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EDITORIAL

Canada Leads in Newsprint Manufacture

Canada leads the world in the production of newsprint, contributing more than one-third of the world output during 1936. Newsprint paper produced in Canadian paper mills amounted to 3,225,388 tons, valued at \$105,214,533, and made up about 85 per cent. of the total reported tonnage of paper manufactured in Canada during the year. For the first six months of 1937 Canada's output of newsprint is estimated at 1,783,350 tons, an increase of almost 295,000 tons, or about 20 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1936.

Canada is also the world's leading exporter of newsprint. Her exports of newsprint are now second only to her exports of wheat and are greater than the newsprint exports of the rest of the world. In 1936 Canada's exports of newsprint paper totalled 2,993,089 tons, valued at \$103,639,934, of which 2,398,672 tons, valued at \$83,545,931, went to the United States.

The pulp and paper industry is one of the most important industries in Canada from the standpoint of employment, heading the lists in wage and salary distribution since 1922.

Tobacco for Minors Prohibited

Two local vendors of cigarettes and tobaccos have appeared in police court and been fined for selling to minors. Complaints have been received of promiscuous sale of cigarettes by other dealers to children attending school and it is probable that other cases will result. It would seem that a good many dealers do not understand the provisions of the law under which they are operating and are leaving themselves liable for fines up to \$50, which will take the profit off a good many sales. We quote provisions from the Minors' Protection Act, which is a Provincial law:

(1) No person shall, either directly or indirectly, sell or give or furnish to a child under eighteen years of age, cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form.

(2) This section shall not apply to a sale to a child for his parent or guardian, under a written request or order of the parent or guardian.

There are some points in these provisions that would be well for others than merchants to note. It will be seen that "give or furnish" are equal with selling in the viewpoint of the Act, and attention might also be called to the words "directly or indirectly." Another provision that is often confused is the age, which, it will be noted, is eighteen years. Tobacco in any form is included.

Another point that should not be overlooked is the fact that a minor is permitted to purchase only for the parent or guardian, when an order is written by the parent or guardian. It is lawful to send only your own child to procure the tobacco. You cannot send another man's child to make the purchase. In the interests of child welfare, it would be advisable if parents would not make the habit of sending children, as cases are known in which the children have later signed notes with the parents' signature to secure the tobacco.

The use of tobacco by children from public school age up has become a cause for deep concern by many parents in Acton. The habit is being formed by many who can ill afford it and require all their powers to keep up with school classes. Authorities are determined that it shall be stopped. Everyone can assist in this work and make a real contribution to the child welfare of Acton by refusing to "give, furnish or sell" tobacco to any child under eighteen. With an understanding of the law, nothing more should need to be said.

Youth Being Helped

When one considers the many advantages offered the youth of the present day in comparison with that of a very few years ago, it is only to be expected that the present day youth should be better. On Sunday it was our privilege to attend a Boys' Work Conference of the Y.M.C.A., held in Guelph. Here about sixty men were gathered from all parts of Ontario and one from New York, to discuss and help plan programs that will fit the youth of to-day for life.

As we sat in that conference we wondered just how many other agencies were doing similar work. Across the street was a church, which, no doubt, had a similar object as part of its program. Then we thought of the service-clubs with their many splendid projects. One hears a good deal these days of the lack of opportunity for youth. It would seem to us that the youth of Canada never had a better opportunity.

On Friday we were in Toronto and met, as the head of a very important department of one of the large offices there, a young man. During the conversation it developed that he spent three nights a week in special study of his particular business. He had a good position, but he was qualifying for a better one. Youth to-day is being helped on every side, but only if advantage is taken of the opportunities.

A Service Well Rendered

Chairman Stewart Lyon has resigned from his position as head of the Ontario Hydro Commission. He is succeeded by Dr. Thomas H. Hogg, Chief Engineer, and seemingly a choice that finds favor with all, and a very capable successor. Friends everywhere who know Mr. Lyon will join in the tribute paid him by the Premier, in retiring:

"I wish to take this opportunity of paying a deserved tribute to the work of Mr. Lyon," said the Premier. "He has held the chairmanship of Hydro during a very crucial period in its history, and I have nothing but praise for his efforts. He accepted the post at a time of life when most men would have been content to retire, and he devoted the same energy to the new task as he gave in his many years of service as a newspaper editor."

