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BUY OR RENT?

Does it pay to own a home? The question is prompted by a communication which takes exception to a table recently printed concerning the cumulative costs of renting.

After enumerating the costs of maintaining a home after it is fully paid for, the writer of the letter says: "My advice to the working man is this: Rent as cheaply as you can and get a second-hand car to take the family to the country one or two days a week."

In normal times such advice seldom would be given. The motive lies in that sense of instability which for the last few years has disturbed the mind of many wage-earners. There is good reason to believe that return of more settled conditions will enable the great majority of working people to make a different appraisal of the value of a home.

Properly estimated, there are elements in home-owning that are above the consideration of a difference of a few dollars a month one way or another. The renter is himself conscious of being a transient and is so regarded by his community. The home-owner takes on a responsibility which not only is conceded by his neighbors, but which in his own consciousness gives a sense of stability and worth.

This difference is acknowledged also by those who have employment to give and who are interested in promoting the industrial and commercial interests of the community. They count on the man who has a stake in the community rather than on the man who has his effects largely on wheels and can move out overnight or by giving 30 days' notice.

In mere dollars and cents, the ownership of a home, like any other investment, may make a profit or a loss. But viewed in the wider scope of human relationships and social and cultural values, the advantages of owning one's home are greatly to be preferred.

## BOREDOM

"It is not the fast tempo of modern life that kills, but the boredom, a lack of strong interest and failure to grow that destroy. It is the feeling that nothing is worth while that makes men ill and unhappy."

So said President Dodds of Princeton, in his baccalaureate sermon to the 1935 class of that university. Yet why the prevalence of this feeling that nothing is worth while?

First of all, perhaps, because a number of the things we persist in doing are not worth while. Second, because many of us insist on repeating things which may be worth while once, but which grow stale and unprofitable if repeated. Third, because we fail to stick by long-term worth-whiles, for the reason that most of us are tainted with the get-rich-quick notion.

The first of these mistakes leads logically to boredom. The second fails to provide material for real interest in life. The third takes no proper account of patience and persistence, which rank high among the vital ingredients in any recipe for growth.

Along with our flaunted "new freedom" we have discovered that a lot of free things cost more than they are worth. But many of us have still to learn that the way to escape the boredom engendered by such is to turn to things that are not so free; things that demand more of self and effort in return for what they give. No one ever gets something for nothing.

## THE STEVENS BOLT

The effect of Hon. H. H. Stevens' secession from the Conservative party and its fate in the forthcoming general elections was discussed in newspapers in London yesterday.

The Times said: "The new party may not be formidable in itself and though many Conservatives in and out of Parliament supported the Stevens campaign, they are reluctant to join it. No Conservative member has

as yet announced his adherence. The list of supporters is not impressive. Yet the programme put before the electors cannot be taken lightly by official Conservatives. The controversy between the old and new Conservatives is likely to be more damaging because of the vacillations in Mr. Bennett's own attitude.

"The formal secession is a climax to a story that began 18 months ago in the speech made by Mr. Stevens in which he attacked corporations, using as his weapons the evidence given before the Price Spreads Commission."

The Times then went on to outline the course that Mr. Bennett has taken since. The Manchester Guardian said: "It is too early to estimate the effect on the next Parliament of the new reform party led by Mr. Stevens, but it can hardly fail to be considerable. Mr. Bennett is broken in health and his Ministry has made no real attempt to carry out the program laid before the people in his broadcast speeches. Moreover a mistake has been made in shelving the recommendations of the Price Spreads Commission. Whether the new party hopes in the limited time at its disposal to effect much itself is doubtful; but the rent made in the Conservative party destroys any hope that that party has in emerging in strength from the coming election."

## SNAPSHOTS

The offensive piggery at the upper border of the city is causing considerable talk.

The Glorious Twelfth and the hot weather generally come together.

Are people allowed to salt hides this warm weather in the centre residential districts of the city. On King Street for example.

The city automobile party must have had a fine time touring through Prince William and bumping into the bridges and ditches. Gasoline and booze do not mix very well.

