

SPARROWS

In winter, 'neath the apple tree, I, misty sparrow, daily see; A group of greedy, chirping things, Well-matched friends who do not bring The robin's springtime message sweet, Who with gay songs the season greet.

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Sergt. J. Wilderspin, M.M., received the 1914-15 long service star. This is a medal awarded by His Majesty the King.

Mr. Rutledge, the expert who is drilling the test well for the waterworks system, has drilled to a depth of 160 feet. A great portion of this is through rock and there is no indication of a flowing well.

BORN GARDEN—In Acton on Thursday, February 5th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson H. Garden, a son.

DEED STRANGE—A. Beckwood, on Tuesday, February 3rd, 1920, Elizabeth Ann Mathis, widow of the late Henry Strange, in her 97th year.

BRITAIN'S £250,000 RAIL ORDERS

Within five weeks British engineering firms have received orders to make £250,000 worth of railway equipment for the South African Railway and Harbor authorities.

South Africa is only one of many customers all over the world for which British firms are now making locomotives and general railway equipment side by side with their immense output for war time needs at home, which include 240 engines and 10,000 goods wagons for the sections of the French railways used and controlled by the British Expeditionary Force.

Among recent overseas orders are: ten locomotives for the Central Railway of Brazil; several thousand carriages and wagon tires and other accessories for the Bengal Nagpur Railway scores of axles and hundreds of locomotive and wagon tires for the Indian Stores Department; and various equipment for axleboxes to cable and shovels for the Egyptian State Railways.

WOMAN SPEAKER LISTS CONSUMERS' DESIRES

Addressing the annual convention of the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, Dr. Lena Phillips, President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, assured her audience that the growing amount of consumer activity in products and advertising was not because consumers were busy-bodies but because they are definitely interested in the things they buy.

The principal desires of consumers, according to this authority are: Informative labelling; accurate weight and good packaging; accurate, factual advertising, with less emotion; information in responses to questions; and opportunity to stretch the purchasing power of the dollar.



Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other Years



DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS? The Family Album last week showed Church Street looking east. The photograph was taken twenty-five years ago, but several of the buildings at present on the street can still be readily recognized.

LEGION'S EDUCATION SERVICES GIVE CANADA'S FIGHTING MEN CHANCE TO CONTINUE STUDIES

From the ranks of Canada's new army which is just as new in spirit as it is in training methods, comes the steady demand for spare-time study facilities, which are eagerly sought by men who want to win a war and then come back prepared for civil life.

Because of modern war training, in which every Canadian in the Active Service Forces retains a personal identity and undergoes far more "book" instruction than ever before, there has been created an incentive to register with the education branch of The Canadian Legion War Services, according to Platoon Sergt. Major E. J. H. Ryall, of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

"To-day's soldier is thinking about coming back after the war is over," says Sergt. Major Ryall, who enlisted in Toronto as a private. "And that is because to-day's soldier isn't a cog in a war machine. He is a thinking, studying unit in a co-operative effort. And because he is a thinking man, to-day's soldier sees the importance and value of this education program which the Legion provides."

"I'll explain what I mean," says Sergt. Major Ryall. "In the old army we learned to do things mechanically. To-day every man in a platoon learns how to fit in every spot in that platoon. He also has to learn the structure of every army unit up to a division, and what role every man plays in that division. He has to learn how ordnance operates, because he may be sent back on supply detail. It is a mechanized army so he learns about mechanical transport, and to-day there is one machine gun to every nine men so he learns about guns."

"So, when he got into the army, to-day's soldier became a student. When he began studying it was logical that his interest should extend to consideration of his future. That's why they are taking up spare-time study of such things as stenography, languages, mathematics, matriculation subjects and so on. It's a splendid thing that these studies have been made possible. And it is important that they be carried along overseas, because study, to be effective, must be continued and not broken. That's why I'm glad to know that the Legion's education facilities have been extended to England."

To carry this program overseas, The Canadian Legion War Services has an education director now in England, Robt. England, M.C., M.A., outstanding Canadian educationist, who has taken leave of absence from his post as economic advisor to a big Winnipeg public utility for the duration. And to support this program, in addition to its program of personal services, entertainment and re-

PROCESS DEvised FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CANADIAN BRUCITE

Canada's independence of foreign sources of high-grade refractory materials, so essential for use in the steel and other metallurgical industries, is now foreseen as a result of the success of research work conducted by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, on the recently discovered deposits of brucite in Ontario and Quebec.

Commercial deposits of brucite, a magnesium-bearing mineral, were first discovered in Canada in 1937 at Rutherglen, Ontario, by an officer of the Department, and subsequent field work by him has disclosed other deposits in the Rutherglen area and in the Byron and Wakefield areas in Quebec. All of the deposits are within easy reach of transportation. The brucite occurs as small crystals or grains in crystalline limestone and comprises about 25 to 30 per cent of the rock. A process has been developed whereby pure magnesia can be obtained apparently at a cost which will enable it to compete in eastern Canada with magnesia at present being imported. Magnesia so obtained appears to be highly suitable for the manufacture of basic refractories, for the making of magnesium metal, for conversion into various magnesium salts and for the several other purposes for which magnesia is used.

