

MASTER SLEUTHS OF FICTION DISCUSSED BY MONTREAL HOMICIDE SQUAD

Not True To Life But Good Amusement, Says
Montreal Detectives in The Standard

As a man who has had the habit namely, find out the identity of the for many years of reading good detec- corpse and the personal details sur- tive fiction each night for a while be- rounding it. From that point on he fore drifting off to slumberland. The trusts to clues, chance, and intuition Standard correspondent has often to guide him to the guilty person.

Like True Detective Tales
Lieutenant Detective Therrien and Sergeant Detective Prysky stated that they did not "get much kick" out of the feats of fictional sleuths of the sleuths of the calibre of the Mon- treal Police crack Homicide Squad.

So he decided to interview the local sleuths one by one and answer the question for once and for all—an answer which should also prove of con- siderable interest to The Standard to deal with and too many sudden readers since it is estimated that the deaths to investigate to become warm- vast majority of citizens indulge in ed up by the product of some writer's reading detective fiction no matter imagination.

what other types of literature they, It is much the same as the manner in which actual newspapermen grow

The correspondent spared no one, bored when they view the antics of and started off with the noted head of fictional newspapermen whose ac- the local squad for close to two de- tions have been plotted from imagina- cades, Inspector Armand Brodeur, tion by some writer who all too fre- chief of the Detective Bureau who quently has never had actual contact personally directs the Homicide men's with real newspaper work.

The remainder of the squad also came in for their share of quizzing— an unusual role for them in that they are usually on the other end of the interviews.

These latter included Lieutenant- testice T. Therrien, Sergeant Detect- tive T. Therrien, Rergeant-Detect- ive F. Prysky, and Sergeant-Detective F. Fitzpatrick.

The first disillusionment experienc- ed by the correspondent was a dis- maying—yet satisfying—one.

The veteran real life Homicide sleuths are no better at figuring out the solution of fictional crimes than you or me.

"Sure we get fooled," they admitted with frank grins.

On delving into the matter a little more deeply, we found out that, while the sleuths admit that the average better class fictional detective novel is well constructed, the liberal addition of imagination is responsible for lead- ing even these experienced and prac- tical sleuths astray.

Inspector Brodeur frankly admitted that he has little or no time for read- ing about the master sleuths of fic- tion.

"Real life cases take up practically every minute of my waking hours," he declared, "and my little spare time at home is usually spent at reading over reports.

"If I do have any spare time, well, I take in what baseball matches I can get to—that is a weakness of mine."

"As for the fictional detective stories they may be excellent amuse- ment; but they are not, in the main, true to life."

The inspector follows one main rule in all his murder investigations,

PRIME MINISTER ACTS GODFATHER FOR WEIR'S SON

Mrs. W. D. Herridge
One of Godmothers—
Christening in Capital
Yesterday.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 14—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett took time out from his parliamentary duties to act as godfather to Robert Bennett Vance Weir, 14-months-old son of Minister of Agriculture Robert Weir, Archbishop J. C. Roper, of Ottawa, officiated at the christening service.

Mrs. W. D. Herridge, wife of the Canadian minister to Washington and sister of the Prime Minister, and Miss Catherine Weir, the Agricultural Minister's sister, were godmothers.

Young Weir was named Robert after his father, Bennett after the Prime Minister and Vance after his mother's family.

New Dental Chair Soothes Patients With Music

DETROIT, Michigan, June 14—A new dental chair which plays music into the back of a patient's head while the drill bores his tooth is being tested here.

The music, by travelling the bones, masks the grinding noise and lessons cringing. It is done by a novel use of the latest bone conduction instru- ments, developed originally for the deaf.

Tipped back, the patient's head, contacts two plates fixed in the headrest. They are the new sound bone conduction plates and are at- tached to a phonograph by wires lead- ing into another room.

No sound is audible to the ears. But when the head touches the plates they transmit the music clearly and perfectly through the bones.

Attempts to use music to ease den- tal suffering are not new. But they have been by way of the ears. Sounds carried through the bones seem to take precedence over those entering the ears.

digging of the monotonous and unem- otional type without going into any throes of psychological research.

"He just digs and digs until he gets on the trail of the murderer and there is seldom much glamor connect- ed with it—which must be very dis- appointing to the fiction reader who is prone to think of murders as only taking place in luxurious apartments and involving beautiful women and cultured men.

"However, I read fiction detective stories as an amusement and enjoy them as such which I suppose is the reason for their popularity."

