

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1932

THE LITTLE RED BUSH

Oh, the little red bush, it was brave; it was true; it was so dreary and bare; when summer was over, and skies were dull gray...

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Acton Citizens' Band gave a band concert at Eden Mills last week. Unprecedented prices on coal are prophesied for this winter, some in the know even say that a substitute for this precious fuel will have to be found.

Mr. Wm. Letshman gave The Free Press a fine specimen of a bumblebee. It was 1 3/4 inches in length and 1 1/4 inches in circumference. Mr. John Williams also left a sample which was 1 1/2 inches in circumference and 3/4 long.

PERMANENT BLEMISH—At the residence of the bride's mother, Georgetown, on September 11, 1912, by Rev. R. E. Cameron, Violet Isobel, daughter of Mrs. Ezra Bessey, to Mr. G. C. Lawrence, Manager Merchants Bank.

MATING THE BREEDING SOW

Too many farmers are accustomed to keeping immature and inferior sows for breeding purposes. Others do not give the care and management which is required to supply the needs of the pregnant sow. The result is that at farrowing time, thousands of farmers see their possible profits vanish when their sows produce uneven litters, frequently few in number and lacking strength and vigor.

Only sows that are typical of the breed and type to which they belong, which produce good strong litters, and which are good mothers and good mothers, should be retained in the herd. Replenish the herd with offspring from such proven mothers by selecting the gilts that are well developed and which have fair depth and plenty of constitution, combined with smoothness and reasonable length. Then in choosing the boar to mate with the sows, he should be not only well bred and of the bacon type, but should be a masculine, active individual of good quality, with a strong constitution, and as much length and depth of side as possible.

The gilts selected for breeding purposes should not be bred too young because the young sow will not usually have sufficient strength and vitality to withstand the heavy drain on her system, resulting from her own growth and the production of a strong, healthy litter. Experience at the Dominion Experimental Station, Lacombe, Alberta, indicates that gilts should not be bred until they are at least eight months old and well developed for their age. The very young sow is seldom able to raise a full-sized litter of pigs, and if she raises only a few pigs in her first litter the mammary glands do not develop properly and, as a consequence, subsequent litters will suffer, all of which tends to deplete her future usefulness.

BIRTH OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP

Two in a restaurant they met, Romeo and Juliet. He had no cash to pay the debt, So Romeo'd what Juliet.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

THE REPORTS OF THE SPIES

Golden Text.—Jehovah is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?—Psalm 27: 1. Lesson Text.—Num. 13: 1-3, 25-33. Read Num. 13: 1-14; 45. Exposition.—I. The Sending of the Spies, 1-24.

The sending of the spies was an act of unbelief. God had told them the character of the land and they sent spies to see if God had told them the truth about it (v. 18)—cf. Ex. 13: 5; Deut. 8: 7-9. And He had promised His guidance step by step and yet they wanted to find out "what way we must go up" (Deut. 1: 21-23). Jehovah had Moses to send men to spy out the land, but it was only after the people suggested it. This act of unbelief led to others that cost Israel forty years outside of Canaan wandering in the wilderness. Jehovah had led them have the way of unbelief (cf. 1 Sam. 8: 22, 6, 7; Matt. 19: 8). Faith goes out at God's command without asking whether it is going (Heb. 11: 8).

