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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Let's Be Sensible

Canadian National Railway has suffered a loss during the year just ended of 51 million dollars. Almost while this is being announced we hear that a strike of railway employees is threatened.

While the dispute is of long-standing, a referee was appointed to the satisfaction of both parties last year, and both agreed to accept this referee's decision. The decision went against the union and its officials refused to accept the findings of the arbitrator. How can one do business under such circumstances?

To add to this action we have this announcement of a whopping big loss the railway suffered again in 1958. Despite the rising wage costs

during the year, the operating expenses of the railway were reduced by 34 million. However, this drop was not enough to offset the drop in revenue.

Rising wages and material prices were given as mainly responsible for the CNR's continued increase in operating costs.

How a company or anyone, for that matter, who operates a business, can be expected to operate year after year with a rising deficit is beyond understanding.

The point could be taken however, that should the union push the railway so far that it is impossible for it to continue to operate at all, not just a few, but all employees would be out of work.

Should Make Us Think

Finance Minister Fleming's new budget should make us all think — think of where we're headed. No one likes income tax, and it has been a scourge to us since it began. However, what we should remember is, that it will become an even greater scourge if people insist on doing less work, ask for more leisure time and more and more government assistance.

One doesn't have to be too smart to realize that you can't work a horse without feeding it, drive a car without gas, or get water from a dry well. If our present pace of living, with coffee breaks, shorter work

hours and longer weekends goes on, the people who still like to work, will gradually get tired of providing the money to pay for baby bonuses, old age pensions and other offshoots of the welfare state.

Just give a thought — when you want more leisure, more money and more from the government. Canada is too young a country with too much development ahead for so many persons to want to do so little. Other countries which do not have our advantages, but struggle for a mere existence, may grow tired of the struggle. They could turn envy into action and gobble us up.

Shoe on the Wrong Foot

For those who would constantly try to hammer us into believing that French should be taught in our schools throughout the land, it should be given their attention that possibly it is the French Canadians who need to learn a second language more than the English Canadians.

Since the B.N.A. only specifies

both languages for Ottawa and Quebec, it is apparent that the economic development requires all French to speak English, not the reverse.

Look at the figures — English is spoken by 150 million on this continent and French by less than five million. Let's not have the tail wagging the dog.

A Dangerous Toy

Within the past week there have been two shooting accidents involving teen-age boys. The one, north of Stouffville, in an Uxbridge Township gravel pit, proved fatal. The other near-tragedy, occurred in a Markham Township bush four miles south of here. The victim, in this case, will recover.

A gun is a dangerous toy. Its death-dealing capabilities should not be regarded lightly. Every week there are reports of similar accidents. When

they hit closer to home, it makes one think more seriously of a gun's lethal power.

A gun has no place in the hands of a thirteen or fourteen year old lad. The law does not permit a youth of this age to operate a motor vehicle. Why then, should he be permitted to carry or shoot a gun? Although in both instances, the law has ruled the shootings as accidental, this cannot restore a life or relieve the pain and suffering that is caused.

Operation Friendship

A patient who had been discharged from a mental hospital was asked: "What was it that did most to help you recover?" And the ex-patient's answer was "Friendship — the friendship of the doctors and nurses and social workers and attendants — the friendship of the volunteers who came to visit and work with us each week — the friendship of all my friends and acquaintances who let me know that I was not alone."

Friendship is indeed a powerful medicine, but there are thousands of mental patients who do not have it, who are in need of it. During Mental Health Week, April 26th to May 2nd, the people of Ontario will have an opportunity to visit the patients in this province's mental hospitals, and

to prove to them that the rest of the world does care. These visits are being arranged by the Canadian Mental Health Association as part of the nation-wide pilgrimage called "OPERATION FRIENDSHIP", in which the effort will be made to bring to the nation's mental hospitals, as visitors, 70,000 people — as many visitors as there are patients in the mental hospitals. In this province's mental hospitals, there are over 20,000 mental patients, and 20,000 visitors should be a goal for the people of this province.

Our local Ontario Hospital, on Yonge St. South, Aurora, is holding "Open House" each afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. during Mental Health Week, and we are all invited to visit.

Will Need 166 New United Churches by 1980

Canada's population by 1980 will range somewhere between 25 and 30 million people. Rev. Dr. M. C. Macdonald, Secretary of the United Church's Board of Home Missions, told the Annual Meeting of the Board of Home Missions in Toronto.

