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Related? party was directly opposed to such a move and other capacities in the same community service. defeated the government, led by the late Sir Wilfred Laurier, on a slogan-of-"No-truck-or-trade-with-the Yankees," and a flag-waving campaign. Just as late as the last election Prime Minister Bennett went to the country, pledged to "blast his way to the markets of the world." Now, on the eve of an election, a reciprocity measure is put forth. One wonders if such a move, at the present time, is not twenty-four. years behind the times and scarcely sufficient to meet the circumstances of the day and generation. While measure of reciprocity would no doubt be helpful vious records. to trade generally at any time it is doubtful if such . plan is but a drop in the bucket at this time. In view, too, of the Imperial Trade agreements of 1932 and of the fact that Great Britain remains Canada's best customer, it will be interesting to see the reaction in the Mother Country to Canada's overtures home to roost. with the United States. The government's plan of rather contradictory measures- and grasping a straws to save a rather desperate political situation is one that scarcely inspires confidence when leaders are badly needed.

Not So New

While there may be quite a bit of furore-in some. circles in the city regarding the cancellation of the frills attending the opening of the Legislature there is-not-much-concern-in-the-rural-sections-over-the fulfilment of Premier Hepburn's election promise. Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that most of the guests came from the city. Editor McDonald, of the Chesley Enterprise, who was for some time a member of parliament, draws attention to the fact that years ago he did not attend the state dinner. In speaking of this subject, he says: "The editor of this paper cannot agree with those who consure the cabinet for declining the invitation to attend the Lieutenant-Governor's dinner. During the eight sessions the writer of these columns was in the Legislature we never attended one of the big social bun-feeds to which an invitation is sent every member of the Legislature. We refused for two reasons, because we criticized in the Legislature the expenditure or Government House, and because we did not have a dress suit and wouldn't spend the price to rent one. So our readers will see there were those of democratic principles in the Legislature long before the Hepburn government took over the reins of office. It takes a strong-minded man to buck long-established society precedents as Premier Hepburn has done for out of Provincial funds."

per cent. of Canadian farm produce. The home market has come to be almost the sole outlet for animal products, with the exception of bacon, and there are only three products-wheat, apples, and choose of which more than 50 per cent. is exported: tions."

Perhaps a Bit Personal

The co-incidence last week of the editor of THE FREE PRESS being appointed to office in a couple of local associations, both in the same week, brought to mind the fact that possibly without realization we were accepting too many offices and some of them would not be carried on well, or perhaps the affairs of running a hewspaper and printing office would suffer. So we checked back to see whither the editor had been unconsciously drifting. We found our list something like that of the municipal officer of municipalities of the size of Acton. The two latest posi- is. 35: 1-6. tions had been President of the Acton Y. M. C. A and Ward Chairman of the local Liberal-Progressive 'Association. Previous to these, if memory serves us right, the editor was a member of the Acton Free Library Board; Secretary of the Acton Welfare Board; Secretary of the Murray Memorial Commit- see them wending their way to tee; Second Vice-President of Acton Fall Fair; Member'of Acton Arena Committee since arena erection; because it was the hour of sacrifice member of the Board of Stewards of the United Church; and Honorary President of the local Church Hockey League. In addition, last fall the editor was made a Justice of the Peace. If there are any we have overlooked, we believe we might be pardoned. These duties just naturally seem to evolve in connection with our newspaper work. If hobbies would good points for any one who would seem necessary to keep occupied the editor still has bring Christ's power into the life of anuniform of Acton Citizens' Band, and a trombone and makes irregular appearances at practises and give. His pockets were empty; but he engagements and rehearsals. And we mention, with a great deal of thankfulness for good health, we have missed only two O. H. A. Intermediate Hockey games has been the men without allver or gold in which the locals have taken part in the past five who have done the most for the world's years. We recall these only to note appreciation of the fact that we do not feel we have been overlooked. We are not feeling over-popular or swell-headed with Christian ought to be able to say that a variety of positions, because our recollection carries back also to the one time we offered our services for Councillor and we occupied the cellar THE NAME TOP JESUS CHRISTING IL IS plainly the record of the deft utter position at the polls, and on other occasions our services have not been in demand. Community service feet the moment he believed and sought has a great deal in the way of satisfaction but pos- to obey (v. 7; cf. v. 16). Peter not only sibly a minimum of financial recompense. We do not regret any service it may have come our way to that from Jesus (Mk. 1: 31). Luka's render our home town and we trust we have not training as a physician comes out in his been over-selfish in accepting these duties which have seemingly been our lot to fulfil. We appreci---- It seems rather a peculiar and belated turn of ate fully the confidence of many of our friends and ent in wonder, began to walk and ther events that a reciprocity agreement is being arranged hope to continue to work co-operatively for Acton's by Prime Minister Bennett and the Conservative advancement. And greatest of all the pleasure has party. The peculiarity of the situation lies in the been the opportunity to associate with numbers of do much but praise God. There was no fact that twenty-four years ago the Conservative men of Acton and vicinity who have served in various guesswork about this miracle; the man

