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EDITORIAL

How Others Viewed These Questions

At the municipal election in Bowmanville, the ratepayers voted on several by-laws. Since many of these questions have been considered in other municipalities, the result of the voting is therefore interesting in Acton and elsewhere. The school extension by-law was defeated by a majority of 200. Another question before the electors was a by-law fixing an annual levy to be raised and given to the band in the form of a grant. This by-law also was lost by a majority of 88. The question of making an allowance for members of the Council was another one Bowmanville ratepayers were asked to settle. It was done rather conclusively, the majority being 454 against the by-law. In many municipalities the latter question is one that is dealt with by the members of Council after election. It is doubtful if it would pass in most places in any other way. Another question submitted to the electors was that of employment of a full-time nurse. This had the approval of the electors by a majority of 25. Apparently, and rightly too, the citizens of Bowmanville gave the matter of health pre-eminence over other subjects.

L. C. A. Days

We used to hear a lot about the O.T.A. weakness and of the marked improvement that would follow introduction of the Liquor Control Act. The boot-logger was bound-to-go. He just couldn't thrive when those who liked their liquor could get the good stuff. We have had a few years of the Liquor Control Act and what do we find? Last week in Guelph a large still in full operation, and 1200 gallons of mash, and approximately 200 gallons of alcohol were seized when police raided a house on Alice Street. In Hamilton, a big still, capable of distilling spirits on a commercial scale and of value estimated at \$10,000, was seized following a raid by police. In Toronto, on Saturday night, the gangland war flared forth and a man was murdered. If the law had been enforced and those who were intoxicated in a public place on Christmas eve had been arrested, there wouldn't have been room for them in all the jails in the Province. Yes, the O.T.A. had its faults without a doubt, but the L.C.A. has earned none of them. In addition, we have a fine group of young folks who are being taught that the smart thing is to have their liquor. Guess we are old-fashioned and all the rest of it, but we've seen so many promising young folks ruined by the stuff that we can't seem to come to any compromising attitude with the stuff. Liquor's record is bad, and in this day and generation it's just as bad as at any period of civilization.

More Filing Material

Another commission has finished its work and tabled its report, which will no doubt, like many others, be filed. The Chevrier Royal Commission has recommended an increase of the tax on gasoline from the present 6 cents to 9 cents per gallon. Hours of truck drivers and minimum pay are also recommendations of this report. Governments as a rule can devise plenty of means of raising taxation, but now that they have the assistance of commissions, the query may well be put strong, "How far can taxation go?" If the money were spent in a productive way by governments, the plan might have some merit. But in the past these bodies have been found to receive poor value for the money expended. We have had a grand sufficiency

of commissions and reports. They are very expensive methods and as a rule benefit only the legal fraternity.

The time has come to give the taxpayers a break. Raising of taxes in any quarter is not the means to revive business. Right now the government makes more profit in taxes on some business enterprises than the proprietor of the business is making.

The Hepburn government will do well to pay little attention to a report that advocates increased taxation and legislation regulating industry. Time for that is when governments can show that they secure value in the industry over which they have direct control and which is not bolstered up by the taxpayers' funds.

Leadership and Fewer Commissions

This week sees the opening of the session at Ottawa. The public generally is not particularly interested in the Bren gun inquiry and a lot of other things that will no doubt occupy the attention of this body. They could well be laid aside until the question of employment and the railway problem have had attention. These points are costing the country immense sums each day and yet remain untackled.

Folks generally are not in a mind to have such matters delegated to commissions for reports, which are lengthy and expensive. With representatives from all parts of the country in Ottawa, there are surely sufficient capable men who have nothing to do during the long wintered debates who could well give the time and attention necessary to bringing in a report. If they are not capable of this work, then the electors have made big mistakes in sending to Ottawa those lacking in such capabilities.

But there are plenty of members of parliament capable of this work. Unfortunately, they are not given the opportunity to make good use of the hours they are paid to serve in Ottawa. Canadians are watching from coast to coast hoping for a productive session. One in which less attention is paid to party bickering and securing advantage. A session that will show leadership from Ottawa in matters of importance.

Looks Like Foresight

Car driver was arrested near Hamilton, and it was related "his car left the highway, crossed a farmer's lane, and after destroying a fence post and a Hydro pole, knocked down the farmer's only walnut tree." Perhaps it was a wise idea for farmers to build their houses and barns some distance back from the road.—Peterboro Examiner.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Writing in 1939 is now getting less of a task. The number of slaughtering and meat packing plants in operation in Canada in 1937 was 138.