"Nothing but a national or world catastrophe will stop Church extension," Dr. Macdonald said. In the next four years, the United Church of Canada will require 166 new church buildings and 66 new manses, Dr. Macdonald told his

two million more people will be added to the United Church responsibility between now and 1980, Dr. Macdonald said. He declared, "Fundamentally, Church extension means the planting of Christian churches, and the provision of preaching ministries, among people who have no places of worship, no Sunday Schools, and none of the organizations and church fellowship that are so vital to the and moral development of the well-being and the spiritual and moral care of all ages and groups. Church extension is as missionary as that, for it is nothing less than advancing the Kingdom of God in the new frontiers of this nation."

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Maybe we should had her vaccinated."



Sunday Afternoon The Soul's Quest

One day, thousands of years ago, a man went into a place of worship in Palestine, seeking spiritual comfort. He was perplexed and bewildered. Life in its beginning had seemed fairly simple, but as he grew older there was confusion and doubt. Religious leaders were not able to help him very much and he wondered if there was any justice and wisdom behind the scheme of things. He had tossed wearily upon his bed, but the darkness had not lifted. He said frankly: "As for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well-nigh slipped." (Psalm 73:2).

This man had evidently been thinking of the irregularities of life. He saw unscrupulous people who prospered in an astonishing way; others, much better people, could hardly make both ends meet. To a man of his simple faith there was something fundamentally wrong about such a condition of affairs.

There have been sincere and thoughtful men harassed by doubt and fear, ever since the beginning of time. I have said previously and I want to repeat, that the downright sincerity of such people has often impressed me. In the main they have a hard time. They have often been maligned, persecuted and completely misunderstood. Many a man has been called an atheist when in the soul he was a reverent man.

The journalist Robertson Nicoll once met an old clergyman who had preached for fifty-two years and never in all that time had the shadow of a doubt. As a result, he could never sympathize with doubters; he thought that they must be bad people. Dr. Nicoll had little patience with him and seemed to regard him as an unusual specimen.

But this man, aged ago, went into the sanctuary and quietly meditated. We have no reason to believe he heard a sermon, preaching or prayers recited but he sat there and there came quietly into his soul a great peace. He saw things in a new light. So-called success, he saw was a very fleeting and temporal thing. He began to take long views of life and he knew the ways of God were justified.

Surely this is the object of our seeking; that we should get in touch with God and thus gain a true sense of proportion. I have just read a book which has quite disturbed me. It is the life-story of Marshall Field, the great Chicago merchant. He went to Chicago with very little and eventually became one of the wealthiest men in the world. Money came in so fast he didn't know what to do with it. In a way he was public-spirited and generous; behind every good cause.

He was a man of good character, an elder of a Presbyterian Church in Chicago and citizens were proud of him. Yet everything seemed to go wrong — that is, the things that mattered. His wife was very ill and lived for a while in France, where she died. His favourite son committed suicide. The labour unions were getting under way and bitterly opposed him.

One day a friend said to him: "Marshall, your wife is dead, your son killed himself, you've made a lot of enemies, all you've got is money." The multi-millionaire sadly shook his head and murmured: "Yes, all I've got is money — and it doesn't mean a thing."

If we did more quiet thinking, as the man who wrote the seventy-third Psalm, we probably would see that the coveted prizes of life were trivial and tawdry. It seems to me that this is the chief function of public worship; that in quietness and patience, we should possess our souls.

We hear a great deal about spiritual clinics and I'm sure the men who conduct them mean well but as Dr. Henry Jowett said: "God is not revealed to a debating society." A Scriptural verse asks: "Who by searching can find out God?" We shall find Him in the realm of the spirit rather than in the domain of the intellect. We need quiet meditation. It is a tragic mistake to think we haven't time for it.

Our quotation today is from Whittier's hymn: "Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease."

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



One Family in Five To Move In 1959

A lot of Canadians will be on the move this year. It is estimated that approximately one family in five will change abode in 1959, and more than \$30,000,000 will be spent on moving household goods.

Moving gains momentum about mid-May, rises to a peak for the year in June and July, tapers off in August, and then shoots up again in September. These estimates, based on studies by the Canadian Warehousing Association, were arrived at by Mr. Victor Olt and Mr. W. Bigham of Waterloo Warehousing and Storage Ltd., an agency for Allied Van Lines, Ltd.

