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EDITORIAL

Exports Increase

Canadian exports increased \$52,007,000 in the first quarter of the fiscal year, opening April 1st, it was reported by the Department of National Revenue. Exports totalled \$272,491,818 as compared to \$220,424,791 in the three-month period in 1936. Collections from tariffs, excise duties and excise taxes increased \$15,724,000, from \$57,856,318 last year to \$73,580,318 this year. The biggest increase was in excise taxes, \$10,425,972. Income tax collections took a big jump and now stand as the heaviest in Canadian history. In the quarter-period, collections were \$81,738,659 this year and \$66,134,762 in 1936, an increase of \$15,603,896.

Work or Go Hungry

The other morning two apparently healthy young men called at a Brampton residence asking for money to pay for a breakfast. They were told they would have no difficulty in getting work on a farm if they would accept. They wouldn't do farm work, and proceeded on their begging mission. The Barrie Examiner points to like conditions in the County of Simcoe. "Despite the seriousness of the farm labor situation," says that paper, "with farmers in this district unable to secure help for having and harvesting for love or money, transients are still walking the streets of the town, going from door to door seeking the inevitable handout. It is a situation that has aroused many citizens to protest vigorously against the practice, and a virtual boycott of these good-for-nothings is planned in some quarters. Mr. Page, Simcoe's District Representative, asked about the success of transients, stated that "about one-third of the transients accept the jobs but never show up at the farms. Then they are prepared to go from door to door, and if asked if they have tried to get a job say they have tried. Generally speaking, transients will not stay at a job more than three weeks or a month, and some farmers won't have them at any price. Others are willing to hire them if they appear respectable and willing to do a reasonable amount of work.—Brampton Conservator.

How to Kill Your Town

Always cultivate the idea that you can do better in some other town. Denounce your merchants because they are trying to make a living here. Glory in the downfall of any man who has done much to improve your own town. Get all you can out of the town and the merchants, but spend your money somewhere else. Tell the merchants that you can buy elsewhere cheaper, you probably can't, but charge them with being extortionists anyway. Always believe everything that peddlers and specialty agents tell you and buy from them. You could no doubt do better at your own stores, but don't ever, ever do that. If a stranger stops in town, tell him to go on to the next place. Call your merchants and the place where you live, as the meanest on earth. Always have your mind firmly made up before you go into any of your own home stores, that you simply can't get anything to suit you there. And now, after having religiously done all of the above, you ought to have the satisfaction of very shortly seeing your town reduced to a small burg with possibly a general store, a service station or two and a post office. All this may not have enhanced the value of your property any or improved your own living conditions, but you don't care.—Bowmanville Statesman.

An Individual Responsibility

Last week the Voters' Lists for Acton for the year were issued. Clerk Farmer has endeavored to make it as nearly correct as possible. But in compiling a list of names of this size there are bound to be mistakes. If you really cherish your franchise, you should see that your name is properly entered in the list. When election day rolls along, next December, it will be too late to have any errors or omissions corrected. The time is now, and the responsibility is that of the individual voter. No one can be blamed but yourself. Governing bodies are charged with a lot of responsibility, but individuals also have duties and are too often prone to blame mistakes on others that are their own.

What Parking Is

"What is parking?" asked an Ontario Justice during the hearing of an appeal at Osgoode Hall. Well, your lordship, it's this way: Suppose you are driving down town, and they won't let you bring the car into the office. Obviously you must find some place to leave it. Of course, there are garages for the purpose, but how will the old boat accumulate a becoming coat of sun tan if you put it indoors? So you begin to look around for eight or nine inches of unoccupied curb space. You drive slowly up this street and slowly down that street. Half a dozen times you stop, only to find the unoccupied space which you spotted isn't big enough, or that somebody else has beaten you to it. You scrape the fenders of cars that are already parked, lock buffers with a couple of trucks, get bawled out by assorted traffic cops and then finally spy a nice wide-open space. Zip! You grab it! What-ho! A fire plug! So you move on again. Finally, after two or three hours, you drive back home, leave the chariot in front of the house and catch a street car. That, your lordship, is parking!—Windsor Star.

More Celebrations

Among the numerous duties which seem to evolve upon a newspaper editor, one of the past week was to make the annual canvass among business places for Acton Fall Fair. It so happens that the editor is President this year, and custom designates this as one of the duties. And that it was a rather enjoyable task, as most everyone here is appreciative of the standing of Acton Fair and willing to do all possible to make it a greater success. This is all preliminary. Criticism that was received was not against the Fair. In a number of business places the regret was expressed that Acton had not had many special days of celebration this year. In reviewing the year, there does seem some cause for regret here. Other years have usually seen many splendid celebrations, lasting from one to three days. While 1937 has lacked these days, there is no need to let 1938 fall behind in this respect. We like the celebrations in which all the organizations of the community band together in making them really worthwhile. As an objective we suggest the raising of funds for an improved grandstand. If its not too late, we believe a Civic Holiday celebration would be appreciated this year by many Actonians.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summer is on the wane and as yet there is no indication of highway construction on the second line.

