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**Editorials**

**Missing Pages**

There is always a measure of pathos attached to the passing of our folkways. As we miss the sturdy plow horse in the field and the powerful Clydesdale pulling the dray, so do we miss their intimate accoutrements.

And a sight they were illustrated in the old mail-order catalogues; shiny black collars and leather-covered hames, traces and tracteguts, breechings and martingales, bridles, and reins, inked in heavily on figures of dashing steeds drawn lightly the better to show up the harness.

Can tractor parts and accessories ever look so fine on pages 743 to 755, between the hand tools and the wire fencing?

**Spend Your Money in Community To Help Local Prosperity**

Would you pay a little more for goods in order to buy from local merchants who pay taxes here and support local community institutions and organizations?

When you have answered that question honestly? you have given yourself a yardstick on which to base your own civic spirit.

Nine times out of ten you can buy goods from local merchants just as cheap or cheaper than you can buy the same thing in the city. In a great many cases, Stouffville prices are lower than Toronto prices because rents and other overhead is less here.

When you buy in Stouffville you are helping local prosperity and local organizations. Local merchants give to community causes, they pay taxes which help to build up the town, provide jobs for people who live here, the same as local industry.

The people of this community should encourage local enterprise, which has already done so much for the town.

**Where Is It All Going To End?**

If governments in Canada are ever to consider a "pay-as-you-go" policy, it is quite apparent that they have a lot of mopping up to do before embarking on such a course. For the fact is that governmental debt in Canada has reached a staggering figure. On the whole, the situation seems to be getting worse instead of better.

Figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, an authentic institution that is part of the federal government set-up, attest to this. Leaving out Dominion government debt entirely, it is shown that the net debt of Canada's 10 provincial governments rose by \$271,125,000 in the 1953-54 fiscal year — the latest complete period for which figures are available — to a total of no less than \$3,446,916,000. This colossal debt total averages \$240.13 for each person in Canada, up \$1.56 from the previous year.

The Ontario government replaced that of New Brunswick as the province with the highest per capita debt while Alberta continued as the lowest. Ontario made the biggest increase in the 1953-54 fiscal year, rising by an average of \$28.21 for each person in the province to a high of \$347.81. Ontario's net debt totalled \$1,755,051,000. In contrast, Alberta's debt dropped by \$6.70 per capita to \$99.22.

The net debt position of other provinces as of March 31, 1954 apart from British Columbia, from which a report is awaited is as follows: New Brunswick: Dropped \$5.97 per capita to \$332.06, totalling \$181,641,000, Manitoba, dropped \$4.68 to \$187.23, totalling \$155,027,000; Prince Edward Island, dropped \$2.58 to \$166.90, totalling \$17,524,000; Quebec increased \$7.40 to \$165.67, totalling \$726,938,000; Saskatchewan, increased \$3.72 to \$282.81, totalling \$183,958,000; Nova Scotia, increased \$3.72 to \$282.81, totalling \$190,331,000; Newfoundland, increased \$2.44 to \$128.44, totalling \$51,120,000.

The figures cited leave out of the picture entirely not only federal debts but also municipal debts. It may strike many that all this represents a terrific mortgaging of the future. Governments of course, are not entirely to blame. Considerable of the responsibility rests with the public, which, particularly over recent years, has been making one social service demand after another. All this costs money. At the same time, where is it all going to end? The figures quoted should have the earnest personal attention of every public-spirited citizen.



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**BETWEEN OURSELVES**  
 BY *Archer Wallace*

**Pulling the Same Way**

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SPORTS know that a team made up of star players is seldom as good as a team of ordinary players, because the stars haven't learned to play together. Each player wants to be a stand-out, and no one is willing to play second fiddle. Sometimes it happens in the home, at business, in a church, and most of all in international affairs. But sheer egotism is responsible for much of the world's troubles; there are a lot of fine people in the world, but when they pull in opposite directions, there cannot be much progress.

A MAN WAS HURRYING along a street when he saw a friend across the road struggling with a heavy trunk in a doorway. Always willing and eager to do anyone a good turn he crossed the street and said: "Wait a moment and I'll help you with that trunk." So the two of them went at it with every ounce of strength they possessed. They tugged and pulled for ten minutes until they were both exhausted and the trunk had scarcely moved an inch.

