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Every Reason for Thanks

Next Monday is our National Day of Thanksgiving. And surely we in this favored land of Canada have real cause for thanksgiving. True, we are at war, but in a conflict where the battle lines are, as yet, far from our shores.

We live in a land where no bombs are hurled at us either day or night. We live in a land where there is plenty of food and to spare for all. We live in surroundings that, while assisting and training for war, we can move and carry on our daily routine unhampered by an invader.

Certainly the world is not as we would like to see it. None want to see men occupied in war time activities and risking their lives in the conflict. These things are not the ones to glory in, but when a task must be done, it is cause for thanksgiving that Canadians have pride in their land, that they rally to the call in all walks of life to do a share to protect these things that they cherish.

Monday can truly be a day of Thanksgiving for Canada. We have every reason to give thanks.

For Those Who Fall

This week Acton and District Red Cross Society is launched into their annual campaign for funds to carry on this work of mercy. It is necessary to provide the funds for the successful prosecution of the war. But it is doubly necessary to provide the funds, equipment and clothing and hospital supplies for those fall sick or are wounded in the war.

In this war injuries are not confined alone to those on the active front. Civilians in their homes, workers in the factories and offices, are liable to injury as they go about their daily duties. The work of the Red Cross grows rather than diminishes. Just what will be the next demand none can foresee.

There is only one sure way and that is to be prepared for whatever emergency may arise. The Red Cross has, in the past, proven itself well manned to meet these emergencies. The public have, by their generosity, shown that this organization had their confidence.

This week the workers commence their task. It is a big one but a service given in the common cause. Meet them cheerfully and make your contribution as big as you feel you can afford—maybe a little more.

A Marked Improvement

Many of us who have spent most of our lives in Acton cannot recall when such a thorough job was done in renovating the Town Hall. The auditorium was re-decorated some years ago, but the rest of the hall left. Then, too, the seats have become broken until there was not sufficient seating accommodation in the building. We cannot recall when the exterior had been re-painted.

This year the window frames were all repaired. The building has been repainted, both inside and outside, and the stage curtains are being cleaned and dyed. Some new seats, of a good type, have been purchased, and a start made on re-seating the auditorium.

Yes, we know the expenditure will be in the tax bill. But still, we think most citizens are pleased with the work that has been done at the Town Hall this year. And when they attend public functions will take pride and pleasure in the improved appearance.

An Opportunity Available

It will be welcome news to those residing here and those who contemplate residence in Acton, that a

very definite move has been made to relieve the shortage of houses in Acton.

Due to an active investigation of a committee of the Acton Business Men's Association the means that are available for those who desire to build homes have been put into form that is clear. Then, too, the interest of builders has been aroused and co-operation is being secured in a plan to stimulate a new residential section.

To attain success the co-operation of all is necessary and the builders who are promoting the new subdivision, off Main Street west, found that Acton Council was willing to give the help that was necessary before the plan could take definite form.

The need for many more houses in Acton is not caused by the addition of any purely war industries but by industries which will continue to fill a need in peace time conditions. Based on this, a building expansion in homes is sound and not likely to be one that will find a lot of empty houses after the war is successfully concluded.

The present seems indeed a very favorable time for home-owning. It would be well for any who are now renting to thoroughly investigate the facilities that are available. The National Housing Plan offers advantages and protection in building that will appeal to the worker and put him in the more secure owner class, with no more effort than his present rental basis.

The Way Brightens

News from the war front seems to have the most encouraging tone at this time since the commencement of hostilities, over a year ago. True, England is being bombed and there is suffering, but Hitler's blitzkrieg has not shaken the Old Country folk, but just served to stir up that unconquerable spirit that will, in the finish, make the German people glad to accept peace terms and forget their desire for world domination.

Hitler's best has not been sufficient and every day the strength of Britain is gaining. Small nations may be bulldozed into submission for the present. Nations, such as Italy and Japan, may join with Germany in the hope of grabbing a share of the spoils. But Britain will continue and win for the smaller countries the right to remain free.

There is no use in thinking that victory will come soon. Canada is not, by any means, in full war time swing and until the full weight of the British Empire can be thrown in the struggle victory cannot be expected. More and more the help of the United States is being felt. Victory is yet a long way off, but the way is brightening.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Monday is a National Day of Thanksgiving. Make it more than just a holiday.

Don't forget that purchase of War Savings Stamps and Certificates are help the small investor can make in the war effort and a splendid investment, too.

"Hands Across the Sea" is the theme back of the Spitfire Carnival this week. It is remarkable the enthusiasm that has met with this appeal from Acton, England.

These are the days of the church suppers, when big meals go at half the usual price and the culinary exhibits that looked so tempting at the Fall Fairs are sampled by many judges.