The marketed value of the products of New Brunswick fisheries was \$4,399,420 in 1936, the highest since 1930.

It appears that the erection of the shelters at the Park for bathers will now need to be placed on the 1938 building program.

Present speed limits are still insufficient for a number of motorists and the result is a big sheaf of blue papers being served.

Finally revised statistics for 1936 show that automobile production in Canada totalled 162,159 units, valued at \$95,955,204 at factory prices.

Farmers of southern Saskatchewan, who have been hoping for a break in drought conditions, are already on relief for next year.—Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

Editor Bruce Pearce, of the Simcoe Reformer, has just returned from a fishing trip to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Pictures and the story that is told indicate that it was a real fishing trip.

Announcement was made last week that a \$1,300,000 tuberculosis-mental hospital will be erected in Peel County, near Brampton. The Peel Gazette devotes the whole front page to the announcement. The Conservator is not quite so enthusiastic.

Calvin Coolidge reduced income taxes steadily and governmental revenues climbed steadily. Franklin Roosevelt has increased income taxes and yet has to complain about tax evasions making it impossible for him to balance his budget. Maybe Mr. Roosevelt is administering the wrong medicine. — Financial Post.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24th

GOD PREPARES A PEOPLE

Golden Text.—The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession.—Deut. 7: 6.

Lesson Text.—Exodus 12: 21-28.

Time.—10:15 A.M. Place.—Bible.

Exposition.—I. God institutes the Passover, 21-23.

The hour for Israel's deliverance had come. Assembled in Goshen, they were ready to depart on an infant's notice. They were (through the person of Moses) under the direct government of Jehovah, Who was to be Leader and Guide on their journey. Success depended on (1) Implicit faith in Jehovah, and (2) Absolute obedience and conformity to His word. But to His obedient people, Jehovah opened up a way of salvation from the universal penalty of death which threatened (vs. 3-13). Those who sheltered themselves behind the sacrificial blood of the slain lamb were safe. No one was forced to obey the directions of Moses: obedience was purely voluntary.

The presence of the sprinkled blood on the door-posts and lintels would be (1) An avowal of inner allegiance to the God Whom Pharaoh despised and defied, (2) An evidence of respect for His authority, (3) A proof of faith in His saving purpose and power. Moreover, as a purely racial feast (cf. vs. 43-48), it would heighten their sense of separation to God (commemoration), and their still nascent national consciousness would be quickened by their common danger, their common sacrifice, and their common deliverance. But He wanted them to know that they were indeed His people that He cared for them, and would be faithful to redeem them. How could they fall on that terror-filled night of the first Passover to think of themselves as belonging specially to Him, and He to them! In a land filled with mourning and desolation (vs. 30), they were secure. Blessed with this consciousness, confident, unconcerned, pledged to obedience, they were at that fit and ready to cut loose from Egypt and embark on the carrying out of God's great purpose for them and through them—for the whole world (Gen. 12: 3b).

II. "An Ordinance . . . Forever." 24: 28.

No Israelite who had lived through the fearful hours of that first Passover night could ever forget the solemn import of the event. But to prevent the memory of it from fading out of national consciousness, God ordained that it should be re-enacted every year from henceforward forever (cf. ch. 13: 10). This recurring memorial to the wonderful and miraculous deliverance of their fathers would always keep alive in the minds of their children a sense of God's love and sparing mercy. It was to be observed at the time of the spring harvest (April), when the new corn was coming into ear and at the command of God, their calendar was changed so that the ecclesiastical New Year (formerly in September) would coincide with the feast. Thus the Passover would always speak to them of new life, new beginnings (v. 2), and of God's providence and care for them. It would stand as a testimonial to the truth of their religion, a pledge of His continuing faith in the national existence. The dawn of each year would emphasize afresh the redemptive nature of their relation to Jehovah. Origin and Source of their life and prosperity, and move their hearts to grateful reconsecration. The Feast of the Passover has always remained to the Jewish people throughout their subsequent history, the greatest, most solemn of all commemorative institutions. It has been one of the strongest of the factors in their continuance as a distinct people throughout their dispersion.

III. "Christ Our Passover . . . Sacrificed for Us." 1 Cor. 5: 7, 8.

The Passover was an event of profound, prophetic significance. Every detail of its ritual holds for us a precious symbolic meaning. In the slain lamb we have "the Chief Old Testament type of Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1: 29). Who was slain on Calvary for the salvation of the world (Isa. 53: 7; John 19: 36; Rev. 5: 6, 12). As the Passover was to the Israelite the type of new beginnings," so do we enter into new life through Christ; the failures and sins of the past are blotted out; He "remembers them no more" (Isa. 44: 22; Heb. 9: 15; 2 Cor. 5: 17). The lamb was to be taken on the 10th day, but not slain until the 14th (v. 21). Our salvation through shed blood is no afterthought of God to meet an emergency that has unexpectedly arisen. Christ our Redeemer, was set apart for His redeeming work "before the foundation of the world" (1 Peter 1: 19). The spotless holiness of Christ is prefigured in the perfection and strength of the lamb to be chosen (Ex. 12: 5; cf. 1 Peter 1: 19). The lamb was not to have by its innocence and spotlessness, however, but by its blood, for "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins" (Lev. 17: 11; Heb. 9: 22). It is the blood of Christ that makes us safe. For us to doubt our security if we are behind the blood is to doubt God's Word. It is all sufficient; it saves completely. Nothing but Christ's blood can ever save the soul. But that precious blood is not

