

### Ville Marie and Kirkland Men in Court Dispute

Bankrupt Stock Figures in Case to be Heard at Assizes Here Next Month

Allegations that the plaintiff in a Supreme Court action set down for disposal here next month, acted for the owner of a bankrupt stock when he purchased the assets from the trustee in charge, are made in the defence filed in the case of Omer Marchand against A. J. Perron, and in which the former is claiming \$2110.43 from Perron.

Marchand is a merchant in Ville Marie, P.Q., and Perron carries on business in Kirkland Lake. According to the statement of claim, Marchand bought from N. L. Martin, bankruptcy trustee, the assets of Albert Marchand, then a bankrupt, the date being April 3 last year. Subsequently, from April 21 to November 25, 1930, Perron bought goods from Omer Marchand to the value of \$2110.43, but these had not been paid for.

Perron asserts plaintiff really acted for the other Marchand and never took possession of the purchase. He let Albert Marchand sell some of the assets, and both at Kirkland Lake and Ansonville Marchand carried on business as a retail lumber merchant on properties that formed part of the assets of the estate. He used his own name and sold stock in trade that formed part of the assets, it is claimed. Perron admits buying goods, but says a prior agreement with Albert Marchand provided payment was not to be asked, but that the purchase price was to be credited against monies owing Perron.

### THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

By Aline Michaelis

#### Memory

Time was he came for but a day, an hour  
And then must turn from out my silent street,  
Some beauty taking with him from each flower,  
And leaving lark songs by a shade less sweet.  
And in the intervals I saw him not,  
Life, flowing, seethed and swept us far apart—  
Took even the thought of him to some strange spot  
I could not reach with all my longing heart.  
And now he enters here no more at all  
The quiet garden never hears his tread.

He does not come to watch the bright leaves fall,  
For him spring's lityny remains unsaid.  
Yet, in some fashion I cannot explain,  
I keep him by me, never to go again.

#### ON RATTLESNAKE HILL

Oh, for a night on Rattlesnake Hill,  
A moonlight night, with the world all still  
In black and silver, an etching clear,  
With the lamps of the white stars swinging near;  
Oh, for the voice with the wind like a harp  
And the touch of the wind that the night makes sharp!

Wide-spaced on the hillside the cactus sprawls,  
And deep in the valley the river crawls,  
The Colorado runs red by day,  
But moonlight filches its blood away,  
And under the magical spell of the night  
O phantom river flows, silver white;

The distant crests in the moon-mist swim  
Oh, for a night with the world at our feet  
And the wind's hands shaking the sparse mesquite,  
Whose shadows, etched into fairy lace,  
Fling fluttering veils on that barren place;

Oh, for a night on Rattlesnake Hill,  
With the white stars near us, the far world still!

WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

### Mental Health

By D. M. LeBOURDAIS  
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#### PUBLIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PATIENT'S WELFARE

#### Fire Hazard in Mental Hospitals Could be Lessened by Larger Staffs and Fewer Patients

The recent fire in the Ontario mental hospital at Penetanguishene, in which seven lives were lost, should serve to remind us that more by good luck than by good management have mental hospital fires in Canada been as few and far between as they have. This is not to say that mental hospital staffs are not eternally vigilant, but there are limits to human vigilance.

When you have a building, in some cases antiquated and not completely fireproof, packed beyond capacity, with windows incapable of being opened, and with not only outer doors, but intercommunicating doors locked, you have a setting which could not be better designed for a tragedy. But when one considers the type of persons who make up a mental hospital population, some bed-ridden and feeble, some afflicted with a negativism which renders them stubborn to any sort of suggestion, others particularly susceptible to fear, and nearly all unstable in one way or another, it may readily be seen that even the prospect of a mental hospital fire is something almost too horrible to contemplate.

The 30,000 patients in Canadian mental hospitals are housed in 36 institutions across Canada. Not counting a number of small hospitals, the average institution contains about 1,000 patients, but two have over 2,000 patients, and one of them nearly 4,000. Six patients to each member of staff, and this includes all personnel, from superintendents to cooks—

is considered at present a minimum requirement. Of course, all members of staff are not on duty at any one time; consequently the actual ratio of patients to staff is much higher. But not all hospitals maintain even this ratio.

Comparisons are not fair, and no particular mental hospital need be mentioned. Suffice it to say, however, that there is no mental hospital in Canada which could not be improved, both in the treatment accorded to patients, and in a definite reduction of fire hazard, if staffs were further increased and the number of patients cut down.

Most Canadian mental hospitals are owned and operated by the public and the public will have only itself to blame if some day the newspapers blazon forth details of a ghastly mental hospital fire. The people of each province have a duty to perform to see that money and modern science can provide. Anything less will not be enough when disaster strikes.

(Information on any point not covered here will be given in later issues if you will address your questions to "Mental Health", 111 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario.)

### NOTICE

The list of lands for sale in Savard Consolidated School Section for arrears of taxes has been prepared, copies of which may be had at my office, Court House, Town of Haileybury. Said list is being published in the Ontario Gazette August 29th, September 5th, 12th, 19th, 1931. In default of payment of such arrears and costs the lands therein mentioned will be sold at the time and place named in the said advertisement.  
Haileybury, August 26th, 1931.  
GEORGE CALDBICK,  
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### Notice

The list of lands for sale in Ingram Township for arrears of school and statute labor taxes has been prepared, copies of which may be had at my office Court House, Town of Haileybury. Said list is being published in the Ontario Gazette September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 1931. In default of payment of such arrears and costs the lands therein mentioned will be sold at the time and place named in the said advertisement.  
Haileybury, September 21st, 1931.