II. The Report of the Spies, 25-29. The spies spent forty days in finding out if God's word was true. Those forty days of unbelief brought forty years of desolation (ch. 14: 33, 34; Gal. 6: 7). The first part of their report was good. The land of Canaan is a type of our present experience in Christ when we get out of the wilderness and over Jordan; it is also a type of the rest that remains hereafter to the people of God (Heb. 3: 8-11, 14; 4: 8, 9). They even brought back of the fruit and displayed it. The specimen was so fine that it took two men to carry it, most probably Caleb and Joshua (v. 23). Having begun so well the spies suddenly change and seek to discourage the hearts of the people. They go far more into detail about the bad features than about the good. They had very sharp eyes for the discouraging points; unbelief always has. They had carefully noted every difficulty and could rattle off the frightful names of the five mighty races that lay in their way. It was to be expected that there would be difficulties in the way. God had told them that at the start (Ex. 13: 5). But there was no reason for being at all disturbed at these great difficulties, for God had also told them that He would give them the land and drive out all these enemies before them (Lev. 20: 24; Ex. 23: 2; Deut. 1: 1-3; cf. Rev. 8: 31; Rev. 9: 5, 12, 21). Sons of Anak, Amalekites, etc., are nothing to fear.

III. The Faith of Caleb and Unbelief of the Ten, 30-33. There was a great commotion of despair among the people, but there was a man of faith present to still it. His cry was, "forward at once to victory." His estimate of their ability: "we are well able to overcome it" (cf. Ro. 8: 37; Phil. 4: 13). The ten had their eyes on the sons of Anak. Caleb had his eyes on Jehovah (ch. 14: 6-9). Caleb lived to prove his assertion (Josh. 15: 14). While the ten weaklings of unbelief rotted in the wilderness, Caleb wanted to start "at once." The ten unbelievers flatly contradicted the man of faith. Unbelief is always crying, "We're not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." They might be stronger than Israel alone, but they forgot Who was on their side (Deut. 9: 1-3). Their losing sight of God and consequent unbelief shut them out of the land (Heb. 3: 19). It is shutting many out of the land today, out of a Canaan experience instead of a wilderness experience, out of a life of plenty and victory instead of a life of poverty and failure. In their unbelief they went so far as to contradict their own former statement about the land. Unbelief is full of contradictions and misrepresentations. Note the exaggeration, "all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature." Unbelief is famous at exaggerating difficulties. They exaggerated their sizes as well as their number (v. 33). Perhaps they were only grasshoppers in their own sight, for unbelievers are very small. Very small, too, in the sight of their enemies. But to the eye of faith even the giants are grasshoppers in comparison with God (Isa. 40: 18, 22). They saw only the giants and sons of Anak; Caleb looked right over the heads of the sons of Anak and saw Jehovah and said, "Jehovah is with us, fear them not" (ch. 14: 9). In consequence of the unbelief we now see Israel howling and weeping all night (ch. 14: 1). Such are the fruits of unbelief in God's sure word of promise. The Israelites were willing to believe the unbelieving spies, but they were not as ready to believe God. How many today are more ready to believe an infidel critic who claims to have explored the land than to believe God? They not only wept but murmured also (cf. Ex. 15: 23, 24; 16: 1-3; 17: 1, 2). Unbelief lay at the bottom of it (Ps. 106: 24, 25). The unbeliever is always a grumbler. He is dangerous business (1 Cor. 10: 10). They said that they wished that they had died in Egypt or in the wilderness (ch. 14: 2). God took them at their word and they bitterly regretted it (vs. 28, 29, 39). It don't do to trifles with God. They propose to "return into Egypt." When a child of God gets to that point there is serious trouble ahead. They did not hesitate to malign Jehovah (ch. 14: 3; cf. Deut. 1: 27; cf. Job 40: 2; Ro. 9: 20). They actually proposed to make themselves a leader to lead them back into the land of bondage. This was renouncing God. It was the highest pitch that their unbelief and rebellion had ever reached (vs. 19, 20, 22, 23; Neh. 9: 17). They would have given up Canaan, the pillar of cloud, Jehovah's protection and Jehovah Himself.

THE MIGHTY ST. LAWRENCE

Recent events centre attention upon the St. Lawrence River. The signing of a treaty between Canada and the United States providing for the engineering works necessary to make of the St. Lawrence a channel for deep-sea vessels into the heart of the continent promises to make this river easily the most important inland water highway in the world.

