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### TRYING TIMES

There is no concealing of the fact that a great many people in these Provinces are finding these times exceedingly strenuous and not a few are more or less discouraged. The difficulty of marketing farm produce and the low prices prevailing for much of this is reflected in the business of the towns and cities. While prices appear to be high on almost everything one buys, there is no doubt that business men are on the whole finding the times as difficult as the farmer. All over head expenses, taxes, etc., remain high and the turnover is very slow in most lines of goods.

The reasons for this state of affairs are fairly evident. Practically all the civilized world has been impoverished by the late war and conditions are not yet sufficiently settled to establish the confidence necessary for trade to revive.

At the same time it would be the worst possible policy to give up hope, and, discouraged and disgusted, to let things drift. Every such period has come to an end, usually much sooner, than the pessimist has calculated. In the dark days of the civil war in the United States, some beaten-off official would pay a visit to the great President Lincoln and pour out his tale of disaster and gloom. Lincoln, who was as acutely aware of the situation as any would listen patiently to the end and then say, in his quiet, convincing way, "This too will pass."

A great many of our people have been looking away to distant fields and many have gone already to seek better times elsewhere. The facts that are now coming to us from many quarters, both in the United States and other parts of Canada indicate that second thought is now necessary before any drastic move is made. We give below some impressions gleaned in an interview with Principal Cumming who recently returned from a two weeks mission in Ontario and the State of Illinois:

Dr. Cumming's first remark was that it was a revelation to him to find so many farmers, in the most

prosperous areas of these choice portions of America from the agricultural point of view, in a very pessimistic frame of mind. There has been a big migration from the farms of Illinois, for example, to the cities as there has been from Nova Scotia to the United States in recent months.

This condition is reflected in very much reduced buying on the part of farmers, a greatly reduced attendance at State Agricultural Colleges, and, generally, much the same situation as we have here. Early in the year the cities were prosperous, but they are now beginning to feel the lack of buying power on the farms, and business men are freely predicting a period of depression even in the city trade. It would seem to be a time when every man in his own place should do his best under the circumstances and make ready as he has opportunity for the period of prosperity which must inevitably follow.

It is noteworthy that the dairymen are at least doing fairly well. This is the type of farming which is being urged in this province, by all who have opportunity for wide surveys of the situation. Farmers who keep some sheep and who are in a position to sell some potatoes, turnips or similar products apparently will get through this period in the best shape.

By the way, the main business which took the Principal to Illinois was to look into the tremendous expansion in the use of ground limestone in that State. He found that some 400,000 tons had been used on the farms in the current year. As a result of this enormous consumption the cost per ton have been reduced to less than half those of Nova Scotia.

There are several reasons for this reduction but the major one is large consumption. It is hoped that by the adoption of some of the measures now prevailing there and the best use of our own peculiar circumstances the farmers of Nova Scotia may be able to obtain lime at figures which will justify its wide and general use in the near future.

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### WATERS IS PROFITABLE

(By Hubert Evans in Toronto Sunday World.)  
"Yes," said one of the oldest residents of the district, "years ago all these creeks and little lakes around here fairly teemed with fish. You could go out and bring home a feed of them any day. Nobody needed to go hungry in those days. But it's not like that any more. All these places have been fished out and now-a-days we have to go a long way for a day's fishing."

Is there a settled community in Canada where in like or lesser degree these statements do not hold? Waters which once provided clean sport and valuable food for dwellers in their vicinity are now barren and neglected, too often used as places where with a minimum of trouble, refuse may be dumped. The day is not very far distant when enlightened opinion will take advantage of modern developments in fish-culture and public-spirited men and women will eagerly set about the task of restoration. For it can be done. Instances are already to hand where highly gratifying results have rewarded a small outlay of money and labor.

A year ago, The Rod and Gun Club of Cranbrook, B.C., put down in a lake near that place, some two thousand Kamloops trout fry. This planting was the work of a few hours. This season fish from five to thirty-eight pounds were taken from this small lake.

