

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's farmers last week were given a glimpse of the federal government's agricultural program for next year when Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced he was about to negotiate a new bacon and ham agreement with the United Kingdom for delivery of \$60,000,000 pounds in the two years starting next January 1.

The current agreement, which expires in December, called for delivery of 675,000,000 pounds in one year. Mr. Gardiner explained the cut in deliveries was being made because of food shortages in Canada and an expected lower production of hogs in 1944.

Termination of the present meat board restrictions on slaughter of hogs for consumption in Canada was also announced by Mr. Gardiner, who said this was because more hogs were being offered at slaughterhouses than could be handled with available labor.

Under existing meat board regulations, a butcher can kill only 50 per cent of his total for domestic use. The price board might find it necessary to maintain some restriction to enforce meat rationing, but if so the order providing for it would considerably enlarge the quotas on slaughter of hogs for consumption in Canada.

Drought conditions affecting a wide area in western Saskatchewan and eastern Alberta, where a large increase in hog production had been expected this year, was given as an important factor in reducing prospective supplies of bacon.

May Expert Beef It is understood that should an increased consumption of hogs in Canada result in a release of beef for export, arrangements would be made to forward it to Britain.

With these the only details of next year's agricultural requirements made public so far, official guesses are that the egg and cheese quotas will remain the same.

In another field, federal and provincial authorities met in the capital last week to reach "substantial agreement" on the Dominion's proposals for compensating the provinces for possible loss of liquor revenues under the wartime policy reducing sales of liquor, wine and beer.

It is expected some minor changes will be made in the federal proposals. Then the new agreements will be sent to the provinces for signature. It is understood most provinces will make no claim from the federal treasury for compensation since sales at higher prices and lowered proof strength have brought their revenue to normal levels.

Meanwhile, political circles still are considering the declaration on political parties made at Quebec last week by Canada's Roman Catholic bishops.

Strongly condemning Communism, the Bishop's statement, made following a plenary meeting in Quebec, said Canadians of Roman Catholic faith "have all liberty to join any political party as long as that party maintains the fundamental principles of Christianity which is traditional in Canada."

The C.C.F. party, through its national leader, M. J. Coldwell, was quick to acknowledge what was termed the "recognition" of the party, but some unofficial Catholic quarters stated the Bishop's statement did not refer to the C.C.F. party, which was still being regarded as a "socialist" group to which the Church could give no support.

(F. W. Russell, editor of the Northwest Review, Western Roman Catholic weekly newspaper, said in an interview that the statement did not give approval to any socialist party. Mr. Russell stated that Roman Catholics have no direction as to how they should vote "and don't expect any. But we do know that we cannot vote for communists, and if the C.C.F. is strictly a socialist party we cannot vote for them.")

Post-War Nylon Will Be Smart

NEW YORK (CP)—Nylon, that wonder-baby of the textile world, has been growing up during the war—and just wait until you see him in all his post-war glory.

He was a lusty youngster when Uncle Sam interrupted his peace-time career to draft him for the services of his country, but when he comes back he's going to be a superman.

Not only will there be a pair of nylon stockings for every girl in that fabulous post-war world—there will also be nylon shoes, nylon curtains, nylon collars and cuffs that need no ironing, nylon sweaters and evening gowns, nylon swim suits and girdles—even nylon wigs.

Down at the Dupont laboratories, big things are cooking and they'll be done to a turn just about the time Hitler and Hirohito cry "Uncle!"

So don't grumble about meatless meatless stews and butterless bread—don't stint on the war bonds—no sooner this thing is over, the sooner Johnny Nylon will come marching home to you.

Of Interest to Women

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1943

BIBLE TEACHINGS ON ABSTINENCE

(International Temperance Sunday) Golden Text.—Beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink. Jud. 13: 4.

Lesson Text.—Lev. 10: 1, 2, 8-11; Prov. 31: 4, 5; Luke 1: 13-16.

Exposition.—I. Jehovah's Ban on All Use of Wine and Strong Drink. Lev. 10: 1, 2, 8-11.

