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UNDERSTANDING

My little brother Jack and I
Have never liked to eat
The things they say are good for us—
Made out of oats and wheat.

We'd rather have some candy or
Some jam or jelly cake
Or tarts or maple syrup that
Our cook knows how to make.

But mother says, "If you will eat
Your oatmeal while it's hot,"
And then she nods and smiles and
says,
"It may be—like as not—

"That I can find some apple tarts
Up on the pantry shelf"
Our mother understands, for she
Likes apple tarts herself

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 5, 1907

The ground is well covered with snow. A few sleighs are running.

Mr. J. W. Faulkner has purchased the boot and shoe business of Mr. John Fingland, of Brampton, and will remove to that town at once.

Building materials have been reduced somewhat in price lately. Brick is down 10%. Some classes of lumber are also 10% lower.

Auctioneer Hemstreet had a busy day last Saturday. He had a sale of stock at one o'clock and another of furniture at three.

The Women's Institute will have a Christmas meeting when the ladies are requested to bring articles they have made for Christmas as suggestions.

Rev. J. J. Redditt, of Toronto, was the preacher at the anniversary services in the Methodist Church on Sunday. At the evening service a large number of Knox Church congregation and other visitors attended.

U. F. O. SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS TO COMPETE AT GUELPH TOURNAMENT

The team of Indian girls, champions of Brant County and provincial champions for U. F. O. honors, have entered the softball tournament at the Guelph Winter Fair. The competition will take place Thursday evening, December 8. Wentworth County girls, winners of the tournament in 1926, Halton County girls, winners in 1925, and Guelph City girls, winners in 1924, will all be seen in action once more. These four teams will battle for supremacy.

The team of Indian girls are not only baseball champions but can proudly point to having two players as direct descendants of the late Dr. Oronyatikha, the organizer of the Independant Order of Foresters. Two other members are directly related to the noted Indian poetess, E. Pauline Johnson, and two more are direct descendants of Capt. Joseph Brant. The pitcher and catcher are closely related to the famous runner, Tom Longboat.

This is the first time since the handsome Mercury Cup as been put up for competition that the Indian girls have been represented and many fans are expecting them to carry off the championship.

It will Relieve a Cold. Colds are the commonest ailments of mankind and if neglected may lead to serious conditions. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil will relieve the bronchial passages of inflammation speedily and thoroughly and will strengthen them against subsequent attack. And as it eases the inflammation it will usually stop the cough because it allays the irritation in the throat. Try it and prove it.

THE ADVANTAGE OF AN EDUCATION

James Mulligan was the only man in the village who could be hired to saw and split wood or to use a lawn mower, and he never lost a chance to impress the fact upon a casual listener.

"I've got to get this job through for your ma quick as ever I can," he announced to the small son of one of his employers. "I'm losing sixty cents an hour right along every minute I'm here. There's three people waiting for me now, and I don't know how they are going to get along till to-morrow without me, any one of them."

"Why, Mr. Mulligan," said the boy respectfully, "I don't see how you are losing sixty cents an hour when mother pays you twenty, and you couldn't be in more than one place at the same time 'and—"

"Have you got as far as geometry in your studies?" inquired Mr. Mulligan coldly, resting his arms on the handle of the lawn mower.

"No," admitted the boy.

"Whin you do you'll understand a good many things that's hid from you now," said Mr. Mulligan, resuming his leisurely progress over the lawn.

Cuts and Bruises Disappear. When suffering from cuts, scratches, bruises, sprains, sore throat or chest and any similar ailment, use Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Its healing power is well known in every section of the community. A bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil should be in every medicine chest ready for the emergencies that may always be anticipated.

A SPECIFIC FOR VANITY

Successful actors, like other successful people, need to be on their guard against the "swelled head". Joseph Jefferson, known and loved all over the country for his Rip Van Winkle, once told Mr John Drew how he himself was cured of an incipient case of that malady. Mr Drew retells the anecdote in his entertaining book of reminiscences:

Mr. Jefferson told me that when he had made his big success with Rip Van Winkle he thought himself fairly important. One night as he was going to his room in the Fifth Avenue hotel a stockily built man with a grizzled beard got into the elevator with him. "Are you playing in town now, Mr. Jefferson," he asked.

Mr Jefferson as he replied in the affirmative rather pitied the man for his ignorance and his total lack of understanding of what was going on up the world. What a simpleton he must be who did not know that "Rip" was having "an extraordinary run". When the man reached his floor and got out Mr. Jefferson asked the elevator boy. "Who was that?"