THOSE GONE DAYS

An extremely interesting letter from a woman reader appeared in The Daily Star a few days ago. The letter was written in rebuttal of the charge that women had invaded the field of em- ployment occupied by men, and this woman writer claimed that the re- verse was the case—men, she claim- ed, as manufacturers had invaded the home and put women out of business as the home worker she has been for all time. As the writer of this letter puts it:

"Time was, as some have forgotten, when women carded, spun and even wove wool to make cloth which they cut out and sewed into garments for their families. All the stockings, socks, mitts and gloves were knit by their hands. The bread was made, the meat cured—the jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., were made by them. All the daughters of the household were need- ed for this work. If there were not a sufficient number strangers were call- ed in to assist the housewife."

Not only so, but fish were salted away in brine for winter use. Apples were cut up and threaded on strings to hang from the ceiling. Beef was dried and hung, to be such a delicacy as we have not now. There were quiltings. The ashes were put into a leach, water poured in and the lye that came forth was used in making soft-soap. There was maple sugar to make. There were hens to care for. There were cows to milk and butter to make. There were straw hats to weave. Not only did the sons of the family wear homespun but the women of the family, if they bought calico, bought it by the bolt and the dressmaking was done in the home. Going back somewhat farther, the hide of the slain steer was put away until the itinerant shoemaker came along, stayed for two weeks and made shoes for the family. And after he had moved along the itinerant tail- or arrived to make suits of clothes out of homespun.

There is much to be said for the contention of our woman correspond- ent that the factories took woman's work away from her before she in- vaded offices and factories. There is scarcely any work a woman does in the home that somebody does not want to do for her. There is scarcely anything she can cook that somebody does not want to supply her cooked and ready to serve.

At the outbreak of the war some of us will recall how nobly the chartered banks resolved to take on women clerks in order to let the men enlist and go to the front. The banks would put up with women in order to meet the emergency. It was splendid and we all applauded it. The war ended, but the discovery had been made that for much of the work done in banks women were better than men. In male circles it may be considered unfortun- ate that this discovery was ever made but war is a terrible thing and its consequences have to be borne.

If the reader were to consult a very old man with a good memory he could be told of a time now gone when an almost patriarchal condition of society existed. It would be the day of the spinning wheel. The head of the fam- ily would have living with him, not only his wife and sons and daughters, but his unmarried sisters and the un- married sisters of his wife and the children of somebody who had died. There would be a domestic industry in the home that would keep all busy—spinning and weaving, sewing and bottling, salting and preserving, doing and doing—a household but almost a community.

The Four Aces are supervising a series of bridge tournaments among CBS artists. It seems their programs have stimulated as much interest in the game among their fellow broad- casters as with the radio listeners.

GIRL GUIDE GOSSIP

St. Anne's Troop
The regular weekly meeting of the 1st Fredericton Girl Guides Company (St. Anne's), took place in the grounds of the Parish Hall. Despite the spectre of yearly examinations at school there was a fine turnout.

The recent visit to New Brunswick of the Chiefs Lord and Lady Baden-Powell gave a great impetus to the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements. Evidence of this renewed impulse has shown itself in the increased enrol- ment of the First Fredericton Com- pany. These recruits are busy now under the instruction of their capable patrol leaders preparing for the Ten- derfoot Test which it is hoped can be arranged before the end of the month.

St. Dunstan's
The 2nd Fredericton Girl Guides met on Monday night. This was the first meeting since the Rally at Saint John.

A letter was read from Mrs. McKay, Provincial Commissioner who congrat- ulated the girls on their good appear- ance when in St. John. An enclosed letter was also read from Lady Baden-Powell, who stated that she was very much impressed with the Guides in this province, and hoped that the Ra-

ATTORNEY LEAVES TO AID HAUPTMANN

LOS ANGELES, June 13—Armed with evidence which he said "will save Bruno Hauptmann from the elec- tric chair," Vincent A. Marco, a law- yer, today was preparing to leave for New York to continue the legal battle to save the convicted slayer of the Lindbergh baby.

Marco, retained to aid Hauptmann's appeal, said that the new information had been uncovered during an intensive two-month investigation.

The attorney contends that his evi- dence hinges on two major points that the kidnapping was an "inside job," and did not involve the ladder which experts testified was made by Haupt- mann, and that Hauptmann was not in the vicinity of Hopewell, N. J., on the night of the abduction.

