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Accidents and Compensation

There were 4,880 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of March, as compared with 4,628 during February, and 4,057 during March of 1934. There were the same number of fatalities reported during March as during February, namely, 21. The total benefits awarded amounted to \$511,469.91, of which \$420,524.42 was for compensation and \$90,945.49 for medical aid. The accidents reported during the first quarter of 1935 numbered 13,884, as compared with 11,704 during the same period last year, and the benefits awarded amounted to \$1,430,635.12, as against \$934,922.51 during the corresponding period of 1934.

Let There be Light

The newspaper bill sponsored by T. L. Church, Conservative member for Toronto East, will have the approval of the public and all newspapers who have nothing to hide. It will now be necessary for newspapers to register and publish certificates of ownership. And why not? In the case of most weekly newspapers the ownership of the paper has always been published each week. There are other journals whose ownership is rather involved and perhaps publication on the editorial page of the owners would cause the editorial utterances to be read in another light. The bill has been passed. Its enforcement will be followed with some interest. It is to be hoped there isn't another tax attached to the measure.

Provisions and Lack of Provisions

Service to the public has always been the aim of most newspapers, and often times to the detriment of the finances of the owners of the institution. But sometimes one's patience is sorely tried, and this is one of the times. The Dominion Government has installed a great deal of machinery and has printed the voters' lists for the Dominion elections. The officials are receiving remuneration for their work. And yet we have a note in the mail stating "There is no provision for advertising the present Revision of the Voters' List other than by large posters. I am therefore requesting that you publish the following information, as being in the public interest." It is signed by the Revising Officer and County Sheriff, and appended to the sheet is the notice to be inserted without cost by the newspapers. Friends, you won't find that notice in THE FREE PRESS until there is provision for making the public acquainted with the facts. We pay each month six per cent. on printing executed in the office; a \$2.00 license fee was demanded and paid before April first; we had to buy cheques for stamps on Saturday, and we had to pay six cents a gallon tax on the gasoline we used on Sunday. There's another notice that tells us that \$2.00 is required for a radio license. Where, we ask you, is the money coming from when governments expect their advertising inserted free? That's one problem that the Price Commission didn't consider. If Mr. Bennett were a well man we are in a humor to tell him what we think of his provisions and lack of provisions. But we won't deliberately strike a woman or child or a sick man. But we're provoked and we believe you would feel the same way if dealt with by governments. That's all. The editorial page is no place for the language befitting the situation.

Tobacco Consumption Increases

Cigarette smokers in Canada spent more than forty-eight million dollars for their "ready-mades" during 1934, according to excise tax returns, which show that 4,822,405,065 cigarettes were placed on the market, an increase of approximately 12 per cent. over 1933. Cigars were also smoked in greater number, consumption increasing approximately 5 per cent. from 114,352,000 in 1933 to 119,671,000 last year, and the use of smoking tobacco increased by 4 per cent. to 17,983,000 pounds. Chewing tobacco showed a decrease in popularity the quantity entered for consumption dropping from 4,225,000 pounds in 1933 to 4,170,000 pounds in 1934. In addition to domestic consumption Canada exported 8,769,979 pounds of unmanufactured tobacco valued at \$2,026,802 to twenty-five different countries in 1934, and also exported manufactured tobacco in different forms to the value of \$65,802.

A Co-operative Plan

Controller McBride has apparently hit upon a unique method of checking up on relief abuses in Toronto. He has enlisted and secured the co-operation of citizens to report abuses of which they have knowledge and the resultant investigations have brought out sufficient disclosures to warrant a continuance of the plan. He found in one case a new fur coat had been purchased, in another home a radio had been installed, still another a telephone had been put in. One man used the relief fund for building a new verandah and another for purchasing beer, but the woman who had a taxi call to take her to her work every morning was considered to be the most undeserving of help from city funds. Abuses of the relief of governments are not confined to Toronto alone and it is but right that these abuses should be checked. Since this involves the expenditure of public funds it seems but right that the public generally should take a co-operative interest in endeavoring to effect proper administration. With a minimum of cases of relief assistance locally, however, the need for similar action in Acton is not necessary but in a city the size of Toronto, the neighbors can usually help considerably.

