

COME ON, SPRING! Come on, you Spring, let's go! We're sick of the snow...

Twenty Years Ago

From the Home of The Free Press of Thursday, April 12th, 1923

The boys have taken on a pretty green already. New maple syrup is coming in freely...

The Brookville debaters were the winners over Ashgrove in the semifinals for Premier Drury's cup...

Mr. Leslie Martin has purchased the house and property owned by Mr. Fred W. Hunter on Victoria Avenue...

Council are of the opinion that an official demonstration should be held to celebrate the town's fifty years of incorporation...

The second annual Father and Son supper in connection with St. Alban's Church was held on Wednesday evening...

Rev. W. Blair who was the pastor beloved of Nazarene Presbyterian Church for thirty-one years, died in Quebec after a brief illness...

MARRIED MICHE-BAILEY - On March 28th, 1933, at the Manor, Delaware, Ontario by Rev. W. G. Ross, B.A. Margaret Annie Bailey and Harold C. Michie of Esquimaux.

Suggests Boost In River Fleet Like Old Times

M.P. Recalls Services of Prairie Steamboats 50 Years Ago and Urges It As Lesson for Present Wartime

BY JAMES MCCOOK Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP)—"See dem steamboats comin' round de bend." John R. McNicol, Progressive Conservative M.P., for Toronto-Davenport believes there should be lots more of them in evidence on Canadian inland waters...

Mr. McNicol called the attention of the House of Commons to the fact that more than 50 years ago steamboats, including one venerable craft that did duty as a kind of warship during the Riel Rebellion 1885, sailed the rivers of the Canadian prairies...

Mr. McNicol displayed photographs of old prairie steamboats sent to him by western pioneers. Among them was the North-West, which ran from the head of the Grand Rapids to Edmonton...

During the Rebellion the Northcote and the Marquis were used for the transport of troops and supplies, and actually arrived near the scene of the Battle of Batoche just as the fighting ended...

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The Sunday School Lesson FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21

PETER AND JOHN WITNESS CHRIST'S GLORY

Golden Text.—There came a voice out of the cloud. This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. Mk.9:7.

Lesson Text.—Mk. 9:2-8; 2 Pet. 1:16-18.

Time.—Summer, A. D. 29.

Place.—Mount Hermon. (For Part 1.)

Exposition.—I. Jesus Transfigured.

The account of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus given in Mark's Gospel should be carefully compared with the accounts given by Matthew and Luke. The stories bear unmistakable marks of truthfulness...

Mark's account is from an eyewitness, Peter. Taken merely as an historical incident it proves the existence of a personal God, that the God and Father of Jesus Christ is the true God, that Jesus is the Son of God in an entirely unique sense...

Note carefully the exact force of the word "transfigured." The latter part of the Greek word in this passage translated "transfigured" is the same in root as the word translated "form" in Phil. 2:6, 7. There also we see a transfiguration, Jesus putting off the "form" or "figure" of God and taking on the "form" or "figure" of a servant...

And having finished that amazing work, He will not be transfigured again, but in due time, shall be transfigured together with Him (Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4). Indeed, there is an anticipatory transfiguration possible for us in the life that now is (Rom. 12:2). The Greek for "transformed" in this passage is the same as that translated "transfigured" in our lesson...

As they gazed upon our glorified Lord, they saw two others talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, the two great representative and master prophets and law-givers of the old dispensation. Moses had died (Deut. 34:5-6), and the theory of the non-existence, of non-conscious existence, of the holy dead until the resurrection at the second coming of Christ goes to pieces on this rock...

They actually saw Moses and Elijah and actually heard God's voice. Moses and Elijah "appeared in glory" with our transfigured Lord. Moses' longing to enter the promised land was satisfied at last. He is hence with make-shift wooden walls on the decks through which soldiers could fire if they were attacked by rebels...

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A COUNTRY EDITOR SEES Ottawa

WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF CANADA BY DON GORDON, Editor of the SUN. BY CURRY BARRACLOUGH

INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN I was at last just a second after being ushered into his office. Donald Gordon, Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at 41 years of age, a big, dark man, wearing heavy glasses, but with a twinkle in his eyes and a soft Scotch accent in his speech...

I thought, in this last article, you'd like to know something about the man who pulls the strings that juggle your living these days. But he didn't want to talk about himself. He'd just flown in from Vancouver, was busier than heck and said, after a little plain gossip, "Fire ahead, ask me questions."

