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EDITORIAL

Sound Sense

A man in an eastern city died not long ago, leaving an estate of nearly $5,000,000. The disposition of his money made no sensation. But he wrote a paragraph to his children in his will which contains more sound sense and is more important to those who will read it and think about it than the mere details of how and where he left his money. He said: "Be frugal and generous; charitable according to your means. Always love, respect and assist one another. Remember, your best friend is your purse—and when that is empty, friendship is but a name. As a result of my knowledge, I admonish you that your mother is the heart string of the family. Continue to cherish and love her. She shares your every joy and sorrow."

Dry Hotels for France

It should be encouraging to all who realize the baneful effects of the traffic in intoxicating liquors that an enterprising plan is on foot in France to build and operate "dry" hotels there. This is not made as a prohibition move, but strictly as a business proposition. Nothing, however, could more clearly and forcefully demonstrate the growth of prohibition sentiment in France than this enterprise. Dry hotels in a country where people from Canada and the United States have been led to believe that everybody drinks wine and other beverages! The founder of the enterprise above referred to says: "Frenchmen are using less and less alcohol. People in France who a few years ago always took wine with their meals, now drink mineral water. The greatest consumers of spirits are foreigners, and it is they who keep up the liquor consumption figures in France."

Their Biggest Asset

Down at Tweed they have a covered rink. Tweed has a population of 1,400, and in an editorial in The Tweed News last week here is what the editor has to say about the rink in that town: "The best answer to the adverse criticism sometimes heard is a visit to the rink any evening when there is a hockey match in progress. On Friday night last between 400 and 500 people witnessed a hockey match in comfort with a regular blizzard raging outside. Under former conditions this game would have been postponed, with the loss of the gate receipts and also the disappointment of hundreds of fans to whom these events appeal. Go there some night when the ice is good and watch the children and grown-ups gliding over its glassy surface getting the exercise that brightens the eye and brings color to the cheeks, and is a better health restorer than any medicine a doctor can prescribe. If you do this you can only arrive at one conclusion, and that is that no matter what the cost, our covered skating rink is one of our biggest assets." In most places where a covered rink is in operation it seems to be considered a big asset to the town.

A Duty That is Plain

In the final report of the Royal Commission on Customs and Excise, Parliament has before it the result of a detailed and determined investigation which it ordered, and which continued for months, and covered the entire country. The Commission left undone nothing which it could accomplish to get the facts. It has supplemented and completed the work undertaken by the Special Parliamentary Committee. The Commission has made suggestions based on their findings for guarding the Government's greatest source of collections. The report and investigation has been of considerable expense. Their findings point the way Parliament should act to effectively clean up the wrong-doing that has existed in this branch. If the functions at the opening of Parliament, expressed by Premier King and the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. R. B. Bennett, mean anything more than mere words, both parties will settle down to the task and make short work of re-organizing the service for the highest efficiency. The most drastic proposal made by the Commission is that all export houses be put out of business, and that this end of the traffic be handled by Provincial Governments and manufacturers. "We are convinced," the report states, "that the export houses are established in practically every case for the sole purpose of selling liquor to be smuggled into the United States, and that they exist for no legitimate purpose whatever." The Commission believes that its recommendations on this point would prevent the necessity of revising the treaty with the States. The report is in the hands of Parliament, and undoubtedly will be handled fearlessly and without favor. The country demands such action and as a rule governing bodies endeavor to satisfy healthy demands.

Why Not a Tax?

Recently a delegation from the Retail Merchants' Association waited upon the Dominion Government and asked for relief from the inroads of the mail order houses. Editorially, in commenting on this The Renfrew Mercury concludes, "so far as taxes are concerned the Government forces its demands on the people generally when it wants money, and it is hard to see why a collection of individuals in a company or concern, such as a mail-order business, cannot be made to pay tax. The burdens on municipalities are increasing every year and those who do business pay heavily in taxes while at the same time the volume of business is decreasing. Whether the Government sees it or not, there is a very grave problem confronting every town and village. The suggestion of the Retailers' Association may not be the solution. Surely the situation is worthy of the consideration of the Government and should not be lightly set aside as has been suggested by the newspaper reports of three ministers of the Government which The Mercury has quoted."

