The Sunday School

Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12th

DOUBT TO FAITH

plaint to God concerning the prevailing

wickedness of the people and revealing messages to the people on the attitude

of God. He speaks to God on behalf of meriand he speaks to men on behalf of

God (Nah. 1: 15; Romans 10: 14, 15).

Habakkuk is mystified over the silence

of God in the presence of so much evil.

The cup of iniquity seems to be full.

Through generations of spiritual decline

with on'y an occasional improvement as in the reigns of Hezekiah and Josiah

Judah had gone steadily down the moral

and spiritual scale. The prophet's heart

is burdened (v. 1). His message is a

burden because it is weighted with the

judgment of God on the prevailing sin

and it lays heavily on the prophet's

heart because he knows it is equally dis-

tasteful to a merciful God. The words

that follow are a prayer. The prophet

cries unto God concerning the existence

seems to keep silence. He cries out but

There is violence, but the Lord will not

save. God opens the prophet's eyes to

II. The Answer of Jehovah, 5-11.

by faith,-Hab. 2: 4.

Time.--About 600

Read also 1: 1-11).

Jerusa lem.

1: 1-4.

MOTHER'S DAY

Every day is mother's day, For mother has a task to do From Monday morn till Sunday night; Her work for us is never through.

Every day is mother's day: Her love for all from tabe to dad Is always present in the home, A happy smile for lass and lad

Every day is mother's day; As age creeps on her footstep slows Her hands are frai'er than of yore. But still her love for us she shows.

Every day is mother's day. On that glad shore beyond the tide For there the mothers whom we loved Await us on the other side.

Twenty Years Ago

-C. Strevett.

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May- 13th, 1920

Fancy prices are being asked for seed potatoes just now.

Dr. Coxes fine new garage on Main Street is now being pushed forward toward comp'etion. The Hydro-Electric Department of the

Corporation has purchased a motor truck to facilitate the work of the department Little Douglas Caswell, 2-year-old of

of George Caswell, was in tantly kille: by the 11.18 G.T.R. train on Satur av forencon. The poor little fellow had on Scene Street.

The unveiling of the monument to the memory of their comrades, who fe'l in action, by members of the Acton Great War Veterans' Association, was held or Sunday afternoon. The lawn of the Soldiers' Memorial Home was taxed to accommodate the large gathering which assembled. Rev. J. Johnston, who is returned soldier, delivered an impressive address. J. J. Cooney, D.C.M., read the names of the Acton soldiers on the monument and then unveiled it.

McISAAC-At 1 Birch Avenue, Hamilton, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1920, Alex. McIsaac, eldest son of the late John

FOREST FIRE LOSSES REDUCED.

Forest-fire protection agencies in Canada did good work in 1939, according to figures compiled by the Dominion Forest Service of the Department of Mines and Resources, which reveal that the measurable damage and loss from fores: fires for the year amounted to only \$2,729,321. This compares with an average loss of slightly less than five milperiod 1930-39. These figures are based upon the money spent in actual firefighting and upon the stumpage value of the timber which would have accrued holders of foreign currency to se'l such to the governments had the timber be n holdings to authorized dealers of the

vear period ending 1939. Neglected individuals and organizations needing tlers' clearing fires getting out of con-

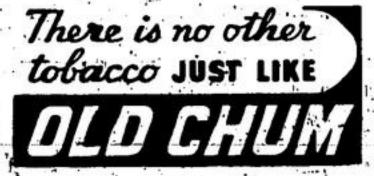
the different provinces, in Canada as a drafts. whole May is usually the worst month This order reflects war finance and aerdromes at Mount Pleasant and Wel- ment which they had always before of the year from the point of view of the conservation of foreign exchange lington the number of fires and area burned for the purpose of expenditures arising over. In the period before new vegeta- from the war. Resources of the gold tion comes up and before the leaves and foreign exchange reserve of the come out on the deciduous trees, the e Bank of Canada are teling transferred on the ground. In the absence of fre- Thus, in effect, the public and private quent rains, this material becomes very holdings are brought within the exdry and provides ideal fuel for the in- change fund operated by the Foreign ception and rapid spread of surface Exchange Control Board, subject to the fires. On the average, more than 25!

