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Welcome Home!

The next few days will see many come back to visit in the old home during the celebration days. There is no need to ask citizens to extend a royal welcome. We are sure the visitors will meet it on every day. The decorated streets will extend a warm welcome—the friendly handshake will impress the sincerity of the welcome. We are all going to have a glorious re-union. Let us hope the weatherman favors the outing. The program seems complete. It's now just among ourselves and the weatherman to spell success, and another joyous re-union unmarred, we hope, by accidents and enjoyable to all. Acton welcomes the home-comers. THE FREE PRESS joins in the welcome.

A Unique Government

The elections in Prince Edward Island have proven rather unusual and naturally quite a joy to those of Liberal leanings in political views. There is, however, great danger in a government so composed—without opposition. There is a danger of a recklessness that is liable to develop unless those returned with such a strong following have a strong hand and a keen sense of duty and justice to all. A government without opposition is something new. The eyes of many will be upon it to watch its conduct when placed in this unique position. It has no opposition to its plans and therefore to do its best work a constructive criticism will need to be developed and maintained within its own ranks. Its sessions will be a rather unique procedure and seemingly unnecessary. It's conduct of public business will be the subject only of powerless outside criticism. Its life and usefulness will depend entirely on its own record of fairness and justice to all and tolerance of those views which it may not hear expressed in the sessions but which will be heard from at another polling date.

Collectively

Newspaper convention speakers seem to be imbued with a great desire to impress upon the editors assembled a sense of their responsibility. The opportunity seemed to be seized on by one and all—and such is not unusual at other conventions attended—to tell these editors of weekly newspapers how they can wield an influence in their communities that collectively practised will be largely instrumental in bringing about all the reforms necessary to the salvation of the Dominion. It is well that most of those so addressed do not take their sense of importance too seriously and temper the addresses with allowance for the human failings of those who guide the destinies of these newspapers. True, the editor can play his part in the advancement of his community and the consequent general improvement. But, just as editors collectively can be of importance in the Dominion, so can editors be of assistance in the community—only collectively with the assistance of all the other individuals of the community—working with them in common—co-operatively. After all, the advancement and progress of the world depends on us all as individuals and our acceptance of some responsibility, no matter what that small part may be.

A Co-operative Effort

Naturally THE FREE PRESS editor and staff were pleased that this journal was placed third in the newspaper contest for papers of 1,000 to 2,000 circulation. It will only serve to stimulate our efforts to produce a newspaper worthy of Acton and the district. Any success attained has been due to co-operative effort of staff, correspondents, readers and friends. We extend our appreciation to all who have been contributory in any way and we hope for a continuance of this assistance. We apologize to ex-Warden Amos Mason for the use of his word, "co-operative," so often, but, like him, we believe it to be one of the words full of great meaning.

Another Guarantee Echo

Announcement was made last week to the ratifiers of Burlington that the Water Commission of that town would require \$37,043.38 to complete the new plant. That, of course, is news in Burlington, and not altogether welcome, we presume, but quite usual on public expenditure. The news indeed, will be interesting throughout the County of Halton, in view of the fact that the County Council last year guaranteed waterworks bonds of Burlington to the extent of \$120,000 or so. The present deficit of the southern town may, therefore, be of deep concern to all the County. County Council meets to-day in Milton. We do not know whether this matter will be considered at the meeting or not. Burlington will necessarily have to sell an additional \$38,000 worth of debentures. Surely the County Council will not, if asked, guarantee the issue of more debentures for this utility in one municipality. But the precedent has been established and if Burlington has difficulty in the money markets it is only to be expected that assistance might be sought. It could readily be seen that the last was not heard of this guarantee when the matter was put through Council last year, but certainly the assurances given at that time hardly predicted the present position of affairs.

Scrap!

Last week, while listening to an address by Col. Frank Chappell, of the Public Relations Department of General Motors, we were struck by his statement of the few years of usefulness of the nice shiny motor cars that are now the pride of their owners. In seven years they will be scrap—perhaps sooner, if not driven carefully. Then we recalled a trip of the previous afternoon over the Niagara district. There was the old electric line that, on a former visit of earlier years, had been the means of getting from Queenston to the Falls—now just scrap. The new Welland Canal has replaced the old Welland Canal, and left a lot of scrap. A huge factory, that had been the scene of industrial activity of some magnitude, had signs posted warning against trespassing, and was just scrap. Perhaps in a few years these cars, the roads we travel, and the buildings we construct will likewise be just scrap. There is a tendency to rather look with contempt on the scrap of to-day, but will not those who follow have the same opportunity in later years to look also with contempt on the scrap that we of the present day leave behind. We like to think about "scrap." It represents the energy and thought of many minds. Some of it was useful for many years. Some of it soon reached the scrap heap. These inanimate scraps are a lot like human lives.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The worst part of a vacation is the effort necessary to get back to work after the holiday time is over.

Alberta has 234 candidates contesting 63 seats, and the election date set for August 22nd. The disappointed ones are at least going to be in the majority.

A newspaper heading says that "Women Will Help Farmers with Crop," which is about the oldest news, but might shame some of the "On to Ottawa" enthusiasts.

Another week and the election date as yet not announced. And no additional political parties in the field. The campaign can scarcely be said to be warming up.

Mayor Simpson, of Toronto, in his appeal to other cities on the relief matters, met with rather a cool reception. Possibly indicative of the civic reception he will be accorded next election day.

Approval seems quite general on the action of Premier Hepburn in shaking up the single unemployed man to a realization that his relief assistance is over. Too much sympathy has over softened some until the desire for work has been lost.