At the time when Mr. Lyon took the post, Hydro in Ontario was beset from within and without. The past four years have perhaps been the most hectic in its career. Its financial resources were rapidly being depleted and prospects were not bright. Contracts had to be cancelled. Special legislation was enacted. It required a steady hand at a time like this. Citizens of Ontario will appreciate that Mr. Lyon gave that influence at a crucial time. His successor, Dr. Hogg, receives Hydro in much better condition as a result of Mr. Lyon's service as its Chairman. In his years of retirement he will have a very happy recollection of a service well rendered when Ontario needed it badly.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Saturday is Poppy Day. Be ready to make your contribution when called upon by those in charge of the Tag Day.

It is said that thirty jobs are available for men on farms at Brampton Agricultural Office, but few men are available to fill them.

The past week was typical Indian Summer weather, and following the long-continued rainy season was particularly enjoyable.

The repairs on Mill Street have slowed down motor traffic, and few cases of speeding have been on the police court docket for several weeks.

Hallowe'en has come and gone. The celebration this year was quite an improvement on many we can recall, although a few still seemed to gain enjoyment in creating havoc.

Ralph Connor is dead, but he has left behind him many books that make him still alive. As Rev. Charles W. Gordon in his church activities, his works do also live after him.

Those who think the world is not getting better can ponder over the fact that for five consecutive years Peel County has not had a single criminal case at the Assize Court sessions.

Canada as a whole is headed for prosperity, said a Roger Babson associate in Montreal last week. Yes, but if the United States is heading in the other direction, what chance have we of making a business touchdown?—Financial Post.

Premier Hepburn guards himself "with an armored car and bodyguard," according to The Digest. Interesting, if true, but after the sweeping victory of October 6th it hardly seems necessary. There is so little opposition.—Financial Post.

Fergus has three new traffic lights installed and ready for the official use of stopping traffic. Municipalities wanting such equipment should watch for special rates on used lights as the Department has not yet sanctioned their installation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND PEACE

Golden Text.—And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body.—Col. 3: 15.

Lesson Text.—Colossians 3: 1-17.

Time.—A.D. 62. Place.—Written from Rome.

Exposition.—I. The True Dynamic of the Christian Life, 1-4.

The Christian life cannot be reduced to a set of rules for conduct, a series of "thou shalt's" and "thou shalt not's," dictating what one must do at every turn (Romans 6: 14). The Jewish law was full of such restrictions, but in Christianity we pass out into something else, something better (Romans 8: 14; Gal. 4: 1-10; Matt. 18: 1-20; 1 Tim. 4: 3).

In the first four verses of our lesson for to-day Paul shows us how it is that a holy life is achieved. The true Christian lives a life of union with the crucified and risen Lord, under the guidance of His living Holy Spirit (Romans 8: 3, 4; 7: 4, R.V.). It is the omnipresent realization of this union with Christ that furnishes the great dynamic for Christian character and peace. Inasmuch as we have "been with Christ" (v. 1), our true life is hid with Him where He is—in Heaven at the right hand of God. Our true citizenship, therefore, is in Heaven. As pilgrims and sojourners here below, we must walk worthily of the glory and honor in which we have been chosen and elected (v. 12a). Our life must, by its nature and character, testify to the nature of our hope and, speaking to the world of our hidden heavenly citizenship, fill the day when Christ shall come again. Then with Him in glory our true citizenship no longer "shall be made manifest" to all (Matt. 16: 27-29; 24: 1 Thes. 4: 16-18). What a day that will be for the sons of God—now despised and rejected by the world—when they, together with Him, shall be manifested in glory! No light has ever shone on earth like that which will illuminate heaven and earth when Christ, with us, radiant in all the Father's glory, shall come sweeping down from heaven to earth. Here, then, we have the only real secret of holy living: "Set your affection (mind) on things above"—and live in the power that comes therefrom. Practical Directions, 5-11.