"LET'S KEEP IT UP," said the helper, "We'll have another try and I believe we can get it out yet."

THE OTHER SAID: "Get it out! Why man I'm trying to get it in!"

THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS when people are pulling in different directions. They accomplish nothing.

SOME YEARS AGO we were crossing the Atlantic and, as so often happens, time was hanging heavy and some enterprising man organized deck sports. That was a bright idea and it helped some people to forget that they were feeling seasick. They got something else to think about.

ON THE SECOND DAY more games were played and to everybody's delight a tug-of-war was announced. There was a lot of fun about that tug-of-war, and the two captains went about their business of selecting men carefully. Who could pull best? The big fat fellows who weighed anywhere from two hundred pounds to two hundred and fifty, or the lighter and more agile ones? One good-natured man weighed over three hundred, so his captain put him at the end of the rope.

THE REST OF the passengers lined up like fans at a baseball game. Then the pulling began, and to everybody's amazement the side which looked less likely to win pulled their rivals across the line. Nobody could understand it, but a second test was made and the same thing happened again.

THE NEXT DAY the truth leaked out. The lighter side had been meeting secretly and practised together.

THIS OLD WORLD with its jealousies and bitter strife will be a very much better place in which to live when men and women of every race and creed cease their squabbling and learn to pull together.

WE HEARD A LADY SAY recently that she belonged to a large family where there wasn't much give and take; the atmosphere was lacking in toleration. The result was that every conversation became an argument; all very capable people but all wanting their own way. That was a fair and honest confession. Theodore Roosevelt's son said: "My dad is a grand man, but he must be either the bride at the wedding or the corpse at the funeral."

NO ONE CAN do their best if home atmosphere is not kind and gracious. That was a fine thing Dr. John Watson (Jan. MacLaren) said:

"LET US BE KIND to each other; we are all having a hard time." FOR GOODNESS SAKE let us pull the same way.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by the prophet Amos: "How can two walk together except they be agreed."



**For Parents Only**

**I Want a Pussy**

By Nancy Cleaver

"I'd love to have a pussy! The Short's cat has kittens and they said I could have my pick. I want my own pet!"

How many mothers have listened to urgent requests for a pussy, or a puppy or some other animal? Any pet must be well looked after, as well as loved! Some families do not seem to realize that if a child is going to have a pussy, that cat must have a bed and the right food and sufficient grooming. A healthy cat is the result of good care. Owning a pet is apt to be a long time arrangement. It is cruel for both the child and the cat to rush into allowing a youngster to bring home a pussy and later discover that you don't want to be bothered with the animal!

Cats love comfort — and they need their own bed in a quiet corner. A wooden box were a cat can retire and have an undisturbed nap, without fear of a small owner suddenly pouncing on her is a good idea. It will help prevent pussy from becoming irritable and may save Junior from being scratched.

A shelf in the box, raised several inches off the floor for the bed, keeps drafts from pussy. Cats love cleanliness and the cat's bed must be kept clean. Use a folded piece of cloth or a cover over pussy's pillow which can be washed often. In the hot weather, a cat can sleep with comfort on a newspaper which can be changed often. Don't let pussy go night prowling — insist that she sleep in her own bed!

A kitten can be fed from a medicine dropper the first week of life and can learn to lap milk the second week. However, it is best to have a kitten fed by the mother cat the first two or three weeks and gradually encourage it to take its milk from a saucer. Kittens have at least three or four meals a day. A cat is full grown before a year.

is up and a mature cat should be fed twice a day — and not allowed to "piece" all day long. Fresh water should be available at any time for a pet. A cat is a flesh eating animal and must have a certain amount of meat (as well as the mice she catches). Serve meat scraps with vegetables in a stew or pussy will pick out the meat and leave the rest. Feed salmon or liver sparingly or the cat may want only these delicacies. Milk, a raw egg and table scraps, or reliable cat food, and also cat nip are all enjoyed by pussy.

A child may be eager to feed his pet, but mother must see to it that the cat is not forgotten. No animal should be teased when eating, and a child must learn never to annoy pussy at her meal.

