



OTHER RIDERS Want In, Too

This is the way the Georgia Power company, which operates the street cars and buses in Atlanta, says it: "Transportation systems are expected to serve the maximum number of people without any substantial increase of the equipment with which to do it. The result is that buses must be crowded at times. This condition is unavoidable. When you board a bus in which all the seats are already taken, please move back to make room for other passengers who also depend on the bus system for their transportation."

And on a rear entrance street car, please move forward.

To attend "The Pirates of Penzance" by the U. B. C. Musical society in the University auditorium on February 11, 12 and 13, ample transportation will be provided. Take West Point Grey cars to 10th and Sasamat and University bus.

Buy tickets in non-rush hours.

Husband: "You're always wishing for something you haven't got."

Wife: "And what else would I wish for?"

Teacher: "What is the meaning of the word 'matrimony'?"

Pupil: "My father says it isn't a word. He says it's a sentence."



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STUFF MATTER

The recent fall of stuff was generally unpopular

WE HOPE that we have seen the last of stuff for this winter. No longer do we yearn to wake up and see the landscape covered with a mantle of stuff. Probably the youngsters get a kick out of building a stuffman but we don't hanker after any more work on the end of a stuffshovel. No, sirree, you won't catch us singing "I'm Dreaming of a Stuff Christmas" any more.

As for the B. C. Electric, we hope we have put away our stuff sweepers and stuff plows for another year. We have plenty of stuff-fighting equipment for all normal needs but it was that first stuff-fall that nearly did for us. The automobiles would pack the stuff into the grooves and it was all the cars could do to keep on the rails. Then at night, we'd send out our big flangers to push the stuff back from the tracks but automobiles parked in the stuff often prevented us.

Out in the Fraser Valley things were even worse and we had to buck all kinds of stuffdrifts, but eventually our trains got through, stuff or no stuff. It made a beautiful stuffscape but that's about all you can say for it.



SOMEONE remarked to us a while ago that Vancouver harbored more grouches and obstructionists to the square mile than any other city he knew of but we want to refute that allegation.

After the way they behaved during the recent weather, we can testify that Vancouver people are thoroughly understanding and appreciative of difficulties.

On that first Tuesday, January 19, we, along with about a hundred others, stood at our favorite corner waiting for a car. It seemed hours before one struggled along and a few more were able to squeeze in. When we got a place in a subsequent car equally crowded, was it full of irate and indignant passengers? It was not. Without exception they kidded each other and jollied the conductor and one another and took the weather and transportation difficulties as a joke.

We had this confirmed by a motorman a few days later who reported that bad weather crowds were good natured crowds and he, too, bore witness that Vancouver people during the last two weeks took it with a smile.

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IN ANOTHER respect we have evidence of the intelligence of Vancouver people. In numerous ways recently there has come to our attention proof that people realize the justice of

moving up to the front of a street car so as to let others on. They write to us about it, they talk about it and better still, they move up themselves. In other words, they are co-operating to help out wartime transportation, because they know it is closely linked with the whole war effort.

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FROM AN address by Lord Halifax in Baltimore recently, we take this passage:

"No one has any right to object to reasonable, constructive criticism. That kind of criticism is helpful. But when it is obviously being used by enemy propagandists, then to pass it on becomes as much a hostile act as if a man were to commit sabotage in a war plant or to snipe at the backs of our fighting men.

"And the opposite is also true—that every time you tell the man who makes it just what he is doing, and why he should stop doing it, you are playing your part in the war, as surely as if you were minding a machine or serving behind a gun. And you are striking one more blow for the unity of the free peoples of the world."

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SOME SAGE advice is handed out in a letter we have from W. Burns, that goes this way:

"For the past 14 years I have been a resident of Van-

couver and have seen a good many changes both in business and transportation. The last six months I have spent in Toronto and have at last arrived at the answer why the east does not recognize the west.

"Please don't misunderstand me, I'm all for the west but for heaven's sake, why don't the people in Vancouver get wise to themselves regarding these one-man street cars? Could the answer be that all they have ever had a chance to ride in is a number 10 or 11 street car? I personally can't understand why the B.C.E.R. persist in trying to educate just the people in Kitsilano to the use of these cars. Naturally the majority of people have never had the pleasure of a ride on these new cars. I'll guarantee that 90 per cent of the 'yes' votes came from the 'Kits' district.

"Now can anyone be so stupid—yes I mean stupid—to say that the new one-man car is not superior in every way. All they need to do is to ride on it and see how smooth and quicker it really is. As I have said before I have been in Toronto where the transportation is really a headache to the T. T. C. but they have certainly made a vast improvement when the new one-man car came into use.

"I wonder if the home town people in Vancouver realize that this city has the possibilities of being 'the'

city in Canada with its resources and weather but unless they look ahead like other cities (even good old Winnipeg and half that city's population is here) Vancouver still won't be recognized by the east. So wake up, Vancouver, and make your city as modern as the city of the 'good' Toronto."

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RIGHT OUT of the blue the other day came another letter, and we wouldn't be human if we didn't want to publish it. It came from Wm. G. O'Gorman. Here it is:

"I am writing to congratulate the B. C. E. R. Tramways on the efficiency of the service given over your lines, also for the courtesy shown by motormen and conductors. Having had occasion to avail of the transportation in other Canadian cities, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary, I can truthfully state that the service given in Vancouver is highly commendable. Seldom have I seen any delay in car schedules. War workers, business people, school children and lady shoppers are all well taken care of. Why people should grumble, especially during these strenuous times, is beyond comprehension. What would happen if we were reverted back to the 'horse and buggy' days or had to use 'shank's mare'? Keep up the good work—speed them to victory!"