The First Step

The local Public Utilities Commission are to be commended on their prompt action in taking the first steps to secure, if possible, a refund of charges for consumers from the surplus created in the Hydro department. Of course it is understood by all that no refund can be made to the consumers without the consent of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. To secure that consent the local Commission has made the first steps. Hydro in Acton is in splendid condition. The debentures on the local plant have all been paid, and if present rates are maintained it would seem that credit by way of debate to consumer would be the only way of supplying the power at cost. With so many confusing and contradictory statements from present and former officials the average individual's understanding of contracts, policy and affairs generally, of Hydro is rather befuddled. The local public do, however, understand local conditions of Hydro and the first step of the local Commission in applying for a rebate of surplus funds is being commended by all. Of course a final decision on the matter may not be made for some time. Such things involve a lot of detail but the first step has been taken.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In one town, we are told by an exchange, a merchant who didn't advertise went to sleep in his office chair, fell out and broke his arm.

It's peculiar that all the recommendations regarding the conduct of industry come from a source that has made such a success (?) of the government owned railway.

The Walkerton Herald-Times makes the following comment: "The Dominion of Canada is issuing six special stamps this year, but not one of them carries a picture of the quintuplets."

We wonder just if Sir Adam Beck could give voice to his ideas on the power question just which side he would take. It seems that at present he is claimed by both parties in the argument.

Col. Price is now much concerned over the welfare of veterans and their government appointments. We can recall that Col. Price wasn't as much concerned about placing returned men in position in preference to civilians when he had the opportunity. We can be more specific if the Colonel's memory is short.

An unique case arose in Bridgeport, a suburb of Kitchener, when Magistrate Weir sent two fathers to jail for ten days for refusing to send their children to Public School. The parents pleaded under-nourishment of the children as the families are on relief, but the Medical Officer of Health testified the children were getting sufficient food.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14th

CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR

Golden Text—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3: 16.

Lesson Text—John 3: 14-7; Romans 5: 6-10; Phil. 2: 5-11. Study, also, Luke 2: 11, 30-2; Acts 3: 1-18; 2 Tim. 1: 9-10. Time—A. D. 27. Place—Jerusalem. Exposition—I. Look and Live, 14, 15.

Nicodemus was the teacher of Israel (v. 10, R. V.) and yet he did not know the fundamental truth taught in the Old Testament as well as in the New, namely, the doctrine of the new birth. But do all the teachers in the Church know it even now? There was no speculation or guess-work about Jesus' own teaching. He could say, "We speak that we do know and bear witness of what we have seen (v. 12, R. V.). Nicodemus had asked Jesus, "How can these things be?" (v. 9). In the 14th of 15th verses Jesus answers Nicodemus' question how. He pointed him to how Moses lifted up the brazen serpent, made by the likeness of the fiery serpent, that had bitten the people, on the pole (Nu. 21: 6-9). Just so, God has lifted Jesus, made sin for us, on the cross (Romans 8: 3; 2 Cor. 5: 21; Gal. 3: 13; John 12: 31, 32). All the Pharisee, bitten by the fiery serpent, had to do to find life was simply to believe in the power of the serpent on the pole to heal and to show his faith by just looking. So all we have to do is simply to believe in the power of Jesus, made in the likeness of sinful flesh and lifted on the cross, to heal, and to show our faith by just looking. As soon as the Israelite looked he had life in his veins instead of death. So we have death in us until we look, but the moment we really look to Jesus, believe on Him, then we have life coursing in our veins; are "born again" (cf. John 1: 12, 13). "The whole secret of the new birth lies in these three words: 'Look and live.' The moment we look, we are in Christ Jesus. 'Old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new' (2 Cor. 5: 17). There are two alternatives open to every man: Believe and have eternal life; doubt and perish. Any one who believes will obtain eternal life. Any one who doubts will perish (cf. Mark 16: 16; John 3: 36).

