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WHAT WE PAY FOR HUSTLE.

We take pride in the wealth of our natural resources, our general development, the enterprise of our people and the extent of their prosperity. We boast of our time-saving methods, rapidity of action and of our American hustle. We observe John Bull plodding along slowly, apparently doing business in double the time it takes us to do it. We give a sly wink, meanwhile sending out sensational stories of how we build towns in a week, bridges in a month, large buildings in fifteen weeks; how we move structures a mile or so without disturbing business and how we lay rails for the locomotive at a wonderful speed. In short, we are speeders and we are proud to be first-class exponents of that North American art, hustle. What price do we pay for the boast? Here at a glance is a section of the bill of cost:

In four years—killed by	Persons.
Steam railways	2,049
Electric railways	301
Industrial accidents	5,296
Fires	1,072
	8,718

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Injured by

Steam railways	7,344
Electric railways	8,296
Industrial accidents	10,444
Fires (estimated)	1,908
	27,992
	36,710

In the past four years there have been killed and injured in Canada 45,428 persons on our railways, by industrial accidents and by fires. This is at the rate of 11,357 per annum. In other words, every day during that period 6 persons have been killed and 19 injured, about one killed or injured every hour of the twenty-four. This appalling record, too, applies to only the few causes mentioned. If statistics could be obtained of all fatalities and injuries in the Dominion, the bill of cost would have a still more serious appearance.

Many, if not the majority, of these accidents can be traced to carelessness, thoughtlessness or selfishness. The desire to achieve big results in the shortest possible time at the expense of efficiency is a national trait which the country may well take immediate steps to obliterate. The evil of dollar and dividend hunting, regardless of destruction in its wake, is a menace to Canada's progress and credit. The basis of civilization