



**A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa**  
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**Capital gossip:** Like President Roosevelt's dog "Fala", the Governor-General's pet beaver "Bronx" is an Ottawa prominent. Recently when the Earl of Athlone was touring the West, "Bronx" left home and was listed among the missing. "Black-out" last September to conserve power the Board of Control has asked the Department of Public Works to re-light all the white way lamps in Ottawa's business section, also along the Federal District driveway. Ottawa jewellers report business better than could be expected in a place where girls outnumber men five to one; because of the revival of the old custom of brides ringing the fingers of bridegrooms. Total registration at Public Schools in Ottawa for month of September was 8,712, which doesn't seem much in proportion to total population.

Most stocks of food held in Canada as of October 1st, 1943, were considerably lower as compared with the same date a year ago, with the exception of meat—both Canadian and imported. For instance: cold storage eggs on hand were less than half a million dozen as compared with 6.8 million dozen last year; cheese held by warehouses and dairy factories, 56,594,416 pounds, less by 16 millions; meats amounted to 67,408,837 pounds, over 20 million more than on the same date last year. But the figures were mostly up from the month preceding by considerable, as take poultry (dressed) with over four million pounds, as against 2.5 million the month before.

For some time now the authorities have been stressing the serious housing shortage in St. John's, Nfld., as a warning to troops who might be posted in the area to disperse relatives from lodging there unless they have secured a place to live in beforehand. The population has increased from 30,000 to 50,000, and at times new arrivals have had to be sheltered in the city jail. Who says that would be a nice welcome for Mom and the kids?

Canada has hit the lowest figure in maternal mortality rate to date, with 2.9 per 1000 live births, the Director of Maternal and Child Hygiene, Department of Pensions and National Health, told a convention in Toronto. A steady decrease has been shown since 1936 when the rate was 5.6 per 1000 live births. This is very encouraging, considering the stresses and strains of war.

Another instance of the war forcing us to overcome our own difficulties: In rotary oil drilling operations in Saskatchewan they have used as a drilling mud, "benzoin", now hard to obtain from the States. A University of Saskatchewan professor, W. G. Worcester, developed the use of a substitute clay found in large quantities around Evanston, nearby to the Blenheim lignite coal fields, and they're using about 50 tons a week in drilling operations now.

The autumn bazaar season is upon us all through the "byways and byways" of Canada. Church groups have been busy planning their bazaars, with one eye on conservation and the other on the returns. Aprons, colorful as ever, will likely be made from housedresses that have shrunk or split at the shoulders. Some enterprising women will make them from sheets and bind them with gay prints. With delicate shades of wool not so easy to get, the garments in the baby booth will be made from re-worked material and you'll never know it from the brand new, so expertly can it be ravelled and laundered. Of course, with preserves rationed, they will no longer appear among the delectable array of home-cooked goods. No preserves may be bought without surrendering a ration coupon.

(This our weekly women's item from Thelma Craig of the Consumers Branch, W. P. T. B., Ottawa.)

People oft-times get curious about Canada's takings at the cash register. Well, here are a few interesting facts: Our national revenue for six months from April 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, amounted to \$1,292,546,903, an increase of some \$223 million over the same period last year. Our pay-out was \$2,187,122,222, up \$170 million. How do we get this revenue? Well, custom import duties accounted for about \$51 million; excise duties another \$67 million and excess profits nearly \$795 million; post office department over \$26 million, etc. Our war expenditure in that period was \$1,624-

**CROSS** alone. Some dough—coming and going.

The fact that Italy declared war against Germany now will have little effect upon the situation in Canada respecting enemy allies. It is noted, however, that nearly half a dozen Italian nationals are interned in the Dominion at present. The Canadian government, Prime Minister King said, is in general agreement with the governments of the U. K., U. S. A., and U. S. S. R. in their announcement with respect to the declaration.

Agriculture Department notes: Mainly because honey in northern countries is gathered from clovers, it is more wholesome for wintering bees than honey from the south. Dandelion honey has proved fatal to bees. Honey from hard alfalfa or from pure alfalfa, and honey from white golden rod, granulates so hard in the combs that wintering bees are unable to use it. Weight of grain in a bin? Sure, it's first flint out the cubical contents (by multiplying the length by the depth by the breadth), and the weight of one bushel of the particular grain (32 quarts). As one cubic foot measures almost 25 quarts, the weight of one cubic foot will be 25/32nds of the weight of one bushel. Thus one bushel of oats weighs 34 pounds. One cubic foot of oats equals 25/32nds of 34 pounds, or 26 1/2 pounds.