Last week the veterans of the North West Rebellion (those are were left) assembled in a re-union in Toronto. They met in the city at the same time as the Weekly Newspapers Association, and were guests on the same boat trip to view Toronto Harbor.

The announcement that liquor profits of the Province are increased by a half million is really nothing for any considerable pride. The only bright spot is that reduced operating costs are partly contributory and that a reduction is shown in the consumption of hard liquors.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

JOSIAH (A RELIGIOUS REFORMER)

Golden Text.—Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.—Matt. 4: 10.

Lesson Text.—2 Kings 22: 1-23: 30. (Verses printed, 2 Kings 22: 1, 2, 8; 23: 1-33, 21-23). Study, also, Deut. 6: 4-13.

Time.—6:30-6:21 B. C. Place—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. A Godly Young King. Manasseh began to reign over the kingdom of Judah at an early age and reigned badly. Josiah began to reign over the same kingdom at a still earlier age and reigned well. "Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child," wrote the wise man (Eccl. 10: 16), and taken as a general principle, this is true. But there was an exception to the rule and to the application of the general principle. What the earlier influences were, which led Josiah to follow a totally different line of conduct than that pursued by his wicked father and grandfather, we are not told. But further on in life, it was the discovery of the long-lost law of God that led to the larger reformation in the kingdom. The whole account of Josiah's life and reign is recorded in 2 Kings chs. 22, 23, and should be read. The prophets Jeremiah and Zephaniah flourished in Josiah's time (Jer. 1: 2; Zeph. 1: 1). Doubtless they, and especially Jeremiah, had a large influence over the king. Of few of Judah's kings is it recorded that "They did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord" (cf. ch. 14: 3; 17: 3; 20: 2), but it is so written of Josiah. Very likely the king did that which was far from right in the eyes of many of the leading politicians of the day; but that mattered not at all, so long as what he did was "right in the eyes of the Lord."

II. Restoring the House of the Lord. At twenty years of age, Josiah took up right heartily the work of religious reformation. He began with his own city and nation, but carried on his work into Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon and Naphtali. Hezekiah carried his work of reform into Ephraim and Manasseh (2 Chronicles 30: 1, 10, 11; 31: 1), but Josiah carried his reformation even further, and apparently more successfully (cf. 2 Kings 23: 15-20), and did not return to Jerusalem until he had finished his work. At twenty-six years of age, Josiah undertook the restoration of the temple. It was a national undertaking, and the godly king had associated with him in the enterprise the great high priest Hilkiah, and other noted and devoted leaders. The men did the work in the way that all who work for God ought to do their work—faithfully. So faithfully, indeed, did they labor, that there was no need of any reckoning being made with them (2 Kings 23: 7). They did their work as unto the Lord, and not as eye-servants (cf. Eph. 6: 5, 6).

III. The Power of the Word. But the great event in the life and reign of Josiah was the re-discovery of the Law of the LORD. The manuscript was found by Hilkiah in the temple, and, presumably, was the very one written by Moses (cf. Deut. 31: 24-26). The supposition of the destructive critics that the so-called law of Moses was invented at this time, and that there was no discovery of a manuscript of the law existing without introduction in fact. Why? There are fifteen places in the Old Testament that mention "the law of Moses" and the "book of Moses," but this is the only occasion of which it is written that the book of the law was by THE HAND of Moses. Presumably, there were other copies of the law extant in the land, and probably Josiah had seen such copies, but had never read them with any fullness or care. How "the law of God" could become a forgotten book will never be easily understood, nevertheless the truth and fact remain that they HAD forgotten both Jehovah and His Word. But Josiah found the book of the law, passed it on to others, and so began the work of a great reform. Shaphan played an important part in the reformation by reading God's Word to Josiah. The first effect of the reading of the Word of God to the king was to awaken within him conviction of sin (v. 19). Having been convicted of sin by the Word, Josiah seeks to know the will of Jehovah. In those days, the prophet of God was depended upon to discover and reveal the mind of the Lord (v. 22; cf. Ex. 18: 15; Num. 9: 9; 1 Kings 22: 5; 17: 1; 22: 2; Ezek. 14: 1; 20: 1-7). In this dispensation, it is our privilege to be directly taught by the Spirit through the Word (John 14: 26; 16: 13, 14; 1 John 2: 20, 27; Jer. 17: 5-9). The great wrath which came upon Judah, in after days, was because they failed to keep the Word of the Lord, and did NOT do after which "was written in the book of this covenant."

IV. The Great Revival in Jerusalem and Judah.

Having learned the will of Jehovah, and being convinced of the certainty of His Word, King Josiah undertook the execution of that will, with all his heart. He began with the leaders of the people, but he left none of the rank-and-file. "Both small and great" were to hear the Word. Josiah began his reformation by teaching the whole people "all the words of the book." What a sight! A king, reading all the words of the book of the law of Jehovah, to his assembled people! Having acquainted the people with God's law, as revealed in His own Word, he, first of all, made a covenant before

RESILVERING A MIRROR

Mix together three ounces of tin, three ounces blisuth and six ounces mercury, and warm in a small, clean iron vessel or a large iron ladle. Paste the edge of the glass with a strip of paper, to prevent the mixture from running off during the process of silvering. Thoroughly clean and warm the glass, then pour a small quantity of the hot (not boiling) mixture on to it, tilting the glass first one way and then the other until the worn spots are well covered. Remove the paper, set the glass aside to dry, and when quite hard apply a protective coat of paint to the back.

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