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The gravest fish is the Oyster; The gravest man is the Fool.*

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It may reasonably be hoped, now that the Ontario Government is considering the question of affording protection to children, that the pupils of Toronto Public Schools will be spared the infliction of having to sing or recite Inspector Jim Hughes' recently published ode entitled, "Canada to England."

**MAYOR FLEMING** shows his practical good sense in urging

the securing of vacant land in the outskirts of the city for park purposes at the present time, when real estate is lower than it will probably ever be again. With reviving prosperity the opportunity will have passed. Much of the land now available will be utilized for building purposes as soon as the depression is over, and what remains will be speedily doubled or trebled in price. The purchase of the Grenadier Pond and the adjacent land is specially desirable, owing to its immediate proximity to High Park. Many cities less wealthy than Toronto have paid far more than the purchase money for the construction of artificial lakes to beautify public parks, while we are hesitating about securing this beautiful natural adjunct to our principal breathing space. Neither the venom of malignant political obstructionists anxious to discredit everything the Mayor does, nor sectional jealousy, ought to stand in the way.

**QUEEN'S PARK** has surely suffered enough from the short-sightedness and vandalism of our aldermen, and the diminished area that remains ought not to be further injured by being made a thoroughfare for the electric cars. At present it is a safe and healthful resort for children, free from the danger and noise of traffic. If the project of the grasping and insatiable corporation, who fancy that they own the whole city because they bought the street railway franchise, is carried out, it will be unsafe to allow young children to frequent the park. Enough lives have been sacrificed already to that modern Moloch, the trolley car, without allowing it to find additional victims in our few open spaces.

**AMONG** other absurd and outrageous proposals which find favors with those who are frantically endeavoring to work up a manufacturing boom, is one to appropriate a portion of the very limited area of Riverside Park for factory purposes. As it is universally admitted that one great need of Toronto is more parks and open spaces, it is hardly likely that there is serious danger of the adoption of such a preposterous scheme. The public have by this time pretty well sized up the bonus and site grabbers and their boodle-hunting newspaper backers and hungry henchmen.

**THE** marriage of the Earl of Craven to the daughter of an ambitious New York millionaire, continues to furnish food for editorial comment respecting the toadyish proclivities of American plutocrats. There has been a rare lot of nonsense talked on this subject. If the