By Willrid Eggleston

they represent as well as the repre

beneibte practices of certain individu

In order to keep a fair and open

mind on the subject, it may be wel

to diventangle some of the sallen

facts and set them down below one

I The growth of chain-stores in the

must decade has been extremely reguld

This growth has been accomplished

in a field where there was the keen-

od competition and in which the in-

dividual retailer sea sell establiblied

The inference is that the chain-store

brought something which the con-

simer desired. Otherstie they must

2. The chain-store has succeeded

many instances in reducing the price

sured between the sum paid the pro-

ducer tfarmer, fisherman, manufac-

consumer. One grocery chain, has

been able by modern merchandising

methods to will goods with a mark

up' of only eight or nine per cent:

grocery used to be 25 to 10 per cent In other words, it can buy a commodity for \$1.00 and let the consumer

have it for \$100, and still make

profit on the transaction. Under the

old system that article would have had to be sold for \$1.25 or \$1.30. The

consumer gets the same article, and

3 Some chain stores have exploited

their ability to reduce the price spread

for themselves and by taking too

much out of their employees. Able to

undertall their rivals the individual

retailers, they have gouged out too

much in the form of executives wiar-

les and in profits. One chain sent

over eleven million dollars to its par-

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If the bark did not grow on the tree the tree would not grow. In the first place, the bark does one or two things which are useful but not very important. The outside of it is usually pretty tough, and has become more or less dead (like the outside of our skin), so that things do not hurt it, and it protects the living part of the tree inside. The inside of the bark is the most living part of the tree, we may say; it actually makes the tree. All the growth of the tree, in thickness is due to the making of the wood, and it is the soft living part of the inside of the bark that has made all the hardest wood of the biggest and hardest tree trunk. Also, there are channels in the tree runs, in much the same way as the blood runs in our own blood as the blood runs in our own blood

Labor Saving On returning Mrs. Murphy could not find her husband in the washwered faintly from upstairs.

"What are you doing up there,

Pat?" she saked.

"Painting the mangle."

"Why did you take the mangle up

there?"

MORE LOVELY GROWS THE

More tenderness is in LINUTA. More bronze upon the blackbird's burnished was: And richer to the Autumn cloth-of-And deeper meaning, too, the

Entreating to with brauty to behold

Withfeld from careless or indifferent broads in simple things world around. More conscious of the Lave that clor-The (common ways and makes them tudy ground.

ESQUESING COUNCIL

mouthly inecture on Monday after- \$1500; Laqueling Agricultural Richety noon. Deputy Reeve. L. L. Mullin. \$1500; Lagracing with thourd \$7500.— Councillors O. W. Murray, N. A. Carried tolan on and W. A. Wilmin were presthe meeting. The minutes of last Board of Health accounts: Dr J. Development Board, and Oco. C.

and gave a truf outline of the workmus of The Parmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, also J. A. Elliott re-Intentative of A & William Ou 1357, 23-11, \$1 63, total \$4 03; Munici- to -Carried. pality of Ocorgetown to one half Divietion Court costs, 6 days \$1460. to one half cost rent of hall. 6 meetings at \$500, \$1500, total \$3000; W. M. M. M. Wilson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to grant permission to the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow money to meet the current to borrow money to meet the current expenditure of the Township and that gistery Office, re Community Builders' claim \$1.00; George Curris, selecting turors \$300; N. R. Thompson. 416cting jurore \$300: Win Biracken, Lelecting jurors \$5.00: I. M. Bennett.

selecting jurors \$500; County of Halton, interest on overdue county rate 110037; Harry Robert on, slamps Moved by W. A. Wilson, seconded by N. A. Hobinson, that the Treasurer pay relief socounts: James H. Wilson. I cord hardwood

supplied to M. McLaughlin in Aug. Berafine in Bent. 81 68. Percy Wagstaffe, milk supplied Arthur Norton \$193. to Wm. Allen

Allen 1919; to Arthur Norton 1475; total \$15.04. Wm. Douglas, goods supplied to Jas. Mereweather \$13.71. D. T. Galloway, meat supplied to M. McLaughin \$450, to Jas. Mereweather \$3 00; total \$7.50.

