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PRIZE CANADIAN POTATOES

Arriving out of a trial shipment of Canadian certified seed potatoes from Nova Scotia to South Africa, the following is an excerpt of the report received from the consignee: "Particular praise must be given to the packing which was perfect, the cases having arrived in wonderful condition, and the grading was better than any received from other countries. On opening up the cases, not one rotten potato was found."

Indignant
The mistress of the house heard the bell ring and saw standing at the open front door a Chinese peddler. She called out to the maid, "You go, Ella."
"This was too much for the Chinese, who stuck his head into the hall and shouted indignantly: "You go 'ella yourself!"

PAUL WRITES PERSONAL LETTERS

(International Sunday School Lesson), June 18, 1938.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15.

LESSON PASSAGE: 2 Timothy 1:1-6; Philemon 1-7, 21, 22.

Of all the gifts that bring us joy and happiness from hour to hour, the greatest ones of all we know, our homes above all others lower. Secure in love that sees the best, and sacrifices for our care. We raise our grateful hearts in praise, for parents, friends, the homes we share.

Writing Letters, 1, 2.

Paul wrote eager, spontaneous letters, not from the heart, quite unconscious that he was writing books for the Bible. The phrase "New Testament" did not mean a book in his thinking. It was because Paul put himself into his letters that they have lived. His soul was afire for Christ and his letters pulsate with spiritual purpose and power. Many people regard letter-writing as a bore or a burden and not as a privilege and responsibility. One aged minister who in recent years had realized the ministry of correspondence, writes to people all over the world. His written words have been in some ways more effective than his spoken words. A letter may be a substitute for a visit and, if kept, it endures in permanent form. We can imagine the gladness of Paul writing to Timothy and the joy of Timothy when he received a letter from Paul. We withhold great pleasure from our friends when we leave their letters unanswered.

Challenge, 3-6.

Paul took his letter-writing quite seriously. He knew that Timothy was young and weak, and he deliberately tried to give him strength. He recalled the boyhood home of Timothy, the faith of his mother and grandmother. He told Timothy of the constant prayers made for him. After establishing this bond of sentiment, he challenged Timothy to stir up the gift of God that was in him and to be a missionary worthy of his ordination. We like to receive gossip letters full of family or community news, but in addition to being chatty, a letter can present a high challenge. Many students at college are assisted by letters from their parents. Student missionaries are safe-guarded by letters from their superintendents. The post-office is, in reality, much more than a mechanical organization. Through letters it may be a defender of the faith, a reformer of public morals, a champion of social justice. How we should like to know the moral power and spiritual efficiency of the cargo of correspondence carried by the postmen on any one day!

Versatility, 1-3.

Paul could write a theological treatise and he could also write a personal letter with the lightest touch. We get to know great political leaders like Sir John A. MacDonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier through their letters better than through their political speeches. The letters of Bobby Burns are rewarding reading, second only to his poems. Biographies are frequently entitled "Life and Letters," but in public interest the letters often have priority over the life. Paul was one of the thinkers of the past, yet he could remember names of a family in a distant city and visualize the little group of people meeting in the house. It is a Christian grace to be able to carry on serious conversation and also on occasion, have small talk. We should cultivate the art of writing purposeful letters, but not to the exclusion of felicitous friendliness.

Writing Religion, 4-7.

No one could receive a letter from Paul without hearing about Jesus Christ. However personal and playful he might be, he was always game and keen to his Lord and Master. The readers of Paul's letters to Philemon had a higher standard for their own conduct after hearing his word picture of them. Letter-writing by them who have consecrated pens can be a powerful evangelistic force. This does not mean writing piously or sentimentally; it should rather be the occasion of superior thinking. It is a discourtesy to our friends to fill letters with inferior thinking, negative criticism and self-centredness. When a friend writes to friend about the leading of the living God, a letter may be more potent than a sermon, because of the informality and personal interest of the writer. Some Christians always close a letter with a Christian salutation. Paul frequently opened and closed his letters with a benediction.

Emotional Trivialities, 21, 22.