II. Why Jesus Came, 16-21. Verse 16 has probably been used to the salvation of more persons than any other verse in the Bible. It contains the Gospel in a nutshell.—(1) The need of salvation—"shall not perish." (2) The origin of salvation—the death of Christ (God gave His only begotten Son). (3) The condition of salvation—"believe on Him." (4) The recipients of salvation—"Whosoever believeth." (5) The result of salvation, (a) Shall not perish. (b) Shall have eternal life. The verse also contains a marvelous revelation of God's love. (1) The objects of God's love—"the world." (2) The character of God's love: (a) Great—holding nothing back. (b) Self-sacrificing—giving His very best. (c) Holy—not forgiving sin without an adequate expression of His hatred of it. (3) The manifestation of God's love, in the gift of His only begotten Son. (4) The purpose of God's love—to save. (5) The result of God's love—whosoever believes gets everlasting life. Verses 14 and 15 were spoken by Jesus Himself. He speaks of Himself, as He usually did, as the "Son of Man." Verse 16 is spoken by John, and he speaks of Jesus as the "only begotten Son." It is common teaching nowadays that Jesus was the Son of God only in the sense that all men are sons of God, but the Bible clearly teaches that He was the Son of God in a sense that no other is the son of God. Jesus claims this for Himself (Mark 12: 6, R. V.; John 5: 23, 23: 14; 9: 9). God sent His Son into the world to save it—not to condemn it (v. 17), but whoever will not receive Jesus is condemned, and condemned already. If we fall in with God's purposes of love, then He who came to save but brings the greater condemnation (cf. Heb. 10: 28, 29). The one who rejects Jesus is condemned ALREADY. It is not so much that the wrath of God is coming upon those who reject Jesus Christ, as some future time, the wrath of God, the intense displeasure of God, already hangs over every one who rejects Jesus. If we continue to reject, the wrath of God will abide on us (v. 36). The moment we accept Jesus, we step out from underneath the dark thunder cloud of God's wrath into the bright sunlight of God's favor: God aimed to save the world, He made provision for the salvation of the world, but only those that accept the salvation are actually saved. Jesus is in a sense the Saviour of all men (1 Tim. 4: 10). By His death He made propitiation for the whole world (1 John 2: 2, R. V.). He provided the ground upon which God could deal in mercy and does deal in mercy, with every member of the human race, but He is especially the Saviour of those who believe. They alone appropriate to themselves and therefore enjoy in full the salvation which Jesus purchased by His blood (Romans 3: 25, 26).

III. God, in Christ, the Friend and Saviour, Romans 5: 10. In this passage Paul, having spoken of the love of God which shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, goes on to describe that love. It is a love for "sinners," for "those without strength," for "the ungodly," and His supreme proof and manifestation is revealed to us in the death of Christ Jesus. It differs utterly from man's love. Man will scarcely die

SURE WAY

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For another man, even though he be righteous, although for a really good man some might perhaps be found ready to die. But God, on the other hand, commends His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners—wile, worthless and in rebellion against Him—Christ our Saviour died for us. Man will hardly die for the best; Jesus gladly died for the worst. If any one wonder whether Jesus died for him, let him ask himself this question: "Do I belong to either of these three classes—the ungodly, the 'sinners,' or those 'without strength'?" If you do—and who does NOT—then Christ died for you. But note that the death of Christ is the outcome of God's love to sinners, not the cause of it. As believers in Christ, we are already justified. The ground of this justification is Jesus' blood (cf. ch. 3: 25); we are justified "in His blood." But there is a coming wrath of God (cf. ch. 3: 5; 1 Thes. 1: 10, R. V.). What about our relation to that? If we are already justified in Christ's blood, we certainly shall be saved from that coming wrath. But how shall we be saved? "In His life," i. e., in His resurrection. Some very careless readers would make the life of Christ (in v. 10) to mean simply His example, and would thus interpret the verse to mean that we are saved by Christ's example. But if any one will intelligently note the context (e. g., ch. 4: 25, and the entire sixth chapter of this epistle) and Paul's use of the word everywhere, he will readily see that nothing was further from Paul's mind than the thought that Jesus saved by His example. It is the RESURRECTION LIFE, of which we are made partakers, that saves (cf. ch. 4: 5; 7: 4; Heb. 7: 25).



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