

### Method of Fireproofing Your Christmas Trees

Suggestions for making Christmas trees fire-proof in order to eliminate the fire hazard during the holiday season, were advanced today by Fire Chief.

"As Christmas trees catch fire easily and burn with intense heat, it is advisable that all trees used at large gatherings, such as school or church Christmas affairs should be fire-proof," the chief said. "An easy method of doing this is to weigh the tree and divide the weight in pounds by 4. This will give the weight of the chemical, namely ammonium sulphate, required for the operation. Place the ammonium sulphate in a narrow-mouthed container such as a glass jar, etc., and dissolve in water, using 1 1/2 pints of water for each pound of ammonium sulphate. Just before treating the tree saw off the stem about an inch from the end, preferably at an oblique angle or in V shape in order that the chemical solution may have free access to the fresh wood at the cut end. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, preferably 60 to 65 degrees Fah. away from direct sunlight and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed. Calcium chloride may be used for this purpose in the same proportion and using the same method as with ammonium sulphate. This treatment will render the Christmas tree fire-resistant, and may avert a major tragedy."

### EXECUTIVE DEFINED

An executive has practically nothing to do. That is, he has no direct responsibility except: To decide what is to be done, to tell somebody to do it, to listen to reasons why it shouldn't be done, why it should be done by somebody else, or why it should be done in a different way, to prepare arguments in rebuttal that shall be convincing and conclusive, to follow up to see if the thing has been done, to discover that it has not been done, to enquire why it has not been done, to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it, and did not do it, to follow up a second time to see if the thing has been done, to point out how it should have been done, to conclude that as long as it hasn't been done, it may as well be left as it is, to wonder if it is not time to get rid of a person who cannot do a thing, correctly, to reflect that the person at fault has a wife and seven children, and that certainly no other executive in the world would put up with him for another moment, and that, in all probability, any successor would be just as bad, and probably worse.

### LOOSE VALUABLES INVITE TROUBLE

People can save money and avoid unnecessary risk by remembering two facts, states William Clayton, local Bank of Montreal manager.

One is the postwar increase in crime. The other is that B of M safety deposit boxes give maximum protection for only a cent or two a day. Ask about this service. Your valuables need protection, too.

### What is a Fair Market Value?

"A fair market value is the price which a seller who wishes to sell but does not have to sell can obtain from a buyer who wishes to buy but does not have to buy," writes a Canadian leader who became interested in the discussion of "fair prices for all" in The Scene.

He observes that "the time and circumstances under which the sale is or must be made have much to do in determining the price, and often we think that the market price is fixed where one has to sell and another is compelled to buy. This is the nature of a forced sale and not a true criterion."

In the marketing of whole milk a farmer is selling a highly perishable product which must be sold within a few hours of production continues The Scene. Unless the farmer, or someone else, can turn the day's milk into a storable product such as butter, cheese or dried milk, he is forced to sell to the highest bidder.

Under the Milk Control Act, as it worked heretofore in Ontario, the control of sale and distribution of milk failed to provide a fair return to producers. Justice Wells in his report recommended that farmers should co-operate to process their surplus whole milk thus placing themselves in a position to secure "a fair market value."

### PITHEAD SURGERIES FOR COAL MINERS

Surgeons in charge of a State registered nurse working under the supervision of a doctor, are being provided in baths at all the pitheads in Britain. The first of these new colliery medical treatment centres has just been opened by the Minister of Fuel and Power, in Durham. The scheme is part of the comprehensive social services for miners which are being provided through the agency of the Miners' Welfare Commission.

### The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### GOD'S ETERNAL RULE

Golden Text - Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Ps. 145: 13.

Lesson Text - Rev. 21: 1-7, 22-27. Exposition. I. "Behold, I make all things new," 1-7.

In this lesson we look forward to the final and eternal state of things. There is to be a new heaven as well as a new earth (2 Pet. 3: 10, 11, 13). Heaven as well as earth has been invaded and polluted by sin, by rebellion against God, and heaven as well as earth is to be made new. The sea with its separations and its tragedies will be no more. The new Jerusalem, the true Jerusalem, of which the old Jerusalem of Solomon's day is but a type and faint foreshadowing, is of heavenly and divine origin; it comes down out of heaven, from God. The most glorious of earth's marble and golden cities are poor indeed compared with it. It is in all the splendor of bridal dress. The great voice John hears is not merely "out of heaven" but "out of the throne" (R. V.).

