

TWAS A SHEEP

"Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray,
In the parable Jesus told;
Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the black-and-white in the fold,
And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold.
Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought,
And back to the flock, and back to the fold.
Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.
Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still to-day?
Because, there is danger—if they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know.
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they;
So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs to-day.
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay."

Twenty Years Ago

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Straw hats and barefoot boys are on deck again.
Mr. George Ritchie Jr., has purchased the Speight homestead on Church Street. This property has been in the Speight family for nearly seventy years.
Dr. and Mrs. Farmer reached home from St. Petersburg, Florida, on Tuesday after their 2,300 mile motor journey. They enjoyed the journey greatly.
A girls' baseball team was formed on Monday evening with Captain, Miss L. V. Mason, Manager, H. M. Kennedy, Sec.-Treas., Mrs. D. H. Lindsay.
The monthly session of the Ministerial Association of Georgetown, Acton and district met in Knox Church on Tuesday afternoon.
Premier Drury has definitely decided to run in Halton if the convention puts him in nomination. He is heralded as the U.F.O. candidate.

BORN

RUSSELL — At Oakville on Sunday, April 22nd, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Russell, a son.

DIED

MOORE — In Georgetown, on Wednesday, April 25th, 1923, James Moore, in his 81st year.
GORDON — At his home in Port Huron, Michigan, on Thursday, April 26th, 1923, William Gordon, formerly of Acton, in his 78th year.
NICKLIN — At the City Hospital, Saskatoon, Sask., on Thursday, April 26th, 1923, Marjory Mann, widow of the late Robert Nicklin, formerly of Acton, in her 73rd year.

Freddie's Adventure Had Climax in Cone

Little Freddie Ramsay had a grand time of it one morning running around the rotunda at the Canadian National Railways station. Freddie is three years old and he had a real picnic—until he met the stately cardboard life-sized picture of a member of the Canadian Womens Army Corps near one of the ticket windows.
Mrs. Ramsay was seated in the waiting room with another child and had decided that Freddie's tour of investigation was harmless, so for the time being the wee adventurer was on his own.
Spying the C.W.A.C. in uniform, standing at the salute, Freddie suddenly stopped and surveyed the situation. Finally he stepped forward and like a real gentleman said "Lo." No reply from the figure. Again Freddie spoke and again, no reply, as the cardboard lady looked straight ahead.
Gaining sufficient courage, Freddie finally took definite action. Apparently annoyed because there was no response to his courteous greetings, he stepped bravely up and gave the figure a push. The cardboard C.W.A.C. started to rock and eventually fell forward on its face with a slap, missing Freddie only by inches.
That was enough. Letting out a startled shriek that brought station police out on the run, Freddie streaked across the floor, breaking all existing sprint records for the distance. His yells brought Mrs. Ramsay to her feet and it took the combined efforts of the mother and kindly station police to settle the youngster down. The most effective gesture came from "Sammy" at the news stand, who produced an ice cream cone.

Moved The Farm Across England

Stock, Implements and Eight Houses Transported 270 Miles by Train

STOWEY, England, (CP) — Entire contents of historic estate of Tong Hall at Birkenhead, including eight houses on the estate as well as live-stock were moved lock, stock and barrel by train to this Somerset village, 270 miles away. The removal, after sale of the estate, was one of the railways' biggest farm removal jobs ever carried out in Britain.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2nd

CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER

Golden Text.—Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jno. 15:13.
Lesson Text.—Jno. 21:15-24.
Time.—May, A.D. 30.
Place.—Galilee.
Exposition.—I. Lovest thou me?

The disciples had gone into Galilee because Jesus had hidden them, go there—Matt. 28:16, 28:7; Mk. 16:7-10. There were seven of the apostolic company present at this appearance of Christ (v. 2). Thomas was one of the number. Peter was the leader. Peter suggested that they go a-fishing. Some have thought that this was a temporary desertion of his call on Peter's part. This is pure fancy. Secular occupations are not inconsistent with a true devotion to the work of prophet, apostle or minister (2 Ki. 6:17; Ac. 18:3; 20:34). It is well to be honestly busy while awaiting great events. God often grants His special revelations to those who are at the post of secular duty (Luke 2:8; Matt. 4:18-21). Jesus seemingly approved of this fishing excursion, at all events He took a hand in it (v. 6). Jesus disclosed Himself to the disciples as at their first call of four of them by a miraculous draft of fishes (Luke 5: 5-11).

