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The Value of a Probe.

When Attorney-General Nickle states that the investigation of the Home Bank affair is a matter for the Dominion Government to handle he is undoubtedly right.

There are several interests that should press for an examination that will bare any and every defect that brought about the collapse of an institution that the people had enough confidence in to buy its stock and pass their savings through its wickets.

The financial world should press for such a probe. Financiers who have the reputation of Canadian banks at heart are jealous of their traditions, and their zeal should now find expression in demanding the fullest probe to bring out defects as well as to extol virtues.

The general public, which depends on the banks for security and leadership, is in need of definite assurance that our banking system is sound.

The probe into Home Bank affairs should be of such a nature as to give this assurance. It is a time for searching and not for apologies.

Ottawa's opportunity is before it, and the responsibility should not be passed to any other court.

The Sarnia Gravel Road.

Ontario faces the problem of what to do with its main roads. Sarnia gravel road furnishes an illustration.

The steady stream of traffic has made this once fine old road like a washboard. If left alone it will get worse.

The stream of cars throw the loose gravel to the side of the road. It is scraped up and put back, only to be thrown aside in a day or so.

The Nairn gravel road, running from Lobo village to Nairn, is the most consistently good road in the country. It has been a good thoroughfare for years in all kinds of weather, but it does not get the traffic that daily rolls over the Sarnia road.

Paving is one solution, but an expensive one. It is doubtful though, if anything else will stand up under the traffic that comes in from that corner.

The difficulty is in collecting the cash from those who reap the benefit.

They Have No Quarrel.

Distrust breeds fear—fear calls for armament and still more armament.

There are two nations today—Russia and France—that are armed away out of proportion.

Russia fears that the anti-bolshevik forces inside and outside will work for the overthrow of its present government.

France fears that Germany may rise from its bed of paper money and broken industry to again threaten her and defeat her.

So France piles up air equipment and puts new soldiers alongside old soldiers and new guns in front of old guns.

And Britain sees the extent of French preparation. She, too, fears to have a nation outstripping her in armament.

Fear and distrust have the world in their grip, and we are putting into effect little concerted effort to root out fear and banish distrust.

The world's court stands open for the nations to state their case plainly.

The interests that thrive on war, that wax fat on fear and distrust, do not want the world conference idea to succeed.

The success of the League of Nations would spell disaster to them in letters a foot high.

Therefore they are, under careful cover, determined to pile rubbish and trash around the League of Nations.

The world needs a new brand of diplomacy that will recognize that the common people of one country have no quarrel with the common people of another country.

Those Dangerous Detours.

Every motorist comes to the word "Detour." It means in nearly every case that he has to take a poor road or a dangerous one.

Those who engineer road-building have a responsibility for directing traffic.

For instance, on the road between Dashwood and Exeter a new culvert is being put in. The detour goes into the ditch, from there to a field, crosses a creek on some loose boards and then turns abruptly to the road.

It requires very careful driving in the daytime, and it would be a courageous driver who would attempt it at night.

That one is given as an illustration of many others. The parties responsible for putting up the sign "Detour" should have an eye for safety as well as for convenience.

A Better Job for the Chief.

Chief Deskaheh of the Six Nations Indians is in London Eng., and hopes to gain admission to the League of Nations.

The chief is not doing his people a good service in seeking to exaggerate their grievances.

Nor is the chief likely to get a seat in the League of Nations.

The government has made very fair and reasonable overtures to the Six Nations, and will meet them half-way any time.

It is quite apparent that outside influence is driving Deskaheh to an unreasonable course.

He would be much better employed in the harvest fields near Brantford at this season of the year.

Hardly a Fair Move.

One railroad has changed its running schedule, giving only two days' notice to the public.

This is not fair to the motorists who might be away and not hear of the change.

It would rob them of an equal chance to make a race for the level crossings.

Railroads have no right to take away or change the thrills of motoring on two days' notice.

A Poor Way to Meet.

The governor of New Jersey has asked the coal miners and operators to meet him today to talk over the coal situation.

The governor wants to avoid a strike if possible.

The miners and operators agree to meet the governor, but take care to make it clear that they will stick to their present position.

Sticking to their present position means only one thing—a strike.

Sticking to their present position means less coal at a higher price.