There are seven specifications in this glorious announcement: (1) "The tabernacle of God is with men and he shall dwell with them" (rather "He shall tabernacle with them"). God will pitch his tent right among men. This He has done once for a time already (Jno. 1: 14, R. V.). He will then do it permanently. This dwelling of God among us lies at the foundation of all the blessedness and glories that are to follow. (2) "They shall be His people." Israel has been His people in a partial and anticipatory way. All nations are to be His people in the future, some belonging to Him (devoted to Him, protected and blessed by Him). (3) "God Himself shall be with them"; not only His tabernacle but Himself. (4) "Be their God." He will be acknowledged in all His infinite claims and will be to them all that there is in God, infinite love, power, wisdom, holiness and glory. (5) "He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." There will not be one single grief or disappointment or unfulfilled longing, not a single tear. And it's God Himself who is to wipe them away and so they will stay wiped away. (6) "Death shall be no more." If all death were taken out of this world what a joyful world it would be. What sweet music there is in those words, "Death shall be no more." (7) "Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more." Every sorrow, every agony, every ache, all remorse and gloom gone forever. In that day will be the last things which are glorious. It is He who sits

upon the throne, God, who makes all things new. These words are wonderful, they seem almost incredible, but they are "faithful and true." They are not man's speculations, but God's declarations about the future. In the mind of God already they are come to pass, and soon they will have come to pass in our experience. The fountain of the water of life is for the one who thirsts (cf. Jno. 7: 37-39; Rev. 22: 17; Isa. 44: 3).

#### II. The Coming City of Light and Glory, 22-27.

The verses omitted have a wonderful description of the foundations, walls and gates of the city. There will be no temple in that city. A temple will not be needed. Instead of the temple will be that for which the temple stands, the presence of God Himself. But the Lamb is coupled with the Lord God Almighty as the temple of it. "Nothing" could more forcibly present the Deity of the atoning Jesus. One of the great problems of the city is the problem of illumination. This is wonderfully solved for the coming city. It will need neither sun by day nor moon by night. It will need neither gas nor electricity. The glory of God will lighten it and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. "God is light, in Him is no darkness at all" (1 Jno. 1: 5); the light of sun and moon and stars, all light is derived from Him. Jesus, the Lamb, is "the light of the world" (Jno. 8: 12). The light that shone from His person on the Damascus Road was above the brightness of the noontime sun. No other light than that which shines from the Father and the Son will be needed.

All the nations (see R.V.) shall walk amidst the glorious light of that city. The kings shall bring their glory into it. Everything that is truly royal will be brought into that city. The city stands wide open all the time. There will be no need of excluding gates, only that which ought to enter will have entry. There shall be no night there. In God, the Father or lights, there is "no variation, neither shadow, that is cast by turning" (Jas. 1: 18); and Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day and forever, so there can never be any darkness in the city of which they are the light. The glory and honor of nations shall be brought into the city. But there shall be excluded from it everything common (v. 27; R. V. Marg.) and everyone that maketh an abomination and a lie. There will

be no sin, no villainy, no meanness, no falseness, no sham there. The only ones who shall enter are those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Well may each one of us ask "Is my name written there?"

### BRITAIN'S RAILWAYS TO BE UNIFIED SYSTEM

Big changes are taking place on Britain's railways. When the Transport Commission takes over the entire network on January 1st it will be welded into one complete unit organized in six regions. They will then become State railways and be known as "British Railways." This title will replace those of the four mainline companies now working separately.

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of OLIVE A. SNYDER

All persons having claim against the Estate of Olive A. Snyder, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the Seventeenth day of November, 1947, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned solicitor for the Executrices of the Estate, on or before the Twenty-seventh day of December, 1947, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at Acton, Ontario, this Fifth day of December, A. D. 1947.

C. F. Leatherland, Acton, Ont.  
Solicitor for the Executrices.

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of MARGARET JANE MACDONALD

All persons having claims against the Estate of Margaret Jane Macdonald, late of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the Twenty-seventh day of October, 1947, are requested to file proof of same with the undersigned solicitor for the Executrix on or before the Twenty-seventh day of December, 1947, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at Acton, this fifth day of December, 1947.

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### PROCLAMATION

## re Boxing Day

### December 26, 1947

Upon motion passed by Council on Tuesday, December 2nd I have been authorized to proclaim Friday, December 26th, 1947 as a Public Holiday and request that the Citizens of Acton observe it as such.

F. J. McCUTCHEON, Reeve

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