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by O. W. Maray, that the Treasure. pay N. R. Thompson, uttending Jidie: Coirt of Havi an 1500; Wm thanken, attendin, J. die's Court el Haviston 1560; I. M. Bennett, att. ndreins Vures Late 130 to. Jengto. & Hardy to auditing Collector a 15.41 2:00, a handord to 2 rubber stairs This, becompt backs U.S. total 1140. R. Blartel, to balatice of wers inpertion \$1700, Mrs. Jenkin en, cleanin council Clambe, tow- Carad. by N. A Robinson, that the Trea unmy the road shads as preunted by

Moved by L L Mullin, accorded by W. A Wilson, that the Collector i

ent Heeve George presided at W. A. Wilson, that the Treasurer pay the meeting. The minutes of that the meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read from the Canadian Legion Georgetown; J. A. Dewhurst to Terento General Hospitalin, Ereretary Unemployment Helief Branch; J. A. P. Marshall, Deputy Hoved by L. L. Mullin, seconded by by L. L. Mull Minister; W. L. Dick; Agricultural N. A. Robinson, that leave be grunten to introduce a by-law to re-cind bylas No 600 and that said by-law br now read a first time -Carried

by W. A Wilson, that by-law to reseind by-law No 500 having been read Moved by N. A. Robinson, seconded a first time, he now read a second by L. L. Multin, that the Treasurer the Corporate and passed and that pay Bell Triephone accounts \$41-31. Moved by O. W. Murray, seconded

> Moved by N. A. Robinson, seconded by L. L. Multo, that by-liw to grant permission to the Reeve and Treasurer to borrow money to meet the able Potentate done got best up current expenditure of the township, by his wife." having been read a first time, be now read a second and third times and passed, and the blanks filled in with the sum of Ten Thousand Dollar. and that the Corporate seal be at played; "Rule of Work." tached thereto -Carried. Moved by O. W. Murray, acconded ment.

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Hoved by O W. Murray, seconded

expenditure of the Township and that said by-law be now read a first time. -Carried

by N. A. Robinson, that this Council, do now adjourn to meet on Haturday, willing it now." December 15th, at 10 am, or at the

name, Mandy?" im from the Bible." that before."

call of the Reeve .- Carried

read Hallud be Thy name?

ANTLES of purest screed the finger numerals of a snowshooling and tobogranics. Covered rinks for horkey, skating, over glin and vale, the mooth sparking its whose years are well extended surface of rivers and toward the allotted span of life, all likes and the popular join in the merriment of typical feats, including honepiels, tobogran tunking of sleigh-lie Canadian winter sports.

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o pos pone it."

to mind one that the Thuring the winter wason every ing competitions, ski-jumping conthe. Children whose years scarcely where are natural sites for aking, attractions.

and enjoyable winter sports is again accessible by railroad as in the at hind titler forms of recreational summer and autumn months. Many enjoyment of a Canadian winter activities are, for the time being, inites of provincial highways are variation. quite forgutten. The tologgan, ski, kept free of snow enabling the The National Parks of Canada, skate and sled are taken from their motorist to reach cities, towns and Department of the Interior, Ottawa, summer store-house and properly villages of international repute as will gladly supply information pasconditioned for the season's feetivi- winter sport centra. Nearly every- taining to Canada's winter sport

The Christian Steward lodge meeting last night stufus? International Uniform Bunday School Rufus: "No, auh. We done have Ilus: How was that?" GOLDEN TEXT: "Well done, good Rufus: "De Orand All-Powerful

and faithful servant: thou Invincible Most Bunrems Unconquerhast thing that goes wrong, though it is ken even. They could have paid 60°C not always builty. A man who higher wages, and still showed a klatthew 35: 21.

Was said that for many years he had turnover. been faithful over a few things. I Two trumps were passing a church 14-30 in front of which a notice was dis-

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nally realize. God has reposed great drive a nail with a sponge. trust in us. L'fe is a trust received from God. All our powers and abilities have been derived from him-We hold them at his will and not at His bestowing. Property registered who are slack in their work discover that the doors of opportunities close possessions loared for our period of the financial world. The man who the only. The measure of responsi-can save one thousand dollars, can tility is not the same in every case, make the next thousand dollars more

The test of trustworthiness is not ability so much as reliability. Oleverness can never take the place of integrity. We only waste our restrict upon his earlier discoverness. So in our moral struggles, each victory will help you some other to win. To him that hath shall be integrity. We only waste our restriction upon his earlier discoverness.

integrity. We only waste our time by being featous of those more gifted than ourselves; the thing to do to to show greater fidelity than the clever. In this parable of the talents, the different servants were not rated by their varying ability, but by their do- 3. talents was proportionately as faithful as the mun who had five talents, and he received proportionate re-It is a great encouragement to those who are attending school to regard their opportunity of receiving an education as an investment they are making for the service of God.