Near Kamloops eight years ago, two men placed six parent fish of the same species in a lake where previously, owing to natural barriers, no fish had been. Today this water fairly teems with Kamloops trout weighing as much as twenty-five pounds.

There is a small lake on an eastern farm where equally successful results have been obtained with black bass. This body of water is really little more than a pond four hundred yards wide. Yet last summer a party of anglers took in one day fifty-one small mouthed bass, the largest weighing five pounds.

Many similar instances could be cited, but from these one can get a glimpse of the possibilities of this sort of work, and of the advantages to small towns and farming communities of having in their vicinity waters whose contribution to the local food supply would be no mean item.

Many will be skeptical of this aqua-culture, as it might be called, just as many were in the early days of scientific agriculture. There were farmers who laughed at the new-fangled ideas and went on planting the same crop in the same fields year after year, while their land grew poorer and their crops dwindled. But today, what farmer doubts the value of crop rotation and soil foods?

The parallel between aqua and aqua-culture is a true one. Just as certain crops thrive on certain kinds of land and fail on others, so certain forms of fish life flourish in some waters and die in others; just as seed planted in a too-generous hand yields a stunted crop, so fish crowded into a small body of water never attain normal size just as a farm may be overworked, so waters may be over-fished, and for the same reason that soil must have a constant supply of the elements necessary for the growth of the seed it is essential that the fish food be not exhausted from waters where fish are to thrive.

In farming, modern appliances have worked wonders. In fish culture, the same fact holds. Fish culture was practised thousands of years ago in China, and in the Middle Ages by certain monks, but only in very recent years have discoveries been made which placed the science beyond the aquarium stage. In fact, two of the most revolutionary improvements are decidedly modern. One enables spawn, to be shipped long distances by rail so that today it is an annual occurrence for hundreds of thousands of fish eggs to be shipped from one end of Canada to the other, and to be kept healthy out of water for weeks at a time. The second and more recent improvement is a simple contrivance by means of which fish eggs may be safely deposited in new spawning beds with less loss than under natural conditions. In natural spawning the percentage of infertile eggs is almost ninety; among eggs artificially spawned the loss is from five to ten per cent. Thus by means of this new egg-planting device a huge saving—the difference between ten and ninety—is made, without resorting to hatchery methods.

Last summer thousands of fertilized eggs were sent a distance of several hundred miles by parcel post. Think then, of what may come to pass in this generation when these two vital discoveries have been perfected. A man has a body of water he wishes to stock and, after receiving his egg shipment by mail and supplying himself with this new planting device he sets out on foot or by boat and in a day has safely deposited of perhaps fifty thousand eggs. Three years later these eggs have hatched and the fish matured. Hundreds of pounds of good fish food are available and the cost has been negligible for, unlike farm stock, the fish feed themselves.

### ROUND UP GANG OF HOUSE BREAKERS

Winnipeg Police Arrest Six Men And Four Women.

Winnipeg.—With the arrest of six men and four women over the holiday, Winnipeg police believe they have broken up one of the biggest house-breaking and theft rings in the city's history. They are alleged to have entered at least sixty houses during the past three months, securing jewelry, furs and other valuables worth approximately \$10,000. One of the men, said to be the "look-out" for the gang, has a wooden leg. It was found to be hollow and contained valuable jewelry. The gang was well organized, owned several automobiles and is said to have watched several wedding and funeral announcements in the newspapers, taking advantage of the householders' absence to ransack the house.

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In all such work there are, of course, certain conditions which must be right if the plan is to succeed. Quantitative and qualitative tests for fish food must be made. This can easily be done. A record of water temperatures throughout an entire season must be kept, and there must be suitable spawning grounds in order that the fish may multiply. If the food supply is limited it can be augmented by introducing minute animal and vegetable organisms and allowing them to multiply. The important things is a close observation of natural conditions.