The precise nature of the sin which brought upon the two elder sons of Aaron such swift and terrible punishment is not stated. They had just been installed in their divinely appointed office of priesthood. Specific instructions as to ritual of worship had been given by God (ch. 6; ch. 8), and Jehovah Himself had appeared to the whole congregation in His Shekinah glory. To depart in the least particular from the divinely constituted order of worship in this beginning hour of the nation's life under God was a sin of unparalleled presumption and self-will akin to that of Cain (Gen. 4: 3-7). To have allowed an act of such carelessness, irreverence and disobedience to go unrebuked would have been a disastrous precedent. The people must be taught at all costs that "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15: 22). From the setting of the story and the fact that there follows immediately thereafter God's injunction against the use of wine and strong drink on the part of the priests as they approached His altars, it seems reasonable to infer that Nathan and Abihu had been betrayed into their fault through intemperance. Perhaps "like so many to-day, they had braced themselves to meet the demands of the occasion by alcoholic stimulants and their minds were not quite clear. But that did not make their fault less culpable. "Alas, that men should put an enemy into their mouths, to steal away their reason!" Worship demands the clearest and highest perceptions of mind and spirit: God's ministers must be holy (Ps. 24: 3, 4). "Let Thy, Pervert Judgment." Prov. 31: 4, 5.

It was to the priests about to enter the tabernacle to approach God that the prohibition against the use of wine and strong drink was given. But all Christians are priests (1 Pet. 2: 5), and should approach God every day. That should settle the question of total abstinence for Christians. There is nothing that so blunts the moral sense and makes it difficult to distinguish between "holy and unholy, unclean and clean." In a word, between right and wrong, as does alcohol. A very little will do this. Hence it is particularly unadvised for rulers and leaders who need clear heads and steady minds in order to carry out their responsibilities rightly and justly. The very first thing that the poison of alcohol attacks is the higher brain (cerebrum), the throne of reason, the seat of all moral and spiritual values and perceptions. Under its influence the spiritual faculties weaken and disappear, and man sinks below the level of the brute beast. "For millions, drink has literally blotted out consciousness of the spiritual world." Religion and drink simply will not go together.

III. The Man of God Must Be a Total Abstainer, Luke 1: 13-16. Note carefully the angel's first words (v. 13). These are usually the first words of God's messengers (v. 30; 2: 10). True religion is a matter of joy and not of fear. Ponder deeply the angel's reason for not fearing, "Thy prayer is heard." It almost seemed as if Zacharias had given up his prayer ever being heard (v. 18; Ac. 12: 14, 15). The reason why God had not answered that prayer is found in v. 6 (1 Jno. 3: 22). "The son was to be named John, which means 'To whom Jehovah is gracious' or 'Whom Jehovah hath graciously given.' The reason why he should bring joy and gladness was because he was to be 'great,' not in the sight of man, but in the sight of the Lord. That is the only real greatness. He was also to be a total abstainer. This was contrary to the habits of the circles which he would have to live. Wine was a common drink and strong drink was indulged in by the well-to-do. But John was to have none of these. Wine is the symbol of mere natural joy (Ps. 104: 15). The joy of the Lord is not dependent on such stimulants but it is of a more blessed and enduring quality. The worst about alcoholic drinks is that they stir up the carnal in man and unfit him to serve and worship God. Whatever does that degrades human character and thus renders it impossible as a witness for the Lord.

We can see there was a close connection between his not drinking wine or strong drink and his being "filled with the Holy Ghost" (Eph. 5: 18). To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to have the whole personality, mind, feeling and will, taken possession of and governed by the Spirit

TWELFTH SEASON



Sir Ernest MacMillan will raise his baton for his twelfth consecutive season as conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. In this week's opening concert of the 1943-44 season. Part of the program will be broadcast over the CBC Alternative Network on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8 p.m., E.D.T., 10:00 p.m. A.D.T.

of God. It is the privilege of every believer to-day to be so filled (Eph. 5: 18; Ac. 2: 38, 39; 4: 31). John was to be so filled from his very birth: It is evident that the Holy Spirit can work in the heart of even an infant. As a result of his being filled with the Holy Spirit, he would have great converting power (v. 16; Ac. 2: 4, 41; 4: 31, 33; 9: 17, 22). The greatest honor John was to have was that he was to go before the face of the Lord (v. 17). It was before Jesus that John went (Jno. 3: 28), but in v. 16, 17 we are told that he was to go before the face of the Lord their God. It is evident then that Jesus Christ is the Lord our God (Mal. 3: 1; 4: 5, 6). He was to go before the Lord "in the spirit and power of Elijah." Study carefully in what respects John was like Elijah. Every true reformation is characterized by turning the hearts of the fathers to the children.

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 1, 1923

Wild geese are flying southward. The first snow storm of the season came yesterday morning. It was of short duration and the snow soon disappeared.

Mr. J. B. Wallace, of Meaford, has been transferred to the Bank of Montreal at Georgetown. Mr. Wallace was the first manager of the first chartered bank opened in Acton nearly twenty-five years ago.

Andrew Bonar Law, for seven months Prime Minister of Great Britain, died at his London home this morning. Bonar Law was born in New Brunswick and went to Glasgow in his early youth.

