

I must say a little about regularity of all his habits—eating, sleeping and movement of bowels. He has never missed his afternoon sleep perhaps more than three times since he was born. I often think of breaking him of it, as it would leave me freer in the evening, and I could take him places in the afternoon, but I have concluded to sacrifice a little freedom rather than sacrifice his rosiness and healthy, happy condition.

I will not say they (my two boys, aged two and four) are no trouble. I believe they add 100 per cent. to the care and work of home-making. Neither will I say they are always perfectly good, but I would rather be bothered with activity and initiative and originality, and even a little mischief and temper, if it can be managed and trained into something like character, something that will be helpful and forceful in the world, something that will not be mean nor selfish (some job I'll admit). Thus we will await with expectancy the next series of letters regarding the problems of child training.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. D. E. Fraser,
Kenton, Man.

We published Bruce Fraser's picture on page 58 of our February issue, but regret that at the "last call" in going to press we had to omit this splendid letter from his mother.

THE MORAL SIDE OF CHILD WELFARE AND PERTINENT POINTS FOR PARENTS

(Quoted from Child-Welfare Magazine)

SMOKING.—A tidal wave of cigarette smoking is sweeping over the world. Thousands of young boys are acquiring the yellow badge upon their fingers which is the prophecy of coming ill-health and weakened moral powers. It is an indisputable fact that steady nerves, strong hearts, good lungs and quick moral decision do not go with smoking.

Underslept Children.—Educators are practically agreed that 90 per cent of the ordinary cases of school discipline is caused by underslept children. The relation between the physiological and moral is obvious.

Juvenile Crime.—Juvenile crime has increased by leaps and bounds in the warring countries. Its insidious growth is already visible upon our shores. The least increase of juvenile crime in my neighborhood increases the danger to my child. With the growing necessity for many mothers to become wage earners children are left long hours after school without maternal supervision and juvenile delinquency takes a great stride forward.

Financial Responsibility.—The increased high cost of living means that children must be trained in financial responsibility. A weekly allowance with a required account of all money received and how expended means self-respect to

a child; means business method and later financial judgment. "Earning while learning" is often a moral stimulus. Every child should be taught that he who does not pay his debts, who is a so-called "dead-beat," is a person with an undeveloped conscience, and one devoid of a high moral standard.

Health Habits.—It is every child's right to have firmly established health habits. He should know that every violated health law means ill health in some form and handicap to success. A "sour stomach" does not often presage "sweet success" nor do flabby muscles and weakened vital regions make the athlete nor the person of quick, sound, moral decision. To be "manly in mind, muscle, and morals" means success.

Dual Moral Standard.—Thinking parents teach their children that the day of the dual standard of morals is past. To-day what is wrong for a girl is also wrong for a boy. A just people no longer penalize the woman and free the man.

Children's Punishments.—Do we give a command and then not insist upon its obedience? Do we punish to-day for an offence and to-morrow if busy pass it unseeing by? Or is wrong always wrong? Which is the greater offence in our home, the telling of a lie or the breaking of a vase? Zona Gale says: "Punishment may not be the treatment for a child's acts any more than it is for the measles or whooping cough. Like the average courts the average home merely punishes."

Crime and the Child.—Scientific authorities are agreed that only from 1 to 2 per cent of criminals are "born criminals." That means that 98 per cent of criminals were sweet innocent babies, and that somewhere along the line, most likely in early childhood, some one else beside the child was to blame.

Teen Age and Christianity.—Only five per cent of people embrace Christianity after the "teen age." If we desire to implant and impress the "faith of our fathers" the opportune time is early childhood.

Patriotism and Civic Pride.—Our children are being taught in the home or school or both, to love, honor and revere our flag and the country it stands for. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach civic pride. A patriotic child will keep his hands, his clothing a little cleaner. He will see to it that his yard is a little cleaner, that papers, trash, etc., are not thrown upon the streets. The child who is unmindful of the rights of others, who lies or steals, is a slacker and a deserter from America's honor standard and can in no way claim a patriotism acceptable to his country.