The St. Lawrence River—proper flows from Lake Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in a north-easterly direction, for a short distance constituting the boundary between Canada and the United States, but mainly located entirely in Canadian territory. To grasp its real significance, however, it must be thought of in conjunction with the Great Lakes—Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior—and their connecting rivers. So conceived the St. Lawrence is found to be one of the really great rivers of the world, draining the largest freshwater bodies on the face of the globe, furnishing immense quantities of power, and serving a population of many millions of people. With its tributaries it drains an area of 498,000 square miles—a territory more than 10 times the size of the State of New York.

The river itself was first explored by Samuel Champlain in 1603 and in 1608 this explorer founded the City of Quebec, choosing a rocky promontory which commanded the river and which has been not inaptly called the Gibraltar of America. Champlain also selected the site of the present City of Montreal in 1611 on an island formed by the junction of the Ottawa River with the St. Lawrence. He could, however, scarcely have foreseen that Montreal, a thousand miles from the open sea, would three hundred years later be the second greatest port of North America, with a population of approximately one million souls.

The harbor of Montreal, although 1,000 miles from the sea, is within shorter sailing distance of the markets of Great Britain and Europe than is New York. Immediately above Montreal, however, the real physical difficulties of heavy-draught navigation on the St. Lawrence are found. In the Lachine section there is a drop of forty-eight feet in twenty-three miles. Above that comes the Sorel section, with a fall of eighty-three feet in eighteen miles. Lake St. Francis then presents twenty-six miles of smooth water, but above that again comes the international rapids section where in forty-eight miles there is a fall of ninety-two feet. Works already carried out provide navigation for vessels of fourteen-foot draught from this difficult area.

The Canadian Government has just recently completed a canal for heavy-draught vessels connecting Lake Ontario with Lake Erie, and the largest lake boats are now able to navigate from the head of Lake Superior to the lower end of Lake Ontario. With the completion of the proposed works on the St. Lawrence a channel for heavy-draught navigation will be opened from the heart of the continent to the Atlantic Ocean.

The St. Lawrence, however, does not owe all its fame to its value as a trade route or to the enormous power which it is capable of producing. It is also one of the most beautiful and attractive rivers, from the tourist's point of view. Its clear blue-green water flowing between lofty and sometimes mountainous shores, through a country of great history and industrial interest, and protected for more than a thousand miles from the storms of the Atlantic, have made it a passenger route of increasing favor.

