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EDITORIAL

Still Some Sunshine

The Ontario Budget shows another surplus, although not as large as the one last year. With the distribution of amounts directly to the benefit of the taxpayer it would of course be expected that the surplus would be decreased.

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Newspapermen Set Precedent

The following is the viewpoint of the Financial Post regarding the visit of the Directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association with Canada's Prime Minister:

Something new happened in Ottawa last week. A delegation waited on Prime Minister King and three senior cabinet ministers without asking for any hand-out, tax or legislative favor.

The delegation comprised a group of working newspapermen—Directors of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Some of the members were eager to put in a word for some special project or plan.

Such unusual tactics took the cabinet members by surprise; they waited for the "joker." When none was forthcoming, the Prime Minister shed his usual reticence, talked frankly and freely about current national problems.

The C.W.N.A. have set an important precedent. It should be followed by other national delegations when they visit federal or provincial governments.

Only a few weeks ago the Financial Post drew attention to the way most of these delegations function. Usually a spokesman reads a lot of resolutions asking for assistance of one kind or another.

Without a frank exchange of opinion such meetings are of little value. If handled the way the weekly newspapers' interview was handled last week, such meetings can be widely beneficial to governed and governors alike.

Just because the roadways are dry again, the speed limits cannot be doubled with safety. Especially if you were travelling well up when the ice was here.

By Experience

In Toronto a sixty-year-old couple were arrested and charged with selling beer illegally to an eleven-year-old girl. Last week two men went to jail for terms for supplying liquor to a fourteen-year-old boy.

These years of experimentation with easy access to liquor, are indeed years that this country will pay for dearly. Some of our relief problems and highway fatalities would be solved by a direct hit at the root.

Convenience Cost Money

Those about our own age will recall readily the old travelling medicine troupe that held fourth for a week or so every year in the Town Hall.

The crowd was always held through this and the medicine selling talk by the anticipation of seeing a startling one-act comedy, such as "Over the River, Charlie," or "Napoleon's Mule," or something with plenty of kick to it.

We never see these troupes any more. But we hear them regularly on the radio. We suppose it saves travelling expenses. We don't get the full number now between medicine talks.

It's different now. It's the machine age and for an investment of a hundred or so dollars and an annual fee of \$2.50 you can get the old free medicine show in your own home.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All things come to those who wait. Water on Mill Street has almost gone, and the winds will gradually scatter the sand placed there during the winter.

It indeed seems an unusual day that does not bring a crisis of some sort from an European centre. It's often a bit refreshing to read an English paper and note the absence of those scare lines.

A lot of towns of Acton's size and larger look longingly on the advantages that a Y.M.C.A. would bring to their communities.

Right on schedule Spring came. In fact it came with such a vehemence that the doubt is felt that such mild weather can last.

Tommy Church's bill to force newspapers to publish the names of their owners has finally been passed. Most weekly newspapers are away ahead of the member from Toronto on his measure and have been rather proud to tell each week who is the owner of the journal.

The Burlington Gazette last week commenced its fortieth year of publication. Under the direction of the Messrs. Harris the Gazette gives splendid newspaper service to Burlington and the district and its forty years have seen it keep step by step with the growth of Burlington.

The Financial Post very aptly records the resignation of the Conservative leader thus: "When Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett resigned from the Conservative leadership last week the party lost its most important asset and greatest liability. Asset because he was a powerful individualistic leader. Liability because while he remained at the helm no one else had a chance to acquire or demonstrate leadership qualities.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27th

CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION

Golden Text.—This people honoreth me with their lips but their heart is far from me.—Mark 7: 6.

Lesson Text.—Mark 7: 1-13.

Time.—A.D. 28. Place.—Capernaum.

Exposition.—I. The Pharisees and Scribes Find Fault, 1-5.

The Pharisees and scribes had come a long way, even "from Jerusalem." They had come with no good purpose; not to learn, but to criticize. They had displayed their hostility to Him on many occasions (ch. 2: 6; 3: 6, 22; 8: 11; Luke 5: 17-22; 11: 53, 54; Matt. 19: 3).

At this time the Pharisees and scribes took special note of the fact that some of His disciples neglected the ceremonial washings before they ate. This appeared very outrageous to them, as it varied from the almost universal practice of strict Jews.

The question the Pharisees and scribes put to our Lord (v. 5) was a proper one, though it was not asked for information, but uttered as a complaint. Jesus answered their question by asking a far more important one, viz., "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

II. Jesus Exposing the Hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Scribes, 7-13.

Jesus did not mince words in answering the criticism of the Pharisees. He called them by their right name, "hypocrites" (cf. Matt. 23: 13-15; Luke 11: 39-44). Hypocrite means "One who is playing a part."

The man who honors God with his lips while his heart is far from Him is a hypocrite. If our heart is full of love to God, we will also honor Him with our lips (Matt. 12: 34). Their lip worship was utterly vain and unacceptable to God (v. 7, cf. Jas. 1: 26). Their worship was vain because they taught as their doctrines the precepts of man instead of the Word of God (v. 7).