The new public school at S.S. No. 8, Nassagaweya, was formally opened with a community entertainment on Monday evening.

\$7,659 in fines has been collected in Police Court cases in Acton during past year. It includes violators in Halton, Peel and Wellington counties.

DIED McDonald — At Campbellville, on Wednesday, October 24th, 1943, Janet McDonald, beloved wife of Archie McDonald, in her 59th year.

Should Carve With Care

Advice to butchers: Be careful where you make your cuts when butchering a carcass.

One Woodstock family received quite a shock the other day. A beautiful roast was purchased from the butcher, but when the housewife was preparing it for the oven she was horrified to find the imprint "TB" on the side of the roast. An irate husband immediately took the meat back to the butcher and demanded to know by what right the merchant was selling tubercular beef. He was so angry he was even contemplating how much damages he might collect from a court of justice.

The answer, of course, was simple. All carcasses are now rubber-stamped with WPTB (War-time Prices and Trade Board) at various points on the carcass. This is done by the slaughterer whose individual number is also on the stamp. This particular butcher had, as it happened, made a clean cut through the middle of the insignia, with the result that one neat bore the letters "WB" and the next roib was branded "TB." Simple but disconcerting, just the same.

GRANT FOR HONDURAS LONDON (CP)—A free grant of \$170,000 has been made by Britain under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act for the development of agriculture and food production in British Honduras.

READING (CP)—Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions stated here that he was the official foster-father of more than 2,000 British war orphans. The parents of most of them had been killed in air raids.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Especially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

This has been one of those weeks—you know what I mean—one thing after another until you hardly know whether you are coming or going.

This state of affairs started last Tuesday morning. I was washing the breakfast dishes with no thought in mind that this week would be different from any other week when Partner came in and said, as if it were nothing at all—you know the way an Englishman has—"I think the boy is walking up the lane."

"The boy"—our soldier son—who, until that minute, we thought to be on the Alberta prairie.

But it was he all right—coming home with a whistle and a grin—I don't need to tell you any more about that day, do I? Your imagination will tell you the rest.

Next day the threshing machine was in the district and from then on it was one grand scramble until the end of the week. Sometimes one of my 'menfolk' went threshing and sometimes the other. If Partner went threshing then son Bob was out ploughing with the tractor. Friday noon the threshing machine moved in here and of course I had the men for supper.

I didn't have any help. One of my neighbors offered but I thought surely I could get one meal on the table without bothering anyone. And I did get along fairly well except that I dropped a pumpkin pie on the kitchen floor! Rusty had a wonderful supper that night.

Saturday morning Partner said he could hardly tell yet whether they would be here for dinner or not. I had a feeling that they wouldn't be. Anyway I thought there was no sense in sitting around waiting for them especially as there was plenty of stuff for dinner if they should come in. So I put in time by starting to wash. It was almost a case of had to as I had hardly a clean towel or tea-cloth in the house.

About ten o'clock Partner came in—at least I think it was Partner—I could not really be sure for the dust and dirt of him. At any rate it was Partner's voice that said—"What the dickens are you doing now?"

"Just washing! Are you, nearly through at the barn?" I asked.

"No, we are not. You will likely have the men to dinner—and we may be a bit early."

—Now—wasn't that something?—My first thought was to drop everything and start getting dinner. But I took myself in hand. "Look here," I said to me, "you've got plenty of everything for dinner so you might just as well finish your job. Another fifteen minutes and your washing will be ready for the line."

So I finished my washing—but did I fly around afterwards? From what Partner had said I thought the men might be in about 11:30. But it was 11:15 when the engine stopped! Oh boy! The men had to wait about five minutes. Then as if threshing wasn't enough, we had an order for chickens for Saturday so they had to be killed, picked and drawn and delivered. It was after eight o'clock before I got to town with them. After that I tried to do a little shopping—but you might as well try to shop on Sunday as Saturday night for there is nothing left to buy anywhere. Oh yes, and I should say that our son left for Quebec Friday night to see his girl friend and before he went it was "Mom, where's this" and "Mom, where's that." You know how it goes don't you, mothers?

But now it's all over. All the hurry and excitement of the last few days belong to the past. Now we are already to start another week—a little tired maybe but otherwise none the worse for wear.

P. S.—We also had a visitor over the week-end. Partner found a pair of shoes Saturday morning. That meant young John had come up from Burlington—gone to a dance first, then home and up to bed without so much as waking us.

GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE ON FEED GRAIN PURCHASES

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2. Feed wheat payment of 8¢ per bushel.
3. Freight assistance on feed grains from Fort William-Port Arthur to all points in Eastern Canada.
4. 3% dockage tolerance to allow more rapid shipping of grain.

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