What Others Think

The American Bankers' Magazine, in the following no uncertain terms, outlines the duties of the business men of every town to its newspaper. It says: "No business man in any town should allow a newspaper published in his town to go without his name and business being mentioned somewhere in its columns. This applies to all kinds of business and professional men. This does not mean you should have a whole, half, or even quarter page ad. in each issue of the paper, but your name and business should be mentioned, if you do not use more than a two-line space. A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell what business is represented in a town by looking at a paper. This is the best possible town advertiser. The man who does not advertise his business does an injustice to himself and the town. The man who insists on sharing the business which comes to town, but refuses to advertise his own, is not a valuable addition to his town. The life of a town is dependent upon the live, wide-awake and liberal advertising business man."

One Wheel Too Many

In an editorial head, "Are We Over-Governed?" The Winchester Press last week made the following pointed remarks: "Will the time soon come when County Councils will be done away with? What practical use are they, anyway? Could not all they do be divided between the Provincial Government and the Municipal Councils? Would not it tend to bring out the better men to act on our Municipal Councils, and would it not bring the Provincial Government in closer touch with the needs and requirements of the rural sections? We are over-governed as it is, and there is too much waste. May the day come when even municipalities will be governed by Commissioners who will receive proper pay for their work, and give all their time to looking after their particular districts." In Fergus much comment has been made and a plan sort of formulated for that town's withdrawal from the County Council. In our own County there were many threats last year of towns withdrawing from County government. In numerous other circles the same things are discussed quite frequently. And why is it that such comment seems general where the work of the County Council is considered? The reason is simple enough. The County Councils have outlived their usefulness. They have been expensive in their upkeep and much of the work done by them could be better dealt with by the local municipal bodies, who are closer in touch with matters now dealt with by the County Councils. They have been given too much scope of activity. The more enquiry there is into their activities the more will be the demand for the curbing of their powers or the abolition of the body entirely. Every municipality in this County is groaning under the weight of taxation imposed by the County Council. How much longer will they be allowed to continue with the ever-increasing burden?

EDITORIAL NOTES

A recent compilation made by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics places the aggregate value of all Canadian field crops in 1927 at $1,134,000,000. In 1926 the value of field crops amounted to $1,104,983,100. The total area producing the crops was 56,000,000 acres.

With the issue last week, The Newmarket Era completed its 75th year, and it has been forty-four years under the guidance of Mr. L. G. Jackson. It completed the year past more vigorous and prosperous than ever. Newmarket and North York have a splendid champion in The Era and Mr. Jackson.

Mr. H. H. Hull, the genial and tireless Secretary of the Alberta Prohibition Association, a former Erin boy, by the way, speaking in Edmonton recently, said that he had not felt so hopeful over the temperance situation for a long time. Signs are showing that a re-action against so-called "Liquor Control" is creeping into people's minds.

"Fundamental conditions in the Dominion of Canada indicate that general business in 1928 will exceed that of 1927, and while in the United States the trend will be slightly downward, in Canada it is going to be upward. Canada is to-day in a position to maintain an independent prosperity through 1928," is the expression of a great American financier.

Immigration to Canada for the first nine months of the current fiscal year, ending December 31, 1927, totalled 128,928, an increase over the corresponding period in 1926 of 14,893, or 13 per cent. In the nine months under review 33,722 Canadians returned to live in Canada from the United States, where they had gone with the declared intention of residing there permanently. This later fact is especially gratifying.

The time is coming, and soon, when the Province is going to meet an insistent demand from the municipalities for a share of the revenue from motor cars. Every town, city and county in Ontario has had to assume a tremendous debenture burden to make the streets and roads fit for motor car traffic, and the ratepayers of these municipalities, facing as well large expenditures for other improvements, are in need of relief.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

General Lesson Title.—Jesus Misunderstood and Opposed.

Scripture Lesson.—Mark 3: 19b-35; 6: 1-6.

Golden Text.—He came unto His own, and they that were His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name.—John 1: 11, 12.