Central electric stations in Canada produced 20,083,914,000 kilowatt hours in the first eight months of the current year as against 18,243,128,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding period of 1939.

If you were not able to visit THE FREE PRESS Office during Newspaper Week we want to assure you that you may see the plant of your local newspaper any week. You are always welcome.

The Dundalk Herald, last week, started its sixtieth year of publication and under the guidance of Editor Frank McIntyre gives that community splendid service in the news of town and district. We join in congratulations on the diamond anniversary.

Georgetown, will submit the question of two-year term for municipal offices to the electors at the next municipal election. If the matter is not voted upon it becomes effective in any municipality. A petition to Council must be presented before October 28th.

It becomes increasingly evident that Acton's industrial growth has reached a limit unless the housing growth keeps pace with the demand. Another industry was definitely interested in locating here but was confronted with the usual problem of no houses for six new families that would desire to reside here.

Commenting on the present application of Daylight Saving Time, the Newmarket Era very aptly draws attention to the fact that "Power Saving Time" is a more descriptive name. "The saving of power seems to lie in the division of Ontario and Quebec into two groups of power users, Standard-Time users and Daylight-Saving-Time users."

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th

THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS Golden-Text—And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2: 52.

Jesson Text—Luke 2: 40-52. Time—AD. 5. Places—Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Exposition—1. The Child Jesus Growing, Inquiring and Manifesting His Wisdom, 40-52.

Jesus' parents were devout people who with exemplary regularity attended the prescribed services of the house of God. If they had not been church-going people they would never have had Jesus in their home. God would never have given His Son to be born into a family that were careless about the ordinances that were essential to His becoming of His home.

Jesus was born as "a son of the twelve years of age" and so "a son of the law" went to the feast with them. At this visit everything took on a new and deeper meaning to Him. Though divine He was also human, a real boy; and though a marvelous boy, thoughts and thoughts opened gradually to His mind as to the mind of other boys. And those were wonderful days to Him when at twelve He stopped at Jerusalem amid the great pasover throngs, passed in and out of the magnificent temple and had the meaning of its parts and services explained to Him, saw the thousands of Jews who came to the temple and then gathered with His own family around the roasting lamb and bitter herbs that looked back to Israel's great redemption through the slain lamb in the past and forward to the world's greater redemption through the slaying of Himself some twenty years hence.

Jesus saw deeper than anyone else into the significance of all these things, for He had pondered the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit had interpreted to Him, even as a boy, their innermost meaning. Jesus enjoyed being in the temple. It was "Father's house" (v. 49, R.V.). He felt that He belonged there, that "I must be in my Father's house." When His human parents left He could not but stay behind where His real Parent was. When His parents had sought Him three days everywhere they could think of, they at last found Him in the temple. He seems to have spent the time there and they ought to have sought Him there in the first place (v. 40). The house of God is the likeliest place to find a "lost" child of God. Jesus was often found in the temple during His whole life (Mark 14: 49). He made Himself very much at home in the temple. He was "sitting" there, no passing visitor or sight-seer. He was there to learn—He was "in the midst of the doctors (teachers)," and He was "hearing" and "asking them questions." The questions displayed great wisdom (v. 47), but they were not asked to display His wisdom; He wished to learn. The teachers were far from the wisest of the world as ever known, and He was infinitely the wisest scholar; but He felt there were things that He could learn even from them.

There is no suggestion that He criticized His teachers. His answers were so profoundly intelligent as to "amaze" all that heard Him. It was more as the perfect, human boy than as the Divine Child that He was asking questions in the temple, and so He owed the "understanding" He displayed not so much to His inherent divinity as to His Spirit-guided study of the Word of God (Eph. 1: 19; Luke 24: 27; John 5: 39). Not only the bystanders were amazed, but Mary, who had watched Him and listened to Him for twelve years, was astonished. Depths were never revealed into which even she had never been allowed to peer before. Even Mary, thought His mother, had not understood Jesus. There seems to be a tone of complaint if not abruptness in the question Mary put to Jesus. Mary was a wonderful woman (Luke 1: 28), but she was not divine and not faultless. The Mary of the Bible is not the Mary of legend and adoration. Mary and Joseph should have had no anxious fears about Jesus. They should have known that wherever He was, He was just where He ought to be.

While Mary and Joseph were surprised that He was in the temple, Jesus was surprised that they should search for Him at all instead of coming right there, fully assured that He was there. There is no note of apology or regret in Jesus' reply. Though the most dutiful, tender and obedient of sons (v. 51; John 19: 26, 27), He was conscious that He was something more than "the son of Mary" (cf. John 2: 3, 4), and that Mary must for her own sake be made to realize this fact. So while Mary says "thy father and I sought thee, etc." Jesus answered "What ye not that I must be in my Father's house?" He points her, from the human reputed (ch. 3, 23), parentage to the divine real parentage. This is the first recorded utterance of Jesus, and like the last (ch. 23: 46), its central thought is "God is my Father." Neither Mary nor Joseph understood Jesus even yet (v. 50).

