

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1939

**THE RURAL POSTMAN**

In the cold and blustery weather,  
When the frost is on the rail,  
Would you love to face a blizzard  
With half a ton of mail?

In the biting blizzard weather,  
When snow comes to your knees,  
Would you love to face a blizzard  
While your feet and fingers freeze?

When the gleaming snow is drifted  
Underneath a foot of sleet,  
Would you love to have the chillblains  
In your elbows and your feet?

When outdoors the wind is whistling,  
And the air is full of snow,  
Would you love to have a jitney  
And the blamed thing wouldn't go?

Yes, I'd love the good old friends,  
Sipping coffee from a pail;  
But I have to buck the snowdrifts  
Cause the farmers want their mail.

I don't mind the frozen snowdrifts  
When my knees are stiff with cramps,  
If you keep the bloomers warm,  
Buy a quarter's worth of stamps.

I get snow mixed in my whiskers,  
And I get it in my socks;  
But it never hurts my feelin's  
Like those pennies in the box!

—Ivan M. Lloyd, Courier.

**Twenty Years Ago**

From the issue of The Free Press of  
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Mr. George Hynds tendered his resignation as Clerk and Treasurer of Acton at the Council meeting on Monday. The resignation is to take effect April 7th. Messrs. R. M. McDonald and Geo. Havill were appointed as Auditors at this meeting.

A very interesting evening was had by the King's Orderlies Bible Class of the Methodist Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Switzer, when Pte. Robert Stewart, M.M., gave a vivid account of his experience overseas.

The Baptist Church held anniversary services last Sunday, when Rev. Dr. Gilmour, of McMaster University gave able sermons. The Dundas Male Quartette gave splendid numbers at the evening service.

Returned soldiers are arriving every day. Pte. McEfort Collier has arrived in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Pte. Thomas Fryer has arrived at his home in Nassagaweya. Pte. Thos. Bennett, Pte. James Cooney came to Acton. Pte. John McKinnon, son of Mrs. John McKinnon, Main Street, has proceeded to Edmonton for his discharge and will return home shortly.

The sugar makers are at work in earnest now. No Daylight Saving for Canada this summer. The Government says so.

W. Kelly has opened a new meat shop in the store at the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets. Mr. Robert Lasby has purchased the farm at Lot 19, Concession 6, Nassagaweya, from William Bennett.

**MARRIED**

**BRADLEY-ROBERTSON**—At St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on March 15th, 1919, by the Rev. R. F. Cameron, Alexandrina Robertson, to William F. Bradley, both of Georgetown.

**DIED**

**MCCANN**—In Trafalgar, on Saturday, March 15th, 1919, Edward McCann, Sr., in his 85th year.

**WARNER**—At Winnipeg, on Sunday, March 23rd, 1919, Minnie McKean, wife of Albert Warner, and daughter of Dr. S. A. McKean, formerly of Acton.

**THOUSANDS OF FARMERS TAPPING MAPLE TREES**

Thousands of farmers in Eastern Canada, the majority in the Province of Quebec, are busy tapping millions of maple trees for the annual harvest of maple syrup and maple sugar. The sap in the maple trees begins to run usually about the middle of March and continues until early in April. This year the prospects are good for an encouraging yield of high quality. It is expected that not more than about 20,000,000 trees will be tapped in 1939; due to the serious damage caused by the hurricane which swept through the Eastern States and a considerable part of Eastern Canada last September. In most years about 24,000,000 trees are tapped in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, although there are, it is estimated, approximately 70,000,000 trees capable of production of maple syrup.

In 1938 the total production of maple syrup in Canada was 2,955,300 gallons, valued at \$3,479,440, and the total output of maple sugar was 3,455,900 lbs., with a value of \$370,500, making an aggregate value for maple products last year of \$3,849,940, the highest for several years. The Province of Quebec accounted for about 90 per cent. of all the maple syrup produced in Canada in 1938 and for nearly 80 per cent. of the total output of maple sugar. A considerable percentage of the production of maple products in the Province of Quebec is marketed by farmers' co-operative organizations.

Sap running time comes at a period of the year when there is little other activity on the farm and the harvest of maple products provides the farmer with money to buy seeds and other necessities for the busy season that begins a few weeks after work is over in the maple bush. The new maple syrup and sugar will be on the market in a short time. Either can be kept indefinitely if stored in a cool place. They are essentially Canadian products with recognized healthful qualities.