The Ottawa Journal publishes some interesting figures in connection with wartime restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages, saying it is estimated unofficially that there are 750,000 permit holders in Ontario—only about 150,000 more than in British Columbia, although the population of Ontario is about 3,787,000 compared with B. C.'s 2,100,000. Manitoba, with a population of 730,000 has 155,000 permit holders. Ontario allowance of spirits is 40 ounces monthly, B. C.'s only 13 ounces.

The trend of economic conditions in Canada averaged higher in the first 8 months of 1943 than in the same period in the preceding year. The index of the physical volume of business based on five main components showed a gain of 17.6 per cent. Manufacturing increase was 23.5 per cent; mineral production 24 per cent; construction slipped with \$142 millions as against \$199 millions; wholesale and retail sales recorded gains of 7.3 and 5 per cent, respectively. Our external trade, reflecting heavy production and flow of war materials, showed a gain of 27 per cent. Due to a scarcity of additional manpower, the number of persons employed in productive enterprise showed only a moderate gain, the general index of employment a gain of 7.5 per cent.

Canned vegetables frozen in packers' and wholesalers' hands last July expired in showing on your shelves soon with the movement to retail outlets through the new system of "controlled distribution" recently announced by the Prices Board. It does not appear that formal rationing of canned vegetables is in prospect, judging by the statement issued. Withholding of the current pack to ensure supplies for winter seems to have worked out okay.

**Airmen Boosting National Parks**

OTTAWA, Canada—An unforeseen by-product of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan may be an unusual flood of visitors to the national parks of Canada after the war, according to park officials here. Enthusiasm for the parks expressed by airmen in Canada who have been fortunate enough to spend leave or reconditioning periods in them, and who are carrying their praises to all parts of the world, will have this result.

Tourist travel on an unprecedented scale is expected after the war. This will be due in part to the desire for travel which is being stimulated by present conditions. In part to the fact that Canada is attaining on the battlefronts of the world, and in part to the reports about our national parks which are being carried to the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and elsewhere by soldiers, sailors and airmen who have been fortunate to visit them. Meanwhile the parks are being used by Canadians to a surprising degree. Transportation restrictions have shut off most of the long distance travel, but residents both of town and country are making use of the parks within reasonable reach as places to maintain bodily health and mental morale. The vacation season just ended was remarkable for the number of Canadians in the parks, many of them in the uniform of the Armed Forces.

Expenditures on the parks during the war are limited to the minimum amount necessary to maintain these national properties, but great developments are foreseen with the return of peace.

**AT SATURATION POINT**

MELBOURNE (CP)—Prime Minister John Curtin states that the manpower position shows that the Australian war effort has reached saturation point. Additional commitments can be undertaken only at the expense of some other obligation.

**The Sunday School Lesson**  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

**THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE**

Golden Text.—Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer. 1 Jno. 3: 15.

Lesson Text.—Ex. 20: 13; Matt. 5: 21-26, 38-43.

Exposition.—I. Human Life Sacred Ex. 20: 13.

Under the Sixth Commandment lies the principle of the sacredness of human life and every man's right to live until he forfeits that right. Man's life is particularly sacred because he is made in the image of God (Gen. 1: 26). The commandment forbids the taking of human life legally when forfeited by crime (Gen. 9: 6). Many will object by indirect methods (Ex. 21: 28, 29). The most murderous weapon any man or woman possesses is the tongue (Ps. 57: 4; 64: 3, 4). Much that men call the glory of war is murder. According to Christ's interpretation of this commandment whoever has hate in his heart is a murderer (Matt. 5: 21, 22; 1 Jno. 3: 15). He has the root of murder in him.

II. Searchlight of Jesus, Matt. 5: 21-26.

The hate that leads to murder is essentially murder (1 Jno. 3: 15). The one who wishes another dead is essentially the same as the one who puts his wish into action and kills him. The difference is accidental, not essential. How many murderers there are in this world. By the old law, murder was forbidden (v. 21; Ex. 20: 13; Deut. 5: 17); by the higher law of the kingdom of God which is in-lieu of murder is forbidden. Terms of contempt whereby a brother's feelings are injured and his reputation endangered are forbidden. Nothing more clearly reveals the heart, whether it is full of love or full of selfishness, envy and hate, than the way in which we speak about others and to others (Matt. 12: 34, 35). Therefore, it is by our words we shall be condemned.

