

CANADA THROUGH AND THROUGH

Canada grown and Canada made. Canada worked by Canada paid. Canada fruits and Canada grain. Canada products are Canada's gain.

Twenty Years Ago

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Mr. Harold S. Nicklin has been engaged as an assistant engineer for the City of Guelph.

Quite a number of the members of the congregations of Siloam and Crewsons Corners churches, which have been closed, attended service in the Acton Methodist Church to which they are now attached, last Sunday.

The pupils of the Entrance Class presented J. P. Worden, the late janitor, with a pair of ebony military brushes.

The first raspberries came in this week. The price is 25c to 30c per quart basket.

Last Thursday and Friday were the hottest days of the season. The mercury reached 92 in the shade.

Pte. C. Lelahman, George King and Alex. Shand arrived home from overseas on Friday evening. Pte. Gladstone, husband of the Artillery Service of the United States Army, arrived home, Gun-ner Herbert E. Brown, of Crewsons Corners, arrived home unexpectedly Friday evening.

REVERIES UPON THE LIFE OF A GOOD MAN. His goodly life proclaims a man, Fashioned and reared on God's own plan.

MARRIED. KENNEDY - MCKAY. At the St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, on Monday, June 20th, 1919, by Rev. Father A. J. O'Brien, Angus Kennedy, formerly of Acton, to Mary Angela, daughter of the late Peter McCann, of Acton.

LESLEIE - In Georgetown, on Saturday, July 5th, 1919, Mary Jane McLane, widow of the late John S. Leslie, in her 78th year.

AIR CONDITIONING

The earliest patentee of air conditioning was M. Carre. He is said to have gained the idea from one M. Rosan, a close friend of the American, Dr. John Gorrie, who made and patented the first ice-machine.

Dr. Gorrie's early life is shrouded in mystery. One fall day, in 1803 or 1804, a dour Scotman, dressed in the uniform of a Spanish officer, brought to Charleston, South Carolina, a fascinating young woman and her baby. Captain Gorrie, as he called himself, let it be known that the woman was his wife and that the baby was his first-born.

When persons in the town doubted the story, particularly since the Captain soon vanished, never to return, this doubt was increased when liberal supplies of money came from abroad to support the deserted wife and child. These supplies continued until the son's education was completed. His mother brought the boy up carefully and although she never gave any hint of her past history, she always had the respect of the community in which she lived.

Young John Gorrie chose medicine as his profession and was graduated in New York in 1833. He finally settled in Apalachicola, a frontier town in Florida, where he fought malaria, yellow fever and the common fever and original physician but he possessed inventive genius of no mean order. He advocated drainage of swamps for the prevention of malaria; he thought that persons who slept under netting would escape the disease. (So they would, because they would thus avoid being bitten by mosquitoes).

Dr. Gorrie invented and if he had lived long enough—he died at 52—he would assuredly have been the pioneer in air conditions of hospitals and buildings.

Dr. Gorrie's mother lived long enough to see her son successful. Her grandson, also John Gorrie, was killed in the Civil War.—J. W. S. McCullough, M.D., D. PH.

STRANGE TALE OF A NEEDLE IN KANSAS

Twenty-seven years ago Mrs. Tom Saman, of Goforth was sewing a button on her husband's trousers. She held her needle between her lips while she looked for a spool of thread. Just then she sneezed violently and the needle disappeared, nor could she find it after a prolonged search. The incident passed entirely out of her mind. One day recently, Mrs. Saman, who is now an elderly lady, felt a tingling sensation in the middle finger of her left hand. She looked at the finger and saw something small and sharp protruding from the skin. Applying a pair of tweezers she pulled it out. It proved to be a splinter she ran to her finger the day before while cleaning house.—Mankato Advocate.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT

Mrs. Newlywed (giving her first order to butcher over phone)—Please send me a pound of steak. And what else, please? Mr. Newlywed—Ah—some gravy.

WARNS JAPS



Pictured in full dress uniform is Col. Sir John Laurie, of the Gordon Highlanders, who is in command of British armed forces in Tientsin, China, now under blockade by Japanese troops.

residence and lived there happily with their sons and daughters for years. Mrs. McClure was the first to be called home. Joe was lost without her, and never could be reconciled to the parting. But the two daughters at home, Jennie and Mary, ministered to his every comfort, and his declining years were made as happy as possible.

When Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Collier settled in Acton, in a home of their own, it was in this residence. They purchased it, added modern improvements, and lived there happily until their removal to the United States.

The property is now owned by Albert Young, who with Mrs. Young now have a happy home here. I think I'll just stop at this property this week, and get out in the garden for awhile. The potato bugs seem to require quite a bit of attention these days.

The Old Man

GENEROUS FELLOW

Pastor—This morning I will have for my topic the "Great Flood in Genesis." Prominent Member of Congregation (rising)—I've got an engagement to play golf, so I can't stay, but I'll head the subscription list with \$1,000 to relieve the suffering Genesians.

The Sunday School Lesson FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9th

JEROBOAM: A MAN WITH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Golden Text.—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy path.—Proverbs 3: 6.

Lesson Text.—1 Kings 11: 26-31, 37-40. Time—975 B.C. Place—Shechem. Exposition.—I. Jeroboam's Great Opportunity to Rule Israel for God, 26-31. Jeroboam means "whose people are many." Rehoboam is similar and means "enlarger of people." All Bible names have significant meanings. Jeroboam was the son of Nebat and Zeruah of Zereda in the Jordan Valley (1 Kings 11: 46). He was of the tribe of Ephraim, which gives the significance of "Ephraimite" in v. 26. He was recognized as a good workman by Solomon and made an overseer (28). In this place of leadership Jeroboam stirred up a rebellion among the Ephraimites because of the hard toll and heavy taxes imposed on them by the rulers of Judah.

This jealousy and resentment at Judah caused the labors to follow Jeroboam. Solomon learned of it and sought his life. But Jeroboam found refuge in Egypt until the death of Solomon. Events moved steadily toward the fulfillment of the prophecy of Ahijah (30, 31). Through Rehoboam's folly the already divided nation hopelessly split. Only the tribe of Benjamin stood with arrogant Judah. Ten tribes anointed Jeroboam as their king.

God had promised permanence to Jeroboam (1 Kings 11: 38), but only conditionally. Being weak in faith, Jeroboam resorted to political trickery and the promotion of idolatry to accomplish his ends. His failure to be true to God brought about his ultimate failure. In reading his full history we see how that one bad step led to another. Rejecting Jehovah's will, he became no longer king by the will of God. "Because the children of Judah relied upon the God of their fathers" God delivered the Israelites into their hands (2 Chron. 13). Jeroboam failed to recover from the blow, and he died under a special visitation of God (1 Sam. 25: 38) after a futile reign of twenty-two years. He became branded as the king who sinned and "who made Israel to sin."

The Failure of Jeroboam, 37-40. From reading these words we see that Jeroboam was preserved by God for a purpose. The malice of man could not destroy the man God intended to use as a scourge. But Jeroboam could not live up to his opportunity. The fear of man drove him to the enormity he committed (Prov. 29: 25). The fear that the people would depart from him seemed reasonable, but it was utterly unfounded, for he had God's Word for it that if he would obey, God would be with him and build him a sure house and give Israel to him (10, 11: 37, 38). Unbelief lay at the root of all Jeroboam's mistakes; it lies at the root of all sin. If men believe God, they will obey Him and leave all difficulties with Him. It was "in his heart" that Jeroboam gave utterance to his unbelief and his fear (v. 26). Many a man says a thing "in his heart" that he would not say openly. It was all right for Jeroboam to take counsel (v. 28), but he took it was the wrong person. He should have taken it with God (Jas. 1: 5; Isa. 30: 1). We are not told whether he took counsel with his own heart or with the world; in either case the counsel he got was thoroughly bad, he violated the express command of God (Ex. 20: 4, 5). He got the idea of the calves and what he said about them from Aaron's action in the wilderness (Ex. 32: 4-8).

The sin of one is quite likely to show itself in another quite a long time afterward. The destructive critics to-day are simply following the footsteps of errorists of former days, quite as regardless of the barrenness and judgment that overtook them as Jeroboam was of the judgment that overtook Aaron and his accomplices in the wilderness. Both Aaron and Jeroboam had gotten their ideas of calf worship originally from Egypt (ref. v. 2). The professing church to-day often goes down into Egypt for "improvements in the mode of worship." The excuse that Jeroboam made to the people for his changes in the mode of worship was that it was too much for them, to go away to Jerusalem. People are constantly seeking some easier way than God's. Jeroboam's way turned out to be a much harder way before they got through. Jeroboam pretended that he was simply concerned for the welfare of the people, but in reality he was