The Allied firm is reputed to be the world's largest mover of household goods. In Canada last year, the lines' agencies made 47,132 moves involving more than 40,000 tons of furniture.

Problems Similar The reasons for moving are many. Statistics show that some families move as often as every two years because the breadwinner gains promotion from centre to centre.

Whether it's a change of job, a trek to the suburbs, a need for a larger home, or a smaller home, or just an urge for a change of scenery, one fact is certain: The problems of the move itself are similar whether it's across the country or across the street.

Despite the frequency and familiarity of shifts moving still signifies one thing to the homeowner: Clutter and upset, temporary though it might be.

Barrels Replaced Qualified movers consequently have had to come up with more satisfactory methods. Certain packing methods have become compulsory with van lines, explained Mr. Clifford Wilke of Wilke Movers, an agency for Allied Van Lines.

United Van Lines, along with Allied, and North American Van Lines of which T. P. Berg the Mover, Limited, is an agent all use corrugated paper, interleaf sheets and glass-wrap for china, crystal, lamps and other fragile furnishings. It has replaced to a great extent the old shredded paper packing and cumbersome wooden barrels.

Tests show that in the packing of dishes, glassware and accoutrements with the new pack, there is a saving of 10 to 15 percent on the number of containers. Reducing the quantity of packing means a reduction of over-all weight—thus a saving

in the eventual transportation cost, Allied says. In packing china, the dishes are stacked not more than six plates per stack on a sheet of corrugated paper. Between the dishes is an interleaf sheet, giving them a cushion for protection against chipping and breaking. The unit is stapled with the dishes held in place without pressure at any point.

Nearly Dust-Free There have been relatively new developments in storage of furniture, too.

One of these—the pallet pack—is like a mammoth carton in which individual pieces of furniture can be removed without disturbing the rest. Drawers are left out so contents can be got at easily. Another advantage is that the pallet pack offers almost complete dust-free protection.

Reputable firms advise: "Let there be method in your moving."

Call in a mover to get an estimate on costs. Particularly for long distance moving it is desirable that the customer choose a licensed mover, and it helps if the company is a van line member since its agents are at both terminals, and insurance protection is assured.

There is little or no price competition among movers; it is a matter of providing the best service. In long distance moving the rates are based on weight of shipment, distance and additional service performed. This can be worked out beforehand, but at best the estimate you get is an "educated guess" and may differ slightly from the final charge.

May Do Too Much If you do your own packing, the company's estimator will advise you how many cartons, barrels, wardrobe containers and crates you may rent or buy. If you prefer to have the professional packers do the chore, the estimator will quote the approximate charges.

Local moving is misunderstood more than long distance moving. People either do too much or not enough packing. They heap cartons, roll up mattresses or wrap furniture like a Christmas box. This makes unnecessary work for the packer. Vans have big pads—one to every 10 cubic feet, to protect household treasures. Heaped cartons don't ride well, and springs suffer when a mattress is given the pretzel treatment. In working out a moving day

New Stamp To Mark Queen's Tour

The Honourable William Hamblin, Postmaster General, has announced the design of a new postage stamp to be issued in honour of the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip to Canada this year. The commemorative stamp will be placed on sale to the public on June 18th, the day on which the Royal Couple will arrive at the airport at Torbay, Newfoundland.

The design of the stamp includes a likeness of Her Majesty taken from the well-known painting by Pietro Annigoni, which was commissioned in 1954 by The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers and which now hangs in their Hall near London Bridge. The dark red stamp is of the five-cent denomination, measures one inch wide and one and one-half inches high and is printed in vertical format in panes of fifty stamps each.

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schedule, it will help the mover if you have a general floor plan of your new home. By knowing exactly where to place your furniture the mover can work faster and save you time and money.