Who now remembers when "Gentlemen prefer blonds" was a gag, instead of a Nazi eugenics policy?

A correspondent in a family paper declares that her baby wriggles out of everything. Obviously an incipient politician.

Telling a woman how to do things is an ingrowing weakness in the masculine make-up. Whether it's philosophy, finance, children or cooking all men have wonderful judgment. Ask them.

## Hon. R. B. Hanson Here For Brief Respite

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of unsettlement, incidental of a general election at all times but, particularly so this year, ought to be abbreviated as much as possible, rather than being prolonged until the end of September.

"The proposal of making election day a public holiday was abandoned but there is a provision that every voter is entitled to two hours off to poll his vote without loss of pay."

## \$45,000,000 PALACE TO RIVAL TAJ MAHAL

LONDON, England, July 11—Clinking urses of the British Empire's Indian princes are playing no small part in the success of London's jubilee shopping season.

There is for example, the Maharaja of Jaipur, ruler of the largest state in central India. Wherever he goes the shops do record business.

For the maharaja is furnishing his new \$45,000,000 palace which is built entirely of marble and is said to be a modern rival of the world-famed Taj Mahal.

The two and a half millions subjects of the maharaja call his new home "Vayn Prasada" or "The Gift of the Air" for Jaipur's ruling family claims descent from the sun god and Hindus hold that the air is next of kin to the sun.

But if its name and exterior are essentially eastern the interior of the palace is being furnished through-

## NAT. REVENUE MINISTER WILL LEAVE CABINET

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, July 12—At the conclusion last evening of the cabinet meeting Premier R. B. Bennett was unable to announce any appointments to the Senate and other higher appointments. No New Brunswick appointments have been made. So far as can be learned here. Speaking of the matter Premier Bennett said that he could not make any statement as to the progress being achieved, but declared it was his intention and hope to deal with these appointments as speedily as possible.

Non-cabinet appointments, being considered would place John I. McFarland, general manager of the Canadian Co-Operative Wheat Producers Limited, at the head of the new Canadian Wheat Board. The two other members of the commission may be Robert McKee, Vancouver grain exporter, and Paul Brett, head of the Manitoba Pool, both of whom gave evidence before the special committee on the grain board measure.

Hon. G. S. Harrington, former Nova Scotia premier, and Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Council, are understood to have been invited to act on the Unemployment and Social Insurance Commission.

R. K. Smith, Conservative member for Cumberland, is slated for the post of deputy minister of marine, now vacant three years, and Peter Collican, assistant deputy postmaster-general, will likely be moved up to the deputy ministership. Dr. Aegidius Fauteux of Montreal is said to be a candidate for the office of Dominion archivist.

## ORIGIN OF THE SEA DISTRESS SIGNAL SOS

The popular notion that the marine distress signal S O S means "Save Our Souls," "Save Our Ship," or "Send Out Succor," won't hold water when you learn that it is a modification of the German inquiry signal S O E and that it was altered to S O S because the final "E"—being only a dot in the Morse code—would be too easily lost in atmospheric disturbances, through interference, or if nervously transmitted. S O S was therefore judged preferable to S O E. Three dots, three dashes, three dots, could not be mistaken for anything else. It was to be sent as one unbroken signal . . . — . . . and is therefore SOS and not S. O. S., as it is so often seen misspelled.

The original marine distress signal was CQ—the general call used by British telegraphers to attract attention of all operations along land wires. CQ went to sea with the advent of wireless telegraphy and became a general call to all ships. Early in 1904 the letter "D" was added, making the signal CQD, because it had been found that CQ did not "sufficiently express the urgency required in a signal of distress"—to quote Karl Baarslag (in "SOS to the Rescue"—a history of the marvelous utility of wireless at sea). CQD was popularly interpreted to mean, "Come Quick, Danger," but like its successor, SOS, it just wasn't so.