So I did. I had a few things in my mind that I know you have had unanswered, too. So I take his answers, not mine.

"What, in a nutshell, are the benefits to citizens in general from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board?" I asked, and he replied. I made actual notes. "The savings to consumers of the country can roughly be estimated at \$300,000,000, and to the taxpayers as a whole a similar amount in the costs of the war to date. That's cash, but there is a much greater saving in human terms, for if inflation were to rear its ugly head, money could not measure the human misery, to say nothing of the effectiveness of our part in the United Nations' war against Hitler and the Japs."

Co-operation in Switch From Peace to War To my question if disadvantages had cropped up, he admitted some had, but they were inherent in the switch from a peacetime to wartime economy, and none that cannot be worked out with the co-operation of primary producers, industry and consumers.

Maybe I tried to stymie him when I asked if controls, such as price ceilings, stay after the war, permanent or temporary. "That," he said, "will be a matter of government policy and, in the final analysis, for the people themselves." I wanted elaboration. Supposing the war lasts two or three years more?

"Insofar as price control is concerned, it is the creature of government, but it will also depend, largely, upon the future form of the war itself and how Canada can best fit into an effective part in the offensive. If, for instance, parts of conquered Europe should be opened up, we would need to feed starving millions. That might be one thing. If it's tools for an offensive, that's another matter. We can only take such action as may be justified by the day-to-day developments. It's obvious that all of us must be ready to give up much of what we have been used to, and in even measure, if we are to be honest with ourselves in the demands for a total war effort."

"Would you mind answering me if I ask whether there is any political interference in your set-up?" Even his mustache bristled as he answered one word, "None."

What About Subsidies? I wanted his say-so on subsidies. You know us people back in the country are liable to think they help the big shot, and are designed for that purpose. He put me behind the eight-ball by saying this: "As a matter of fact, subsidies are of relatively greater help to the little fellow than the big shot you speak of. The big fellow is generally in a stronger financial position, and could weather the storms, but if subsidies were not paid to the little fellows they would be the first to fall by the wayside. Subsidies are paid and de-

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cannot permit any deviation in the policy laid down by the government. A few others "try to beat the game, but we have one standard remedy for them and that is recourse to the courts of the land. What happens then is the responsibility of the judiciary."

"No amount of compulsion in a democratic country," Mr. Gordon pointed out, "can equal in effectiveness the co-operation of a people such as ours acting of their own volition with enlightenment and understanding."

"We Have Done Our Best" The Chairman assured me he was aware that an organization like the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, run by ordinary human beings, had made mistakes and has its shortcomings; and here he pointed a really big index finger at me. "We have done our best, all of us." He was sure that the anti-inflation policy of the government has, at heart, the best long run interests of the wage-earning class. To wreck that policy, or to make its administration impossible, is an act he considers one of self-destruction. Well, you readers out in the country can take it or leave it.

Mr. Gordon says Canada has made economic history by demonstrating that inflationary effects of war can be controlled. But he is determined as long as he has anything to do with

it, that to prove it can be done is not sufficient. The policy must be seen through. To do so, in his opinion, there can be no weakening on any one of five points, namely: the fiscal policy (money to you) calling for maximum taxation and borrowing; the price ceiling; salary and wage stabilization; control and rationing of supplies as found necessary; and the direction of manpower to essential uses.

Pharmers and Inflation And here I asked the question important to these articles. How about the belief among some that farmers constitute the one group who could benefit from inflation? Here is his answer: "Those who hold this belief seldom advocate inflation openly but we hear it argued that under inflation agricultural prices would rise faster than the prices of goods or supplies needed for farm consumption. No one can say positively whether this would happen or not, and I fervently hope we never have the opportunity of finding out. We do know, however, that the last time the experiment was tried, in 1914-1920, everyone suffered eventually and farmers, I guess, the most heavily of all."

The Chairman feels we are not paying a heavy price to avoid the disaster of inflation. It takes only a moment to meet a pack of fashions going off to a meet in the same district. It's a funny war."

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CHECKERS BEFORE COURT

LONDON, (CP) — A High Court action against a poultry-breeding firm was adjourned because the day fixed for the hearing clashed with the birth of 7,000 chickens which two witnesses had to supervise.

NOT OUT OF WOODS

STOCKHOLM, (C. P.) — Warning against "wishful thinking" and the belief that all danger of war for Sweden has passed, was given by Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson who said the nation must continue watchfulness and preparedness.

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