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## CANADA'S MOST VITAL INTERESTS

A member of Premier Mackenzie King's official family—the Minister of Agriculture—is awake to the menace involved in the immense and increasing diversion of Canada's grain traffic to American ports, and has officially brought the matter squarely to the attention of the Government.  
In his report issued something more than a year ago the Minister of Agriculture directed attention to the fact that "a large proportion of the wheat and flour exported by this country passes through other than Canadian channels after leaving the head of the Lakes. Of the 174,000,000 bushels of wheat exported to the United Kingdom during the crop year ended August 31, 1923, 125,000,000 bushels were shipped via United States ports compared with 48,500,000 bushels via Canadian ports." He referred to a statement of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, who said that while Canadian taxpayers have provided, within the bounds of the own country, ample facilities for handling the grain crop, yet the marketing and the forwarding of more than three-fifths of the grain is controlled by agencies which see to it that tribute and toll are paid to transit systems competing with our own.

And this is the comment of the Minister of Agriculture:  
"That so small a percentage of Canadian export wheat is shipped via Canadian seaports, in spite of the recognized efficiency and superiority of Canadian transportation and harbor facilities, is a matter affecting Canada's most vital interests."

Here we have official recognition of the size of this issue—of the fact that more than the mere transportation of grain is involved, that the diversion of our traffic—a diversion which has grown enormously since the Minister of Agriculture wrote the report quoted—threatens Canada's most vital interests.

Public opinion in this country overwhelmingly endorses the view of the Minister of Agriculture, and is demanding action by the Government and by Parliament, courageous action based on recognition of the fact that the national interest is paramount and must be protected.

Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, has taken the ground that nothing can be done by him to correct the alarming situation which exists, and he has even expressed the opinion that Parliament is helpless in the matter. Moreover, by enlarging his traffic arrangements with American railways he is facilitating the export of more Canadian wheat through Baltimore, thus making it a more effective competitor with Canadian ports. The effect of his action is to enlarge the spout through which Canadian grain is discharged at the Maryland port, in addition to Buffalo, New York, Portland, Boston, Philadelphia, Norfolk and other American outlets.

It is unfortunate for Sir Henry Thornton that he should have challenged Parliament's power to take the action demanded by a dangerous situation that is rapidly becoming worse. He was appointed to his high position on the understanding that there was to be no political interference with the management of the Canadian National. By that was meant that in matters of patronage and ordinary policy the politicians should keep their hands off. But it was never meant, or implied, that Sir Henry should have any control over larger questions of national policy, or that he should be permitted to use the C. N. R. system for the upbuilding of American ports at the expense of those of Canada.

These are matters wholly within the control and authority of Parliament, and the country is expecting, and demanding, early and effective action at Ottawa.

"A murderer in England," remarks the Detroit News, "was recently tried and convicted in four minutes, this being about the time it takes us to swear in an alienist."

A California man who stole a picnic basket in 1885, now wants to find the owner so that he can pay for it. He has probably got over his indignation, suggests the Border Cities Star.

The community is greatly shocked by the New Year's night tragedy at the Seamen's Institute, resulting in the death of Policeman McCavour. The first object of the authorities, of course, will be to establish responsibility for the policeman's death, but something more than that is necessary. All the circumstances surrounding the case will demand a thorough investigation. It is extraordinary that a time should have been possible in such a place. The Seamen's Institute has been so useful an institution, and one so necessary, its friends should insist that all the relevant facts concerning this affair be fully exposed. Admittedly it is a dir-

## Odds and Ends

### How They Did It

(J. A. S. in Life)

She saved \$4.85 by using canned on cigarettes.  
He saved \$8.30 by changing brands on cigarettes.  
They saved \$87 by cutting down the electricity overhead.  
He saved \$17 by burning less fuel.  
She saved \$6.75 by buying a cheaper hat.  
They saved \$14.80 by not going to the theatre one evening.  
Then they bought a new car.

### The Difference.

(Border Cities Star)

An optimist, says an exchange, sees the present. And a pessimist sees the bill.  
Premiers in France never know whether they are on again or off again.—Bradford Expositor.

### Shorts.

People blame one for getting into a rut but the rut often keeps one out of the ditch.—Sault Star.