A university professor speaking to the graduating class of a college, said that many adults waste their energies on emotional trivialities. Admittedly, there is much emotion expended upon things of little permanent value. Our thoughts and emotions should centre upon great productive and constructive purposes. Yet there are trivialities which need attention. Paul needed lodging when he went to visit Philemon and he asked for quarters to be pre-arranged. There was not the slightest let-down in this as compared with the sentences about love and faith. Paul's deepest emotion was displayed in his religious convictions, but he could refer to small things in a big way. We need to learn the art of doing routine things in such a spirit that we shall not be trivial even when caring for trivial things. There can be the same utter sincerity in arranging the details of life as in religious worship or evangelistic effort. The Christian quality of life can pervade every area of life.

Questions for Discussion

1. Have I any unanswered letters?
2. In letter-writing, do I think before I write?
3. Is there a sameness in my letters?
4. Have I ever used my pen for Christ?
5. Why do I not receive more helpful letters?

Crop Report Shows Seeding Almost Completed Across Canada

GRAINS AND FRUITS ADVANCING WELL IN ONTARIO

Below will be found a brief synopsis of telegraphic reports received at the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal from its branches under date of June 1st.

GENERAL:—In the Prairie Provinces seeding operations are practically completed, wheat is showing well above the ground, and growing conditions on the whole are favourable at present. Moderate to heavy rainfall has been beneficial and has improved the condition of crops in areas where soil drifting has occurred. In Southern and Central Manitoba, Southeast and Central Saskatchewan and Southwestern Alberta precipitation has been light and good rains are needed to maintain present prospects. Cutworms and wireworms are prevalent but no important damage is reported.

An outbreak of grasshoppers is threatening crops, but measures are being taken to combat these insects. In Quebec Province the season is later than average, but seeding is now well advanced, early growth improving and apple bloom promising. In Ontario, while cool weather retarded growth, favourable conditions now prevail, and crops are making rapid growth, although some Southwestern sections are in need of rain. Seeding of spring grains is nearing completion. Fruit trees have blossomed well. In the Maritime Provinces, seeding and sowing, hitherto delayed, are now well under way. Heavy bloom is indicated in Annapolis Valley orchards. In British Columbia seeding of field crops has been completed in good time, good crops of hay are indicated and prospects are favourable for orchard fruit and berries.

ONTARIO:—Spring grains in the more advanced sections are showing satisfactory germination. Winter killing of fall wheat, rye, hay, clover and alfalfa was below average and while growth has been retarded these crops are in healthy condition. Planting of corn and roots is now general. Pastures are below normal but recent rains have stimulated growth. Fruit trees have blossomed heavily and a good crop is indicated. Downy mildew has wintered well and strawberries and raspberries are promising. Transplanting of tobacco is now general under satisfactory conditions, with an abundance of plants available.

FAMOUS MEN AND THEIR DOGS

Pictures, sculptures and names of their favourite dogs played in the tombs of their masters give silent testimony to the fact that some of the great men of the very early history believed that "a man's best friend is his dog." Many instances of this love of man for his dumb companion have come down to us. Some of the dogs are almost as famous in history as are their masters, and some of their deeds of heroic devotion have been just as faithfully recorded.

The tombs of the Egyptian Pharaohs reveal the ancient reverence for the dog as a companion. Cleopatra the Pharaoh who in 333 B. C. began the building of the great pyramid at Gizeh, owned many hounds. Ramesses the second had the names and images of four of his favourite hounds buried with him. The tomb of Tutankhamen, best known to us through recent explorations, contained the effigies of two mastiffs, placed there by his orders. About 3000 B. C. Antef the Second had done the same. It is recorded that a later Pharaoh had two packs of hounds, one numbering 200, the other 400.

Herodotus, the historian, informs us that in the time of the Babylonian kings four cities were made to contribute food for the royal dogs instead of paying their regular taxes. Assurbanipal, 625 B. C., had four famous dogs. Alexander the Great had a huge dog. Before he started on an invasion of India he tested its courage on various wild beasts. It paid no attention to stag, wild boar or bear; but it considered a lion a worthy foe, and attacked it with such fury that the two had to be separated. It was this dog, his constant companion, for whom he built and named a city, Perites.

Alcibiades had a dog which killed three of four thieves who attacked his master. In war, when Alcibiades was wounded by arrows, the dog, though wounded, remained with him, and tried to pull out the arrows from his master's body. Cambyzes, who invaded Egypt, had a large cohort of trained war-dogs which fought and slaughtered fugitives. In medieval times the Crusaders took dogs with them to Palestine. This is perhaps the origin of our modern expression "the dogs of war."