August is probably the worst month Government in September, 1939 from the viewpoint of damage to timber. Slightly less than 25 per cent, of the fires normally occur in this month, but bacon agreement by which millions of Depots of a similar character are ale mainder of this passage tells of the more valuable conferous forests. In a dry summer with high temperatures prerapidly, both as surface and crown fires. destroying much timber

INDIANS ASSIST WAR WORK

Canada's Indians continue to do there part in donating funds to enable service according to the Indian Agairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources. Reports from Ontario agencies reveal that at a recent council meeting the Rice Lake Indians voted one hun dred dollars to the Red Cross Societ and a like amount to the Salvation Army. Earlier in the year the Council of the Six Nations at Brantford voted one thousand dollars in the Red Cross and the Mississaugas at New Credit dipped into their band funds for one hindred and fifty dollars for the same pur-

Appreciative of the personal free form enjoyed under a democratic form c governmen', the Indian recople in common with other Canadians are assisting



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?



Last week's picture was easily recognized; of course, as that of the late J. A. Murray. 'He will be remembered especially for his gift to Acton of the fine Y.M.C.A. building in Acton, erected in 1935, and known as the Memorial Y.M.C.A. He was been near Acton and speat his entire life in

The Canadian War Effort

A Weekly Review of Developments Week of April 26th to May 3rd

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of Finance, denied reports of a pending new Dominion war loan. There was absolutely no foundation for any such reports, he declared. The Dominion was contemplating the issue of a form War Savings Certificates, as had be announced some time before. These c.r. tificates would be probably in denominations of five dollars and multiples thereof, which would appeal to "thore desirous of systematically putting away small savings. The Department, it was intimated was pushing forward plans for

An Order in Council requires resident Foreign Exchange Control Board within thirty days following May 1st. Ex epare insurance companies and non-resid-

direction of the Minister of Fluance. of the forest fires occur in This action post-dates by many months

> in the British demands. This is expected school will turn out instructors for Defence has started a national camto develop when existing stores in the training centres and C.A.S.F. units . . . paign to educate Canadians in the dan-United Kingdom: made up largely of Members of the CAS.F and of the lger of gossip about naval, military and purchases made in Denmark before the Non-permenent Active Militia units air force matters during wartime. The

> have been reported for Jaruary and to occupy their lessure time ac wording to by enemy agents and relayed to Ger-Fibruary, with greatly en'arged empires a plan drafted by the Directorate of many. The posters printed in connecto the United Kingdom, Canadian news- Auxiliary Services. The active co-opera- tiers with this campaign read: "Be care-

dinavian supplies in Great Britain are of so much evil about which the Lord exhausted. Already preliminary negotiations for an enlarged supp'y have God does not seem to hear (v. 2)

WITH THE FORCES Great progress has been made to date the widespread evil but the divine law. with the British Commonwealth Air is slack and judgment never seems to Training plan, James S. Duncan, Acting come forth. Deputy Minister of National Defence for This is the old problem which faces Air Services told the executive of the God's people. In the midst of prevail-He ing wickedness we are faced with the Canadian Weekly Newspapers. addressed them on Friday. May 3rd, silence of God. By the very Spirit of while they were in Ottawa for confer- God which true Christians possess they ence. Contrary to much talk now heard are enabled to see sin in all its deadliabout the plan, he further declared, the ness and power more clearly than do program was being carried out entirely others. The very acuteness of percepin accordance with the prescribed and tion only increases the difficulty when pre-arranged schedule. Thousands upon we think of the silence of God through thousands of men were at work. Every it all. We can well understand the con-Province in Canacla was playing its part dition of the prophet when he prayed or would be called upon to do, so, "In a this prayer therefore. Like him, we feel word," he said, "the greatest single mystified over the seeming inaction of enterprise Canada has ever known is God. But the Lord is not slack conlaunched and well under way." "In al', pravision has been made," said slackness but is longsuffering to us-

Mr. Duncan, "for approximately 110 ward, not willing that any should perish, formations and units to be established but that all should come to repentance" from Nova Scotia to British Columbia." (2 Peter 3: 9). The longsuffering of Provisions for the establishment of God is only a greater reason for sinful various schools acrodromes and equip- | men to come to repentance. Failure to ment depots were announced by the heed such gracious patience only la s Department of National Defence. A up in store a greater judgment at the Service Flying School will be set up at end (Romans 2: 3-6). This was the of Canada's forest fires during the ten- tions have been provided in case of thise MacLeon, Alberta, with relief aerodromes case of Israel (2 Kings 17: 7-16) and at Granum, Alberta, and Pearce, Alberta. Judah (2 Chronicles 36: 15-17) and it is foreign exchange for normal business Prince Edward Island will contribute to certain to be the same with hardened. the training of airmen with the crea- indifferent, rebellious and unrepentant tion of a Service Flying Training School sinners (John 3: 36). ent branches of Canadian banks. For- at Summerside, a Bombing and Gunamounted to 9 per cent. Fifteen per eign currency, under the terms of the nery School at Charlottetewn, pending The reply to Habakkuk's prayer came cent, of the forest fires were started by order, includes bank notes, postal notes, the location of the necessary ground for ultimate'y as a message of warning to money orders, cheques, travel'ers the aerodrome site. The main aerdrome the nation. God sees them as already While conditions vary somewhat in cheques, letters of credit and bank for the Summerside school will be de- a people dispersed among the nations' veloped at St. Eleanor's, with relief (v. 5). And while under this great judg-