The most interested party, the consumer, has not even the option of sticking to his present position. He is stuck there.

Have You Big Feet?

The man with big feet comes into his own, and why not?

The people of Theford are having a celebration on Labor Day, and one of the prizes is for the man on the ground who has the biggest feet.

And there is to be no trickery about it, either. A long pair of those pointed shoes will not be allowed to make a ten foot look like a twelve. Said feet are to be measured with a yard stick right there on the grounds.

In days gone past the man with the big feet has only had them stepped on and looked at.

The good folks of Theford are going to change all this. They are glorifying big feet by staging a contest on their behalf.

Thus, on the day after Labor Day, some proud wife will be able to say boastfully, "My husband has the biggest feet in the county."

Note and Comment.

The Ottawa Journal unearths a great truth when it says "the doughnut in a paper bag is no substitute for beefsteak and onions."

Summer resorts report no falling-off in the number of chaps who were always ready to teach some other chap's wife how to swim.

The most optimistic burglar we have heard of is the chap who broke into a man's house the week after he came back from his vacation.

The frost is on the pumpkin a little too soon this year. The pumpkins need a month or so to fatten before they can stand the poetic racket.

Two chaps lost \$1,500 in a gambling den in Vancouver. They turned bandit and recovered the amount, proving that a gun is mightier than an ace.

Formerly things in Manitoba used to date before and after the rebellion of 1885. Now the dates swing around the time when the government liquor stores open.

The young man who spent two weeks at a real summer resort has put away his white ducks, and is now figuring how he can pay his room rent and get squared away by Christmas.

The United States has just completed successful trials of what is said to be the largest and most powerful bombing plane in the world. Wasn't there a pact in Washington regarding the reduction of armaments?

The third reel of the Montreal Star's "Whisper of Death" is now running. The plot thickens; the villain has got a new supply of shells and an automatic. Nobody has been killed yet but harsh words and angry looks help to keep up the interest.

When this "Whisper of Death" hocus-pocus in the Montreal Star has all been strained and sifted it appears that the political death of Hon. Arthur Meighen is what is sought above all else. Even the Star must admit that the electors of Canada attended to that at the last election.

Your Health: Learn To Breathe Well If You'd Gain in Weight.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.

A few weeks ago I was out in the country where I was born. My boy urged me to go swimming with him. We went up the race to the dam, to the old "swimmin' hole."

The place has changed but little since I was a boy. I knew all the currents, I was a deep place and the sandbar. Nothing was different. I even kept an eye on my clothes to make sure nobody tied knots in them.

Pretty soon along came an old school friend of mine. He had his boy with him, too. We bragged about our respective sons while the boys showed us all the latest swimming stunts.

I noticed that my friend's son was very skinny. He had a shallow chest, prominent collar bones and every rib could be seen. He told me he had tried in vain to get fat.

I proceeded to give the young man a lecture on breathing. What has that to do with fatness or leanness? It has everything to do with it. You can never be plump and healthy until you breathe right.

You know perfectly well that a stove or a furnace will not work well unless there is plenty of draught. Without air the fire will not burn. There can be no heat without it.

The food you eat is of no value to your body unless it is burned. The oxygen of the air must come in contact with it, or it is as inert and

useless as the vegetables are if left in the ground, or as the meat if left on the animal.

The red corpuscles are made to carry the oxygen to every part of the body to do this important work of converting the food into useful material capable of absorption by the tissues. But if you do not breathe as you should there are no red corpuscles for the oxygen to pick up.

In the ordinary action of the lungs in breathing, not more than 10 per cent of the lung contents is changed at each breath. This is not enough for one who is thin and emaciated.

You must practice a lot and learn how to breathe. One of my favorite instructions to poor breathers is this:

Stand in front of a lace curtain or strip of paper suspended in a doorway. Fill the lungs and blow at the cloth or paper. Do not blow in a short, quick spurt, but do it slowly and deliberately.

When you see the thing you are blowing at move in the draft, step back and try again. Do not do too much the first day or two, because it will make you feel sore.

Of course, it is not the blowing that does the good. It is the deep breathing necessary to fill the lungs in order that you may blow.

Keep this up for several minutes twice a day and you will be surprised at your gain in weight.

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Office Gossip

By ANNE CAMPBELL.