Rewards, 19-33

All men may be born free, but they are not born equal. There is a great spread in ability. Just why there should be such a difference between five talent and two talent men we do not know, but the everyday facts of life bear witness to this proportion. One Statesman can catch the popular fancy, whereas another man cannot even get elected in his own constitutions. One writer can produce column each day that every newspaper will be ready to syndicate, while others have their articles returned invariably. In religion there have been five talent men such as Paul, Augustine, Luther, Knox, Wesley, while the majority of Ohristians are forgotten shortly after death. Yet in large degree the world's work is being carried on by average people. The gentures receive the high reward, but average people have the satisfaction of being useful. In fact a two talent man receives higher praise for boing faithful with only moderate ability, and lecking the carried on the lacking of the carriety of the crop and the farmer is said to have obtained about \$2,000 for the alfalfa seed from this one deld. As the Pree Preus agys, it said to have obtained about \$2,000 for the alfalfa seed from this one deld. As the Preus agys, it was the first known whether he is still lying awake at night worr worrying over it. Sunday night's wind was atrong but those living in ability awak at a car coming north into Pergus, when the top go it clean off the car, isouring only the wooden rits.

Plantly of the cap recount of the preus agys, it sail to have obtained shout \$2,000 for the alfalfa seed from this one deld. As the Pree Preus agys, it sail to have obtained shout \$2,000 for the alfalfa seed from the lack the Preus agys, it sail to have obtained shout \$2,000 for the alfalfa seed from the led. As the Pree Preus agys, it sail the lack the pre

praise for being faithful with only moderate ability, and lacking the goes to genius.

to be fertile in producing excuses, rels of samples in my cellar."-Dodge We blame our heredity for our fail-ure, or we find fault with our en-vironment for our tack of progress. We blame the firm for which we work, or the friends with whom we

wives. The man with the one talent was discouraged because he did not ent company in five years, including receive five or two talents, but he the worst years of the depression. could have invested his money as One chain store made as much in did the other two more highly fave profits as the total sum paid their ored servants. At present the de-sales staff, They could have doubted pression is being blamed for every- the wages of their help, and still bro-

LESSON PASSAGE: Matthew 25: been finding fault with the church; 4. While the chain store thrives on then he discovered that all that was small margins and quick turnover, the the matter with the church was the idea that they make only small proindividual, and he was that individ- his on all articles has been thoroughual. The real trouble with the man ly exploded. On many articles their of one talent was that he did not try, willing price is over double their buythe excuse was not genuine, it was ing price.
only a subterfuge. If he had devoted b. At a time when all Canada has half the energy to work that he did been suffering severely from the de-

to inventing filmsy excuses, he might pression, with privation and even have succeeded. It is especially starvation evident here and there toolish to offer our lame alibis for some of the chains have made internal fullurus. True we have evil creasingly large profits. impulses in our nature, but we may 6. The wages paid employees, par-We all like to be trusted. We can- overcome evil with good. The fact ticularly sales girls, have frequently not do our best work if we are dis- that so many people triumph over been so low as to break the minimum trusted, but we respond readily to temptations shows us that we too wage laws. In two or three cases the complete trust. The fact is that we may triumph if we will stop whining wages are appallingly low for depres-

7. In this connection it should not Alternatives, 19, 10 be forgotten that while \$10.50 a week To a very large extent we make our for a salregiri (average for two or three stores) is a very low wage, the own world. There to a law of inwe hold them at his will and not at our own descretion. It is a healthy op their abilities find that their pow- only yielded about \$16 a week to the crack the crack of the crack that we have enjoyed have not been of our own making but of list bestowing. Property registered to the list bestowing the crack of diminishing returns. Those the storyed that the average farm only yielded about \$16 a week to the farmer and his family, and that adult portunity of service. There is also a list of the control of the contro price of farm products in 1912 and

come have five talents, others two casily; whereas the curse of the poor come have five talents, others two casily; whereas the curse of the poor is their poverty. The principle works in a similar way in the moral realm. The man who conquers physical temptations, develops power to with the curse of the poor is their poverty. The principle works in a similar way in the moral realm. The man who conquers physical temptations, develops power to with stand more subtle spiritual temptations. He meets life at his best ratheautions. He meets life at his best ratheautions. prove worthy of trust are usually later inventions of Thomas Edison depended upon his earlier discover-

> Quattiens for Discussion If people were absolutely hones would there be any need of aud

Have we any cause to be of genius?
Will people work hard without the profit motive? Do our excuses decieve any person other than ourselves? If money makes money, does goodness make goodness?