Before this, as before all branches of science, there lies a future eternally broad and far-reaching; we may have struggled to the first hilltop, only to discover another hill beyond, and beyond that another, and yet another, and it is only by making the use of yesterday's problems help to solve those of today that we progress. Fish culture thousands of years old is still in its infancy. Who can tell what its development will accomplish, or to what extent victories will add to the sum of man's happiness.

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### GREAT GROWTH OF RADIO IN THE DOMINION

There Are Now 100,000 Fans In Canada and Subsidy For Broadcasting Is Suggested.

Ottawa.—To be or not to be subsidized is a question which is engaging the attention of radio broadcasters throughout Canada and which may soon require from the Dominion Government, a definite yes or no. There are over 100,000 radio users in Canada and broadcasting is the life of the radio world. Again it is of importance to Canadians that as much as possible of the broadcasting should be of Canadian origin. The radio vogue too has built up a new and flourishing industry in Canada, the making of radio supplies, and there are features to it, that make it desirable to have the radio encouraged and assisted. Those at the head of the radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries are, however, at a loss to learn how best to get that assistance to radiomom. Encouragement of some form to the broadcasting would be one means, but if this were carried out the Dominion Government might be open to the accusation of subsidizing instruments of propaganda in its favor such as newspapers who have installed radio broadcasters. It is now being done in Manitoba where the Provincial Government is operating a broadcaster through the Telephone Commission's facilities. That installation is subsidized by the Dominion Government in this way: half of every radio license fee of \$1 paid by citizens of that Province to the Dominion is turned over to the Provincial Government to aid in maintaining the broadcasting system.

For the year 1922, 63 broadcasting licenses had been taken out in Canada the fee being \$50 each. In the early part of this year the total had dropped to 26, but this has come up to 38 at the beginning of December.

During the last two years \$2,000,000 worth of receiving sets have been sold in Canada, and the making of these supplies, or a part of them, as many are imported from the United States, has grown into a considerable industry.

It is announced by the radio branch of the Marine Department that it has completed arrangements whereby radio licenses for private receiving stations may be sold by radio supply houses and other reliable parties. This is a further step by the Department to place all reasonable facilities within reach of the public before entering upon its final campaign to enforce the law regarding the licensing of radio sets.

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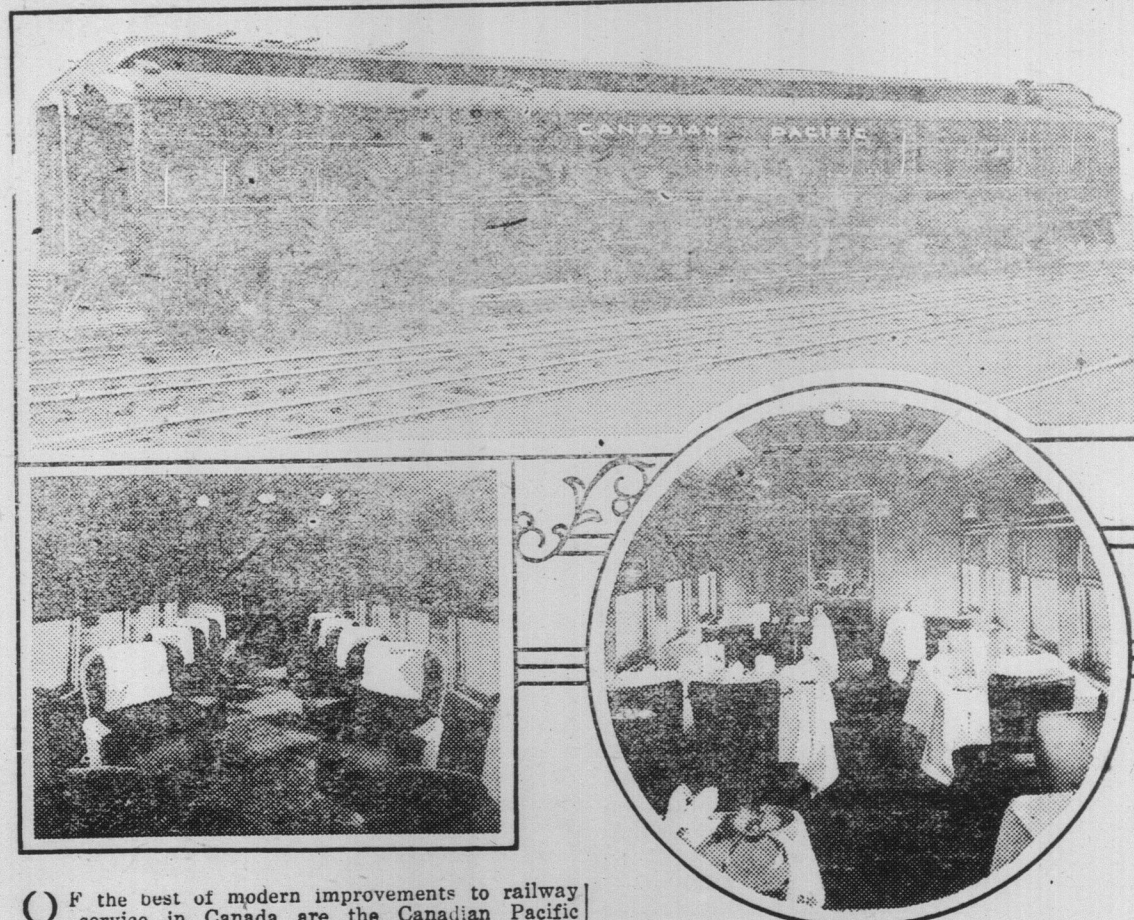
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Above—Exterior Cafe Parlor Car.  
Left—Interior of the parlor.  
Right—The dining room.