Jesus plainly teaches that there is a "hell of fire" (v. 22, II. V.). If there is no hell of fire, then the words of Jesus are absolute nonsense and the one who uttered them a fool (cf. also v. 29). The one who denies the reality and actuality of a literal hell makes Jesus out to have been a fool. The sternest and most appalling things about hell found in the Bible were those uttered by Jesus Himself (Matt. 25: 41, 46). Do we realize that when we speak contemptuously or lightly about hell we are reflecting upon the character and wisdom of Jesus Christ?

If we have wronged another in the smallest matter so that he "hath ought against" us, we should first be reconciled to him before we seek to bring an offering to God. To "have ought against" does not refer to a grudge or bitterness that another may have in his heart, but to his having a just claim against us. The secret of many an unanswered prayer is that some brother has a just claim against us which we have never settled. We should not wait for the one that we have wronged to come to us to be reconciled, we should go to him and do what is in our power to make the wrong right. Having done that, then we should come to God and offer our gift. One should not allow a just claim to remain unsettled a moment (v. 25, 26).

III. The Standard of the Kingdom Regarding Enemies, 38-45.

Love should go out to all—friend and enemies alike. The man who does everything in his power to injure us should be the object of our special love. When we are cursed, we should bless; when we are hated, we should do good; when persecuted and despitefully used, resort to prayer. The more there are who elect to persecute us, the more there are for whom we have the privilege of praying. In this way persecution becomes a means of grace, a stepping stone to the life of Jesus. Hating those who take these things literally. By loving our enemies, we shall ourselves be sons of God; and the heavenly Father returns blessings for cursing, kindness for hate. He makes His sun, with all its fruit-giving power to rise on the good and the evil. To love them that love us is no indication of grace. The standard of the kingdom demands a far superior showing. We must love, as God loves, those who show hatred. The last verse in this chapter is very wonderful, holding up the perfection of God as our standard. The immediate reference is to perfection in love—love to enemies as well as friends, had as well as good (Luke 6: 35, 36). But it is clearly implied that, in all things, God's character is our standard (Eph. 5: 1).

The words of the passage remind us of a certain great principle of conduct. It is not a matter of taking literally turning the cheek, giving your coat and cloak, walking two miles instead of one and giving to all and sundry. There are underlying principles our Lord would have us observe. They are patience with an aggressor, unselfishness when faced with another's need, endurance under persecution and generosity as the manifestation of the grace of God within us. There is to be manifest a superior virtue in a Christian. He is not to act like the unregenerate

**SCOUTS AGAIN IN SICILY**

Hardly had the occupation of Sicily been completed when Boy Scout Groups were being organized by former Scouts in the British forces. The first Rover Crew registered under the name "Lawrence of Arabia Crew."

**MAXIMUM PRICES FOR ONIONS FIXED**

Maximum prices at which onions may be sold by growers, shippers, wholesalers and retailers have been established by the Prices Board. The shipping-point prices fixed for Canadian grown onions are uniform for all parts of the Dominion, varied only by transportation costs from production areas, and percentage mark-ups are listed for sales by wholesalers and retailers. Specified price adjustments are permitted on sales between December 1 and June 30 to cover storage costs and to promote uniformity of supply throughout the year. Green onions with tops attached and having a diameter of one and three-eighths inches or less are not affected.

**TRAINMEN ARE SYMPATHETIC AS BOY TRAVELS TO CLINIC**

Eight year old Melvin Gilliland and his mother, Mrs. Norman Gilliland, travelled by Canadian National Railways train to Philadelphia, where the little chap will undergo a delicate operation at the Temple University Brochtophonia Clinic in an effort to remove a metal staple lodged in his left lung for more than a year. Children and grown-ups throughout British Columbia gave pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to make it possible for Melvin to make the journey following three unsuccessful attempts to remove the staple without surgery. Trainmen took a personal interest in the little fellow's welfare, having made arrangements for more than usual good care of the patient and his mother during the entire trip.

**PLAWING REPORTS IN MILITARY FORM**

LONDON (CP)—British Field Headquarters on Britain's food said after a plowing competition near Helgate, Surrey: "In plowing operations we made so many deep penetrations and our lines were everywhere straightened. Spearhead of attack was carried out by a veteran cavalry unit of the old army. In support was a crack combat team of the mechanized Women's Land Army using self-propelled equipment."

**"DAD SAYS HE'S WHITE-WASHED THE HENHOUSE AN' BOUGHT ME A VICTORY BOND! GOSH THAT GIVES A GUY A SENSE OF SECURITY!"**

**We Furnished Tools  
 We Backed the Attack  
 We MUST Speed the Victory**

**Are Our Boys Tired?  
 They Can't Be  
 Neither Can We**

**Just a Few Days Left to Buy VICTORY Loan Bonds**