### A Cure For Seascickness.

(Calgary Herald)

An exhibit which will be regarded with the most hopeful interest by those with a dread of seasickness is the one of the features of the British Shipping, Engineering and Machinery exhibition which was opened at Olympia by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the admiralty. This is the gyroscope stabilizer, which maintains the equilibrium of the ship in the roughest of weather. A working model is on view at the exhibition.

### Never Give Up!

(San Francisco Examiner)

Credit comes from never giving up not from being discouraged.  
On a bleak December day in 1903, in Kitty Hawk sand dunes of North Carolina, Wilbur Wright flew in the first successful heavier-than-air machine.  
Only two years before that eventful day he had declared to his brother Orville in a fit of discouragement: "Man will never fly in a thousand years."  
Wilbur Wright was not invulnerable to discouragement, but he was armored against relinquishing his purpose.  
He might despond, but he never gave up.  
On the pathway to almost every worthwhile achievement have been days of bitter discouragement.  
Men struggling for a great end are almost always like blind men groping their way up the side of a hill.  
They never know how near to the top they are until they reach it.  
At a given point they may be miles, or feet, from the top.  
Only by keeping on can they tell.  
Giving up may mean sitting down when only a few feet from the goal.

### A Song of the Dogfishes.

(Kipling, 1898.)

"Twixt my house and thy house the pathway is broad,  
In thy house or my house is half the world's hoard;  
By my house and thy house hangs all the world's fate,  
On thy house and my house lies half the world's hate."  
For my house and thy house no help shall we find  
Save thy house and my house—kin  
If my house be taken, thine tumbleth anon,  
If thy house be forfeit, mine followeth soon.  
Twixt my house and thy house what talk can there be  
Of headship or lordship, or service or fee?

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## Just Fun

**PERHAPS**  
"WHAT could be worse than kissing a man you didn't know?"  
"Knowing a man you didn't kiss!"  
—Denver Post.

**A CHOICE**  
**FOND MOTHER:** Harold's been hurt at football. Oh, dear, dear! What does the telegram say?  
Alfred: Now broken. How shall I have it set, Greek or Roman?—Passing Show.

**RIGHT**  
**TEACHER:** What is a synonym? Bright Boy: It's a word you can use in place of another word when you don't know how to spell the other one.—Answers.

**OLD PLAY**  
**AN ENGLISHMAN** took an American to see "Hamlet."  
"You are sure behind the times," commented the American. "Why, I saw 'Hamlet' in New York four years ago."—Tit-Bits.

**DEAR FIDO**  
**YOUNG WIFE:** Darling!  
Husband: What is it, my love?  
Wife: Don't be silly, Jack, I was calling Fido.—Tit-Bits.

**THE SIGN**  
**GRACE:** Which of those girls is it that you don't like?  
Gladys: S-sh! She'll hear you. When she comes here I'll kiss her twice.—Tit-Bits.

**HONEST**  
"YESTERDAY, Max and I found a purse containing 100 marks."  
"I hope you were honest about it."  
"Oh yes. We had half each!"—Higsgendorfer Blaetter.

**CORRECT IMPRESSION**  
"I WANT some golf balls for a gentleman, please."  
"Certainly, madam. What sort does he like?"  
"Well, the only time I saw him play he used a small white ball. But I cannot say I gathered the impression that he exactly liked it."—Punch.

**CONSIDERATE**  
"JAMES, James, I am sure there are burglars in the house!"  
"My dear, we must not mind that. After all it is their trade."—Punch.

**RELIEF**  
"JOHN, you seem fond of going to the pictures lately. What's the reason?"  
"It's such a relief, dear, to see women opening their mouths without hearing them!"—Tit-Bits.

**THAT'S WRONG**  
**FRANK:** Is it correct to say you "water the horse" when it is thirsty?  
Mother: Yes, quite correct.  
Frank (picking up a saucer): I'm going to milk the cat.—Tit-Bits.

**SPANISH** matador has retired on account of his age and says he has saved a million dollars. Apparently he is not yet too old to throw the bull.

**USUALLY** when there's little in the head much comes out of the mouth.

**YOU** can't think straight and go crooked—or vice versa.

## Dinner Stories

**A BURGLAR** was one night engaged in the pleasing occupation of stowing a good haul of swag in his bag when he was startled by a touch on the shoulder, and, turning his head, he beheld a venerable, mild-eyed man gazing sadly at him.

