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EDITORIAL

Knee Deep in Hay or Manicured Grounds

Last week we witnessed a couple of ball games. The one under ideal conditions where the ground was perfect and everything was arranged for the benefit of players and patrons. The second one was on a piece of ground where a ball diamond was foreign until this year. The paths could hardly be traced and the outfield ended in the bush. We wondered just what kind of a game the professionals would have played on that former back fifty and if the amateurs wouldn't have given a much better brand of playing on the ideal diamond first referred to. In comparison sometimes of amateur and professional ball games we are all a little apt not to make the allowance for playing conditions. The hay crop and plowed furrow would prove a handicap to professional player and the bright lights and fast balls might prove equally confusing to the amateur. Still, we think the later class plays under a greater variety of conditions than the former.

Sunshine and Rain

Perhaps it is not strange that most young people feel aggrieved when a bit of hard luck comes their way. It is natural to assume that one is entitled to have conditions about as wanted, blue skies for every picnic, favoring winds for every sail, opportunity waiting just when desired. Since that is the instinctive attitude, it naturally "riles" one to have it rain on the wrong day, to have a wind in the wrong direction, or to find when applying for a job that the position wanted was filled last week. Perhaps it would help a little to realize that one is entitled to one's share of hardships, the struggles, and the disappointments. You cannot grow roses on undisturbed sunshine. Clouds, showers, and storms must do their part; besides, uninterrupted good fortune does not develop the best in human character. When the hard knocks come our way, do not act surprised and certainly do not grumble. We are entitled to a few hard knocks.

To Meet the Present Need

The present time would seem very opportune to advocate extension of the bathing facilities at the Park. A few years ago a community effort made a fine start on the project, but since then nothing further has been done. The closing of the dumping ground on the west side of the water was another move in the right direction. The lack of provision for dressing seems the most serious need of the moment. Youth and older ones have many ways of overcoming the difficulty, but none of them are very satisfactory. Acton is fortunate in having water readily accessible for bathing purposes. On other occasions we have pointed out the possibilities of constructing an out-door swimming pool at the school grounds. There are, too, some hopes entertained of an indoor tank at the Y. M. C. A. building, but, in meantime it would appear that moderate improvements in the Park, at Fairy Lake, would meet the immediate need best, while the more pretentious plans for better swimming facilities are being worked out.

A Lesson

The Royal Commission investigating into the "toll gate" in connection with the Liquor Control Board has unearthed some things concerning those who had authority in a former government that has not been for the best interests of the Province. It is the same old story of corruption for everything that seems to come in contact with the liquor interests. There really doesn't seem any way to keep from becoming badly entangled except to keep strictly free from contact with the business. The Royal Commission found that George Grover broke the law by keeping Ward Four Conservative Association "well oiled." It appears that there was ground for the charges against former members of the Cabinet. The liquor interests were well entrenched, it would seem, but they were not satisfied. There must be another fresh crop of imbibers coming on. The present government will do well to take a lesson from the experiences as brought out in the findings of a former government. The liquor interests will go a long way to accomplish their quest for wider markets and larger sale. They will not hesitate to contribute to the downfall of any government or group of men. There's a lesson in the findings of the commission as well as the recommendations made to correct some of the pitfalls of the past.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sure it's been hot enough!

It would seem that the marchers to Ottawa are likely to be sweated out of their desire to reach Ottawa in very large numbers.

The toll of the bathing beaches is now surpassing the usual toll of the highways. An improvement can be made here as well as on the highways.

In its sixty years of publication THE FREE PRESS has never missed an issue, but these summer days provide a temptation to break this record, sometimes.

We believe that when the home-comers gather in Acton next week they will agree that the town is making definite progress and many improvements will be noted.

Those days in jail and cancellation of driving license should be remembered by all those tempted to take a "few drinks" while in charge of a motor car.

The search for a cooler spot has taken in a radius of many miles these days, only to find quite often that the one reached was no better than the one left.

With two bachelors and a maiden lady in commanding positions in the Dominion Parliament what hope of a national or union of government can be expected?