By the way, SOS was selected as the suitable distress signal at the second International Radio Telegraph Convention held in Berlin in 1906, and was officially adopted by international ratification in 1908. But, (says Mr. Baarslag, a seagoing radio operator, himself), the older CQD lingered on for several more years. Jack Binns was to make it famous in the "Re-public" disaster in 1909, and as late as 1912 Jack Phillips on the founder- ing of the "Titanic" used both CQD and SOS.

out in western style and that is why the maharaja is proving a boon to London's stores.

The Aga Khan, fabulously wealthy prince who has no land to rule, is another big spender. And as might be expected of the only Oriental to be granted membership to the exclusive English Jockey Club, he spends his money in maintaining an expensive racing stud—and winning the Derby.

## OUR MAIL BAG

THE OLD BURIAL GROUND

Editor Daily Mail,  
 City.

Dear Sir:

Those citizens who on their way to the Post Office or to their place of business make a short cut by going through the old burial ground can hardly realize that at one time the place was enclosed by a high fence, and that the gates at the Brunswick Street and George Street entrance were some times locked.

On one occasion a funeral was interrupted because the gate by which they hoped to enter was locked.

As the men stood on Brunswick Street wondering what to do, a voice from the opposite side walk was heard enquiring, "Gentlemen, what appears to be the trouble?" "The gates are locked sir!" Then came the answer "Are there not men enough among you to lift the gates off their hinges?" The young lawyer then continued his walk.

The gates on being removed the funeral proceeded, when the service was completed the gates were again returned to their proper place.

It is worthy of note that the gates were never again locked. It is also worthy of note that the young law student who gave such timely advice lived to fill an honoured place in the law courts of the Province of New Brunswick, becoming Chief Justice, Sir John Allan.

Yours truly,

OLD RESIDENT.

July 12, 1935.

## "FUR STREET" IN QUEBEC

MONTREAL, Quebec, July 11—What Bond St. is to men's clothes and the Rue de la Paix to women's fashions, St. Paul St., here is to buyers shopping for furs.

And now, while people sport summer abbreviations at beaches, grizzled trappers from Quebec's north woods are converging for the annual pelt sale, lugging with them the answers to what next winter's best-dressed women may be wearing.

The Mecca for these provincial fur men as well as for thousands of other trappers and breeders from the Dominion's 4,500 fur farms and backwoods regions, is picturesque St. Paul st., scene of fur auctions during June.

## "Buntz" McKnight Given Pardon

(Continued from Page One) save him was almost given up. Then he managed to pull out of the crisis. Doctors declared that his heart is very weak, his liver is enlarged and doses of insulin administered to aid his diabetic condition have had the effect of further injuring his heart. In addition to these ailments, physicians said that his condition calls for removal of his prostate gland, but that he is too weak to stand an operation.

### Explains Vote

Councillor James J. Brennan, of Somerville, one of the six who voted for the pardon, said: "After having read the communication of the prison physician at Norfolk Colony. I assume it to be an impartial report relative to the impending death of Edwin T. McKnight. I believe the only humane thing remaining for me to do was to allow him to be released to die at home rather than in prison.

Besides Councillor Brennan, those who voted for the pardon were Councillors Coakley, Grossman, Cote, Hennessey and Lieutenant-Governor Hurley. Those who voted against the granting of the pardon were Councillors Schuster, Brooks and Baker.

### Sentenced in 1932

McKnight was first sentenced to two years in the house of correction on June 24, 1932, in Middlesex Superior Court on each of three counts of conspiracy to bribe, the sentence to be served concurrently.

He was sentenced to one year in the house of correction on each of the two counts of receiving fees on bank transactions, with the sentences to be served concurrently and he was committed immediately.

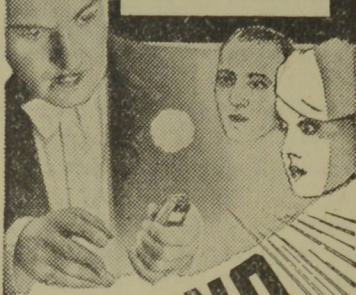
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