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### Keeps the Facts Straight.

The leading newspapers of the United States appear to be determined that no reference shall be made in them to the National Railways in Canada without implying that public ownership of transportation is costing the Dominion a ruinous sum annually. It is not true. It was private ownership of railways that failed and piled on our shoulders a mountain of debt.

The New York Sun in an editorial comments on the good times in Canada as revealed in the improved government revenues for the eleven months ending February 28, which, from customs and excise alone, were \$260,612,000 as against \$209,728,000 for the same period last year. That it adds:

The annual deficit of the National Railways, a deficit which drains off the Treasury's surplus, will reduce what would otherwise be a surplus of \$80,000,000 in income over outgo. The deficit could be spent in cutting down the war debt has to go to pay the costs of an experiment in government-run business.

The surplus of \$15,000,000 in operating cost of the nationalized railways is a product of an experiment in government-run business, but the huge railway debt which burdens this surplus is not. That debt was there before public ownership took hold. Public ownership took hold because that debt was there, and had to be handled. Private ownership, state-aided, failed to make good, and the time came when Canada grew weary of adding failures to go on failing, and took over the whole business as a national enterprise rather than let these railways go into bankruptcy.

The debt which the country took over is large. The yearly interest payments are heavy. But at least the country has grappled with a situation that had been steadily growing worse and has got it in hand. So far national ownership has squared away to its work satisfactorily, and the debts with which it contends are not of its own making.

### London and Its Schools.

London built the Simcoe Street School in 1855, and not until 1911, a quarter of a century after, was another school erected, that being when the Alexandra was opened. There is a gap there of a quarter of a century; there should have been a moderate building program going on then, but there was not. Elements and odd rooms were rented, and schools were crowded, apparently with the idea of taking the load off the ratepayers.

That is the starting point of our school shortage in London today. The people who paid taxes between 1855 and 1911 were not heavily assessed, but the ratepayer of 1923 is making up for the moderation of that age.

The figures of London's total school bill over a period of years will show how the ratepayer of today is carrying more than his just share:

Year	School Cost
1887	\$ 42,750
1897	100,150
1907	153,073

In 1911 the building program was started, and the school bill started to grow. Up to this time the increases were very gradual. From 1912 the yearly school bill of London has been:

Year	School Cost
1912	\$235,869
1913	241,186
1914	258,851
1915	285,434
1916	328,532
1917	398,568
1918	424,554
1919	480,207
1920	527,121
1921	774,570
1922	849,326

London needs more secondary school accommodation. A little arithmetic will prove that. The burning of the old Central Collegiate brought the situation to a head. There were 26 rooms lost there, and the replacing school contains 18, it having been the intention to build a central, South London and east end collegiate instead of one large central building.

The Advertiser does not believe that the plan that the tax rate must be kept at a certain figure is a good enough reason for cutting off all building in view of the need that exists for more school rooms. It is not a fair way to deal with the large and increasing end of the city; neither is it fair to residents of London West. It is admitted without argument that it is putting a heavy load on the ratepayer of today, but where is there any other way out?

It is not necessary that these schools should all be erected at once. But it would be poor business to turn our backs on the whole school building problem because we have been going through a period of stiff school costs. London's position in Western Ontario is particularly strong, and one of our outstanding features is the unique school system,

## DIBS AND DABS — BY HARRY MOYER

whereby a pupil may start in the primary classes and go on right through the collegiate and university. It is a distinct advantage that London possesses, and one that will do more to draw people here than all the propaganda that can possibly be carried on by any of our external organizations which work to that end.

The Advertiser does not urge putting up all the needed schools at once. It is going to help the financing, spread the program for a little. But let us be careful that we are not penny wise and pound foolish in this matter.

**"Reorganize" the Senate.**  
The Winnipeg Free Press, referring to the remarks in The Advertiser about the abolition of the Senate, remarks:

"The Senate chose the country school a year or more ago. It is constituted and it is functioning at present. It is not going to be abolished. The abolition of the Senate is a question that will be decided by the people in the future. It is not a question that will be decided by the Senate."

The claim of the Free Press that the Senate should be "thoroughly reorganized" is quite right in theory, but it will hardly be accomplished. It is doubtful if the Free Press itself entertains any high hopes on this score.

**Preserving File Copies.**  
When the time comes to write local history, where is the material to be secured? It is a fact that many newspapers have kept a bound file of their issues. This should be the proper place to look for information dating back a number of years.

It was noticed that a few weeks ago the Stratford Beacon was asked for information about a man who claimed a share in an estate worth millions. The item containing the information had been published a number of years back, but the Beacon was able to produce it. That paper, we believe, has completed files since 1855, and they may be transferred to the public library there.

The complete files of The Advertiser were handed over to the Western University, and will be there for future reference. The Chatham Packet (now amalgamated with the News) has files back to 1845 and Mr. Stevenson is likely to place them in the public library.

In a town near Stratford there are files back to 1850 in a weekly newspaper office, but we are told they are being scattered today, the present owners of the paper placing little value on them.

Mr. Fred London, the librarian of London, is authority for the statement that present and past editions of newspapers are being systematically referred to. As a writer and historian with no small experience, Mr. London urges papers to keep their files carefully, and in this way pass down an unbroken story of all the life and business of the community.