Temptation.—The psychologist and the pathologist are agreed that the physically tired boy or girl is a much easier target for temptation. The boy or girl who has danced to excess, who is physically all worn out is a far easier prey to temptation than when rested and physically normal.



TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

"If you really intend to leave us in the lurch Jane, let me give you a good reference to Mrs. Bounderby Briggs!"
"Thank you, mum."
"Don't mention it—I hate her!"

Government of the Province of Manitoba

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th November, 1918

ASSETS		
CASH ON HAND—		\$ 2,750,388.60
Available for:—		
Public Works and Undertakings.....	\$ 1,103,707.91	
Drainage Districts Capital Outlay.....	33,866.67	
Current Expenditure.....	258,007.30	
Extinguishment of Bonded Indebtedness and Held in Trust.....	690,350.40*	
Patriotic Purposes—Unexpended portion of Treasury Bill.....	663,856.32	
	<u>\$2,750,388.60</u>	
INVESTMENTS—		2,791,625.13
Capital Monies.....	\$ 1,006,670.75	
Sinking, Replacement and Trust Funds.....	1,784,954.38*	
	<u>\$ 2,791,625.13</u>	
SECURED ON OTHER ACCOUNTS—		8,535,119.38
Secured Accounts—Capital Monies.....	\$ 457,569.86	
Other Accounts—Revenue Monies.....	675,124.34	
Outstanding Revenue.....	786,019.23	
	<u>\$ 1,918,713.43</u>	
Add:		
Land Agreements, Judgments and Succession Duties (see Deferred Balance Sheet).....	\$ 6,616,405.95	
	<u>\$ 8,535,119.38</u>	
DOMINION OF CANADA.....		\$12,110,534.56
PUBLIC WORKS AND UNDERTAKINGS (Book Values)....		27,828,277.89
DRAINAGE AND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS:		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (Net).....		6,143,095.65
UNSOLD LANDS—See Deferred Balance Sheet.....		13,263,566.95
		<u>\$73,422,608.16</u>
LIABILITIES		
TREASURY BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE—		\$2,900,974.21
Payable out of Revenue:—		
Treasury Bills.....	\$ 2,425,000.00	
Accounts Payable.....	46,914.09	
Interest and School Grants Accrued.....	429,060.12	
	<u>\$ 2,900,974.21</u>	
SINKING FUNDS, REPLACEMENT RESERVES AND TRUST FUNDS—		2,475,304.78
Acquired by Levy.....	\$ 861,572.95	
Appropriated from Revenue.....	1,038,178.41	
Obtained from Trust Deposits.....	575,553.42	
	<u>\$ 2,475,304.78*</u>	
STOCKS AND BONDS—		33,890,870.34
Revenue Bearing.....	\$19,347,317.02	
Non-Revenue Bearing.....	14,543,553.32	
	<u>\$33,890,870.34</u>	
PROFIT ON BOND CONVERSION—		449,403.30
SURPLUS:		34,238,688.15
Being excess of Assets over Liabilities:		
Capital Surplus.....	\$14,415,992.67	
Revenue Surplus.....	238,929.53	
Deferred Surplus.....	19,583,765.95	
	<u>\$34,238,688.15</u>	
Deduct:		
Appropriation of Revenue for Extinguishment of Bonded Debt exclusive of Telephone Appropriation.....	532,632.62	
	<u>\$73,422,608.16</u>	

NOTE:

A—In addition to the above Liabilities the Province has guaranteed the Principal and Interest on Securities, as follows:

Canadian Northern Railway Securities.....	\$25,663,553.39
Municipal Debentures, etc.....	1,685,329.55
Manitoba Farm Loans Association Securities.....	1,773,806.46
	<u>\$29,122,689.34</u>

B—The Province has also guaranteed the Interest only on Municipal Debentures of a total par value of \$99,500,000, and has guaranteed the rentals payable to the Northern Pacific Railway Company in respect of certain Railways in Manitoba leased.

Correct,
J. G. STEELE, Comptroller-General.