A cat spends hours grooming herself, and takes pride in a shiny coat. Long haired cats need careful brushing and combing with a dull-toothed comb. This too must be done under an adult's supervision or pussy may scratch if treated too roughly. Cats seldom need a bath, and they can be "dry cleaned" with corn meal. However, if a tub bath is necessary, use warm water and dry pussy with a towel so she will not catch cold. Flea soap or powder should be used at intervals to keep her free from these pests.

A cat is a creature of habit and with patience even a small pussy can be house broken in a short time. The cat's box of sand or earth should be kept in the same place and changed each day.

A child sometimes inflicts pain on a pet without intending to be cruel. Consideration of animals is learned by caring for a pet. Father or mother may forget how much a pet means to a child — but they can see how much happiness pussy gives to a son or daughter.

**LAFF OF THE WEEK**



"Mama—will you make Tommy stop drinking my paint water?"

**EDITOR'S MAIL**

Uxbridge, Ont.

Editor, The Tribune

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter which appeared recently in the Globe & Mail prompts me to write on the same subject. Why are people so thoughtless towards our dumb friends! It has always been beyond my comprehension, when visiting in your village, I have noticed two dogs in particular, through the hot, scorching heat we have been having, tied by the neck (with a short chain at that) and left to roast against a stone wall on the south side of a building, having only an old discarded door from some pig-pen thrown against the wall as shelter from this dreadful heat. One dog dug a hole in the ground behind this shameful sort of shelter and there sinks down in an effort to cool himself! I have been on the verge many a time of getting in touch with the Humane Society about these two unfortunate animals, but one does not like to see another punished. However, unless these two dogs are freed soon, it will be done.

If these heartless people cannot learn to do the right thing, then we must teach them even if it hurts. I wonder if they would like the same treatment themselves. Perhaps, if they survived, it might teach them to be more considerate and kind towards their animals. It is unbelievable how thoughtless some people can be!

—L. McNight, Uxbridge

**PROGRESS ???**

Modern man is to be congratulated. The advances in all fields, particularly science, industry, and medicine have surpassed even the remotest dreams of our forefathers of not many generations ago. These advances have uncovered many of nature's secrets, lengthening the life span, and raising the standards of living for countless millions of people.

Everything in the modern home from the can-opener in the kitchen to the television set in the living room is the result of careful designing and engineering. Out in the garage stands another example of what industry, working with science, has achieved in the harmonious combination of beauty, function and durability. Transportation and communication have grown by leaps and bounds, drawing the world closer together and making possible the meeting of people from the far corners of the earth.

Medicine is now able to cure diseases long thought incurable. Armies are now able to bring about destruction long thought impossible. Machines are now able to perform tasks long thought unbelievable, and man is now able to answer questions long thought unanswerable.

Yes, modern man is to be congratulated. But there is still one fly in the ointment. I am sure that if you have shared with me the experience of lying awake in the middle of the night, listening to a shunting diesel engine, that sounds like the thousand times magnified laboured breathing of a tired old nag just completing its first four-minute mile, you will realize that until a thoroughly efficient muffler is developed, modern man, for all his progress, has not yet reached the stage of perfection.

—Murray Pipher

The number of miles of road operated by Canada's two principal railway companies has increased by 4,736 since 1923. PHONE STOUFFVILLE/244

**HOW TO CATCH COLD IN SUMMER**

That winter pest, the common cold, is just as unpleasant in summer. It can be caught quite easily by sitting around in a draft or wet bathing clothes. That nice cool feeling that results may turn into a chill and then the sniffles start. It is best to change into dry clothes after leaving the water. It is even more important to avoid other people who already have colds if they cough and sneeze mouth with a disposable tissue.

**CAMPFIRES CAN BE SAFE**

Build campfires only on rock, sand, gravel or mineral soil, near water, advises the Ont. Dept. of Lands and Forests. Clear away all inflammable debris and overhanging branches. Keep the fire small; it will give enough heat. When you leave your campfire, even for a few minutes, put it dead out, with water. Before you move on, pour more water around the edges and make sure no live coals remain in the ashes.

Never smoke while walking or working in the bush or on the trail. Be good woodsmen—sit down to smoke. Crush out cigarette butts and pipe heels on rock or throw them in water. Lighters should replace matches completely in the bush.

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