"Oh, my brother," groaned the gentleman, "wouldst thou rob me? Turn, I beseech thee—from from thy evil ways. Return those stolen goods and depart in peace, for I am merciful and forgiving. Begone!"

And the burglar, only too thankful at not being given into custody of the police, obeyed and slunk swiftly off. Then the good old man carefully and quietly packed the swag into another bag and walked softly (so as not to disturb the slumber of the inmates) out of the house and away into the silent night.

**THE** late Paul Bartlett, the noted sculptor, said one day at a studio in New York:  
"As we get older we get coarser and harder. Yes, we deteriorate in our minds quite as much as we do in our bodies."  
"A beautiful girl model was posing for an elderly sculptor the other day. She seemed sad, and he asked her what was the matter. She suddenly began to sob.  
"Horace," she sobbed, "has thrown me over. I shall have to kill myself. I know I shall, for I can't live without him."  
"The sculptor gave a loud, coarse laugh.  
"Can't live without him? Bosh, that's!" he said. "Believe me, prohibition came I thought I couldn't live without my two morning whiskeys, my three afternoon cocktails and my nine evening beers, yet here I am flourishing like a bay tree on four ice cream sodas a day."

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Than thy house to my house—friend comforting friend;  
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Than my house to thy house—King counselling King.

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**A good New Year's resolution.**  
To use this cheap Electricity to the limit—Cook with it, wash with it and live with it.

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## Fun For The Boys



"Hi, Jimmie, quick! There's a teller wot can slide on the back of 's neck!"  
—From the Humourist.

## Poems That Live

### EARTH'S CHILDREN CLEAVE TO EARTH

Earth's children cleave to earth—her frail,  
Decaying children dread decay.  
You weath' of mist that leaves the vale,  
And lessens in the morning ray.  
Look, how, by mountain rivulet,  
It clings, as it upward creeps,  
And clings to fern and copsewood set  
Along the green and dewy steep;  
Clings to the fragrant kalmia, clings  
To precipices fringed with grass,  
Dark maples where the wood-thrush sings,  
And bowers of fragrant clematis.  
Yet all in vain—it passes still,  
From hold to hold, it cannot stay,  
And in the very beams that fill  
The world with glory, wastes away,  
Till, parting from the human eye,  
It vanishes from the human eye,  
And that which sprung of earth is now  
A portion of the glorious sky.  
—William Cullen Bryant.

## The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

### THE CLASH BETWEEN MORALITY AND COMMON SENSE.

NOTHING is more changeable than the morality that is held up to be so precious to public welfare. Each age has its own code of ethics. Morality consists in adhering to the current code—that is, in being a conformist.

IT CANNOT be said that morality and what is known as common sense are the same. Very often the two are at swords' points. Morality is not so much a matter of right and wrong as of expediency. Comparatively few men work out an individual code of ethics based on their own conception of what is right and wrong. The majority accept the moral dictates of a few by following their lead, regardless of whether the way lies along the path of wisdom.

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## Twenty Years Ago Today

From Times' Files.

**JACK WATTS**, a local boxer, was injured in the C. P. R. yards.

**CHIEF CLARK**, of the local police force addressed the force at the first roll-call of 1926.

**HON. J. M. JOHNSTON** was elected president of the "Trotting Association."

wanted to do. He sees that other people do not do it; and from this he judges, in general, that he should not, or he may see that another man, who has not refrained, has incurred evil consequences from doing it.

The example which encourages a man works in a two-fold manner. It either induces him to do what he would be glad to leave undone, if he were not afraid lest the omission might in some way endanger him, or else it encourages him to do what he is glad to do, but has hitherto refrained from doing from fear of danger or shame.

Finally, example may bring a man to do what he would have otherwise never thought of doing. In this last case, of course, example works in the main only on the intellect; its effect on the will is secondary, and if it has any such effect, it is by interposition of any man's own judgment, or by reliance on the person who presented the example.

IT CAN be concluded, then, that the whole influence of example rests on a fact that a man has, as a rule, too little judgment of his own, and often too little knowledge, to explore his own way.

Thus imitation and custom are the spring of almost all human action. It is natural, therefore, for what is accepted as morality frequently to be at variance with common sense.

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## Other Views

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