SEE LIVES IN PIPE 14 YEARS

Choking of a water-pipe valve in a railway locomotive shed in Stratford-on-Avon, England; led to the discovery of a live rat, three feet, four inches long and three inches in circumference, in the valve. As its age would be about 14 years, it must have entered through the half-inch grille at the water intake at Stratford when a train, and lived in the four-mile pipe, with no other food than the water all that time.

TWIN GREEN SHOW HORSE KENNE

Unknown to their father, twin daughters of a horse show judge in Portland, Scotland, and upon their return of heavy Clydesdale horses, and so near to the official score were their ratings that they have become Scotland's first female horse judges. They are Joan and Matty Park, and both are in demand at many important shows in Britain and Ireland.

SALLY'S SALLIES



When a man starts to slow down, his post is certain to catch up with him.

FAT IN ICE CREAM

MUST BE MILK FAT

What is ice cream? For several years, considerable difference of opinion has existed as to what ingredients constituted ice cream. However, the matter is now settled. Ice cream, its manufacture, packaging, sale and storage are now controlled in the Dairy Industry Act and are subject to new regulations under the Act, as amended by Order in Council, May 20th, 1937. Any ice cream, ice cream cakes, chocolate ice cream bars, ice cream moulded into special shapes or any other ice cream specialty of novelty of which ice cream is a part cannot be manufactured or sold in Canada unless the ice cream so used complies with standards for ice cream as defined by the Act. Needless to say, all ice cream in Canada is subject to inspection by officers of the Dairy and Cold Storage Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and all packages of ice cream must be clearly marked with a true and accurate statement of the net contents, and the name of the manufacturer.

Ice cream, in the words of the Act means the frozen product made from milk products, with or without any of the following ingredients: eggs, sugar, sugar, harmless coloring, harmless coloring, and may contain added stabilizer composed of edible material to the extent of not more than one-half of one per cent. (0.5) by weight of stabilizer. Ice cream must contain not less than thirty-five per cent by weight of food solids, not less than one and nine-tenths (1.90) pounds of food solids per gallon and not less than thirteen per cent by weight of milk fat, provided that when milk products, with or without any of the following ingredients are used as ingredients for the purpose of flavoring, the content of milk fat may be proportionately less than thirteen per cent, but in no case shall it be less than one per cent, and fat other than milk fat shall not be employed in its manufacture.

AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS

Robert Morrison died feeling sure that there were 100 Christians in China after 100 years of missionary effort. It would be a miracle. After 100 years how many Christians were there? There are the graves of 1,800 Christian martyrs, killed in 1900 for their faith. There are 10,000 Christian universities, train leaders for China's future. The Bible is a best seller.—Herald.



MOTORISTS Try Courtesy and See How Others Will Follow

WHEN NEXT you go motoring resolve to "Try Courtesy" every inch of the way and see how much more enjoyable your trip will be and how quickly other drivers will respond to your courtesy. If I could but persuade half of the motorists to "Try Courtesy" I am confident that the other half would follow suit and then we would have established the greatest single factor for safe motoring—courteous driving. Again I suggest that you "Try Courtesy" the next time you are driving. Try to refrain from "pocketing" your fellow-motorist when he gets into a traffic difficulty. Try to give him some warning of what you intend to do next whether it is to slow down, stop, change direction or overtake him. Try to give him his share of the road so as not to unnerve him by a "close shave." Try to remember to dip or dim your brilliant headlights when you meet him at night so that he will not be "blinded" or drive straight on when he should take a curve. Try to remember that hills, curves and other blind spots are danger spots—keep to your right side of the road when you come to them. In these and the dozens of other ways, which will occur to you, I sincerely recommend that you "Try Courtesy" every inch of the way.



B. J. Duesen MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Car Abandoned After Sudbury Officer Shot Seven Times



Approaching two men whom he found attempting to remove the license plates from a parked car in Sudbury, Ontario, Sgt. Fred Davidson, of the Sudbury police (INSET ABOVE) was met with a hail of revolver fire which sent him to the pavement, with three bullet wounds. As he lay prone on the ground, the thugs fired four more shots into his body and escaped in a car, which which was later found abandoned and buried on the Capreol road, some distance from Sudbury. The wrecked car, found to have been stolen from Pelee, Ontario, is pictured here, with Chief of Police David Louder, of Sudbury, who is leading an extensive search of the area, standing beside it. Sergeant Davidson's condition was reported very aprime.