wholly concerned with his own interest. When the devil and evil men try to get men to do wrong, they always pretend they are working for the interests of the tempted one. Solomon himself had prepared the way in the hearts of the people for all of Jeroboam's abominations (Ch. 11: 4-8). It was not ostensibly the worship of a new god that Jeroboam was introducing, but a new way to worship the God of their fathers. When the devil undertakes to introduce a new religion, or the new theology, he

always tries to hoodwink the people by getting them to think that it is the same religion as that of the Bible, only with a modernized way of stating it. Jeroboam sought to clothe his calves with the glory of Israel's redemption from Egypt (v. 28). The modern innovators seek to clothe their man-made religion with the glories of Christian history and the advancement of human knowledge. What we have ever to remember is that such things are not of the Spirit. The way to the throne of heavenly grace is

not through the gates of learning, but along the pathway of an earnest and a seeking heart.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Ellen: "Home is the dearest spot on earth after all." Ernest: "Yes, when you count the rent and servants' wages."

What has hands but cannot feel? A clock.

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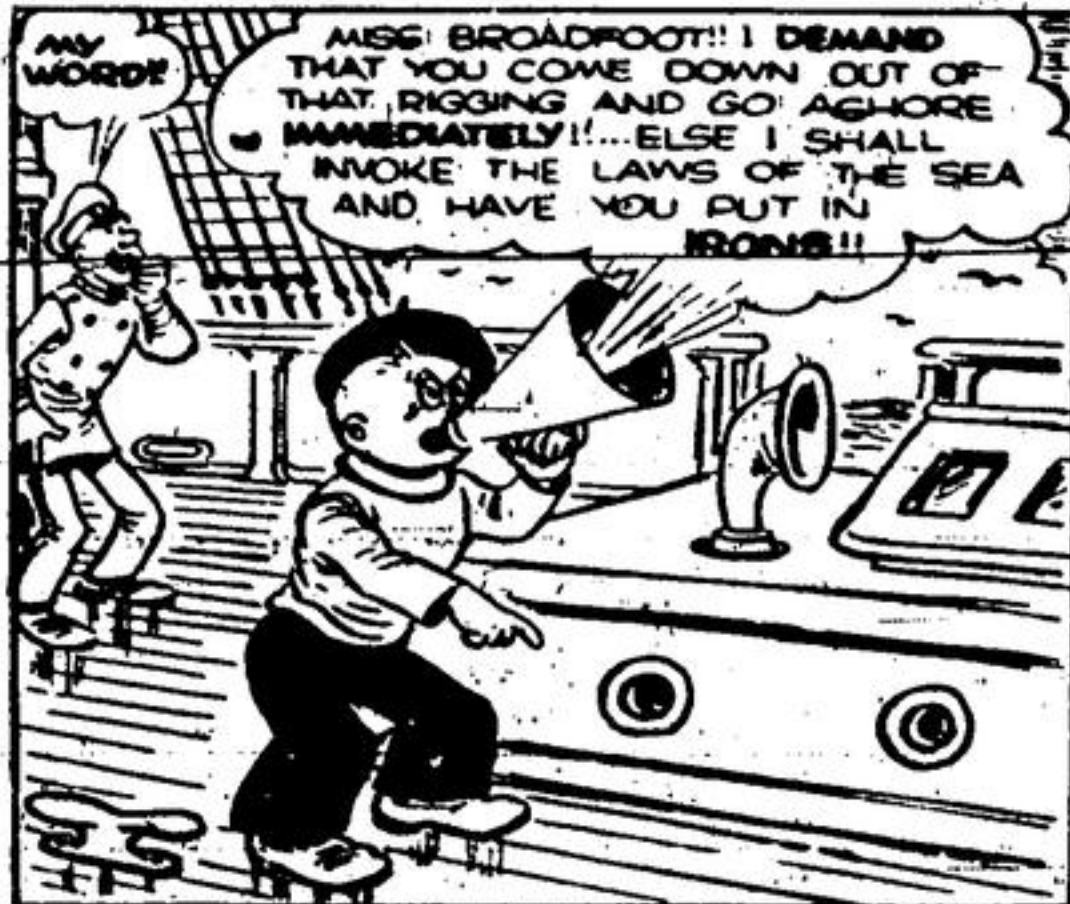
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