Jesus did not come to their help until they had come to the end of themselves and their own resources, having toiled long, wearily and fruitlessly. As day broke, they saw Jesus standing on the beach. In this, we may see a picture of Jesus standing on the beach beyond the sea of life waiting for us to bring ashore the fish we have caught. Alas! that so few of us are as heavily freighted as were the disciples. Before Jesus came to the help of his disciples He drew out of them a confession of their own utter failure (vs. 3, 4). Everything about the story bears the marks of genuineness and truth. The actions ascribed to Peter and John are exceedingly natural and characteristic. The story, if fictitious, would never have mentioned that the disciples for some time were not clear that it was Jesus. When breakfast is over Jesus especially addresses Himself to Peter. He was the one who needed first to be searched and then encouraged and commissioned. He calls Peter by his weak natural name Simon; for He is about to recall his failure, in which he had not appeared at all as Peter (Man of Rock).

The first question brings up Peter's self-confident boasting and sad fall. "Lovest thou me more than these?" Peter had boasted that though all the rest were offended he would not be, that he would stand by his Lord even unto death (Matt. 26:33, 35). Peter had thought that his love overtopped that of all the rest of the disciples. Jesus asks him if he still thinks after his sad denial that he loves "more than these." Perhaps too, there is a reference to the instruments of his old business to which Peter had been so devoted, and Jesus would know if he would put Him before these. Jesus demands the supreme affection of His disciples (Matt. 10: 37). In making such a demand, Jesus clearly claims to be divine, for only one God has a right to demand supreme affection. With the memory of his fall before Peter did not hesitate to affirm his love. Peter did not say he loved Jesus more than the others did, he had learned humility. But he has no doubt and is willing to appeal to Jesus own knowledge of him, "Thou knowest that I love thee."

True love to Christ is shown by obedience (Jno. 14: 15, 21, 22). Jesus accepted Peter's profession of his love and on its basis commissioned him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus will set only the one who loves Him to feeding the lambs; and the way to show that we really do love Him is by feeding His lambs. The lambs are the young of the flock. A minister's first duty and a Christian's first duty is to feed them. The Word of God is the food to give them. What wondrous forgiveness and compassion on Jesus' part to set faithless Peter at this glorious work. He asks the same question a second time, leaving out the "more than these," and gets the same reply. He gives another commission, "Tend my sheep." To "tend" is more than feed, it is all the work of shepherding. Now Jesus alters His question and uses the same word for love that Peter had used, "Simon, son of John, do you have affection for me?" The thrice asked question is such a manifest though gentle reference to the threefold denial that Peter is grieved at the suggestion of a doubt by the Saviour of his love and he bursts out with all his soul, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus is satisfied, "Feed my sheep." In Peter's answer there is another ascription of

delity to Jesus, "Thou knowest all things." He does indeed.
II. Follow me, 18-24.

A prophecy of Peter's crucifixion follows. Peter will have again the opportunity of proving that he is ready to die for Christ and this time he will not fail. This might seem like painful information to Peter, but under the circumstances, it must have been highly gratifying. His death should "glorify God." Then comes the final and best commission of all, "Follow me." The following was to be literal, right to the cross (Matt. 16:24; 2 Tim. 3:12). Peter never forgot this conversation (1 Pet. 5:2-4; 2 Pet. 1: 14). But something of the old Simon still remained, he sees John following down the beach too and he wants to know, "What shall this man do?" Jesus tells him not to curiously inquire about others but to faithfully follow Christ.

London Stork Faces Hold-Up

LONDON, (CP)—The Lancet, commenting on the lack of mid-wives in London, says many expectant mothers in the capital are going from hospital to hospital seeking a bed. It is doubtful whether any London voluntary hospital will have vacancies before September and the London maternity hospitals are nearly all booked up for months ahead.

WAR 25 Years Ago

Storm in British Political Circles over Charges by Maj.-Gen. Sir F. B. Maurice, Director of Military Operations

BY H. H. GORDON
Canadian Press Staff Writer
Public anxiety over the great German spring offensive on the Western Front 25 years ago had hardly been allayed following the gallant resistance of the British army when a storm broke out in political circles regarding the accuracy of ministerial statements concerning Britain's military strength and the disposition of troops.

In a letter to The Times, a distinguished soldier, Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick B. Maurice, director of military operations, Imperial general staff, accused members of the government of making statements to parliament giving a "totally misleading impression" of the military situation.

The matter produced wide discussion and brought on a debate in parliament. Members of the cabinet involved offered to refer the case to two judges, but several Liberals refused to agree to such a tribunal. Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, acting as leader

of the opposition, moved to refer the allegations to a select committee of the House of Commons.

In the parliamentary debate Prime Minister David Lloyd George categorically and in detail maintained the truth of the ministerial statements and Mr. Asquith's motion was rejected by a 293-106 vote.

Put on Retired Pay

For his breach of discipline General Maurice was placed on retired pay by the Army Council and for the remainder of the war became a noted military contributor to several London newspapers.

