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A Month's Compensation Figures

There were 3,558 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of October, as compared with 3,462 during September, and 3,342 during October last year. The fatal accidents numbered 20, as compared with 23 in September, and 32 in October a year ago. The total benefits awarded amounted to \$342,598.62, of which \$289,236.18 was for compensation and \$53,362.44 for medical aid, as compared with \$286,462.85 awarded in September, and \$317,506.31 awarded last October.

Shipments of Cattle and Meats Active

One of the features of Canada's export trade this year has been the market for Canadian cattle, the demand from British buyers being particularly heavy. Shipments for the first nine months of 1933 to the British Isles total more than 42,000 head, compared with over 16,000 in the corresponding period of 1932. There has also been an active market for fresh beef mainly to the British Isles. In the first eight months of this year, the exports amounted to 6,000,000 pounds or nearly twice the amount shipped in the similar period of 1932. Shipments of bacon and hams to the British market from January 1 to August 31, 1933, totalled 5,450,000 pounds, an increase of 2,115,000 over the corresponding period last year. From early in April to the end of November Montreal is the principal point of shipment in the Eastern part of the country for exports from Canada. During the winter months Saint John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, both all-the-year-round ports, are the principal shipping points in the East. In the West Vancouver on the Pacific Coast is also open throughout the year.

Why Not Municipal Conversion Loans?

From various quarters the suggestion now comes that the municipalities might follow the lead of the Dominion Government by floating loans to convert those carrying war-time rates of interest and thereby make a considerable saving to the municipal treasury. Success has met the efforts of England and Canada in this plan and a real relief could be given the taxpayers by a similar method of financing. Take our municipality for instance. The interest rate on debentures runs from five to six and a half per cent. on the various issues. The waterworks debentures are, of course, the largest single item, and these are bearing the highest rates of interest. They have seventeen years yet to run. They might readily be converted into a four and a half issue and a considerable saving made to the taxpayer. In 1932 the total interest paid on debentures in Acton was \$11,386.11 and the waterworks debentures required \$3,915.11 of these interest charges. From these figures it can readily be seen what a reduction of one per cent. in interest charges on \$179,508.27 would mean to this municipality. Many a municipality is staggering along under a load of debenture indebtedness piled up during the more prosperous years and will, just stagger for many years to come with little hope of progress unless interest rates are adjusted to meet the changed conditions. If the plan is good for the large debts of countries, there is no reason why it cannot be applied to render local assistance.

The Hardest Job to Get

A prominent business expert says that the first job is the hardest to obtain. That should be a comfort to some of the young people, who are under the impression that the world is altogether too well supplied with workers of every description. This struggle in which you are engaged, landing your first job, is harder work than you will be called on to do again, provided that when you get that job, you make a success of it. Your handicap at present is your lack of experience. As far as business goes, you are an unknown quantity. That is a real handicap, but there is a worse one. Some workers are too well known. They are known as shirks, as inefficient, as lazy, as unreliable. It is easy for a new worker to get a job, compared with the man whose experience has resulted in giving him the reputation of being no good. The task on which you are now engaged should be the hardest you will ever be called upon to tackle.

Unfinished Sections Should First be Completed

Announcement is made this week that the ditches on the Lakeshore Highway will be filled in and the highway widened to a width that when completed will allow four lanes of traffic. The announcement appears to have been made from the Department of Highways. Enquiry made reveals that the County is not contributing any part of the cost of this work, and it is presumed that the Province will therefore bear the whole cost of this construction. It is also stated that the Province is willing to proceed with the Middle Road construction if the counties will assume their share of the cost. It would appear that the Province is willing to proceed with all the highways and additions asked for between Toronto and Hamilton but is not so anxious for construction in other parts of the County. If memory serves us correctly we believe that the Department of Highways gave the assurance to a delegation from Halton a few years ago, that the first highway construction in Halton County would be the completion of the highway from Milton to Acton to join with No. 7 Highway here. Can it be that the Department needs a reminder of this promise and another delegation? Let us be plain. We are not urging the Department of Highways to make uncalled for expenditure but this section of the County is looking for fair play when highway appropriations and extensions are being made. Let unfinished sections be completed and all the people served before new construction is undertaken. Halton County consists of more than the section between Toronto and Hamilton, and unfinished work is usually completed before new construction is undertaken.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Since Sunday is a compulsory holiday, there will be need for diversity of observance throughout the Dominion next year in connection with Remembrance Day.