The January thaw was welcome at least to the farmers, who were forced to go a distance for the very necessary supply of water.

The pride that was felt in the appearance of Mill Street last fall has been lowered this week by the failure to assist Nature just a little bit in getting rid of the surplus snow on the side. Let's be modern.

The old Temperance Hall at Oakville has just been painted. It was the first paint applied since the building was erected, 95 years ago. According to this, Acton Town Hall can weather it for another 40 years.

Canada's honey crop was the largest on record in 1938, when the production was approximately 34 million pounds, a gain of 12 million pounds, or 50 per cent, over 1937. We're getting sweeter and sweeter.

Editor Joe Lake, of Powassan, was defeated by four votes in the election for Mayor of his town. But he takes his defeat in a real sporting manner, and his comment in last week's News shows that he has a good sense of humor, that is so often lacking in candidates for office. Perhaps he is a bit pleased to be free from the duties which he has carried for several years. The new Mayor is 23 years of age.

It didn't take the Sault Ste. Marie people long to get over their disappointment because the King and Queen cannot visit the city. Instead of protesting, they plan securing special trains that would carry the whole population to Franz Junction, where the Algoma Central Railway touches the C.P.R., so that all the citizens may greet Their Majesties as they travel westward. That's just like the people of the Soo.—Globe and Mail.

The Charters Publishing Company, of Brampton, had a unique arrangement in observing the sixty-fifth anniversary of the company. The 200 members of the staff were gathered in a group at St. Paul's Church, in Brampton, where a banquet was held. Part of the program of the evening was broadcast from a Toronto station. The Charters family have certainly made marked progress in the publishing field and we join with a host of others in wishing success in the future as well as congratulations on past achievements.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th

PETER SEES CHRIST'S GLORY Golden Text.—We beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father.—John 1: 4.

Lesson Text.—Matthew 17: 1-9, 14-18. Mount Hermon. Time.—Summer, A.D. 29. Place.—Exposition.—I. Jesus, Moses and Elijah, 1-4.

This experience was not granted to Peter and James and John for their own blessing alone, but that they might become channels of blessings to others; we have fasting proof that it made a profound impression upon their minds (John 1: 14; 2 Peter 1: 17, 18); it qualified them to be more efficient witnesses for Christ. Jesus went up into the mountain to pray (Luke 9: 28), and took them along as companions, as in Mark 5: 37; Matthew 26: 37, 38. He was "transfigured before them"—the latter part of the Greek word translated "transfigured" has the same root as the word translated "form" in Philippians 2: 6, 7. There also we see a transfiguration, Jesus taking off the "form" or "figure" of God and taking the "form" and "figure" of a servant. Here we have the reverse process—the "figure" of a servant being changed into the glorious appearance of the Son of God. If things had been allowed to take their course, Jesus would have been glorified right then and there with the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (John 17: 5). But things are not allowed to take their course.

The work of redemption was not yet accomplished. Not only the incarnation, but also the crucifixion, was necessary for our salvation (Heb. 9: 22; Eph. 1: 7). So He who had already turned His back upon the divine glory and been made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2: 6, 7) again turned His back upon it and descended from that mountain to die on Calvary (v. 22). Not until upon the cross of Calvary He can utter the triumphant cry, "It is finished," will He consent to resume the glory that He laid aside to redeem us (2 Cor. 8: 9). Having finished that atoning work, He will not be transfigured alone, but in due time we shall be transfigured together with Him (Phil. 3: 21; R.V., Col. 3: 4, R.V.). There is for us an anticipatory transfiguration in the life that now is (Rom. 12: 2; the Greek word for "transfigured" is the same as translated "transfigured" in v. 1). The details of the face did shine as the sun. "His garments became white as light." In Mark His garments became glistening exceeding white, so as no fuller on earth could whiten them. In Luke "The fashion of His countenance was altered and His raiment became white and dazzling."