Special significance is attached to the discovery of the deposits and to the development of the process owing to the fact that magnesia of equal purity has not hitherto been available from any Canadian source, but has had to be imported. Canadian requirements of the mineral are obtained mainly from the western United States, Europe and Asia.

TORONTO SENDS MOST SHIPMENTS BY AIR

According to figures obtained at Trans-Canada Air Lines offices in Montreal, Toronto forwarded more air express shipments in the month of December than any other agency. The total was almost four times greater than that of Montreal, the next highest. From the standpoint of weight, Vancouver exceeded Montreal, but Toronto still held the lead. Toronto produced the most revenue, with Montreal second, Vancouver third, Ottawa fourth and Winnipeg fifth.

TOO FAMILIAR

Lady to new milkman—How much is my milk bill? Milkman—Scuse me, lady, but my name is Joe.

creational projects, and operation of huts and leave huts, the Legion will launch an appeal for \$500,000 on February 12th.

20 MILLIONS BUSINESS AT NO PROFIT, Y. RECORD

From August 1914, to December 31st, 1922, the war-work of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. involved a money receipt of \$20,482,850. The detailed account of receipts and disbursements, audited by two firms of chartered accountants, shows that the contributions from the public were, in round numbers, \$4,600,000, while revenue from the sale of goods and the operation of hostels and dormitories brought in \$15,415,000, the balance being from miscellaneous income and post-war salvage of equipment, material and supplies.

INDIANS WANT TO ASSIST WAR EFFORT

Canadian patriotism has again flamed with characteristic fervor and, irrespective of race or creed, people in all parts of the Dominion are contributing to the Dominion's war effort. With traditional loyalty to the British Crown, Canada's Indian population has rallied to the nation's cause, and an unusual example of their zeal is brought to light by the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

As a patriotic gesture, a tribe of Cree Indians, living at Nelson House, Manitoba, a remote trading post more than four hundred miles north of Winnipeg, recently held a council of war and sent their native emissaries, Chief Angus Bonikar and Councillor Gilbert McDonald, to the Indian Agent at the P.M.S. Manitoba, with an offer to do without the usual government relief for the remainder of the winter. In addition, these Indians are also staging a financial drive in aid of the Red Cross. There are about 600 Indians at Nelson House, and they live by hunting and trapping.

CHINESE TEST FLOUR FOR GLUTEN CONTENT

In considering the possibilities for the expansion of Canadian flour in Hong Kong and South China, writes the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Shanghai, it must be borne in mind that the bulk of Canadian flour used in the South China market meets the demand for a product of high gluten content which cannot be satisfied by Australian, North China, nor the majority of United States flours imported into the market.

A peculiar characteristic of the Hong Kong and South China market is the manner in which tests are made to determine the gluten content of flour. This is known as the Chinese "wet" test, and is the only basis on which Chinese dealers will accept decisions in regard to gluten content. The method is crude and simple—flour is mixed with water in the proportion of two to one, and the resultant mixture is subjected to hand-dripping until only gluten remains. The weight of this residue, when compared with the combined weight of flour and water used, gives the percentage of gluten content. For example, if 10 ounces of flour are mixed with 5 ounces of water and the gluten remaining weighs 3 ounces, the flour is considered to contain 20 per cent gluten.

PLEASANT LITTLE CHAP

"I suppose your baby is very fond of you?" "Fond of me! Why, the racial sleeps all day when I'm at work so that he can stay up at night and enjoy my company."

The Sunday School Lesson FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

THE PERILS OF REJECTING CHRIST

Golden Text.—I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father but by me.—John 14: 6. Lesson Text.—Matthew 21: 28-43. Time.—Monday, April 3rd, A.D. 20. Place.—Jerusalem, in the temple. Exposition.—I. God's Long-suffering Goodness, 28-29.

In the Old Testament the vineyard is Israel. Here the vineyard is the kingdom of God, which is no longer identified with Israel, but taken away from Israel and given to the Gentiles (v. 43). The householder represents God. By his digging the vineyard, etc., is set forth the truth that he had done for his vineyard everything that needed to be done, or could be done (Isa. 5: 4). Each detail is significant. The fence about his vineyard was the law (Eph. 2: 14). When God had fully equipped His vineyard, He put it in the hands of men (first of all Israel) and left the care of it to them.