How much is the practical teaching of this lesson needed to-day, when the minds of so many professing Christians are taken up so largely with earthly things (with wealth and honor, fashion and dress, eating and drinking and amusement) rather than with God, holiness, and the return of Christ (Phil. 3: 19)? Paul gives us here some very common-sense advice. First, he outlines the works of the "old man" (our unregenerate nature): (1) Sins growing out of bodily lusts. These may be summed up under the general heads of impurity (in thought, word and act) and the various manifestations of greed that are always so closely associated with impurity (cf. 1 Cor. 5: 11; Eph. 4: 19; R. V.). God's wrath is visited upon all these sins, and His final and cumulative wrath is on the way (cf. 1 Thes. 1: 10; R. V.; Romans 2: 5, 8; 9: 11; Rev. 6: 16). These awful practices must be "put away," the members of the body mortified (made dead) insofar as they are instruments conducting to them (v. 5). (2) Sins growing out of egotism: What a category! Anger (resentment), wrath (temper), malice, filthy communication out of the mouth (double-mouthed abuse)! Those to whom Paul was writing had formerly lived and walked in these ways of the devil (v. 6), but now, by their acceptance of Christ, and by their subsequent identification with Him in death and resurrection, everything was entirely changed. Their old lives were dead all that was connected with it had come to an end. Furthermore, living must go! A Christian should never lie to a fellow-Christian, is especially incongruous (Eph. 4: 25). Christ is the Truth, and Christianity makes no compromise with falsehood! All lying is a damning sin (Rev. 21: 8). All these manifestations of the "old man" we have renounced in Christ, and by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit have put on the "new man" that continuous process of being renewed after the image and likeness of Him Who made us, going on in us whereby, day by day, we grow into His likeness (cf. 2 Cor. 3: 18), whose outward and visible manifestations Paul now brings forward.

II. Picture of a Christian Character, 12-17.

It is a composite picture that Paul gives us here and belongs to all Christians alike. In the new life natural distinctions between peoples and individuals disappear. We are recreated, all "circumcision or uncircumcision, bond or free" in the image and likeness of God, as we were before the fall. Children of the Heavenly Father, identified with Christ in His death and resurrection, "God's elect, holy and beloved," we have put on the "beautiful garments" (Eph. 5: 2), befitting our station. These are: (1) bowels of mercies (compassionate hearts); (2) kindness and helpfulness to others; (3) humility (cf. Matt. 11: 29); (4) meekness (gentleness towards all); (5) long-suffering (bearing long with those who wrong us); (6) forbearance and forgiveness (fashioned after the pattern left us by Christ; see Matt. 18: 27-33); and finally, (7) charity (love), the gracie which holds together and keeps, each in its place, these garments of righteousness, the complete

perfection and perfect completion of them all. Thus armed, the Christian, his heart filled with rejoicing and thanksgiving (vs. 16, 17), will know the "peace that passeth understanding," and will walk worthily of his high calling as a child of God.

NEIGHBORS GET MOWER

Neighbors in Inchoffray Street in Perth, Scotland, who borrowed the lawn mower of Bachelor James Keith, need not ask for it again. In his will, just filed, Keith stipulated, "My lawn mower will be left for the good of Inchoffray Street." Another clause read: "No tombstones are to be erected over my remains, and my funeral must be conducted with the strictest economy. No gossiping tea meetings are to be held, and everything possible done to make the most of my estate." And he wanted no "scrambling or shuffling to get hold of things after I am out of the way."

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Japanese Forces Mop Up After Artillery Bombardment



The photographer took his life in his hands to secure this excellent photo of Japanese "mopping up" operations in the Chapel district of Shanghai. "Mopping up" is the military euphemistic term for stamping out whatever life is left after the artillery bombardment has done its work.