This all gives us some idea of how He and we will appear in the resurrection glory. The highest splendor of earth seems dim indeed compared with this. It all occurred as "the prayed" (Luke 9: 29). No thing, even in the life that now is, transfigures like prayer. As the disciples gazed upon their glorified Lord, they beheld two others talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, the two great representatives of the law and the prophets. Moses had died (Deut. 34: 5, 6), and the theory of non-existence or non-conscious existence of the holy dead until their resurrection at the second coming of Christ goes to pieces on this rock. It was no merely subjective vision that the three saw (2 Peter 1: 16-18).

The three disciples were not dreaming, but "fully awake" (Luke 9: 32, R.V.). Moses and Elijah "appeared in glory" (Luke 9: 31). Moses' longing to enter the promised land once denied him is now satisfied, at last he is there. The disciples evidently recognized Moses and Elijah, whom they had never seen in the flesh, and that ought to settle the question whether we will recognize in heaven those whom we have known on earth.

II. Jesus Only 5-9. God now descends upon the mount—a cloud overshadows the disciples, fear falls upon them in that awful presence. God speaks (cf. Luke 9: 35). Who can measure the depth of God's joy in that Son who again turns His back on the glory and chooses the cross. God passed by Moses and Elijah, great as they were, and points out Jesus as the one Son and says, "Hear of Him." Destruction awaits the one who will not hear Him (Acts 3: 22, 23; Heb. 12: 25).

III. At the Foot of the Mountain: 14-18. It was well that Peter's suggestion that they remain in the mountain, was not followed, there is work to do in the valley. The disciples get into difficulty as soon as Jesus was absent (v. 14-16). They were in a great extremity, and Jesus comes on the scene at this moment of their defeat and distress (of Mark 3: 14, 15). The moment of crisis the Lord, the Father of the Redeemer, forsakes the disciples and runs and kneels to Him. The boy surely needed help. The devil had tried to do his worst with him (v. 17; Mark 9: 17, 18; Luke 9: 39).

The condition of this boy gives us a hint as to what the condition of the world will be when the devil has unrestricted charge of affairs. The disciples could not cast out the evil spirit because of their little faith (v. 19, 20; cf. Mark 9: 28, 29). But this man did not miss the desired blessing because of the failure of Christ's disciples, and we do not need to miss the blessing because of the Church's failure in faith and prayer; we can do what he did, go right to the

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



MOOSE ARE REGULARLY TAKEN, BROKEN TO HARNESS AND USED AS BEASTS OF BURDEN BY INDIANS LIVING IN NORTHERN CANADA. HOT SANDS OF THE DESERT BECOME COOL A FEW INCHES DOWN.—MOST OF THE HEAT REFLECTS ONLY TWO INCHES TO THE SAND.—ARABS DISCOVERED THIS MANY CENTURIES AGO, AND SCRABBLE A FEW INCHES OF SAND AWAY TO THE SEA.

OUTLOOK FOR TRADE REMAINS UNCERTAIN

Canadian exports of farm products declined during 1938 at the same time that world trade in general was being curtailed. The decline in farm products was partially the result of the short crops of 1937 and reduced numbers of livestock available for the market. More favorable crop conditions in 1938 and a prospective increase in live stock output in the latter part of 1939 indicate a promising outlook for export from Canada will exceed those of 1938. Canadian farmers are often so much affected by changed conditions in other countries as by changes within Canada itself. This is because of the fact that Canada, as a surplus producer of agricultural products, is dependent on an export market for such surpluses before satisfactory prices can be established in the home market. Not only do foreign conditions affect directly the export market for farm products, but indirectly the movement of all commodities in world trade affects economic conditions in Canada and therefore is a governing factor on the home market at the same time.

The downward trend in the volume of world trade which commenced in the fall of 1937 was carried into 1938 to such an extent that trade for the year just closed was below that of 1937. The movement of trade between nations is closely associated with business activity within the major trading nations and while activity was lower in 1938, the improvement seen in the latter part of the year is a favorable sign of world trade during 1939. Trade in recent years, however, has been so much associated with control measures of various types that it is extremely difficult to predict what may occur in the future. The Agricultural Situation and Outlook for 1939, prepared by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Trade and Commerce, attempts to bring together all the available information on world trade and to present these facts for the benefit of farmers in making their plans for the new year.

The decline in world volume of trade of the year is a disappointing and grieved over our failures (v. 17; cf. Num. 14: 11, 22, 27; Psalms 78: 6, 8, 22; Mark 16: 14; Luke 24: 25). There is deep significance in Jesus' words, "Bring him hither to me." He lives long who lives well.

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