**MENAGERIE**

"It's funny, ain't it, Pop," said little Dan, "that everybody in our family's some kind of an animal. Mother's a dear, baby's a cute little lamb, I'm a kid, and you're the goat."

**The Sunday School Lesson**

FOR SUNDAY, 26th, 1939

**PETER INTERPRETS CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND DEATH**

Golden Text.—Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.—1 Peter 3: 18.

Lesson Text.—1 Peter 1: 17-23; 2: 20-25.

Exposition.—I. Redeemed by Christ, 1 Peter 1: 17-23.

We are to study the interpretation of redemption by one whom the Lord redeemed. Peter is a vivid illustration of conversion. The Holy Spirit so enriched his life and understanding that his epistles are full of concentrated truth. This passage is one of the richer portions. It has an abrupt beginning because it is connected really to the verses which precede it. Starting with prayer the writer actually means "seeing that ye call on the Father." The "if" of v. 17 is misleading. They do call. They can call. Why? Because God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10: 34; Romans 2: 11; Jas. 2: 11; Luke: 20: 21). His impartiality extends to "every man's work."

This means the believer, the one who has the right to pray also has the responsibility for the right kind of work (Luke 6: 46). Further prayer and work lead to reverence. This is worship. "Sojourning" describes the lot of those who are away from the Father's house but who are off their way home (John 14: 1-3).

What is a redeeming person (18/19)? The apostle makes it plain that no earthly wealth-purchased redemption—silver and gold cannot buy salvation. Heaven is not for sale. But we are "redeemed."

Here is a precious word meaning to be bought back, restored, repossessed by God. Since no earthly treasure could accomplish this, what could? Let the apostle answer: "With the precious blood of Christ," as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. They are three things in this composite: they are worth, perfection, holiness. "The life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17: 11). The value of Christ's life being immeasurable, then the value of His blood is beyond our power to conceive. It is therefore efficacious in breadth and depth. No individual is excluded from its effectiveness and no sinner is so vile as to be beyond its reach.

But we should make clear that it is not the blood of Christ within His veins which is efficacious, but the offerings of that blood as a sacrifice for our sins. Just as in the case of the O. T. sacrifices, when it was not until the animal's blood was offered on the altar, so it was the pouring out of the blood of Christ in death on Calvary that wrought our redemption (John 19: 34; Heb. 9: 11, 12).

The Scriptures know nothing of salvation by following the example of Christ or by imitating Him or by His influence. It is uniformly the teaching of the Bible that it is through the life yielded up on the cross and poured out in the blood of His death that our salvation is accomplished. (Mark 10: 45; Heb. 9: 22; Rev. 5: 9, 10).

The mystery of forerodination, v. 20, was that planned purpose of God wherein He determined from before the foundation of the world, Koemes, i.e., the inhabited world, that His only beloved Son should be manifest to take away sin (Heb. 10: 5-10). From the beginning of the human race the plan of God has been persistently carried out. It is still this process and it is sheer folly to attempt to substitute modern inventions for nothing else works.

Faith in God substantiated, v. 21. Through the redeeming Christ we come to God. Realities found in the Person and work of Jesus inspires both faith and hope. Jesus confirms all faith that rest itself in Him, and He never fails to bring all believers into the presence of God. Obedience to the truth, v. 22, is the best way to understand it. This method not only leads sinners to remission of sins from their souls, but it enables the Spirit to work sanctification into our lives. If this is so, it is to be sustained in Christian fellowship. "Unfeigned love of the brethren" is to rejoice with all other redeemed souls in the wonderful redemption that is ours (Eph.

19: 20). "Being born again," v. 23, is not only a reference to our conversion but to the continuance of the new life in Christ which is nourished as we feed upon the Word of God (Eph. 1: 19, 21).

II. The Suffering Christ, 1 Peter 2: 20-25.

We follow a good N. T. practice—first indoctrination, then follows exhortation. V. 20 explains a trait of patience and endurance acceptable to God. If we suffer because of our faults, we deserve it and we can hardly find this grievous. But to mean well and to do well, and yet be paid with suffering for it is not

easy to take. It requires a peculiarly strong faith. And yet we are encouraged because such patience and endurance are acceptable with God (Josh. 1: 9).