With hockey in full swing on the artificial ice surfaces, the fans are getting real fidgetty to have a little hockey action and preparation going in the local field.

It would appear that Canada is about to have a Central Bank. The par privilege on all cheques is at least one item about which they will be little conversers.

The observance of Remembrance Day in Acton gave everyone a chance to participate in the services and business was not seriously handicapped by the observance of hours rather than minutes.

We suppose that the new amendments proposed for the Liquor Control Act will be again given out as advanced temperance legislation. Perhaps the people won't be as gullible this time, however.

Poppy Day and Remembrance Day were given a generous response in Acton. With the service for the children and the service on Saturday and a good attendance at all of them, it can be said that Acton remembers.

The transients continue to multiply these days and work in the reverse order to the flies. The flies disappear in the winter while the transient seldom shows up in the summer, but are a multitude in the cold weather.

A newspaper heading in a city paper the other day proclaimed that the clerks of the stores in that city would "stop waiting on their customers for two minutes" on Remembrance Day. Such a statement would have looked better in smaller type.

With all the outcry of over-government, abolition of County Councils and grand juries, too many boards and inspectors, it would seem that another addition was to be made to regulate our financial system. What most folks require more urgently are some finances to regulate.

The new Liberal Government of Nova Scotia has set a praiseworthy example of economy by releasing 164 office-holders, thereby effecting a saving of \$300,000. As the Midland Free Press aptly remarks, if such a sum can be saved by a small Province like Nova Scotia, what would happen in the Dominion if a proportionate clean-up of office-holders were undertaken.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

PAUL IN ATHENS

Golden Text.—In Him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17: 28. Lesson Text.—Acts 17: 22-34. Study, also, Ac. 17: 16-21; Jno. 4: 19-26; 1 Cor. 15: 12-20. Time.—A. D. 52. Place.—The Areopagus, Athens. Exposition.—I. The Unknown God Made Known, 22-29.

