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KILLING THE GOOSE

The Sherbrooke Daily Record recently published the following:

"It has been proven by actual figures that one man in every seven is employed by some governing body which has become chiefly a tax-collecting or fee-exhorting body.

"Canada sorely needs a comptroller who can reorganize our whole expensive system of government, so that we may gradually rid ourselves of all the barnacles of state."

The Montreal Daily Star reproduced the above and commented upon it as follows:

"The Sherbrooke Record has been running a campaign for months against extravagance in government. The foregoing paragraph may be taken as a summing up of the situation. Whether or not the proportion of public employees to private producers is as bad as The Record reports, there is no doubt whatever that we hire far too many people to perform so simple a task as keeping order, seeing fair play between the competitors and attending to such community services as the Post Office.

"In primitive communities there are no professional government officials. The citizens themselves take a little time off to perform such public duties as are necessary. Nobody makes a living just watching other people produce. As life becomes more complicated, the community finds it must pay for certain services. But the creation of paid public position is very slow and few there are who are thus relieved from the hazards and hardships of adventuring for a living. They used to call these safe jobs "sinecures."

"But the number of them has grown out of all proportion to the need. 'One in seven' is a shocking figure. When to this is added the enormous number of persons who are supported by public relief, it is astonishing that the rest of the community—the men who pay taxes—can keep going at all. In fact, there will come a limit when they can no longer carry the burden. They could not carry it now if it were not for the device of borrowing to meet deficits and only paying interest on what we spend. But can this go on forever? For an answer we might consult some 'armer with a mortgage."

THE CROP REPORT

The weekly crop report of the Bank of Montreal says: Grain cutting is nearing completion in the Prairie Provinces and threshing is well advanced. The quality of the crop marketed to date has been high. Private estimates place the Prairie wheat yield at approximately 270,000,000 bushels. Recent rains, while delaying crop is proving about average, except in the case of oats, which are heavy in some districts and under average in others. In Ontario threshing has been well advanced under favourable conditions. Barley is of good quality and shows a fair yield and a short oat crop of fair quality is indicated. Fruit crops are progressing satisfactorily. In the Maritime Provinces grain yields are showing somewhat under average potatoes promise an average crop and the apple crop outlook is excellent. In British Columbia the third crop of alfalfa is making good progress. Threshing of grain is now general, although delayed by rain in some districts.

A soldier in the English army wrote home: "They put me in barracks; they took away my name and made me 'No. 575'; they took me to church, where I'd never been before, and they made me listen to a sermon for 40 minutes. Then the parson said: 'No. 575; art thou weary, art thou languid?' and I got seven days in the guard-house because I answered that I certainly was."

"I am confident that almost any one can learn to drive a car in a few hours" says a writer. But it takes weeks of patient practice to fold up a road map into its original creases.

William Lyons Phelps for many years a bright college luminary in English literature gallantly says: "The only war I ever approved or was the Trojan war; it was fought over a woman and the men knew what they were fighting for."

Thunder does not sour milk. It is the state of the atmosphere that prevails when thunder prevails that does it. And if a "state of the atmosphere" can do that to milk what does it do to us?

Hints of possible wars indicate no more than a willingness to analyze conditions with impartial intelligence. The most devastating wars have usually begun suddenly and unforeseen.

A Princeton theater is so equipped that visibility and audibility are perfect and yet there are men who will be able to sleep through the performances.

If Satan had entered into a lion instead of a serpent in the Garden of Eden he wouldn't have had more influence.

Wonder what Prof. Phelps thinks of the military conflicts provoked or at least influenced by Cleopatra.

It is said only one person in five knows how to drive a car. Nearly every man knows his wife is included in the other four.

The police have the number of numberless persons.

Becoming a great artist often is a fight to the finish.

The wag says the tail of a dog isn't always a happy ending.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Next Stop—Thanksgiving Day.

Gasoline Price up two cents a gallon—press report.

Something is always taking the joy out of life.

Take care of your appetite. It can give you a great deal of enjoyment if you do.

Some of us are good losers because our frequent experiences have taught us how to be.

There is nearly always some one song that can be sung that will make an old man cry.

Don't put off till tomorrow what some other fellow will do before you can get around to it.

After the second year of automobile ownership, one leaves his motor horn alone most of the time.

The only thing civilization hasn't learned to produce in sufficient quantity is aisle seats.

When a woman gets "all dressed up" she FINDS some place to go—in which she is more enterprising than a man.

If we were recommending a diet for anyone we would pick out only dishes that the dieter liked—instead of being disagreeable about it.

Bobby Jones says the average golfer should learn how to use his hips, legs and torso. Wouldn't it also help a little, Bobby, if he learned how to use his head?

