below zero on Sunday morning gave the local people the heaviest touch of winter weather we have experienced this season. Setting in last Friday a regular blizzard lasted for a day and a night, piling snow high and deep in places.

The Stouffville United Church in the year 1930 raised a sum totalling \$8,137 for all purposes, including congregational offerings and organization endeavors. The large amount records one of the biggest years in the church's history.

Hydro extension is going on steadily east of Stouffville, so that by Spring several more farmers will be enjoying the privilege of the Niagara Current.

The town solicitor informs us that the details relative to the annexation of North Church Street are now complete, and passed by the Railway Board. Consequently the properties involved are now a part of the village, and our population is thus advanced by some twenty-two inhabitants, while the assessment will be increased by \$3,000.



Out In The Rain

There is an interesting and somewhat pathetic incident in the life of Thomas Carlyle, where he tells of how he stood outside his home listening to his father leading family devotions while he himself was "out in the rain" somewhat critical of what was going on inside the house. Carlyle was a born critic and he was swift in judgments on other people. Later in life, when writing to a young man, he urged him to be patient and charitable. He said: "Don't get into the habit of sneering at people, I have done far too much sneaking at people myself."

Not long ago, a distant relative of mine, came over from England on a short business trip. He arrived at my home on a Sunday morning, and as I had an engagement to preach at a small rural church about 20 miles away, I invited him to come along.

Like the man in the Bible story he began to make excuses, the chief one was that he had led such a busy life, he had got away completely from the Church-going habit. He said: "I haven't been to a church six times in the last twenty years."

He came along anyway and he was greatly interested in what he saw. It was an anniversary occasion, and the little church was overcrowded; chairs had to be put in the aisles. (Is that against the law?) Remember, the building was full before the hour of service.

My non-church going relative was amazed. He watched the faces of the worshippers, especially during the singing of hymns, and the atmosphere of the service and warm fellowship which followed was a new experience for him. On the way home he said to me: "I don't begin to understand it, but those people got a great thrill out of it all!"

He told me that in his neighborhood, on the outskirts of London, all his friends mowed their lawns and loafed around on Sunday mornings, and none of them were church-goers. I took that with a pinch of salt, for I was brought up in the north of England, and on our street there were dozens of families that were regular in their church attendance.

My friend returned to England in about two weeks' time. He is a fine fellow and I like him but I am wondering if he is returning to his golf, and loafing around on Sundays. He was not critical of what he saw that afternoon — he just didn't understand it. He looked on rather wistfully, almost enviously, all the time wondering what these people had that he was missing. Like Thomas Carlyle he felt he was: "Out in the rain," and he would like to be inside. His attitude reminded me of what I once heard a preacher say: "No matter how beautiful stained glass windows may be, and some are exquisite, they must be seen from the inside to be appreciated; looked at from the outside, they are not at all impressive."

The Apostle Paul once wrote a letter to some Christians of his day in which he urged his readers to: "Remember them that are without." Paul did not want these Christians to be snug and self-complacent. They had a responsibility for outsiders. He knew that the very essence of Christ's teaching was that the Gospel message was for everybody. Perhaps he had heard of the Master's words: "Go ye into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

There are a lot of people out in the rain and it is too bad for everybody concerned; perhaps those people on the inside are partly to blame.

Our quotation today is a verse written by a monk, long ago:

But what to those who find, ah this,  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but His loved ones know.

REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT

By J. E. Smith, M.P.

The second session of the 22nd Parliament is now well underway, and is likely to continue until sometime about midsummer. I will be in Ottawa during this period and I hope as in the past any who may have problems concerning federal administration will feel free to write me any time. The address is J. E. Smith, M.P., Parliament Bldg., Ottawa, and during the session no stamp is required.

I plan to be at home every weekend and will be available for personal interviews at my office in Richmond Hill every Saturday morning.

Of outstanding national and international importance the ratification of the Paris Agreement for the re-arming of Germany has overshadowed all other issues here in the Capital.

Adopted by the Canadian Parliament by a vote of 213 to 12 the ratification resolution was one of the most momentous in recent years. A hushed and keenly solemn House heard that outstanding Canadian and World Statesman, Hon. Lester B. Pearson outline the points in favor and heard almost unanimous support from all sections of the House.

The ratification was supported by the official opposition and by the leaders of the other parties. The twelve voting against the resolution were members of the C.C.F. party.

Mr. Pearson expressed the confidence of the Canadian Government and Parliament that the agreements drawn up at London and Paris will make an important contribution to world peace. From the firm foundations of defence strength and constructive unity which they provide for the free world it is hoped it will be possible to convince the Soviet leaders of our firm intention and determination to defend ourselves without in any way menacing them.

The Paris Agreement which provides for the supervised and regulated re-arming of West Germany has been subject for an extensive Red campaign against ratification. Appeals were made through the Press and through an intensive lobby of members which were quite clearly recognizable as part of a Russian propaganda campaign.

With all of us there are, I think, certain doubts and misgivings about re-arming a nation which so recently was guilty of such atrocities against mankind.

My desk-mate in the House is Leon D. Crestohl, member for Carleton riding in Montreal. He is of the Jewish faith and in expressing support for the

agreement to admit Germany to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization he said he did so with an ache in his heart, having in mind the tragedy of Nazi atrocities. His own uncles and aunts and cousins numbering over 60 persons were tormented and put to death by the Nazis. Despite his very natural emotions under these circumstances he supported ratification because he was convinced it was a practical step on the road to lasting peace.

Commonwealth Conference  
Prime Minister St. Laurent left last Friday to attend a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. He will be away about two weeks and Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe is now acting Prime Minister.

Last week we had the pleasure of meeting here in Ottawa Mohammed Ali, the Prime Minister of Pakistan. The distinguished visitor was guest at a reception given by the Speaker and he later attended a session of the House. The 45 year old Moslem leader presides over the destinies of more than 90 million people in Pakistan.

New Members  
Six new Members were introduced at this session including a Minister of the Crown, Hon. George Marler the Minister of Transport. Mr. Marler has had a long experience as a member and cabinet minister in Quebec province and is no newcomer to politics. We all regret the absence of Hon. George Drew, leader of the opposition, who is convalescing after a very serious illness. His place is being very ably filled by our neighbour and colleague, Hon. Earl Rowe of Dufferin-Simcoe, one of the veteran members and popular in the ranks of all parties.

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