Milton, it is said, has a "window peeper." A cure might be effected by sentencing him to a week at the beaches, or perhaps that sentence would be too severe for a "peeper."

With the Senate and other appointments largely made, and four parties seeking election, the announcement of the election date seems to be the only thing necessary to start the race.

The holiday spirit has permeated to the Council and it has been decided that one session can be dispensed with and a holiday time enjoyed. The session omitted is naturally the one falling on Civic Holiday.

The holiday spirit seems to be taking hold in preparation for the big event in Acton next week, which will occupy three days. Get out the welcome signs and let the home-comers know that we're on the job.

The Bowmanville Statesman last week changed from a seven to an eight-column page. The change is quite an improvement and in keeping with the Bowmanville newspaper's policy of maintaining one of the best of Ontario's weekly journals.

With the President of the B. F. O. declaring in favor of the Stevens party and Miss Agnes McPhail stating she will not enter any alliance with any of the parties, the position of the farmer voter becomes more entangled. Perhaps the farmer voter will do as usual—vote as he pleases.

The C. N. R. has commenced a series of advertisements that give some idea of the importance of this great system and the place it has occupied in the development of the Dominion. We are liable, sometimes, to lose sight of what this institution means to the Dominion, and consider its cost without the beneficial returns. The facts presented bring a little realization of the immensity of the C. N. R.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28th

AMOS (THE PROPHET OF SOCIAL JUSTICE)

Golden Text.—Let justice roll down as water and righteousness as a mighty stream.—Amos 5: 24.

Lesson Text.—Amos 7: 1-17. (Scriptures printed here, Amos 1: 1; 7: 10-15; 2: 11, 12; 3: 7, 8. Study, also, Hos. 11: 8-11; Amos 9: 11-15; Ps. 85: 7-13. Time.—About 780 B. C. Places.—Bethel and other cities of Israel.

Exposition.—I. The Herdsman of Tekoa, 1. The passages here printed, and comments on, furnish a far better notion of Amos and his message than that selected for the Lesson. Amos' native place was the hill-village of Tekoa, about six miles south of Bethlehem and twelve of Jerusalem (vs. 1). He lived in the days when Uzziah was king of Judah (vs. 1), which was about the time Jonah went to Nineveh and Jeroboam II. was king over Israel. Amos was a farmer, and his possessions consisted of a few vineyards and a flock of sheep, which he pastured in the Judean wilderness, in the neighborhood of Tekoa. Amos was not ashamed either of his descent or his own occupation. He was not a farmer, but a farm-laborer. While he was doing his farm-work, and attending to his fruit, a message from God came down and into his inner consciousness, and he stood up a prophet of the Lord. God finds and brings forth His prophets just as He pleases and from whatever place He chooses. Amos was a field-hand, yet he was fearless; indeed, he was all the more fearless because he WAS a field-hand. A farmer of substance, manifold interests and large associations, would not have been so fearless. The word Amos declared was needed in ancient Israel, and such a word and such a message is needed at this hour.