EDITORIAL NOTES

Alberta's oil production in 1934 totalled 1,265,940 barrels compared with 1,013,040 barrels in 1933.

During the shipping season 1933-34 Canada exported 3,476,114 barrels of apples breaking all pre-

Guelph now has troubles of its own to look after n hockey circles without bothering making trouble demned. On that occasion he was for all the surrounding towns. Chickens usually come thoroughly frightened and cowed and

Some of the concession lines could be kept quite passable all winter long if a little snow fencing was supplied at a few points where the deepest drifts (as e. g., the name of one of the Putrialways, accumulate.

The unemployment insurance scheme is receiving every aid to test its usefulness. It passed parliament without a vote recorded against it. Seems as if most everyone is willing to try anything once.

F. H. Clark, Principal of-Jarvis Collegiate, Toronto: "I fear we have made one grevious error in our system of education. We have been teaching in any energency of Christian sorvice the sone of men who wore overalls and earned honest day's living by the sweat of their brows to leave the tasks of their fathers."

Editor A. W. Wright, of the Mount Forest Confederate, last week reached the age of four score years, and is still active in the conduct of the splendid journal which represents Mount Forest. THE FREE PRESS joins with others in extending felicita- but to the sipirit. Left to himself. Peter tions on this occasion and the wish that he may long be spared to wield his influence in the weekly news

John H. Casey, Professor of Journalism in the University of Oklahoma, has this to say of the hometown newspaper: "Without its newspaper, the small in turning down the big social function which is paid town would be like a school without a teacher or a of their guilt. The council had spoken church without a pastor. In the aggregate, the country newspaper determines the outcome of more Canada's home markets absorb approximately 85 elections, exerts a greater influence for constructive community progress, is read longer by more menibers of the family, and constitutes with its millions of readers a better advectising medium than any other group of newspapers or periodical publica-

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, FERRUARY 24, 1934

PETER HEALS A LAME MAN Golden Text.-But Peter said, Bliver and Gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. Acts 3: 6. Lauson Text .- Ac. 3: 1-10; 4: 3-12.

Door, Beautiful, - Jerusalem.

Peter and John were men of prayer at the regular Jewish hour of prayer we temple (cf. Ps. 5:5, 17, Dan, 6: 10; 9: 21). The ninth was the hour of prayer (Ex. 29: 39: 1 Kf. 18: 36) and all approach to God in prayer must be on the ground of shed blood. It was the very hour at which Jesus died and opened up for us a way into the hollest of all (cf. Lt. 23: 44,46; Heb. 10: 19, 20) Peter first took a good look at the man and then demanded his attention, two other. Peter did not give the man what was full of power. Peter had had an excellent opportunity to get silver and rold (ch. 2: 45; 4: 37). As a rule, it highest good (I Cor. 4: 11). An utter ance full of meaning fell from Peter's lips. "What I have, that give I." Every (1 Pet. 4: 10. 11). Peter bade the man do the very thing he couldn't do, But the naturally impossible is possible, "IN power that there was in that mighty name came into that man's impotent

bade him to walk, but took him by the hand and raised him up. He had learned details about the feet and ankle bones. It was the gladdest moment of council therefore, had to content themman's life; he leaped up, stood a moniselves with threats. begun to leap and praise God. walked to a good place with his new

strength-God's own house. He couldn't was well known to all the observers and the reality of the cure was evident and unmistakable. It was uttorly different from the cases of man to-day, who proclaim that they have been healed, when to all appearances they are as sick as ever. The people who witnessed the change were filled with wonder and