"Why," said the boy, in his turn pitying Mr. Jefferson for his ignorance, "that's General Grant!"

Nothing as Good for Asthma. As than remedies come and go but every year the sales of the original Dr. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy grow greater and greater. No further evidence could be asked of its remarkable merit. It relieves. It is always of the same unvarying quality which the sufferer from asthma learns to know. Do not suffer another attack but get this splendid remedy to-day.

HIGHER UP

"My grandfather," said the English boy, "was a very great man. One day Queen Victoria touched him on the shoulder with a sword and made him a knight."

"Aw, tat's nothin'," the Canadian boy replied. "One day an Indian touched my grandfather on the head with a tomahawk and made him an angel."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

General Lesson Title. Isaiah Teaches Right Living.

Scripture Lesson. Isa. 5: 1-12.

Golden Text. Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1: 27.

Devotional Reading.—Luke 6: 30-36.

The Text Explained

1-12. This is an entire sermon by Isaiah, put in the form of a brief lyrical poem, a song. In teaching it is a parable, that is, a story which serves to convey a religious or moral truth.

1. Let me sing. The opening words call to our minds the beginning of many a well-known poem. "Arms and the man I sing" (Virgil's Aeneid). "Sing, O goddess, the destructive wrath of Achilles son of Peleus" (Homer's Iliad,) etc. For my well-beloved.—As spokesman for a Friend of mine. In reading this parable we must bear in mind that the identity of Isaiah's Friend is not to be revealed until the prophet reaches the conclusion of his "song." His vineyard. Grape-growing was one of Judah's leading industries. The terraced hills all about Jerusalem were covered with vines. A story about a vineyard would have immediate appeal for all Isaiah's hearers. A very fruitful hill. A fertile hillside, ideal for a vineyard.

2.—Digged it and gathered out the stones—Carefully prepared the soil. Planted it with the choicest vines. It was to be no haphazard growth. A tower. Where watchmen should ceaselessly guard against robbers. Hewed out a winepress. Cut out of a great rock on the hill. Wild grapes. Sour grapes, unfit for use, as poor as the vines that grew in the forest.

3.—The prophet uses the ancient and supremely forceful device of inducing the sinner to pass judgment upon himself.

4.—An appeal to men's sense of fairness.

5.—Take away the hedge.—He will cease to protect the vineyard. Eaten up—Plundered and devastated by enemies. Trodden down. Overrun by invading armies.

6.—Lay it waste. The land will be wasted by its foes. Its people will be carried away into captivity. There shall come up briers and thorns.—The vegetation that regularly overruns waste places. I will also command the clouds.—In these words Isaiah reveals that his "Friend," the vineyard grower, is One with supernatural power, who can call Nature herself to do His biding.

7.—This verse is the climax and culmination of the parable.

8.—From this verse to the end of the chapter, Isaiah describes the "wild grapes," the fruit which the Divine Grape-Grower gathers from His appointed vineyard. Woe unto them that join house to house, etc. Isaiah condemns those who are building up vast estates, in absolute disregard of the rights of the common people. "We know from Micah that the actual process which Isaiah condemns was carried out with the most cruel evictions and disinheritances" (G. A. Smith.) Dwell alone. The wealthy oppressor resides in his magnificent palace, surrounded by his wide fields, where once were a multitude of happy homesteads.

9. In mine ears Jehovah whispers to me His secret purpose. Many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair. The oppressors shall "taste of their own medicine." The invader shall waste their estates just as they have plundered the humble cottages.

10. The productivity of the country shall be destroyed. One bath about 8 gallons. An ephah 1-10 homer. "It will require 10 bushels of seed to produce a bushel."

11. Rise up early. The typical Oriental has ever been an exceedingly moderate drinker. These folks however, are such heavy drinkers that they start drinking early in the morning and continue all day. Drink is uppermost in their thoughts.

12. Music and feasting are constantly on their programme, but they have no thought of God or for spiritual things. Habitual drinking gives men an insatiable desire for pleasure, while it utterly deadens all interest in the higher life.

Lesson Themes

Vanity and Self-Sufficiency. The "best society" of Isaiah's day was very much like the "best society" of our own day: supremely self-satisfied. Isaiah's criticisms fell upon absolutely unheeding ears. Those whom he denounced were content with themselves and could discover no imperfections. He gives us glimpses of their heartless social life—the lavish entertainments with feasting and drinking and wild merrymaking, turning night into day and day into night. He shows us the ladies of Jerusalem (the "daughters of Zion") in all their subservicency to fashion, painted and bejewelled arrayed in the costly finery of the day. These people, engrossed in the eternal pursuit of pleasure, had no thought for God or for matters of conscience. Their opinion of themselves was so exalted that they felt no need of the High and Holy One.