II. Amos' Message of Denunciation, 10, 14.

Amos begins where all energetic minds begin—in denunciation. He issues judgment in the name of the Lord against Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, Israel. Again and again, his word is, "I will send a fire" (vs. 1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 14). The time came, of course, when Amos' message began to offend some of those who sat in high places and who occupied exalted religious rank. Amaziah was the chief priest of the royal sanctuary of the calves at Bethel, and in close intimacy with the king. Amaziah stands here for what may be regarded as state controlled religion, and he resents the presence of a teacher independent of influence and patronage and seeks to have him expelled from the kingdom. (1) He makes an appeal to the king by bringing against Amos a groundless charge of treason. By a base slander he endeavors to influence the king against the true teacher. (2) He does his best to alarm the prophet. "Prophecy not again any more at Bethel," he cries, "for it is the king's chapel and the king's court" (ch. 7: 13). It does not appear that Jeroboam took any notice of the message of Amos; he sent him concerning Amos; in order to give effect to his purpose he addressed the prophet, saying, "Oh thou seer, go, flee thee away" (v. 12). But Amos does NOT flee away at the word of Amaziah. Instead, he tells the officious priest that he is not a prophet nor the son of one, but, that fact notwithstanding, he was prepared to prophesy against Bethel and against Amaziah. The great point taught here is indicated by Amos' candor. He apes neither manners nor scholastic qualifications which are not his. He had not studied in any prophetic school, and said so (v. 14). No true prophet is ever ashamed of his origin, however humble. As a rule, the worthy great teachers have struggled up from the regions of obscurity and poverty. Amos is thoroughly conscious of the divinity of his mission. Amos had no doubt whatever as to the fact that the Lord had called (v. 16). When God calls a man to work, that man KNOWS it, and no argument will convince him to the contrary. Amos denounces the conventional priest in the name of the Lord. In return for this rebellion against Jehovah and His messenger, Amos foretells for the priest the punishment that shall fall upon him when the judgments shall come upon Israel, meeting his words, "Thus saiest, 'Thou shalt not prophesy,' with the keen retort, 'Thus saith Jehovah.'"

III. Corrupting the Nazirites, 11, 12. Here Amos confronts Israel with the high appeal of God, whether He had not put the fire of the Spirit into some of their sons and they had quenched that fire with their artificial conventionalities? Whether, also, He had not inspired some of their youths to take the vow of abstinence, and they, with the deliberate cynicism of worldlings, had tempted them to swear and break that vow? The young Nazirite, dedicated himself, body and soul, in reasonable service. The Nazirite was a marked man exposed to the caucers of the worldly and the temptations of the base. Nevertheless, wisdom is justified of her children. The bad men in this world have been ever the most loudly and the most scornfully abused, but have cared little or not at all, for the Lord was their strength. This age wants, and this country needs, right-to-day, those who like the Nazirite of old, are dedicated and concentrated to noble ends. IV. Spokesmen of the Lord. "He revealeth his secret unto his servants and prophesieth." In all ages God

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN, PAID \$140 FOR TOWEL

Railway towels come high, especially when a traveller's conscience pricks him for appropriating one. F. J. Bruer, Treasurer, Central Region, Canadian National Railways, received the following letter:

"Some years ago I took a small towel from a C. N. R. sleeping car, when going to Winnipeg. I now enclose one dollar to pay for same. Please don't think I belong to the Oxford Group, for I do not."

A curious coincidence was that only a few days ago a letter somewhat similar and enclosing the same amount was received at the Canadian National offices in Victoria.

"Douglas' Egyptian Liniment, always quick, always certain." Stops bleeding instantly. Cauterizes wounds and prevents blood-poisoning. Splendid for muscular rheumatism.

has selected men to whom He has made special communications of Himself, just as He did to Amos. "The lion hath roared. . . who can but prophesy?" Those who have discovered God. It is the discovery of God in the hearts and through the tongues of prophets who were themselves members of a prophetic race which is the glory of the Bible and of the race out of which I sprang. Amos was "one of these; one also, of whom it is written: 'Blessed are those servants of the Lord when he cometh shall find watching.'" Through all his hard life the man of the soil had kept his heart open and his conscience quick, so that when the Word of God came to him he knew, just as quickly and just as certainly as he knew the roar of a lion across the moor (v. 15). Such is the message and such the life-story of Amos the herdsman, called of the Lord to be a prophet. The book of his prophecy is most carefully arranged, its sections linked together artistically, each section to each, among other great lessons, how condescending is the grace of God. This humble herdsman was made His messenger and minister. Once again God chose one of the "weak" things of the world to confound the mighty.

SLATS DIARY

BY BOB MARJORAM

Friday—Lida Cross says her husband is the stingiest fella she ever knew. The oney time he gives her any money willing is when she says she wants car fare to go home to her mother.

Saturday—Mrs. Gillem is moving in to her new house up on the hill to day and she is kinda worried about it becuz she told ma and aunt Emmy that she was so fond of her new house she was a frade to die on acct. mebbey she wooden be aghtlyfied in Heven.