II. Jesus Obeying and Growing. 51, 52. Having made this needed assertion and given this clear proof of His deity, Jesus fell back into His place as the son of Mary and Joseph. "He was subject unto them." He doubtless helped His father about the carpentering (Mark 6: 3) and His mother about her domestic work, and He was just as truly "about His Father's business" when carrying water and making fires in Nazareth as when in the temple asking questions. For nearly twenty years longer He remained in the humble obscurity of Nazareth.

The Canadian War Effort

A Weekly Review of Developments Along the Home Front—September 24th—October 3rd

SUMMARY

1. H.M.C.S. Prince Robert, one of Canada's armed merchant cruisers, captures German express cargo boat "Weser" off coast of Mexico. Estimated that capture will add \$700,000 prize money for ship, apart from cargo, to British Commonwealth Navy prize pool.

2. Royal Canadian Air Force squadron overseas celebrates its fifth anniversary over the Naëis. Seven times within a fortnight, the squadron fought in air defence of London.

British Air Ministry statement credits R.C.A.F. squadron and Royal Air Force all-Canadian squadron with destruction of more than 100 German raiders.

3. Somewhere in southern England, Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, V.C., unfurls the new Royal Canadian Air Force Flag. Flag is similar to that of the Royal Air Force, but carries a red maple leaf.

4. First class of students pilots to graduate under British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme receive their wings at Camp Borden.

5. First contingent of Australians to undergo training arrive in Canada.

6. Present personnel of scheme announced at 20,000 officers and men.

7. Defence Department creates directorate of staff duties. Lieut.-Col. M. H. S. Penhale, who went overseas nearly a year ago, returns to Ottawa to head the directorate.

8. Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply during week ended September 20th number 2,045 and total \$25,156,522.83.

9. Officers and men of the Canadian First Division in England contribute a day's pay to buy a Spitfire fighter for Royal Air Force.

10. Accelerated by war demands, employment in Canadian industry at September last rose to the highest point in 20 years. Bureau of Statistics index for employment then stood at 1316. Index takes 1926 average as 100.

11. War Time Prices and Trade Board reports that cost of living in Canada rose 4.6 per cent. during the first year of war.

12. Fifty ships of Canada's merchant service defensively equipped. Equipment comprises sand bags, mattress and armor plate round the bridge. Guns mounted aft.

13. Since war began, fifteen anti-submarine control vessels purchased by Canadian Navy through purchase and conversion of ocean-going yachts. Total cost of purchases \$1,800,000. Cost of conversion approximately \$720,000 additional.

WORLD'S LONGEST JOURNEY

From Tibet to the Argentine by Canal, Ship and Train

The longest journey in the world has been covered by the Cashmir goods sent during the last six months from Scotland to the Argentine.

It began in the mountains of Tibet. Chinese merchants still travel by camel from Tientsin to Tibet over the road once trod by Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant adventurer of the thirteenth century.

They go to buy from mountain herds the fleece of the Tibetan goat. It is the lightest wool in the world.

From Tientsin the wool is shipped in bales to Scotland. In Hawick it is spun and knitted into garments which are then shipped Buenos Aires. The entire journey, by camel, ship, and railway, train covers 15,000 miles.

In the last six months the Argentine has taken from Scotland more Cashmir goods than in the previous twelve.

To-day smart women in Buenos Aires can amuse themselves as did the great ladies of the 18th century with their vast shawls of Indian silk. They can take a Braemar jumper and draw it through a wedding ring: one of the most popular of these jumpers weighs only 2½ ounces.

A few years ago the demand in the Argentine was for the heavier weights. Central heating has changed that, and lightweights are to-day the vogue. The standard collar, introduced three years ago, is standard now and this season's popular shades, are bottle or tartan green, jade, wine, marina, Royal blue and mauve.

CHEESE PRODUCTION

Cheese production in Canada during the month of August, 1940, was 23,926,523 lb., an increase of 3,357,497 lb. or 16.3 per cent. compared with 20,569,026 lb. in August, 1939. The cumulative production of cheese from January 1st, 1940, to August 31st, 1940, showed an increase of 13.6 per cent. compared with the corresponding eight months of 1939. Creamery butter production increased by 9.6 per cent in the first eight months of 1940, the figures being 168,283,014 lb. compared with 153,434,057 lb. in the corresponding eight months of 1939.

That quiet life was a necessary preparation for the work the Father had given Him to do. Jesus could grow because He was a real human being. He had voluntarily put aside divine glory to become a real man (Phil. 2: 6, 7). He was perfect as a babe and boy, but the perfection of manhood is a higher form of perfection than the perfection of childhood, and more pleasing to God.