Wild Grapes. Isaiah's Parable of the Vineyard was a summary of what his early ministry had taught him. As a student of history, he knew well the story of all that Jehovah had done for His people in the past. As a wide-awake man of affairs he knew God's blessings of the present time and was bitterly conscious of the indifference and ingratitude with which the Chosen Nation were repaying their Heavenly Father. So in the clearest and most convincing manner, he presented Jehovah's case against Judah. He rehearsed the tender care which had fostered the nation, and then described some of the fruit which Jehovah had gotten from His vineyard. He looked for justice, but behold oppression; for righteousness but behold a cry. The "wild grapes" which Isaiah catalogued are as follows: (1) The rich were engaged in amassing vast estates buying up or stealing the small holdings of their poorer neighbors and making the country unpeopled. We have the opportunity of seeing the same evil in our own country, prosperous little farms bought up by rich estates and turned into ornamental gardens for the enjoyment of a few people. (2) He described the prevalency of heavy drinking among the "idle classes" drinking which destroys all religious and moral sensibilities. (3) He tells of men who clamor loudly for the coming of God's Day, when they themselves are hastening the Day of Judgment by their own sinful lives. (4) of men who are so hopelessly wrong headed that they "put darkness for light and light for darkness". (5) of men who are absolutely convinced that they themselves are superlatively wise, and (6) of drink sodden judges (strong men whose specialty is mixing drinks" verse 22) who for the sake of bribes acquit the guilty and condemn the innocent.

God is Supreme.—Isaiah had suffered bitter disappointment. His hope that he would be able to persuade his people as a whole to mend their ways had turned out to be in vain. He did not however lose heart. The folly, fickleness, and sins of men showed him indeed how little men are, but they did not weaken his faith in God. Above the wreckage of human pride and human glory rose higher and higher the throne vision of Jehovah's righteousness and power.

For Study and Discussion

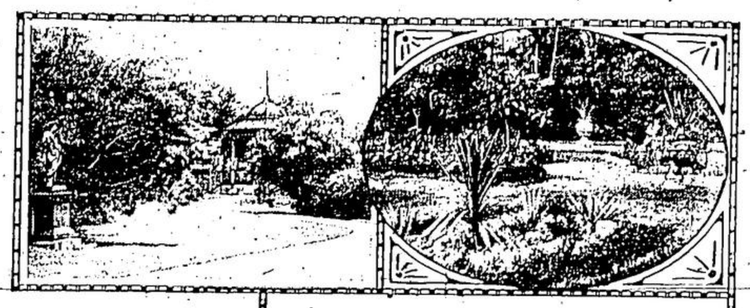
How did the "best society" whom Isaiah knew compare with the best society of your acquaintance? What was Isaiah's Parable of the Vineyard? What did the prophet reach? Does the lesson still stand? Which of these sins prevail most today? Let us apply the lesson to our own nation. What have been God's blessings to Canada? What use of them is Heaven making?

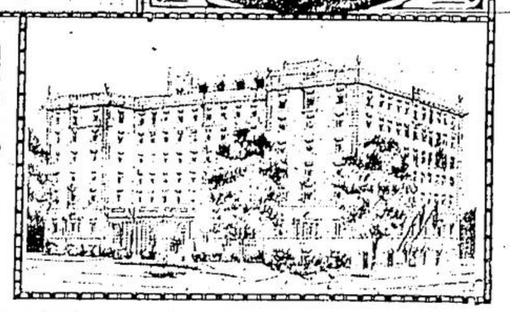
Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, December 5—Isaiah 5: 13-25.
Tuesday, December 6—Isaiah 8: 11-9.
Wednesday, December 7—Isaiah 11: 1-9.
Thursday, December 8—Psalm 46.
Friday, December 9—Psalm 47.
Saturday, December 10—Isaiah 8: 19-31.
Sunday, December 11—Psalm 24.

An Oil Theft is Famous. Thomas Canada was not the first victim of the Thomas Eclectric Oil. It is for some of that famous compound. From here it spread to Central and South America, to the West Indies, to Africa, to New Zealand. That is why it is now known in every country and in every home. It is in demand on sale and in demand.