He didn't have a bit of use. For girls who bobbed their hair. A woman was a silly goose.

Who'd grace a barber's chair? His favorite stenographer. He fired right off the bat.

Because, my word! The nerve of her! She cut her hair like that!

And, too, his favored poetess. He wouldn't read, he said. He met her once, and every tress was shorn right from her head!

Still, one by one the style so grew. In popularity. That every woman whom he knew.

Was bobbed right to a T! And yet he lost his faith in all. Who liked it easy grace.

For modern styles he'd never fail. He preached it every place!

But lately he's been very dumb. We never did know why. Until the office saw her come.

A twinkle in her eye! Her hair marcelled, but bobbed, no doubt. And short? You bet your life! And did we crow when she went out?

We did! It was his wife! (Copyright, North American Newspaper Alliance, 1923.)

WHEN FELLERS NEED A FRIEND

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOUSE KIDS TO KEEP AWAY FROM THIS DOCK? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE—IN ATLANTIC CITY OR SOMETHING? THIS AIN'T NO FRESH AIR SOCIETY—BEAT IT OUT—



Rarebits by Rex

TOO MUCH MOON.

The moon is a wonderful planet. We're told by each poet and scribe. But I feel it my duty to pan it. And all of its light-giving tribe.

Last night I was strolling with Sadie. A peaches-and-cream sort of miss. A thoroughly respectable lady. So she gave me a ladylike kiss.

And I felt like a god kissing Venus. Till a brick put my kissing to rout. Her father would never have seen us. If the blinking moon hadn't come out.

We never did believe in corporal punishment. But with our coal bin empty it wouldn't take much salesmanship to induce us to subscribe to the Society for Striking Miners.

Possibility of getting fuel from Alberta this winter may be all right, but it looks a bit far-fetched.

If the police department really wishes to be economical the chief should order his detectives to grow whiskers. The cost of buying disguises would be then eliminated.

A dozen hair switches were stolen from a Toronto woman last week. Now she wants to know why curls leave home.

"Wandering Daughters" is the latest photoplay about the flap. It is possible, of course, to build a play around the subject, "Wandering Daughters."

It really is pitiable nowadays for a man to go to a party and have no kick coming.

Many a man has been drowned financially in a wheat pool.

They've named a new motor opportunity. The service dealer can be depended on to know when opportunity knocks.

KRASY KONJECTURES. Aid. Watt playing tennis. Mayor Wenige getting a job as leading man in the movies.

Hon. Arthur Meighen delivering ice. Dr. Hugh Stevenson giving Sir Adam Beck a winning smile.

A flapper reading Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.

It's a good thing government mail can be posted in England and free. Other wise the exchange of reparations notes would about double the national debt.

A new motor slogan is "Look under the hood." Probably the president of the company is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Slim straight jackets are the rage, says a fashion paper. We imagine they are particularly popular in American prisons.

STATES WHEAT FARMERS MUST SUBMIT TO LOSSES

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The wheat farmers of the country must take their losses. Governor Robert A. Cooper, chairman of the federal farm loan, declared today, following a conference with President Coolidge.

Cooper declared that the corn farmers stood their losses last year and that the wheat farmer now must do the same.

PLANS TO VISIT U. S. Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 25.—Stanley M. Bruce, prime minister of the Australian commonwealth, announced today that he had received a cordial invitation from the United States government to visit the United States and that he probably would accept.

FIRE ON U. S. LAUNCH. Associated Press Despatch. Athens, Aug. 25.—A telegram from the island of Imbros reports that a naptha-launch flying the United States flag and carrying ten refugees was fired upon by Turkish soldiers at Gallipoli, one man being killed and a woman badly wounded.

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

YIELD GRACEFULLY OR NOT AT ALL.

Now as touching the brother Apollos I besought him much to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all his will to come near; but he will come when he shall have opportunity.—I. Corinthians xvii, 12.

St. Paul wanted Apollos to go on a mission to Corinth. But Apollos was not at all willing to go.

So Paul yielded gracefully about the immediate mission. And Apollos promised generously that he would go at the first opportunity.

Was not this a pretty way to settle, or rather to prevent, a quarrel rising from a clash of wills?

Observe, Paul says nothing about his reasons for wishing Apollos to go, or Apollos' reasons for wishing to stay.