**Note and Comment.**  
Some folks marry for love and get fooled; others marry for money and are heavily disappointed. A little of each is desirable.

New York motorists took down on an average six lamb pots and seven pedestrians per day. They hit the lamb pots when dodging the pedestrians.

A heading in The Advertiser referred to the increase in public "death." When it should have been "debt." To the pocket-book it means much the same thing.

Vast sums of gold have been located in South Africa. These vast sums of gold are always coming to the surface—a few months ago in the L. R. Steel concern, now in South Africa.

M. Coad made \$28,000 on his American trip. And if he could make his audiences believe they had only half the aches and pains they formerly owned he left at least a similar sum in United States.

London's mayor says the tax rate must come down to the level of last year, 24.5 mills on the dollar. With all the council sitting on the top of the trunk they can't get the lid strapped down to that 24.5 hole in the strap.

Calgary's municipally-owned street railway could not get enough traffic with tickets at four for a quarter, so they sold them at five for 25 cents. There was no increase in traffic, so the higher rate went in three weeks. Not many people will walk to save a cent.

## TWINS

PHIL AND FILLET

ST. THOMAS BRIDE SNATCHED FROM ALTAR BY IRATE PARENT

LOGAN O. WOMAN SNEEZES VIOLENTLY AND RUINS JEO SET OF FALSE TEETH

YOU HEAR A SIREN LOUDLY SHRIEK — SOME GIANT WANTS TO PASS! A ROAD BUG WHIZZES LIKE A STREAK ABURNIN' UP TH' GAS!

That Sick Fish

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## THE DAILY STORY

IN THE SAME BOAT.  
By Corona Remington.

"Oh, but Aunt Madge, if only I were seventeen instead of twenty-seven! He's so wonderful, and I love him so hard it hurts, but I can't, I can't, and I won't marry him. I'm just dead certain he isn't a day over twenty-two, for he came straight from high school here to college. Great big, laughing, happy boy—that's what he is."

"You don't look much over seventeen, dear, so I wouldn't worry about it or be so tragic. And, you see, mentally you are very young; living out in the country the way you did and not going with the boys until you were in the twenties—all that makes a big difference."

"I dare say, but no matter how I look I am twenty-seven, and I won't marry him. It's cradle snatching, pure and simple."

"Are you sure he's only twenty-two? If you don't like him, but I have, he realizes I'm so much older, and ever since I first met him I've said over and over that I'd never marry a man younger than I."

"Oh, yes, but I dodged and changed the subject, and he's never said any more about it."

"Don't worry, anyhow, and instead of grieving over being twenty-seven you'd better thank heaven you're not thirty-seven."

"Ah, but Aunt Madge, sometimes I feel like such a little hypocrite, but the way I'd lived all alone out there with only dad, and him an invalid I'd never had a bit of fun in my whole life until I came here to college. I hardly knew there was such a thing as styles changing, and what a sight I was with my long skirts and high hair screwed up in a knot! I wouldn't have him get hold of that album with those snapshots of me in it for millions."

"I'll admit, dear, you look fifteen years younger than when you first came to see me."

"And I've been so happy. It was like suddenly becoming another person—so rich and so free. And I don't believe one of the boys and girls at college would ever dream of the average student."

"I don't know why they should. In many ways you're younger."

"You simply can't have any idea how wonderful Bob is. My heart flaps around when I think of him."

"Neil, dear, that you made up your mind, the best thing you can do is to send him packing. It isn't fair to keep him hanging around."

"I guess you're right. I'll have to tell him tonight that he mustn't come here to help her gain in weight?"

"Kindly advise me about — A—A boy 18 years old should be about 58 inches tall, and should weigh about 140 pounds. However, height is entirely a matter of individuality."

"Vaseline is better for the hair than olive oil."

"Kindly send a self-addressed envelope for full particulars and restate your question."

## YOUR HEALTH

HERE ARE THE MEASUREMENTS OF PHYSICALLY PERFECT YOUTH.

BY ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.

United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

There was a great health exposition in New York a few weeks ago. One of the "popularity stunts" was a physical fitness contest put on by one of the newspapers.

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## Have You Tried Them

from your modern bakers' ovens?

These big, brown loaves of "old-fashioned" full-fruited raisin bread?

Note the raisin flavor that permeates these loaves.

Count the big, plump, tender, juicy raisins in each slice.

It's real raisin bread—the kind you're looking for.

Ready-baked to save baking at home. Delicious and convenient—and economical in cost.

We've arranged with bakers in almost every town and city to bake this full-fruited raisin bread.

Order from your grocer or a neighborhood bake shop.

Say you want the bread that's made with Sun-Maid Raisins.

Good raisin bread is a rare combination of the benefits of nutritious cereal and fruit—both good and good for you, so serve it at least twice a week.

Use more raisins in your cakes, puddings, etc.

You may be offered other brands that you know less well than Sun-Maid's, but the kind you want is the kind you know is good. Insist, therefore, on Sun-Maid brand. They cost no more than ordinary raisins.

Mail coupon for free book of tested Sun-Maid recipes.

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