Devotional Reading.—Joel 2: 28, 29; Isa. 6: 1-8.

The Text Explained

19. A house.—There is no evidence whose house.

20. So that they could not so much as eat bread.—The continuous demands of the crowd permitted Jesus and His disciples no time even for rest or refreshment.

21.—His friends — Especially His mother and brothers (see Mark 3: 31-35). He is beside Himself—They supposed Him to be mentally unbalanced and were afraid that he would get into trouble with the authorities.

22. From Jerusalem—These scribes had come from Jerusalem to Galilee, probably having been invited by the Galilean scribes whom Jesus had repeatedly worsted in debate. They supposed that these scholars from Jerusalem would definitely and conclusively dispose of this "Carpenter-Teacher." Beelzebub—A name for the prince of evil spirits. The Greek form of the name is Beelzebul. In the Old Testament, Baalzebub is mentioned as the god of the Philistines of Ekron (2 Kings 1: 2-16). The name Baalzebub meant Master-of-Flies. Cheyne and Koenig suggest that the Greek form of the name is the correct form and that the name really was, in the Hebrew, Baal-zebul, which would mean Master-of-the-lofty-dwelling. It appears to the present writer, however, that Master-of-Flies can easily be explained as an appropriate title for the Lord-of-evil-spirits.—"Prince-of-pests."

23-26.—Jesus utterly demolishes the accusation of the Pharisees by pointing out that Satan casting out Satan would work his own destruction.

27.—The argument is, No man can carry away the furniture from a strong man's house until he has overpowered and bound the strong man. So I could not remove the infected devils out of the bodies of men, unless I had first conquered and bound their master, Satan himself.—(Dummelow.)

6: 1.—From thence—That is, the Decapolis, east of the Sea of Galilee. His own country—The village of Nazareth in Galilee.

3.—The carpenter — Matthew says, "the carpenter's son" (Matt. 13: 55). James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon—The names of Jesus' brothers were all conventional Hebrew names and common at the time — Jacob, Joseph, Judah, Simeon. James—The same name as Jacob. This brother of our Lord did not believe in Him until after the crucifixion. He was for a long time head of the Christian church in Jerusalem, and was known as James the Just. The Epistle of James is credited to his authorship. Judas—This brother of our Lord is also called Jude, and is accepted as the author of the Epistle of Jude. His sisters—We have no data to how many sisters there were and no knowledge concerning their names.

Lesson Themes

Among His Own.—In this lesson we see that our Lord was completely misunderstood in two quarters where one would naturally expect that He would have received fullest sympathy. First, His own household could not understand that this One, with whom they had lived and labored in the intimate life of the home, could be anything more than the son and elder brother whom they had known Him to be. The household consisted, at least of Mary, His mother, who was undoubtedly a widow by this time, His four younger brothers, and two or more younger sisters, all children of Joseph and Mary. (There is absolutely no basis for supposing, as some people do, that these brothers and sisters were cousins or that they were children of Joseph by an earlier marriage. No one would ever have thought of such explanations except for the fixed desire to deny dogmatically that Mary could have had any other children besides Jesus.) That was something strange about Him, they fully appreciated. His piety and His perfect goodness they knew well. But the marvellous circumstances of His birth were obscured by some thirty years of normal, everyday living. Disturbed by His conduct, and alarmed for the possible consequences, they decided that He was mentally unbalanced and ought for His own protection to be suppressed. Secondly: The people of His own town, Nazareth, would not accept Him as anything more than their own fellow townsman, whom they had known since early childhood. Here was the young man who had labored for years as chief assistant to Joseph, the local carpenter and builder, whom everyone supposed to be His father, and who had recently inherited Joseph's business. He had worked on their houses. He had made furniture for them; He and His whole family were known intimately in the social life of the village. No, He was the carpenter! and His neighbors were resolved that He could not possibly be anything more than the carpenter.