Paul had improved such opportunities of preaching the Gospel as were open to him—the synagogue and the marketplace (v. 17)—and now he is brought before this celebrated gathering of philosophers and university professors of Athens. He has no new Gospel for this distinguished throng, but with divinely-given tact he introduces it in a new way (vs. 24, 25, 28). Paul begins with what appears like words of approval, not with words of criticism. (See Am. R. V.). He would win the favor and attention of his audience before calling them to repentance. If you first win their confidence and favor by words of kindness and praise. "To an unknown God," there is something very pathetic and touching in this. There are many today who are reaching out blindly toward a God of whose existence they have a vague apprehension, but of whose name, character and person they have little clear knowledge. But there is no need that God be unknown; there is a way plainly pointed out in the Bible and which any one can follow, by which any one can attain unto a true knowledge of God.—(Jno. 7: 17; 1 Cor. 2: 14; Jno. 3: 3-5; 1: 12; 1: 18; 1 Jno. 5: 20; Jno. 14: 9; 2 Cor. 4: 6). It is of the highest importance that we know God (Jno. 17: 3). It is our own fault if we do not know Him (Ro. 1: 20-22, 28; 2 Cor. 4: 4). It was an apt stroke upon Paul's part to begin with this well-known object in their own streets, and thus to lead on to the great truths with which his soul was filled. "God that made the world and all things therein," etc. Paul would carry with him the philosophers in his audience, and at the same time bring in new and higher thought about God, and step by step lead them face to face with God Himself, and make them feel their personal responsibility to Him. He would lead them to see that God was not a mere philosophical conception, but a person against whom they had sinned, and who was now calling "Repent." The very life we live, the breath we breathe, absolutely all we have, is His gift. Everything thus given should be used for Him. "We should draw every breath for Him." "He made of one every nation of men." Do we believe this? Do we really believe it? Do we believe in our kinship to the Negro, the Chinaman, the Hindu? "That they should seek God" this was God's great and gracious purpose in making of the nations and appointing their seasons and the bounds of their habitations. How little the nations have fallen in with their benevolent purpose of God. (Ro. 1: 28). It is of the highest importance to men that they should seek God (Amos. 5: 4, 6; Ez. 8: 22; Prov. 28: 5; 2 Chron. 26: 5; Ps. 34: 4, 10; 69: 32; 1 Chron. 16: 10; Lam. 3: 25; Heb. 11: 6; Ps. 119: 2). He is not difficult to find for those who seek Him with the whole heart. (Jer. 29: 13). "He is not far from every one of us." How absolute is our dependence upon God. No life, no motion, no existence outside of Him. This being so, there can be no peace in our souls until our wills are absolutely surrendered to Him and our affections absolutely centered in Him. Paul approves the sentiment of the Greek poet, Aratus. But while all men are God's offspring, they are not all truly children (Jno. 8: 44, 47; 1 Jno. 3: 10; Mat. 13: 38; Gal. 4: 4-6; Heb. 12: 8; Eph. 2: 3). Those only are children of God who received Jesus Christ (Jno. 1: 12, R. V.). Those who are led by His Spirit are sons of God (Ro. 8: 14; Gal. 3: 26, R. V.). II. God's Command to all Men Everywhere, Repent, 30-34. Paul is now reaching the point toward which all this time he had been so skillfully steering. It has an unexpected climax to these thoughts. Many of them had been delighted with the novelty of Paul's conceptions, with the deftness of his logic, with the aptness of his quotation. They were all ears; their guard was down, and he struck a stunning blow just at the right moment. God's "we call is "repent" (cf. ch. 2: 38; 3: 19; 20: 21; 26: 20; Mat. 3: 2; 4: 17; Lu. 13: 5; 15: 20; 24: 27). This was God's one cry, also, through the Old Testament prophets. "turn ye." This same cry needs to ring out to-day. Men are an apostate race. Notice whom God commands to repent, "all men everywhere." Notice why, "Because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world," etc. There is a judgment coming. People mock at this truth to-day, but God has given assurance of it unto all men by the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is impossible for any candid seeker after truth to examine the evidence for the resurrection of Christ without being satisfied that Jesus really did arise as recorded in the Gospels. But the resurrection of Christ Jesus in the past points with unerring finger to a judgment by Christ Jesus in the future. "When they heard of the resurrection of the dead some mocked," a very common way of going to dispose of unpalatable truth. But it never works, and truth is never any the less true because you "mock" at it. While "some mocked" others had more sense, they said, "We will hear

this again." They were not fully convinced, but they were aroused and anxious to hear more. If they were honest in saying this and really did hear again they were convinced in time. Perhaps they were simply trying to soothe their consciences and postpone a decision. In that case they were not in much better case than those that mocked. When one is convinced, the thing to do is not to "hear again," but to act at once. This Dionysius and Demetrius did. Thus Paul's mission in the world's intellectual capital was attended with definite results. This is ever the case when the truth is faithfully proclaimed. There are always doubters, procrastinators, and second-hearing folk. But there are always those who hear to the saving of their souls.

CANADIAN SALT PRODUCTION

Salt production in Canada during 1932 amounted to 263,543 short tons valued at \$1,947,551, as compared with 259,047 tons worth \$1,904,149 in 1931. This represents an increase of 1.7 per cent in quantity and 2.3 per cent in value and, according to an official report, "emphasizes the sound basis upon which this Canadian industry is established." The Canadian salt companies now produce an extensive variety of high grade products: various table salt including free running and iodized are of equal quality with the better brands produced throughout the world. Other grades are manufactured and marketed for dairy, crop, highway, chemical, fishery, and other purposes. It is interesting to note that smoked salt is now produced in Canada. Exports of Canadian salt in 1932 totalled 13,235,000 pounds against 12,251,700 pounds in 1931, the greater part of this going to the United States, New Zealand and Newfoundland. A writer in a recent issue of the "Canadian Engineer," states that salt and its effects on gravel and earth roads have been under almost-daily observation by the engineers of the company in Nova Scotia during summer seasons since the year 1926. Interesting experiments were conducted in the use of salt-slay surfaces. The salt-slay surface remains dustless if the surface is maintained and does not appear to depend upon gathering moisture from the air to do so. "In view of the cheapness of this type of highway, it is hoped that the re-setting properties of the salt and clay which permit easy patching and complete reworking of the surface as desired, will overcome some of the objections to hard surfaced highways, other than those of the permanent or semi-permanent type."

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