Establish Beaver Preserve Along Arctic Coast

Security of beaver in the Mackenzie River Delta area has prompted the Federal Department of Mines and Resources to establish a large beaver preserve at the mouth of the Mackenzie River. This restoration project is being undertaken for the benefit of the native population of the Arctic coast region, who depend largely upon the fur resources for a livelihood. The new sanctuary embraces approximately 14,000 square miles, and the regulations governing it provide that the hunting, trapping, taking, killing, shooting at, wounding, luring or molesting of beaver is prohibited at all times. When the beaver population of the area has increased sufficiently to warrant trapping, authority may be granted to issue special permits to trap beaver within the preserve.

The new beaver preserve has been established on the recommendations of Indian Agents, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Northwest Territories Council. Investigations by field officers of the Department revealed that the Mackenzie Delta and surrounding region was ideally suited to the propagation and perpetuation of the beaver, but because of over-trapping over a long period this valuable fur bearer has become seriously depleted. Re-establishment of the beaver could only be accomplished by the creation of a sanctuary, as the few beaver which migrated to the Delta each summer were captured by the natives taking part in the annual muskrat hunt. A large number of Eskimo and Indian reside in the Mackenzie Delta region, while many other natives come in from outside points to engage in trapping operations.

THE BUTTERFLY AND THE FARMER

Canadians Asked to Complete Unique World Map

Any Canadian who knows the ways of butterflies, moths, and flying insects is asked to help complete the most remarkable world map ever made.

For twenty years Dr. C. B. Williams, Chief Entomologist at the Rothamsted Experimental Station, near London, has been at work on a "Butterfly" map.

When it is finished it will chart the routes flown by migrating butterflies, moths and insects. Some of these routes are thousands of miles long.

Dr. Williamson has equipped the popular idea that butterflies live for only a few days. Some live for months and make fabulous flights, flying always true compass courses. Migrants fly the Mediterranean every year. Butterflies have been met with in mid-Atlantic and it is believed that certain species peculiar to North America which have been found in England flew the Atlantic.

The "Butterfly" map is not of scientific interest only; it is practical. Some migrant butterflies and moths are serious pests. For example, the West Coast Lady (Vanessa carye) has done much damage in South America in North America it is harmless, in the South of France a pest.

When his map is complete, Dr. Williams will thus be able to forewarn wharf communities of the approach of dangerous pests and give much other useful information of interest to the general public. It is practical. Some migrant butterflies and moths are serious pests. For example, the West Coast Lady (Vanessa carye) has done much damage in South America in North America it is harmless, in the South of France a pest.

SHAKING HANDS

Shaking hands on meeting or parting with a friend is a very old custom. As a matter of fact it has been handed down from the Middle Ages, when one friend greeted another by holding out an empty hand to show that it concealed no weapon.

Of course, to understand the ancient practice, we must remember that in those days every man carried a weapon of some sort and did not scruple to use it if he was in the presence of an enemy. Indeed when a stranger entered a village he was treated as a natural enemy until he proved himself otherwise by throwing down his arms and going forward several paces empty-handed.

When the Greeks and Romans saluted one another they followed out the same idea, except that they held their right hands palms upwards, above their heads to show that they were empty. The custom of saluting sprang from the same origin.

CANADIAN REINDEER ON INCREASE

With a fawn increase of 1486 head, the largest yet recorded, Canada's main reindeer herd now comprises more than 5000 animals, according to advice received by Fish and Game Department officials of Canadian National Railways. This year's reindeer round-up was completed in four days, the entire herd being put through the corrals, examined, counted and classified.

Business Directory

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GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON Standard Time

EASTBOUND—To Toronto 6:58 a.m., 9:01 a.m., 11:31 a.m., 2:06 p.m., 3:51 p.m., 6:31 p.m., 8:56 p.m.

WESTBOUND—To London 9:53 a.m., 12:23 p.m., 2:23 p.m., 4:23 p.m., 6:18 p.m., 8:08 p.m., 10:10 p.m., 12:10 p.m., 1:53 p.m.

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Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of John Campbell McDonald, late of the Township of Esquimaux in the County of Halton, Carpenter, Deceased.

PARTIES having claims against the Estate of John Campbell McDonald, late of the Township of Esquimaux in the County of Halton, Carpenter, Deceased, who died on or about the Twenty-ninth day of August, 1940, are required to send particulars and proof thereof to the undersigned Solicitor, before the Twelfth day of October, 1940, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed as aforesaid, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter 185, R.S.O., 1937.

DATED this Twenty-sixth day of September, A.D. 1940.

C. F. LEATHERLAND Acton, Ontario, Solicitor for the Administrator.