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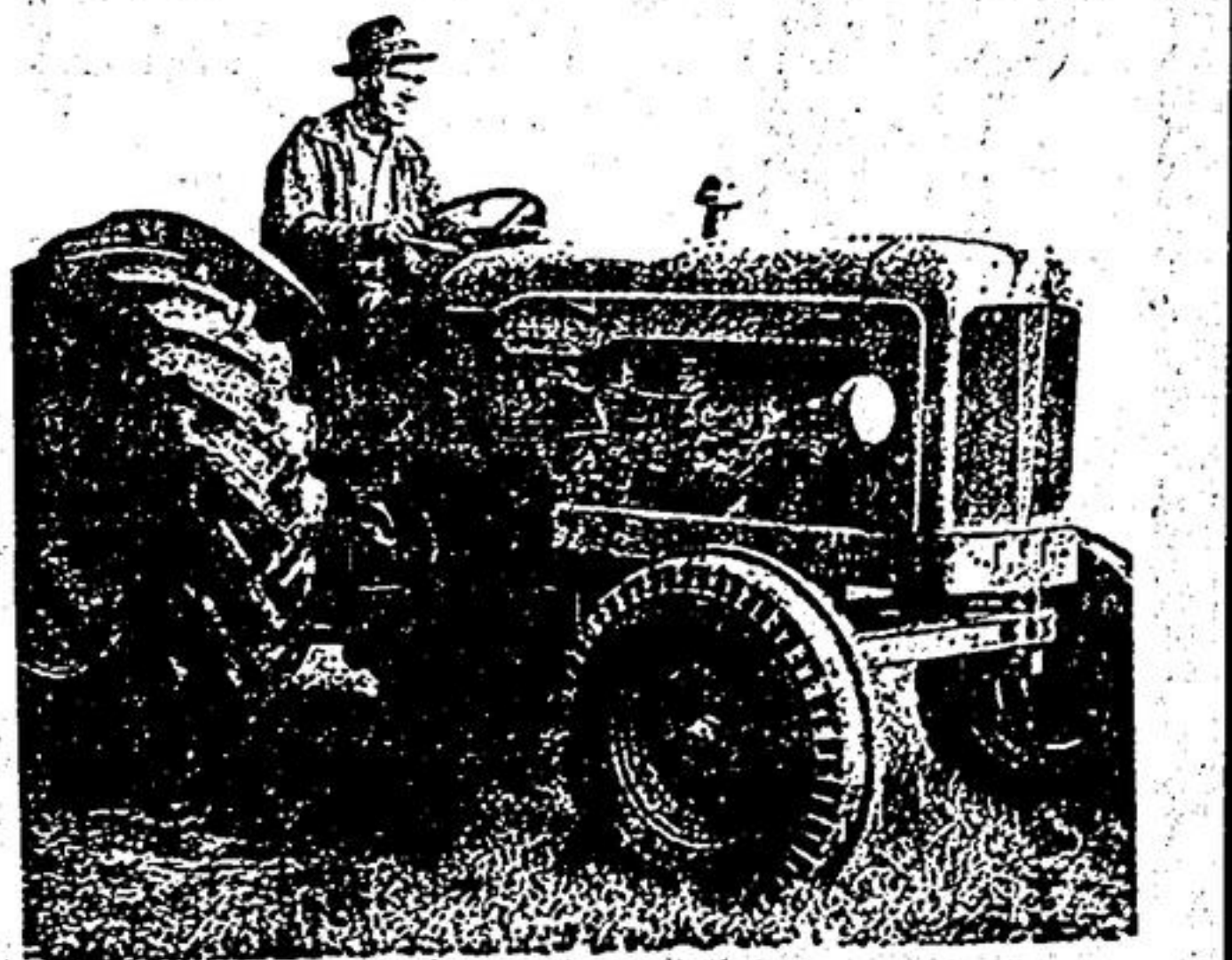
For Parents Only — Children and Gardens Go Together

by Nancy Cleaver

Children and gardens go together! This has certainly been our experience with our three children when they were young. The desire to help in interesting adult activities is a dominant one in most youngsters. There are many little tasks, such as carrying a basket or a rake or holding a ball of string for measuring which small fingers can do. The sunshine and fresh air promote a flow of questions. Gardening with a son or daughter takes longer than working alone, but this is a hobby in which children can learn many things.

A child's garden costs so little in money and it pays such big dividends. A certain amount of adult supervision and encouragement is necessary. But the garden must be the child's responsibility if he is to learn the lessons which gardening can teach — lessons learned not in books, but in living — lessons of patience, responsibility, finishing up on a job and doing work well. John Masfield once wrote, "The days that make us happy make us wise." There is a very special wisdom which working with growing things imparts. Don't let this Spring slip by without giving your boy or girl the chance to garden! Children and gardens go together.

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