The Unreason of Hatred.—It is astonishing to what lengths hatred will carry a man who may ordinarily be a reasonable and fair-minded thinker. At the beginning of His career, the Pharisees had shown a certain amount of friendliness toward the young Carpenter-Teacher; they had even patronizingly hailed Him by the honorable title of "Rabbi." Finding, however, that He was unwilling to teach according to their dictates, they began to criticize and oppose. In every argument, however, He worsted them. Again and again He showed them to be in the wrong. At length, having learned that they could not win by using arguments that they conscientiously believed to be true, they turned in desperation to arguments that they must have known to be fallacious, and accusations that they knew to be untrue. It is a sad fact that even to-day Christian ministers and theologians, when vexed by their own inability to win in debate on matters of theology or religious scholarship, have resorted to personal attacks upon those who disagreed with them, seeking to discredit their opponents by misleading and even false statements.

The Eternal Sin.—There has been a great deal of discussion concerning what Jesus meant by "the sin that hath never forgiveness." People of literalistic turn of mind have attempted to make out that "blasphemy against the Holy Spirit" is the use of some particular form of words, or the commission of some particular sin which God had arbitrarily distinguished as unforgivable. Now the sin which the scribes committed and which Jesus denounced as "eternal" was the deliberate "calling good evil." Apparently, these men, by their persistent selfishness and hypocrisy, had come to a point where their conscience could no longer distinguish between good and evil. For a man who had reached this extreme of perversity there can be no turning back, no repentance, and therefore no forgiveness. It is not that God's mercy has limits, but that there is a limit to man's receptivity for that mercy. He who has "sinned away the day of grace" is he who has atrophied his own conscience and has brought himself into a state of eternal sinfulness.

For Further Discussion

Were the multitudes that followed Jesus friendly or only curious? Is it not dangerous to take one's own habits of thought as the standard of sanity? Is not evil so selfish and suspicious that it must needs divide its agents? Can Jesus ever do mighty works except as folks give Him His chance by their faith?

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 30, 1908

Sunday's storm gave us about 9 inches of snow.

The G. T. R. is to try and make Prince Rupert a model city. Wish some city would make the G. T. R. a model railway.

The Acton Tanning Co. is gradually putting the men who were laid off to work again. A number of the former workmen returned to duty on Monday.

The annual meeting of the Halton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was held in the Town Hall on Monday.

The appointment of Mr. John Harvey as assessor for the municipality will give general satisfaction.

The Toronto Star published Herb. Ryle's portrait last Thursday and remarked: "Herb. Ryle, the centre forward of the Guelph 'pro' team, is fast. He is reported to be the speediest man in the Canadian professional league." As is well known, Herb. is an Acton boy and learned to skate on Fairy Lake here.

On Wednesday evening the steam whistles on Chapman's Tannery were blown at 5.30, a signal for early dismissal, as the employees and ladies were invited to spend the evening at the home of their employer. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and daughters, after much preparation, gave their guests a very happy and enjoyable evening.

At the first meeting of the County Council John McGibbon, of Esquesing, was elected Warden. Reeve Swackhamer was nominated and hopes to get it next year.

MARRIED

BALDWIN-BINGHAM—At the residence of the bride's parents, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on New Year's evening, by Rev. E. I. Hart, B. A., Annie, daughter of Robert Bingham, formerly of Acton, to Mr. William W. Baldwin, of Steelton.

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The man looked down at the speaker. "Perhaps so," he agreed. "But I've only got two speeds, mister, and the other is slower than this."

PARADISE FOR PRESIDENTS

The story goes that several college presidents were discussing what they would do after they retired. What would they be fit for, was the question.

"Well," said one of them, "I don't know what I'd be fit for anything, but I know what I'd like to do. I'd like to be superintendent of an orphan asylum so I'd never get any letter from parents."

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Daily except Sunday	2.29 p.m.
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Sunday Only	7.08 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7.08 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	11.57 a.m.
Daily except Sunday	4.17 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	6.17 p.m.
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Daily	1.55 p.m.
Daily	3.55 p.m.
Daily	5.55 p.m.
Daily	7.55 p.m.
Daily	9.55 p.m.
Daily	12.24 p.m.

Eastbound

Daily except Sunday	6.48 a.m.
Daily	9.37 a.m.
Daily	11.37 a.m.
Daily	1.37 p.m.
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