In his letter Sir Frederick referred to a "series of mis-statements which have been made recently in the House of Commons by the present government."

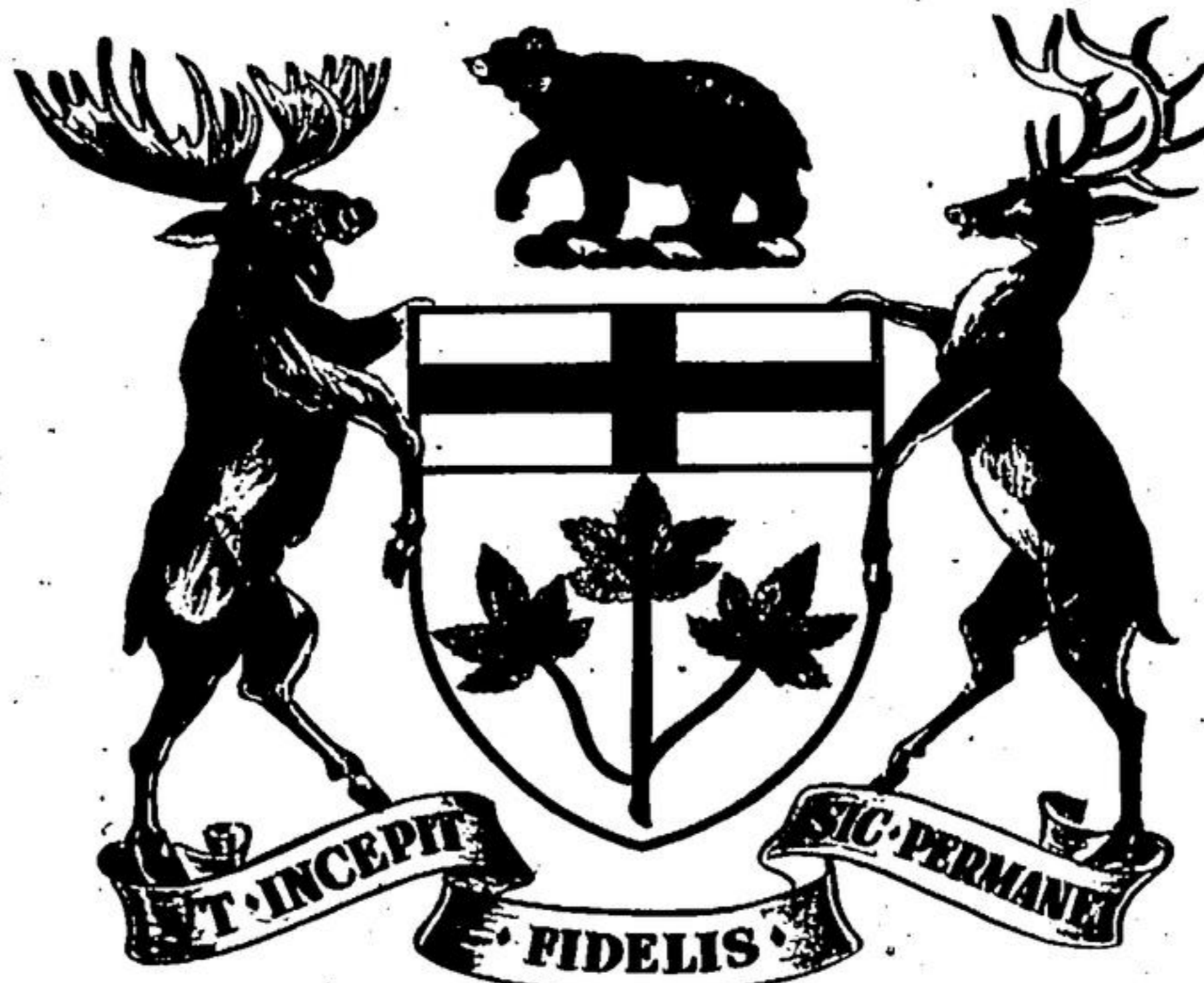
Among other things he quoted from a statement made by Mr. Lloyd George on April 9 in which the prime minister said that "notwithstanding the heavy casualties in 1917, the army in France was considerably stronger on January 1, 1918 than on January 1, 1917."

General Maurice declared: "That statement implies that Sir Douglas Haig's fighting strength on the eve of the great battle which began March 21 (1918) had not been diminished. That is not correct."

He also criticized statements made regarding the disposition of troops in Mesopotamia and Palestine.

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We, the people of Ontario, must fight it with our dollars. Your purchases of Victory Bonds will help to send Ontario over the top again in support of our fighting men. They will do their part when the time of attack comes. We must do ours to-day.

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