When the time for fruit came, the proprietor justly came to receive the fruits of his vineyard, and so God will demand of each of us the fruits of His vineyard. The servants who were sent to demand the fruits of the vineyard were the Old Testament prophets (2 Chron. 36: 15, 16; Jer. 25: 4). The fruits demanded were repentance, obedience, righteousness and benevolence (2 Kings 17: 13; Zech. 7: 8-10). The servants whom God sends to the present husbandmen are His divinely called and commissioned ministers. The fruits they demand are the same. The husbandmen mistreated all the servants of God. This was historically true of Israel's treatment of their prophets (ch. 5: 12; 2 Chron. 36: 16; 24: 20, 21; 16: 7, 10; Jer. 26: 21, 24; Acts 7: 52; Neh. 9: 36; 1 Kings 18: 4, 13; 19: 2, 10; 22: 26, 27).

The way in which Israel treated their prophets proves conclusively that these same prophets were not "the product of the Semitic natural character and genius," but God-inspired and God-commissioned men. It is no wonder that such a people should reject their anointed King when He came. The world uses godly men in the same way to-day (2 Tim. 3: 12), and thus reveals his hatred to God (John 15: 18, 19; 17: 14; 7: 7; Romans 8: 7). The householder's last recourse was the sending of His own Son of course, this Son represents Jesus Christ. While all the prophets, even the greatest, were simply servants, Jesus was a Son, an only Son (cf. Mark 12: 6, R.V.; Heb. 4: 14; 1: 2, 3; 5: 6). It seems inconceivable that the wickedness of the husbandmen should reach such a point that they would even kill the son, and heir (v. 38; cf. Jer. 36: 3; Zeph. 3: 7).

The Jewish leaders did not, with perfect clearness, recognize in Christ the Messiah, and deliberately plan to get His kingdom from Him (Luke 21: 34; Acts 3: 17; 1 Cor. 2: 8), and yet there was a recognition more or less clear on the part of the leaders of who Jesus was, and a determination on their part not to yield to Him lest they lose their own pre-eminence and power (John 11: 47, 48). The Jews actually carried their appalling plot into execution (v. 39), and we by a continuance in sin, take our part in this treatment of God's Son, for it is sin that crucified Christ. The casting Him forth out of the vineyard was fulfilled in His crucifixion outside the gate (cf. Heb. 13: 13).

If God's Relentless Severity Toward Those Who Despite His Goodness 40-43. It was a searching question that Jesus put to the Jews in v. 40. It suggests another question that God puts to us in Hebrews 12: 28, 29. By their answer

(v. 41) they declare their own doom. As an historic fact God did "miserably destroy these miserable men." This was executed in the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 19: 41-44; cf. Matt. 22: 6, 7; 23: 35-38; 24: 21, 22), the most appalling siege in the world's history. A similar doom awaits those who now reject Christ (Heb. 12: 25). Israel, having been destroyed, the kingdom is transferred to the church, chosen out from the Gentiles

(cf. Acts 1: 14; 1 Peter 2: 9; Rev. 5: 9). Jesus confirmed His teachings by an appeal to the Old Testament (v. 42; cf. Ps. 118: 22). Jesus is the stone whom the builders rejected (Isa. 28: 16; 1 Peter 2: 6, 7; Acts 4: 11; Eph. 2: 20; 1 Cor. 3: 11). "Mother — "Tommy, don't you think you've eaten enough chocolates?" "No, mummy. There are two left."

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ANY DAY A FISH DAY

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R.J. SCOTT. Image of a woman and a fish. Text: "IT IS NOT CONSIDERED RESPECTABLE FOR HINDU WOMEN TO SING". "THE YOUNG OF CHAMELEON FISH ARE BAKED IN THEIR FATHER'S MOUTH". "THE FIRST WORLD'S FAIR IN THE UNITED STATES WAS THE EXPOSITION OF THE INDUSTRY OF ALL NATIONS, HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, IN 1853 - IT WAS A FINANCIAL FAILURE, AND EVEN THE GREAT SHOWMAN, P.T. BARNUM WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT PAY".

MUGGS AND SKEETER

Comic strip panel 1. MUGGS: "GEE, WERE LATE IT'S WAY PAST OUR BEDTIME!". SKEETER: "WE'VE GOT TO THINK UP A GOOD ALIBI OR SISTER! GIVE US THE DICKENS!! LET'S GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT!".

Comic strip panel 2. MUGGS: "I GOT IT, YOU FELL THROUGH THE ICE AND WE HAD TO STAY IN THE CLUB-HOUSE TILL YOUR CLOTHES DRIED!! HOW'S THAT?". SKEETER: "NO GOOD!!".

Comic strip panel 3. MUGGS: "ONE LOOK AT MY CLOTHES AND SHE'LL KNOW THEY WEREN'T WET!! WHY EVEN MY SHOES ARE BONE-DRY!". SKEETER: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT..".

Comic strip panel 4. MUGGS: "WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO THE LAKE AND YOU'RE GOIN' TO FALL THROUGH THE ICE!". SKEETER: "I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT..".

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