"LORD NELSON" AT HALIFAX AMONG DOMINION'S FINEST





Upper—Two scenes in the Public Gardens, where the new hotel is to be located.

Lower—As the "Lord Nelson" will appear when completed.

While interest has been created by the recent announcement that Halifax is to be provided with one of the finest hotels in the Dominion. The project met with instant approval and financial backing, those matters being satisfactorily arranged during the city's need for such an institution in view of Nova Scotia's historic scenic and geographical advantages.

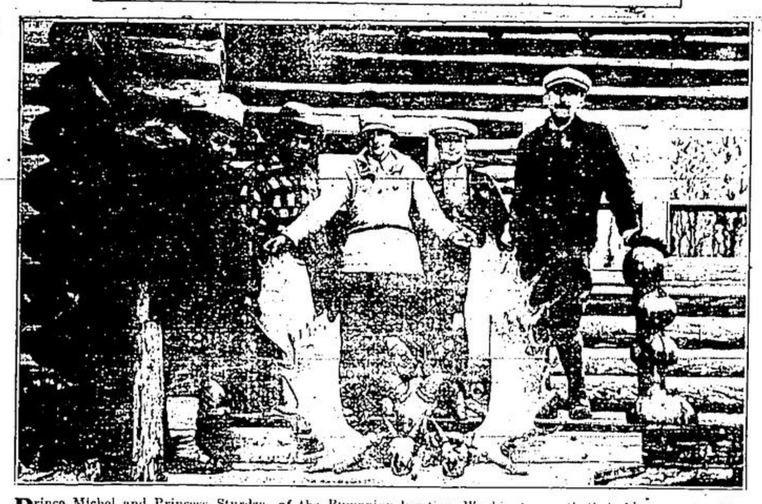
That the new "Lord Nelson Hotel" as it will be known is solidly supported on a business basis as well as on sentiment of a civic pride is shown by the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway has secured over a half interest in the project which Company's hotels are notable among the leading chains. The Company will direct to a large extent the management of the hotel. According to E. W. Beatty Chairman and President of the Canadian Pacific, the present conditions in Halifax and the Province of Nova Scotia in every way justify the building of the "Lord Nelson".

The men and women will be in keeping with the historical charm of Nova Scotia, the scenic beauty, romance and epic of British history. The building from an architectural standpoint will be carried out in Georgian style, the type of architecture prevalent in Lord Nelson's time. Trafalgar Day, October 21, saw the first sod in its construction turned and work began on a building that will be in keeping with the importance of Nova Scotia's capital.

The location of the "Lord Nelson" is one of the outstanding features of the new venture. It directly fronts the famous Public Gardens, the pride of the residents of Halifax. These Gardens cover many acres and are located in the heart of the city at the corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street. Around this park the dies of flowers indicate the Nova Scotia Tourist traffic through this centre. West Arm with the celebrated Waegwoltic Club, Point Pleasant Park, the station, harbor and business district of the city.

The Province of Nova Scotia has gained a wide reputation for scenic and historic attraction. Some idea of the increase in tourist traffic into this province is gathered from government reports that visitors last summer by rail and water increased 50 per cent over the summer season of 1926. Residents of Halifax feel that such an institution as the "Lord Nelson," which will be opened in less than a year will give further impetus to commercial and tourist traffic through this centre.

PRINCESS SECURES RECORD MOOSE HEAD



Prince Michel and Princess Sturdza, of the Rumanian legation, Washington, with their big game trophies secured during a hunt on the borders of Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada. Princess Sturdza is shown holding the record moose head, with a spread of sixty-one inches, the largest ever taken by a woman and one of the record heads for that district. The party also secured mountain sheep and mountain goats, heads of which are shown in the photograph, and intend returning another year to hunt grizzlies.—Canadian National Railways photo.

FIDGETY PEOPLE

The ability to sit quiet is not too common these days. Not to speak of talk it, there are far too many of the afflicted. The chief symptom is the inability to sit still. The person suffering from it must be always doing something, twisting a button, twiddling a watch chain, or at least crossing and uncrossing his legs. The person afflicted with it must be always on the move. He cannot read a book without twisting and turning, and then he has to get up every half-hour and walk around. He cannot listen to a sermon, or a lecture, or a speech without twisting and turning. He cannot play golf, or bridge, or any game without twisting and turning. He cannot even sit down to his meals without twisting and turning. He cannot even sit down to his meals without twisting and turning. He cannot even sit down to his meals