Sunday—Ole Man Tindler dot I and Jake and Biliters taking sum of his Apples this'after noon and when he grabs me he ast me how I cud Xplane me taking sum of his apples and I replied and seed. I thot' he was away from home at the time.

Monday—Dude Macey says he is threw fooling with un'ritual foot leggers now & for Ever. he bot sum corn Wiskey last month and he says his ft. aint no better, than they was before he begun using the corn Wiskey.

Wednesday—Aunt Emmy had to walk down town today to take the doctors bill back to him which he sent to her last Friday becuz it seed on the Envelope to return in 5 days to Doctor Crumble.

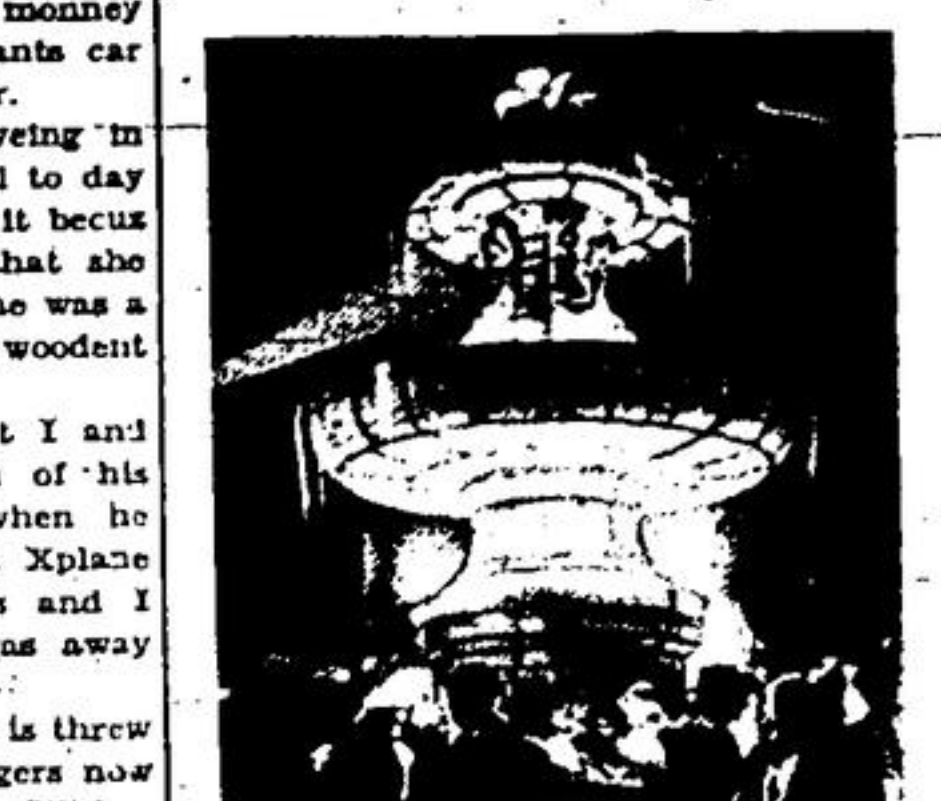
Thursday—Pa went to Ike Newlin today and told him that he herd he had joined church and he thot mebbey he wood like to settle a old bill for four & a 1/2. Ike sed he did join church but he wazent a going to mix Religion and business.

Always Ready and Reliable.—Practically all pains arising from inflammation can be removed with Dr. Thomas' Ecolitic Oil. Simply rub it on the sore skin. Its healing power is conveyed to the inflamed tissue which is quickly soothed. This fine old remedy is also a specific for all manner of cuts, scratches, bruises and sprains. Keep a bottle handy always.

NO HANDICAP WANTED

Mother: "Willie, you'll have to go to the dentist and have some teeth out." Son: "Oh, mother, can't I wait till after my birthday party?"

Criticism, as it was instilled by Aristotle, was meant as a standard of judgment well—Johnson.



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