George Caldbeck,  
Sheriff of Temiskaming.

### Everyday Religion or Vital Questions

Paul: 'For to me to live is Christ'

No man in the history of the Christian Church upon whom the eyes of the world have been fixed, so wonderfully fulfilled in his own life and character the ideal of Christianity as did the Apostle Paul. He not only understood the theory of the Christian life, but was able to demonstrate that theory to the world in its practical form. Hence his life and teaching has revealed Christianity to us as a force, greater than that of almost any character known in history. He speaks with human tenderness of human sensibilities and human thoughts, while upon all these is manifested the power that has taken possession of him and transformed him from Saul the Persecutor, to Paul the Apostle.

Let us for a few moments look at this testimony of Paul: "For me to live is Christ." The meaning of the words are: the business of my life is Christ's, my energy, my activity, my occupation, my interests are all Christ's. The words describe a condition widely different from that of most people. Before Paul could say that his outward life was Christ, he must have been able to say it of his inward life. Before Christ can be to anyone his object, his business, his work in life, he must first be his trust and his hope, his known and tried refuge from guilt, from fear, from restlessness, from sin. A man must have Christ for the life of his soul, before he can have Christ for the life of his life.

But this statement of the Apostle's view of Christianity gathers force when we remember the exact position which he was in when he wrote it. He was then a prisoner in charge of the Pretorian guards. He was waiting,

most probably for the final word of the Emperor that would decide in which of two ways his destiny would lead. If the Emperor's command be given, Paul will tread the road through the door of his prison through the city to the place of execution, and then by one swift stroke his life will end. He looks along that road and thinks of the possibility of traversing it. Then he looks in the other direction. What if the Emperor should give him his liberty? Then back to Phillipi he will speed to see his children in the Gospel, and on to some new religion to tell the same old story, and live the same life, and win more trophies for Christ.

Now the question has often been asked, why was Paul's life so successful from a Christian standpoint? And to a question like this many answers could be given. But the great secret was, his complete surrender to God. To him Christ was first and last in all he undertook to do. In studying the life of the Apostle we find his wis:

"A life on Christ." In other words it was a continual nourishment on the Bread of Life. The spiritual life requires nourishment just as much as the body. The garden withers and decays through lack of nourishment. In some of our towns and cities there are many deformed children, made so as a result of improper care. They have failed to receive the attention necessary in their early life and hence have become deformed. So with the spiritual life, without nourishment, without continually feeding on Christ, the Bread of Life, it becomes deformed and is weak when it should be strong, delicate when it should be healthy, and unweaponed against the emergencies of life.

It was a life with Christ. In the midst of his greatest difficulties, Paul did not forget the fact that Christ was with him. As danger and death stared him in the face he could say like David: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." When cast into prison

where his treatment was anything but pleasant, his thoughts ran back to the time when the Master was disappearing in the heavens, and he remembers the farewell message to the disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Young man, young woman, just starting out in life, take Christ with you as your Friend and Companion. Daniel took God with him wherever he went and what was the result? When a captive in Babylon his enemies tried to pick flaws in his character, but after they had analyzed it from every standpoint, they were compelled to acknowledge that they could find no fault with him except it was with his God. Joseph dared to stand true to his God in the face of temptation, and when a man was needed to set over the affairs of Egypt, what was Pharaoh's testimony concerning Joseph? "Can we find such a one as this one is, a man in whom the spirit of God is." Paul could say: "I know when I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

It was a Life like Christ. When a child first goes to school it learns by trying to shape the letters after the copy set by the teacher. It is true at first there is very little resemblance between the handwriting of the teacher and the pupil, but day by day the child persists in his efforts to imitate the copy until soon the similarity becomes greater, and before long the two are not easily distinguished. Such is the result of the Christian's efforts to imitate the example of our Saviour. At first we come so far short in our efforts to live like Him, but each day with its duties faithfully performed brings us nearer to the ideal until the character bears a strong resemblance to the great Teacher Himself. This was the Apostle's idea when he wrote to the Corinthians: "We all with open face beholding as in a glass

the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of God." And John: "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every one hath this hope in him purifieth Himself, even as He is pure."

It was a life for Christ. It was a patriotic life. Now patriotism is something we see manifesting itself continually in the world around us. Students are loyal to their college, citizens are loyal to their country, scholars are loyal to their school, politicians are loyal to their party. In fact, in every department of life patriotism appears to be an important factor in progress. A few years ago when the Great War broke out, and volunteers were called for to go to the front, thousands of young men in the Dominions, and other British Colonies, offered themselves for service. They were willing to leave their home and friends and go out and fight and if need be, die for their country, and many gave their lives. We admire patriotism in these capacities. We will not forget the men who counted not their lives dear, but freely gave them up for the cause of Truth and Right. But the world needs today men and women who will be loyal to Christ and His Kingdom under every circumstance. It made no difference to Paul where he was called to go, or what he was asked to do, he was loyal to his Master. If he stood alone among a thousand, he remained true to his convictions of right. When writing to Timothy he said, "At my first answer no man stood with me... notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me." God will stand by you and strengthen you if you resolve to stand up for the right.

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