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ly would be the means of making Guiding better known in the province, and thereby encourage new girls to become Guides, and also increase the number of Guiders.

A letter was also read from the Captain of the 1st Sackville Guides who were successful in winning the shield in the Lady Beesborough com- petition.

Tickets are now being printed for a lottery on the quilt made by the St. Dunstan's Guides.

Some plans were discussed for hav- ing a guide camp this summer.

This meeting will probably be the last regular meeting until Fall.

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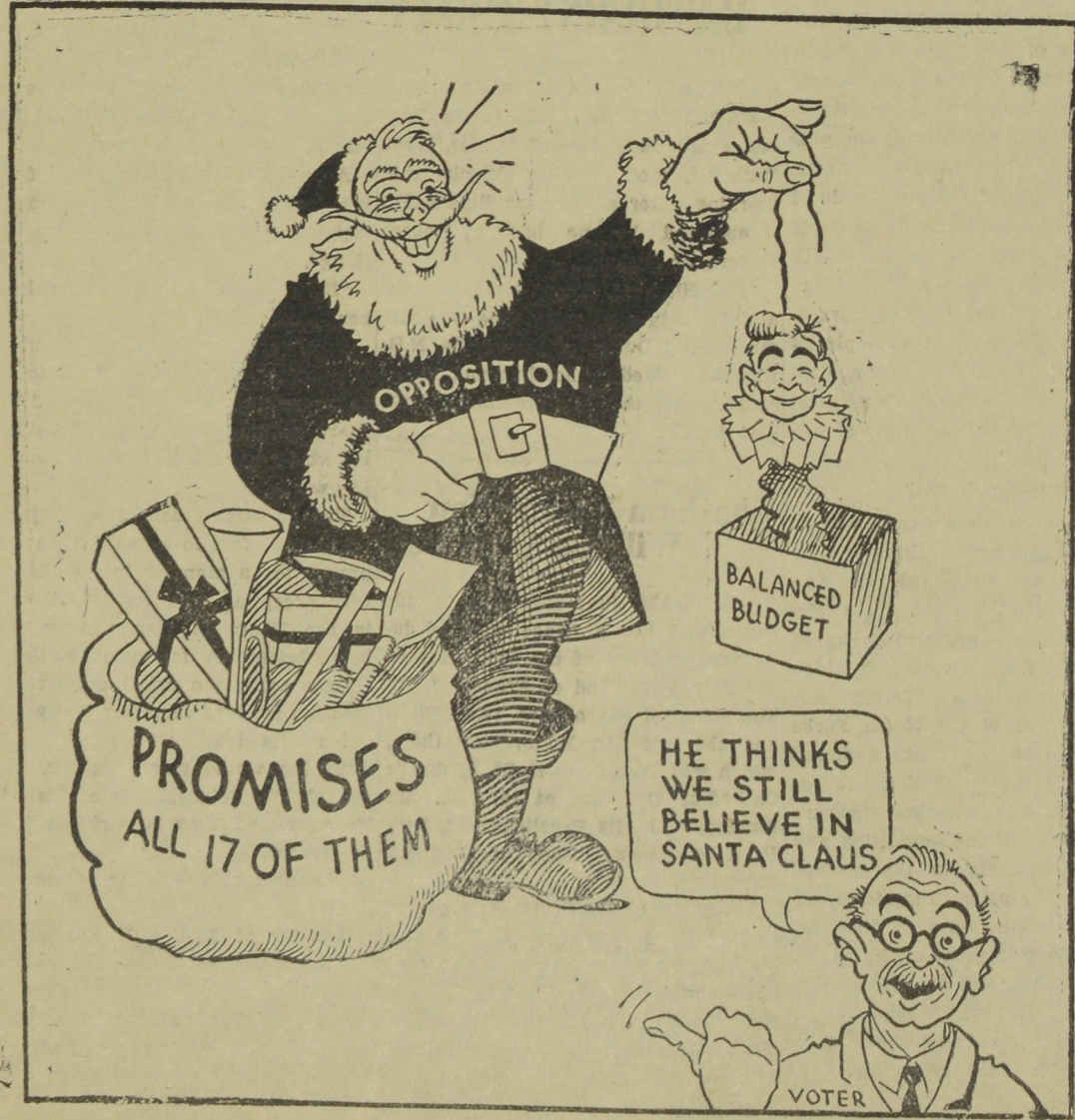
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