Of the best of modern improvements to railway service in Canada are the Canadian Pacific combination dining and parlor cars. The new all-steel cars, six in number, will operate on the more important short runs, affording every convenience and luxury, where full size dining and parlor cars are not required. They are the only Cafe Parlor Cars existing that are fitted with a smoking room, and the revolving slumber-back chairs are another distinctive feature.

Interior decoration has been given special consideration by the Company, and the new cars are an extremely well finished product. Inlaid mahogany has been used with good effect, the ceilings have a light brown finish, and the lighting has been arranged to permit reading in any part of the car without strain or glare. Lamps are arranged along the centre of the ceiling, and bracket lamps over each table and chair, all with truscan shades, diffuse a warm glow. The new cars are different from any others doing service in Canada in that they are practically divided into four separate compartments. The kitchen, fully equipped with nearly 16 feet of one end, and in this are found a huge range with ovens and steam tables attached. A charcoal burning grill is placed near the range, and on the other side are the separate refrigerators for meats, fish, fruits, milk, cream and ice cream. A large sink of flowing water is provided for work and for the serving tables, sink, dish washer and innumerable lockers for groceries, chinaware, glass, silver, etc. A tank overhead supplies fresh and filtered water for use in the dining room and kitchen. Leaving the kitchen one comes upon a small vestibule which opens into the dining room. Hand-

some china and silver cabinets can be seen here, and stowed snugly into the corner is a "bar" which will hold a surprisingly large number of bottles, and keep them cool too, because ice may be let into a chamber at the rear, through the roof.

The dining room is 19 feet long and seats 18 people. Three tables each accommodate four diners, and three tables, two. Particularly when lighted, the dining room is most beautiful. The general effect is very rich and soft.

The parlor, over 21 feet long, contains twelve chairs with swivel base and reclining back. There is a good distribution of light for reading, and the compartment is absolutely the last word in comfort. The smoking room is reached through a short corridor, off which are the wash rooms. This is somewhat smaller, but decidedly more comfortable than the smoking rooms of the standard sleeper or first class coaches. It is over 7 feet long and the two leather sofas accommodate six people with ease. The new Canadian Pacific cafe parlor cars have their own heating units which is another advantage. They are fitted with cooling fans and the ventilating system has been so arranged as to ensure a complete change of air every few minutes without causing draughts.

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