Through the co-operation of the Gov- Moses (Deut. 28: 64-67) God will work ernors of the University of Manitoba. a work which they will not believe. How No. 3 Wireless School will be established persistent and rebellious unbelievers can in Winnipeg, in the Students' Residence be. As Jesus told in the parable of is an abundant supply of dead material to the Foreign Exchange Control Board, of the University. Provisions will be Dives and Lazarus, "if one went unto made for a capacity of one thousand them from the dead, they will not reairmen to be trained as wireless oper- perst" (Luke 16: 27-31). One has in-

In order that each Training- Com- hardened sinners of our day, for Jesus mand established in Canada under the is risen from the dead and is seated at British Commonwealth Air Training the right hand of God interceding for similar measures adopted by the British Plan should be self-sufficient in respect those who have repented and submitted to equipment and supplies, it has been their eternal future to Him (Romans decided to establish an Equipment Depot 8: 30 but even this wonderful work of Notwithstandling the United Kingdom in each of the four areas concerned. grace many sinners refuse. The r pounds are shipped weekly, there is a ready functioning under the Home War coming of the Chaldeans to destroy the

A School for the training of Instru tors in Defence Against Gas is now in adian Legion War Services Inc., was ento be solved later by by an increase progress at Lansdown Park, Ortawa. The listed by the Department of National

undergon's summer training in camps object is to prevent idle circulation Increasing trade figures for C mada will be afforded every recreation facility a commation which might be picked up is expected to move in larger tion of the Salvation Army the Knights ful. Do not discuss naval, military or quantities when present stocks of Scan- of Columbus, the Y.M.C.A. and the Can- air force matters."

people to change their manner of life. life (Romans 6: 23). HABAKKUK FIGHTS THROUGH vah. 1: 12-2: 4. Go'den Text.-The righteous shall live Lesson Text.-Habakkuk 1: 12-2:

Place of Jebovah. He sees Him as eternal salvation (Romans 4 73-5 2) and holy. Because of this he expresses Exposition.—I. The Prophet's Prayer, assurance that God's promises will not principle by which we may appropriate Defence. The total personnel for which Habakkuk prophesied before the exile. tive. Men may be persistently sinful foundation res's upon our willingness to of whom 2,400 are officers, and 28,000 are He was a prophet of God at a time of but they are only weaving a net for believe the reveation of God in the airmon. In 1936 there were 190 officers great national apostasy. His message is their own entanglement. Sometimes Scriptures (Romans 10: 17). If a man and 1.115 airmen in the R.C.A.F. strongly personal, being a direct com-

apostate people of Judah. It was a they will be caught. Sin and sinners does not begin there he has nowhere to graphic forecast and should have awak- cannot endure. Only Jehovah endures legin. God speaks to us through His ened sufficient reverence for the right- because He is everlasting (Heb. 7: 24, Word and expects us to accept it (2

eous judgments of God to have led the | 25). From the prayer testimory of the that God sent His Son to die for But sin is both alluring and blinding. prophet we pass to a reply from Jehovah lost and sinful race (John 3: 16; Romans It leads us certainly to death as the and in the statement is the enunciation 5: 7. 8). It declares that the One who grace of Jesus Christ leads to eternal of the fundamental principle that "the died rose from the dead and ascended just shall live by faith." This is the into heaven and all who repent of their III. Habakkuk's Revelation of Jeho- central theme running through all the sins and put faith in Him will receive grace of God. It is what made Abraham eternal justification and life 41 Tim. To understand the connection of these the friend of God (Romans 4: 3). It 3: 16: Acts 13: 38.39; Rev. 5: 8-10). two verses it is necessary to read all the transformed David as a mourning sinintervening words. The prophet gives her into a rejoicing saint (Romans 4: one of the most valuable interpretations | 6-8). It is the very foundation of our Canadian Air Force has been increased -

Tim. 3: 16, 17). That Word tells us

The war establishment of the Royal by nearly 14,000, according to figures fur-Justification by faith is the cardinal nished by the Department of National fail and His judgments will be correct the grace of our Lord Jesis Christ. Its provision has been made is now 30,400.



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