A Clergyman preaching in a local church, the other Sunday, remarked in his sermon that among modern changes even those of Grandmothers, who not only bobbed their hair, but also smoked.

A WOLF RACKETEER

Oklahoma City, September 11—Uncle Sam and Oklahoma are joining hands to stamp out a four legged racketeer—the wolf. A dozen hunters and trappers will be employed by the United States Biological Survey and the State Game and Fish Commission to keep the wolf from the door—of the hen house.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE

London, Sept. 10—Negotiations between the United Kingdom and Soviet Russia for a new trade agreement will not be affected by the investigation of the tariff advisory committee of the Board of Trade into the question of British imports of Russian timber.

The negotiations are continuing despite the absence of one of the Russian representatives who was called to Moscow.

The Board of Trade in a communication requesting the tariff committee to inquire into the Russian timber question recalls that the Canadian government had pointed out at Ottawa preferences granted the Dominions would likely be frustrated by creation or maintenance of timber prices through state action by Soviet Russia.

The Canadian government claimed, he letetr said, that under Article 21 of the Canada-United Kingdom trade agreement reached at the Imperial economic conference last year, Britain should take steps to prohibit the import of Russian timber Any action under the article mentioned should be preceded by careful inquiry and the government therefore had decided to ask teh tariff advisory committee to undertake an investigation the letter added.

NO TRACE YET OF GIRL MISSING AT GASPE, QUE.

Campbellton, Sept. 10—Ten days have gone by but the mystery of the disappearance from their homes in the Gaspé Peninsula of Maud Ascah, 15, and Marguerite Ascah, 17, cousins, has not yet been solved. The girls have not been seen since Aug. 31, and an intensive police search, by land, water and air, has so far been fruitless.

Fears that the girls had been kidnapped by bootleggers, in revenue for the activities against illegal liquor traffickers by the cousins' uncle and his sons, members of the preventive force, are entertained by the girls' parents.

Meanwhile, Detective John Saunders, of the Saint John police force, reported Saturday that while motor-ing to Saint John from Moncton Thursday night he came upon two girls hiking toward Saint John. They were then near Salisbury, a few miles west of Moncton. The girls asked for a lift, saying they were hitch-hiking on a bet to Montreal, starting out from Halifax, where they claimed they worked. The detective and his party brought the girls as far as Saint John Descriptions of the cousins, published later, led the detective to believe the hikers were the missing girls.

A BEREAVED WOMAN STARTS

Libson Portugal, Sept. 11—One of Portugal's most prosperous factories, a carpet concern, has been built up by a brokenhearted woman, who sought to forget her life's tragedy in manual work.

Four years ago, the wife of a well-to-do farmer of Beiriz, she lost her only child. To divert her mind she started weaving carpets and before long her brightly colored rugs were so popular that she took on six apprentices.

The home workshop has grown to a full-sized factory employing 300 women workers and scores of others engaged in minor jobs and in transport.

EMPTY LAKE FILLS UP AGAIN

Geevagh, Irish Free State, Sept. 11—The waters of Lake Nasuil which ran out a month ago through a cavern in its bed, returned Tuesday night with a roar. A man walking on the dry bed barely escaped.

The lake covering 45 acres, was 30 feet deep before the water disappeared in the night, leaving heaps of dead fish and mud flats. The cavern through which the water ran out is shaped like a huge cave. Hence the body of water is known as the "Lake of the Eye."

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Stock Market Stronger Today

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prices in the Montreal market but there was more activity in trading. Nickel was quite firm at 20.90 and the distillery stocks moved upwards.

Brazilian	13 1/2
B. C. Power. A.	24 3/4
Bruck Silk	20 3/4
Canada Cement	7 1/4
Canada Car.	17 1/2
Can. Indus. Alcohol	18 1/2
Cons. Mining & Smelt.	131
Dominion Bridge	39 1/2
Dryden	7
General Steel Wares	4 1/4
Hollinger	10.25
International Nickel	20.90
Massey Harris	6
McColl Frontenac	12 1/4
Montreal Power	36 1/2
National Breweries	26 1/4
Quebec Power	18 1/2
Shawinigan	13

MONTREAL CURB

Brewer & Distiller of Vancou.	2.35
British Amer. Oil	14 1/2
Distillers Seagrams	28 1/2
Dome	34.75
Falconbridge	3.85
Hiram Walker	48
Home Oil	210
Imperial Oil	14 1/2
International Petroleum	19 1/2
Lakeshore	45
Noranda	35
Sheritt Gordon	1.33
Siscoe	1.45
Teck Hughes	6.40

He—I say, doesn't this dance make you long for another?

She (sadly)—Yes—but unfortunately he couldn't come tonight.

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