Our Lord uses three phrases in describing their treatment of the Word of God: "Ye leave" it (v. 8, R.V.); "Ye reject" it (v. 9); "Ye make it of none effect" (v. 13). The Word of God is treated precisely in the same way by many an ecclesiastic to-day.

There perhaps never was a day in which emphasis more needed to be laid upon the Fifth Commandment than our day. "The Revolt of Youth" against parental authority and all authority is not only seen on every hand but is excused and defended and even applauded even by judges and college professors and presidents male and female, but the Word of God stands in spite of the theories of Pharisees and of the supposedly erudite to-day as truly as it did in Jesus' own day.

SLAT'S DIARY

OLIVER R. WARREN

Sunday: The S. S. teacher told us about Jacob's ladder & the angels walking up & down same. Then he said do any little boy or girl want to eat me a queschen on the subject. Jake wanted to no why the angels walked when they had wings & then the teacher said What 1 of us wants to answe the queschen. So I dident find out why.

Tuesday: As I walked home with Jane from school I sed to her if she a pity that bewtie girls half to be do dum. She sed the reason are that they half to be bewtie so the boys will love them & dum so they will love the boys. Guess she had me there. But I laft it off.

Wednesday: Are schools B. B. team played its first game of the season yesterday p. m. & the teacher give us 2 8 8 & sed to spend it for bats & gloves or eme thing that would help win the game. We give it to the emper. And we won. Easy.

Thursday: Are family has had quite a few visitors recent with I suppose the folling insident resulted from. As Pa started to the ofis this a.m. Ma sat him what would he love to have for dinner & he sed Emey thing but Company. Then he went out & it seemed to me like he was in a hurry. Some what emey how.

Friday: Are room at school got a new clock to take up books by & let out by today. The teacher sed it will run 8 days without winding & Blisters wanted to no how long it will run if you wind it. Look to me like a fare queschen. But the teacher sed it were silly & she otto lick Blisters. But he drawed the laff.

Saturday: The wether was warm & Sun shined today & Pa put me to work in the yd. & Garden. I sed to him I bleved the fish would bite & he sed not to do no wringing & that they wont bite me. I kepted on at my work. So I disided that the worms I dug up was so much wasted energey as Napoleon sed.

NICELY PUT

Mr. J. H. Choate, one-time United States Ambassador in England, was the author of a famous compliment to wives. "And if you could be somebody else, Mr. Choate," he was asked, "who would it be?"

"Mrs. Choate's second husband," replied the gentleman.

NOT QUITE THE SAME

Little Dick had been to have his hair cut at the barber's and had his first experience of the electric clipper. "The barber must have thought my neck wasn't clean, Mummy," he said, "because he used his vacuum cleaner on it."

on which He taught that the law of Moses was the Inerant Word of God (Matt. 5: 18, cf. John 10: 35; Luke 16: 31, 1 Thess. 2: 13. There are many today who say it is not the Word of God; but we must choose between them and Jesus.

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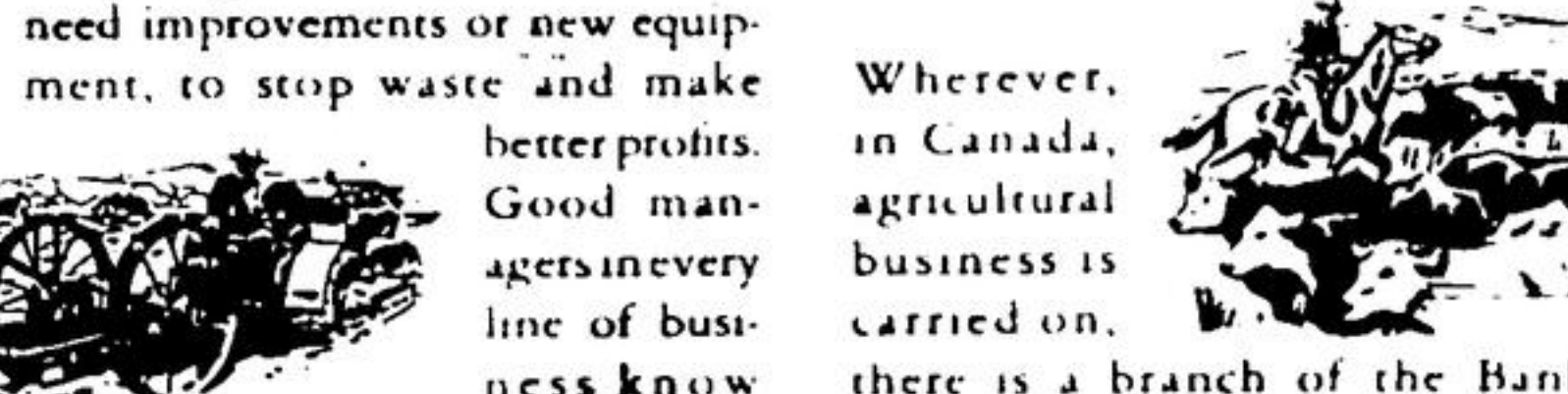
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