He does not say that he was right and the other man wrong. He does not revive the difference or repeat the controversy.

He merely says that he gave way, and adds that Apollos will come later, as if to assure the Corinthians that Apollos is not unfriendly.

In a dispute which can be settled only by one will yielding to another, do not make the concession grudgingly, for that will leave a grudge. Do not repeat the discussion to your neighbors, for that may leave a feud.

Above all, if it turns out that you were right, do not say, I told you so. Let the other man find that out for himself.

To yield gracefully is the only way to get the good of yielding. (Copyright, 1923, by The Republic Syndicate.)

TO THE EDITOR. FROM A BRITISH VISITOR. Editor Advertiser:—

Dear Sir,—By the courtesy of the editor of the "Western Mail," Cardiff, I have read the letter in your issue of July 17, dealing with an article which I wrote for the "Western Mail," and which I gather had reached you.

I must frankly confess that the short visit I paid to Canada does not entitle me to speak in any way authoritatively with regard to the important questions I raised in my article, and indeed I am under the impression, without having the article before me, that I recognized the disability under which any visitor to Canada labored whose stay there was as short as mine.

It would seem from your leader that I conveyed, or intended to convey, that there was a large public sentiment in Canada favorable to some sort of union with the United States. This criticism I do not think is justified as my argument was based upon the fact that in my judgment economic conditions would force Canada into some closer union with the U. S. A. unless the population of Canada over the next 10 or 15 years substantially increased.

I argued that the burden of the public debt of Canada was very onerous, and that there were only \$500,000,000 backs to carry it, and until this burden could be spread over a very much larger population Canada would find it exceedingly difficult to meet the economic pressure which association with the United States involved.

After all you have in America a population exceeding 100,000,000, exceedingly wealthy and very largely self-contained, and unless industries dealing with the natural resources of Canada were fostered in every possible way, and unless the necessary population to make those industries productive and profit-earning was available, Canada would find it difficult to meet the economic pressure which association with the United States involved.

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URGES LABORATORIES BE BUILT IN CANADA

Dr. Banting Praises Connaught Institution in Toronto in Speech at Exhibition.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 25.—Canada's greatest monument is the Connaught astrophysical laboratory of the University of Toronto and Canada needs more such monuments.

This was the statement of Dr. Frederick Grant Banting, the discoverer of insulin, in the address he delivered in declaring the Canadian National Exhibition officially open. He made a spirited appeal for Canada to place better facilities for scientific research at the disposal of her sons. They have the ideas, the enthusiasm, the imagination, he said, referring to the graduates of Canadian colleges "but where are the facilities?"

"We are being steadily sapped of our most gifted scientists because Canada has not one single institution where a young man can go to work on his problems free from the routine of a university department," declared Dr. Banting. "The greatest need of Canadian medical science today is a fund from which adequate salaries can be supplied to young men who have ideas of their own and the unselfish enthusiasm to devote their energy wholeheartedly to their problems."

"A true knowledge of God's creation dispels superstition, fear and ignorance," he said, "and a true knowledge of man, and he emphasized also the value of preventive medicine."

ADJOURN CASE INVOLVING PUBLISHING RACING TIPS

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Aug. 25.—The case of A. B. Jones, agent for a Buffalo newspaper, charged with having distributed sheets containing betting information, and the cases of three newsmen charged with selling the sheets, were adjourned sine die today by Magistrate Jelfs. It was decided not to go on with these cases until a decision has been given in the appeal from a judgment of Judge Denton in Toronto.

MAN SENTENCES HIMSELF TO PRISON FOR 27 DAYS

Associated Press Despatch. Baltimore, Aug. 25.—Julius Cernak had the distinction of sentencing himself to jail today and will remain behind the bars for 27 days on his own prescription.

Julius was picked up intoxicated late last night by a patrolman. This morning when arraigned in police court, Judge Potee asked him: "What in the world can I do with you?"

"Give me 27 days in jail, your honor," said Cernak.

"Done," said the judge.

APPEALS AGAINST DECISION IN RACING NEWS CASE

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Aug. 25.—Crown Attorney McRuer, acting under instructions of the attorney-general's department, today formally entered an appeal against the decision of Judge Denton acquitting S. Litchman of the charge of publishing racing information contrary to the Ontario statutes.