NEWS CURIOSITIES

making for the service of God.
Blacking in studies will be seen to be sloth, if school work is done in the spirit of stewardship before God. If our apititudes are not developed in youth, we lose them. Pish in underground caves lose power of sight because they do not use their eyes. Those who neglect worship for many years lose the capacity to participate in worship. Those who bury their takent in the carth find that when they wish to use it. It is not there. The only way to preserve it is to use it. Added responsibilities come to those who prove themselves trust-worthy.

Bewards, 19-23

Bewards, 19-23

Bewards to be deep to be several very unusal events have been reported in the news of this past week from around thi district, says the Fergus News-Record, and are worth making a note about.

For instance, there is a report of a man down Acton way who hurt his knee about haying time. The farmer worried about it quite a bite, for he had alfalfs that he wanted to out.

The affalfs remained uncut, in apits of his efforts, and it went to seed. He can be fort and threshed it then. Alfalfs in price this year, on account of the scarcity of the crop and the farmer is said to have obtained about \$2,000

moderate ability, and lacking the your circulation by running a contest inspiration of the larger reward that for the largest potato in the country?" Alibia, 24-29

It is a weakness in human nature plied the editor, "but I have two bar-

Men who go to conventions leave which we live. Rarely do we look for tending at least one session. THE EXACLE OF NATIONS

"The Ottawa Spotlight" A year ago the outlook for the League of Nations was discouraging. Ottawa, November 30-Tim chair Japan had walked out, the league not store has been "on the snot" the last teing able to impose its will in the seek or ten days. Home ugly-locking dispute with China. Gennany had farts have come out. Until the other also withdrawn and so stilled the aids of the story has received equa Disarmament Conference from which prominence, there is a danger so much was hoped, just at the rushing to hasty and unwarrunted moment when the plans that conclusions. Even the author of the been preparing for two years were ready to be considered. The League skevens, seems inclined at time. was discredited to the disappointcondemn departmental and chair ment of it friends and the satisfact. stores to make without discrimin ion of its enemies ation, to ecodemn the system which

Twenty years ago the war that was to end wars was brown. To-day we find Loyd George describing the world as a jungle and the Nations prouling through, enerting and baring their treth at one another. We hope it is not so bad as that, but at any rate fears and suspicions are making them all "Jump." years ago the League of Nations was formed to be a meeting ground for the nations to exercise all moral farres to prevent wars, and to toittate and further every means of promoting understanding among the proples. Vet to-day fear and insecurry have urged demands for grater and coulder thrane of defeatce and aggression than ever before. Even liritain has had to realise that duarmament by example to a policy of folly. But for all that the League has held and steaded their. Two terrible criss. of a like character has ort Europe affame in 1884, have passed their first white heat without the terrible result. Our Bouth American war has been halted by a seneral agreement to refuse the munitions of

The eyes of the world have been opened with a shock by the revelatkins of the great part that the selfull interests of the manufactures of arms have had in the nursing of warwares and war conditions. The United States has joined the International Labor Organization which to part of the machinery of the League, Rusta has been admitted to the by hogging too much of the saving

More than ever before doss the League of Nations deserve and need the respect and support of all thinking people, for it has the only scheme yet devised of world co-operation, so that the world's work may so on in peace and security.

Woman-'llut didn't I give you a cake last week? Tramp-"Von ma'am. Vour cake gave me no trouble at all. I used to be a sword swallower."

flatermen, it has been disclosed in the Blevens inquiry, have been working for as little as \$150 to \$300 per season. the latter sum being less than 48 s

8. It has yet to be proved that the extortion and wage-slavery complained of in the case of chain stores has not been equally prevalent among small retailers, although in the latter case there is more opportunity for the display of humane feelings by the employer toward his aten.

9. Home chain stores have adopted the victous practice of paying a manager on the basts of per centage of profit made by his store, thus inviting him to slash wages to the minimum 10. Without chain and departmental stores the consumer would in many parts of the country have to pay conalderably more for certain articles. and during the depression few budgets have been capable of being atreteted so as to pay higher prices. These are some of the outstanding facts. In all fairness to all parties they deserve to be considered to-



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