When a king of Denmark was assassinated, one of his dogs led officers to his burial place, and later tracked and tackled him, so that he had to be rescued in order to be lawfully executed. A Great Dane, a favorite of Frederick the Great, saved his master's life when he was attacked by Cossacks. "Pompey," a spaniel, saved the life of William of Orange.

Among famous early Americans, Washington, Franklin and Webster were lovers of dogs, and so were Generals Robert S. Lee and U. S. Grant. During the revolutionary war, when General Howe's dog had been captured by sentinels, General Washington sent the dog back to the British commander under a flag of truce, with a note to his owner—L. T. Powers in "Our Dumb Animals."

Not His Kind

A tramp was sleeping on one of the greens of a golf course, and the secretary prowling around the course prodded him none too gently and told him to clear out.

Tramp (demanding): "Who are you?"

Secretary: "I'm the secretary of the club."

Tramp: "Well, that's no way to get new members!"

APPLE ADVERTISING SCHEME PROPOSED

Assessment of one cent per bushel would raise \$25,000 fund to be administered by growers themselves. Would tell all Ontario why apple is King of fruits.

Every apple grower in Ontario who produces 100 bushels or more per year will be asked by ballot to approve or disapprove of a simple scheme of advertising under the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act whereby an assessment of one cent per bushel would be paid into a fund administered by the Apple Advertising Committee of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association to be used exclusively in the advertising this fall and winter of Ontario apples in Ontario, Winnipeg and on the Montreal-Quebec markets. Growers producing less than 100 bushels would be exempt from the assessment.

The Apple Advertising Committee of which George H. Laird, Woodstock, Ont., is chairman, is sending an explanatory letter with each ballot to every apple grower in Ontario of which there is a record and they will be asked to vote and return the ballot immediately. Enabling legislation will be prepared covering this year's crop if the vote is favourable.

The modest voluntary advertising campaign put on in February and

March this year was such a great success that the committee decided an extended campaign would be the answer to a much heavier crop expected this year. Thousands of dollars in advertising are expended each year in Ontario by U. S. citrus fruit interests and wide awake Ontario apple men are thoroughly convinced that if the apple—"Ontario's King of Fruits"—is to maintain his proud position, it can only be done by judicious advertising.

Other factors that come into the picture include a greatly increased apple crop in Great Britain this year; the preferred position of Canadian apples in the Old Country cut one-third by the British-United States Trade Treaty giving freer access to U. S. apples in Britain and also the fact that many new Ontario plantings are coming into commercial bearing this year for the first time.

It is pointed out that on the basis of last year's Ontario apple production of 2,500,000 bushels, the growers would have a fund of \$25,000, to administer themselves for their own benefit in advertising and other promotional work through the adoption of the proposed plan.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION ENDORSES COMPULSORY PASTEURIZATION

At a meeting last week of the Council of the Ontario Medical Association, held in the city of Hamilton, the Government was heartily endorsed for making pasteurization of milk compulsory in all places of 1000 population and over. The Council urged that the law should be extended to all parts of the Province and recommended that summer resorts particularly should be included.

Thousands of people who holiday at summer resorts are from cities where pasteurization has been so long in force that it is taken as a matter of course and while away from home it does not occur to them that the milk they get may be raw.

It was to emphasize this danger that the Health League of Canada commenced a survey two years ago of summer hotels serving pasteurized milk. By providing intending vacationists with a list of places where safe milk is obtainable it is hoped to encourage more hotels to use only pasteurized milk.

While those who stay at summer hotels and boarding houses have to depend upon their hosts to provide pasteurized milk, summer cottagers, though unable to purchase commercially pasteurized milk can secure their own safety by a simple method of home pasteurization.

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Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister.

MANY farmers believe that Canadian hog prices fluctuate more than those of other important countries supplying bacon to the British market. This is not true. The graph clearly indicates that Danish hog prices are subject to similar fluctuations. Variations in the price of bacon on the British market are largely responsible for these fluctuations.

In addition to these weekly fluctuations, the chart shows prices to be higher during the summer months. Similar variations occur year after year. This suggests that many Canadian farmers might consider how to take advantage of this condition—by adjusting their breeding practice so that more pigs will come to market when prices are normally highest.

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