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Poole, cash 5 00 51 Best 5 lbs. Butter, donor to receive same, by Dr. P. W. Pearen, cash 2 00 52 Best 5 lbs. Butter, donor to receive same, by Stanley E. Plummer, Rockwood, 25 lbs. of Honey, value 2 00 53 Best 10 lbs. Butter in prints, donor to receive same, by J. K. Gardner, watchmaker, cash 3 00 54 Best Loaf Homemade Bread, made from Five Crown Flour, donor to receive same by W. H. Horlop, Everton, 1st, 48 lbs. flour, value, \$1.50; 2nd, 24 lbs. flour, value, .85 cents 2 35 55 Best Loaf of Bread, baked by a young lady, under 21 years, choice of an Ironing Board or Clothes Horse, by J. E. Mackenzie, value 2 50 56 Best Raisin Pie, open to Institute Members only, by Dublin Women's Institute, cash 1 25 57 Best Half Dozen Lemon Tarts, open to Institute Members only, by Dublin Women's Institute, cash 75 58 Best 5 lbs. Butter, in prints, donor to receive same, by G. H. Bishop & Son, cash 2 00 59 A Working Man's Cold Dinner, served on a tray, consisting of eight separate victuals, by Acton U. F. W. O., cash 2 00 60 Best Collection of Baking, 1 Apple Pie, 1 Layer Cake, Half Dozen Bran Muffins, by U. F. Y. P. O., cash, 1st, \$1.25; 2nd, 75 cents 2 00 61 Best Quart Maple Syrup, donor to receive same, by Dr. A. J. Buchanan, cash 2 00 62 Best 5 lbs.—Honey in Comb, donor to receive same, by H. W. Hinton, Jeweller, cash 2 00 63 Best 8 dozen Eggs, donor to receive same, by Nelson & Co., Bag St. Lawrence Sugar, value 5 25 64 Best 10 lbs.—Clover Honey, donor to receive same, by Johnstone & Rumley, cash 2 00 FLOWER AND FRUIT SPECIALS 65 Best Collection of Cut Flowers, arrangement to be considered, by Hugh Walker & Son, Guelph, fruit in season, value, 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50 4 00 66 Best Collection of Plants and Cut Flowers, grown in 1932, 1st, by W. J. 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Savage, Guelph, cash 2 00 73 Best Bird House, built by boy under 15 years. This special to take place of Society prize, Class 33, Section 15. By J. S. Davidson, cash 1 00 74 Best Wooden Model either Boat or Aeroplane, or other work, by boy under 16, by C. Thatcher, Rockwood, cash 1 00 75 Best Poem, not more than 32 lines in length, on any Canadian subject, of an stanzaic framework the author may select, to be sealed and in the Secretary's hands and entered by number" at least three days before the fair, by Public or High School pupils, 16 years of age or under, in Halton County and Erin and Eramosa Townships. Boys' work to be judged by the lady teachers of the town, or one of them the others may select. Girls' work to be judged by the clergy of the town or one of them the others may select. To be known as the Dr. T. D. J. Farmer prizes. For boys, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00; for girls, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00; 3rd, \$2.00 cash 20 00 76 To the parents with the largest family, all in attendance at Acton Fair on September 21. Entry to register with the Secretary, and have all members of the family with them at the time, by THE ACTON FREE PRESS, cash 5 00 77 To the couple married the greatest number of years attending the Fair. Registration to be made with gatekeepers or Secretary, second day of Fair. THE ACTON FREE PRESS, one year, value 2 00 78 To the most recently married couple attending the Fair. Registration to be made with gatekeepers or Secretary second day of Fair. THE ACTON FREE PRESS, one year, value 2 00 79 Best Flock of Long Woolled Sheep. This special to take the place of Class 15, Section 7, 1st prize. By Massey-Harris Company, \$10.00 off any machinery purchased this year 10 00 80 Best Essay by Public School Pupil on subject "Benefits of Acton Fall Fair to Acton," Fair of Bronze Book-ends, value 2 50 81 To the Family living in the district covered by Acton Fair who obtain the Highest Number of Points in Live Stock Classes, counting 3 points for first, two points for 2nd, and 1 point for 3rd prizes, by T. Eaton Company Ltd., Toronto, a Cabinet-Containing 26 piece set of Rogers Empire Pattern Flatware, value 11 95 82 A Baby Show, sponsored by B. D. Rachlin & Co, cash, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00 5 00 RECEIVED TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY 83 Best Loaf Homemade Bread, made from Snow Drift Flour, donor to receive same. Prize winners must have receipt for flour, showing it being purchased from D. H. Lindsay. 98 lbs. Snow Drift Flour, value 2 60 84 Best Loaf Homemade Bread, made from High Loaf Flour, donor to receive same. Prize winners must have receipt for flour, showing it being purchased from D. H. Lindsay. 98 lbs. High Loaf Flour, value 2 75 85 Best Dressed Duck, donor to receive same, by J. W. Higgins, Ford Dealer, Milton, cash 2 00 86 Best White Layer Cake and Six Bran Gems, by the Bannockburn Women's Institute, cash, 1st, \$1.25; 2nd, .75c 2 00 87 Best Collection of Rugs, by Hicks & Crooms, 3 lbs. Rideau Hall Coffee, value 1 50

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Table showing bus routes and times for Eastbound and Westbound services.

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