

MOTHER'S DAY

Every day is mother's day. For mother has a task to do...

Twenty Years Ago

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...

DEED

McISAAC—At 1 Birch Avenue, Hamilton, on Tuesday May 4th, 1920, Alex. McIsaac, eldest son of the late John McIsaac, in his 63rd year.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES REDUCED

Forest fire protection agencies in Canada did good work in 1939, according to figures compiled by the Dominion Forest Service...

Human agencies started 85 per cent. of Canada's forest fires during the ten-year period ending 1939. Neglected campfires caused 20 per cent. of the fires...

While conditions vary somewhat in the different provinces, in Canada as a whole May is usually the worst month of the year from the point of view of the number of fires and area burned over...

August is probably the worst month from the viewpoint of damage to timber. Slightly less than 25 per cent. of the fires normally occur in this month...

INDIANS ASSIST WAR WORK

Canada's Indians continue to do their part in donating funds to enable service organizations to carry on war work according to the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources...

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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

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 born near Acton and spent his entire life in Acton and the district.

The Canadian War Effort

A Weekly Review of Developments Along the Home Front — 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.

An Order in Council requires resident holders of foreign currency to act such holders to authorized dealers of the Foreign Exchange Control Board within thirty days following May 1st.

This order reflects war finance and the conservation of foreign exchange for the purpose of expenditures arising from the war. Resources of the gold and foreign exchange reserve of the Bank of Canada are being transferred to the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

Notwithstanding the United Kingdom bacon agreement by which millions of pounds are shipped weekly, there is a surplus of pork products in Canada. The Bacon Board is concerned itself with the problem, although it is expected to be solved later by an increase in the British demands.

Increasing trade figures for Canada have been reported for January and February, with greatly enlarged exports to the United Kingdom. Canadian exports are expected to move in larger quantities when present stocks of Danish goods are consumed.

danavian supplies in Great Britain are exhausted. Already preliminary negotiations for an enlarged supply have begun.

WITH THE FORCES

Great progress has been made to date with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. James S. Duncan, Acting Deputy Minister of National Defence, said Mr. Duncan told the executive of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers.

Provisions for the establishment of various schools aerodromes and equipment depots were announced by the Department of National Defence. A Service Flying School will be set up at MacLeod, Alberta, with relief aerodromes at Granum, Alberta, and Pearce, Alberta.

In order that each Training Command established in Canada under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan should be self-sufficient in respect to equipment and supplies, it has been decided to establish an Equipment Depot in each of the four areas concerned.

TRADE

A School for the training of instructors in Defence Against Gas is now in progress at Lansdown Park Ottawa. The school will turn out instructors for training centres and C.A.S.F. units.

Members of the C.A.S.F. and of the Non-permanent Active Militia units undergo summer training in camps which will be afforded every recreation facility to occupy their leisure time according to a plan drafted by the Directorate of Auxiliary Services.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24th

HABAKKUK FIGHTS THROUGH DOUBT TO FAITH

Golden Text.—The righteous shall live by faith.—Hab. 2: 4. Lesson Text.—Habakkuk 1: 12-2: 4. Read also 1: 1-11.

Time.—About 600 B.C. Place.—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. The Prophet's Prayer, 1: 1-4.

Habakkuk prophesied before the exile. He was a prophet of God at a time of great national apostasy. His message is strongly personal, being a direct complaint to God concerning the prevailing wickedness of the people and revealing messages to the people on the attitude of God.

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 only an occasional improvement as in the reigns of Hezekiah and Josiah.

There is violence, but the Lord will not save. God opens the prophet's eyes to the widespread evil but the divine law comes forth.

This is the old problem which faces God's people. In the midst of prevailing wickedness we are faced with the silence of God. By the very Spirit of God which true Christians possess they are enabled to see sin in all its deadness and power more clearly than do others.

Contrary to much talk now heard about the plan, he further declared, the program was being carried out entirely in accordance with the prescribed and pre-arranged schedule. Thousands upon thousands of men were at work. Every Province in Canada was playing its part or would be called upon to do so.

In a word, he said, "the greatest single enterprise Canada has ever known is launched and well under way."

Mr. Duncan, "for approximately 110 formations and units to be established from Nova Scotia to British Columbia."

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Through the co-operation of the Governors of the University of Manitoba, No. 3 Wireless School will be established in Winnipeg in the Students' Residence of the University. Provisions will be made for a capacity of one thousand airmen to be trained as wireless operator (aircrew).

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apostate people of Judah. It was a graphic forecast and should have awakened sufficient reverence for the righteous judgments of God to have led the people to change their manner of life. But sin is both alluring and blinding. It leads us certainly to death as the grace of Jesus Christ leads to eternal life (Romans 6: 23).

III. Habakkuk's Revelation of Jehovah, 1: 12-2: 4.

To understand the connection of these two verses it is necessary to read all the intervening words. The prophet gives one of the most valuable interpretations of Jehovah. He sees Him as eternal and holy. Because of this he expresses assurance that God's promises will not fail and His judgments will be corrective.

Men may be persistently sinful but they are only weaving a net for their own entanglement. Sometimes they will be caught. Sin and sinners cannot endure. Only Jehovah endures because He is everlasting (Heb. 7: 24, 25).

Justification by faith is the cardinal principle by which we may appropriate the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Its foundation rests upon our willingness to believe the revelation of God in the Scriptures (Romans 10: 17). If a man does not begin there he has nowhere to begin. God speaks to us through His Word and expects us to accept it (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17). That Word tells us that God sent His Son to die for a lost and sinful race (John 3: 16; Romans 5: 7, 8). It declares that the One who died rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and all who repent of their sins and put faith in Him will receive eternal justification and life (1 Tim. 3: 16; Acts 13: 38, 39; Rev. 5: 8-10).

From the prayer testimony of the prophet we pass to a reply from Jehovah and in the statement is the enunciation of the fundamental principle that "the just shall live by faith."

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The war establishment of the Royal Canadian Air Force has been increased by nearly 14,000, according to figures furnished by the Department of National Defence. The total personnel for which provision has been made is now 36,400, of whom 2,400 are officers, and 28,000 are airmen. In 1938 there were 190 officers and 1,115 airmen in the R.C.A.F.



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