amazement and many were converted (ch. 4: 4). The miracle simply served to get a hearing for the gospel. II. Peter Before the Sanhedrin, 8-10. Peter and John's being brought before, and their treatment by these rulers

were an exact literal fulfilment of the

prediction of Jesus (Mat. 10: 17). Their attempt to hinder the preaching of the gospel really gave wings to the gospel. Peter had seen this body together once before, when Jests was tried and conplayed the poltroon but now he is calm and fearless. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his own baptism with the Spirit has wrought this great change. The Jewish and other wonder workers were accustomed to perform their marvel by the power of some name archs, or the name of Solomon, or the unspeakable name of Jehovah), so the council very naturally asked Peter and John "in what name" they had healed the lame man. The real object of the question was to trap them into an answer that would be the basis of accusation and condemnation. - Just at

that moment the Holy Spirit came lipon Peter and took possession of him and "filled" him. Jesus' gracious promise for such an emergency as this was fulfilled (Mat. 10: 10, 20; cf. Lu. 12: 11,12; Ac. 13: 8, 9). This promise is for us and testimony. Peter had already bean filled with the Spirit at Pentecost (chi 2: 4), and will be again a little further on (v. 31). Therefore it is very clear that the filling with the Spirit is not something that occurs once for all, but needs to be repeated with each new emergency of service. Herein lies the need of continual prayer for that which we already possess. Peter's answer is wonderfully skillful. But its wisdom was not due to Peter's natural endowments, was, a famous blunderer. Peter was extremely deferential and courteous. He acknowledges the high position and authority of his interrogators. Holy Spirit does not make men-He-controls rude and overbearing, but gentle and courteous (Gal. 8: 22, 23; cf. Jude 8, 9). Yet Peter was bold, fearless, frank

promising of the truth, no glassing over evasively of the thing done as simply "this." It is a keen and discomforting thrust of Peter in his reply to say, "if you refer to a good deed done to a strengthless (impotent) man" (cf. Jno. 10: 33). The council doubtless winced Then, without hesitation, Feter tel's them that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the one whom they had cruci-

fled, the one whom God, on the other

hand, had raised from the dead. But

and outspoken. There was no com-

Rain is likely during the day if the inside of window-glass is very cloudy in the morning. If the glass is only slightly misty, or quite dry, look for a fine day. If, before use, a cake of soap is dry this is a good aign, but when it is damp rain is coming. After putting a lump of sugar into a cup of tea or coffee, see what happens to the bubbles. If these are small and soon got to the side it shows air pressure is high, and the conditions will be fifte. When the Study also, Ac. 3: 1-4; 31; Mk. 1: 29-39; bubbles are large and remain in the middle atmospheric pressure is low and Time.-A. D. 30. Place.-The Temple rain and wind are likely. When the sait is dry and powdery no rain is likely, Exposition, - I. The Lame Beggar, but if it is mobit, the weather will be

NO RETRACTION

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overwhelming sentence, he points at the man standing right there, a living testimony to the power of Jesus' name, and adds, "this man stands here before you whole." The scene has changed-Peter the accused has become the accuser; the council had become the culprit at the bar. Indicted and condemned. Peter follows up his advantage and drives his charge home with a swinging blow o God's hammer, the Scriptures (v. 11; cf Jer. 23: 20; Pd. 118: 22). If the Act of the Aposties is fiction, its author is master hand; but this general the states ances of a Spirit-filled man. closes with an appeal (v. 12). There is salvation for any one in that name, ralvation for no one outside of it. The council were in a dilemma, Peter and John refused to be intimidated. They wanted to punish Poter and John, but could not, for the people were glorifying God for what had been done.

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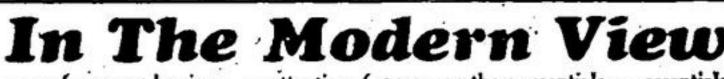
Two girls were strolling round the shop, ' Presently they stopped beside a large tray filled with samples of a pop-"And I wish," wald her husband, "that ular brand of tooth posts. "Tooth pastel" exclaimed one

hat I was looking for months to one of the samples, she exclaimed to the clerk: "How much are these, please?"

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"Yes, I know that," the girl retorted impatiently, "but how much are they?"

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