It is to this we are called, v. 21. Jesus is our example in regard to this kind of patience-and endurance (Heb. 12: 2). His patience was manifested toward all men; His endurance was unshakable. In the tests men gave to Him, in the traps they set for Him, in the insults they heaped upon Him, He did no sin.

In verse 24 the apostle brings the cross before our eyes again. We can see the Son of God hanging there for our sins.

Did He bear them with the idea that we were to continue to foster them? God forbid! He bore them in order that we might treat them as dead and in their place His righteousness would be manifested (2 Cor. 5: 21).

**IN DAILY PERIL**

"These are hard times for actors, lad-die."

"They certainly are. I must say you are looking very seedy, old chap."

"Seedy? Say, I'm so seedy I tremble every time I pass a canary."

**THINKING ALIKE**

Hostess—Do you mind if I get my knitting while we're waiting for tea, dear? Then I shan't feel that I'm wasting my time.

Guest—Not at all. I'm only sorry that I didn't bring mine.

**A QUEER COMPLIMENT**

"What do you think of a man who constantly receives his wife?"

"Think of him? I think he's a wonder."

**THE BRUTE**

"The whole year through, my wife spends only about a fortnight at home."

"That's pretty rotten for you."

"Oh, a fortnight soon passes."

**TONGUE TWISTER**

Bill had a billboard. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the billboard to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his billboard to pay his board bill, the board bill no longer bored Bill.

**The Proposed Increase of 33 1/3% in GASOLINE TAXATION**

IT IS proposed by the Government of the Province of Ontario to increase the tax on gasoline from six cents to eight cents per gallon. This increase, if made effective, means that the average motorist, driving 10,000 miles in a year and getting 18 miles to the gallon out of his car will pay over \$10 additional to the gasoline tax of \$33.33 which he is now paying. Figure it out for yourself. From six cents to eight cents a gallon means this:

	Taxes Now (excluding license)	Proposed Taxes After Apr. 1, 1939	Proposed Increase 33 1/3%	Gas Tax per Week per Car
10,000 miles* per year.....	\$33.33	\$44.44	\$11.11	\$ .85
15,000 miles* per year.....	49.98	66.66	16.66	1.28
20,000 miles* per year.....	66.66	88.88	22.22	1.70

\* (18 miles per gallon)

The average car owner is not a rich man. He does not drive a new car. Out of 582,212 passenger car registrations in Ontario in 1938 but 48,561 were new cars. Yet the automobile owner is the most heavily taxed man in the community. In 1936 he was already contributing 30% of the provincial revenue. Here are the figures for 1936 and 1937, the latest official figures from the Government.

	1936	1937	1938
The Provincial Revenue was.....	\$90,321,896	\$99,838,595	
The Provincial Taxation on gasoline....	\$16,019,857	17,644,161	\$18,318,171

\* This figure is based upon the percentage increase in gasoline consumption, which percentage figure was obtained from government sources.  
† Coupled with license fees in 1936, this TAX represents 30% of the Provincial Revenue.

Since the motorist already bears 30% of the taxation burden of the Province, it is manifestly unfair to increase the burden.

Provincial Revenue from the taxation of Motor Vehicles, Ontario, 1936:	
Paid by the public in Gasoline Taxation.....	\$16,019,857
Paid by the public in Licenses, etc.....	11,144,956
\$27,191,813	
Spent by the Government in Highway Construction and Maintenance:	
(All Provincial Expenditures).....	\$ 9,419,509
Interest and Sinking Fund.....	13,630,543
\$23,050,052	
Diverted.....	\$ 4,144,761

In 1936 money collected for highway maintenance was being diverted from this purpose to the extent of \$1,000,000.

There is not available from official Government sources Expenditure on Roads, Interest and Sinking Fund charges, etc. subsequent to 1936.

It is now proposed to secure an additional \$6,000,000 from the motorists of the Province through an increase in the gasoline tax from six to eight cents per gallon. While the motorist, as a citizen, has been willing to assist the Government in problems of administration, a limit must be set to the burden imposed upon him.

If you, as a car owner, are content to assume the added burden represented by a 2-cent increase in the gasoline tax, there is nothing you need do. Your silence will be interpreted as consent.

If you are not content, and wish to place yourself on record to that effect in the only quarter where your objection will carry weight, call at your regular service station, whether it be a B-A station or of any other, and ask for a card which has been distributed for your convenience.

Just sign it, fill in your address, and leave it with the station attendant.

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