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EDITORIAL

Those Election Bets
Every election brings in its aftermath the spectacle of someone paying a foolish bet. Fortunately the bug has not stung Acton and we don't witness many of these silly escapades, rides or stunts that follow an election. Sometimes one wonders if the participants in these bets are not merely making a bid for a little cheap publicity that seems to find favor in the daily press and is played up with headings and descriptive matter that the stunt does not usually warrant. Certainly no good can come of one man wheeling another in a wheelbarrow, or a couple of men, past the youthful stage, donning a bathing suit in late October. As we said before, the craze hasn't struck Acton, and we hope the foolishness of the thing will be so impressive that it never will.

Our Words

One of the most successful business men of the country says we should think a long time before we say a hard word to anyone, but never miss a chance to say a good one. That is just the opposite from what most of us do. Most hard words are spoken almost without thinking. We find fault before we have made any special effort to understand. We criticize on the impulse of the moment. We say bitter, resentful things because we sat up too late last night and feel out of sorts. Again and again we miss the chance to speak words of praise, of sympathy, of encouragement, because we do not think. There are probably times when hard words are necessary, but they are so few that such words should never be spoken without reflection. The time for good words, however, never comes and never goes. It is always here.

New Arrangements

It would appear that the cancellation of the Quebec power contracts was about to be carried into effect after several months and ample time for investigation or negotiation. We always have a deep feeling for any contract that has to be cancelled or debt that is not to be paid. We don't like having an obligation cancelled or a few cents paid on the dollar through the bankruptcy courts. It takes away an asset we thought we had. We don't like these notices from the Farmers' Creditors' Act making arrangements with assets we thought we possessed and the possibility of getting only a part of the money owing. But, like it or not, these things are happening every day and there doesn't seem to be much we can do about it. Now it is very likely to happen to the bondholders in the Quebec power companies. We can imagine they won't like it any better than we like to see things we thought were assets turn into nothing but just papers. We can't recall getting any sympathy when assets went away under the Bankruptcy or Farmers' Creditors' Acts. Sympathy isn't usually extended for these losses. And it looks as if even in spite of all the requests for it from those financially interested—there won't be much more than a "too bad" from the masses. Even as children we have to learn that we don't get all our own way. But it's harder to take when we grow up. These are surely days of new arrangements and possibly for the best.

A Menace to Property
At this season of the year, when the leaves cover the ground and accumulate in rather large piles, the danger of fires in these piles, carelessly started and left unguarded, form quite a menace to property. It is quite possible and likely for the fire to follow through the leaves to close property and serious fires may result. These fires should not be left unguarded when started. If you haven't the time to attend to them do not start them. They are a menace if left unguarded.

Give Thanks
To-morrow we give thanks. Thanks for health and friends granted us throughout the year. Thanks for the measure of peace and security that we enjoy. Thanks for the bounties that Providence has seen fit to grant us. And if one would but pause for a moment the list might be carried on at such length that one would wonder if one day was sufficient for thanksgiving. It isn't. Every day has its reason for giving thanks. But on the morrow Canada pauses to jointly give thanks. It's more than another holiday. Give thanks.

A High Percentage
Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways, early this year announced his intention of making the fullest possible use of the power to suspend driving licenses as a means of checking the rapidly increasing accident toll. As a result of this policy, there were 5,140 suspensions in effect under the provisions of the Financial-Responsibility Law, on the first of October—in other words, one out of every 130 drivers in Ontario. Of the 624 suspensions imposed during September, more than half of them were for reckless driving. The number of suspensions for driving while intoxicated set a new high record for any month, although the total for the first nine months of the year was almost 10 per cent. below the total for the same months of 1931. Notwithstanding the fact that many men are prepared to express the opinion that no woman should be permitted to drive a car, only 25 women lost their driving privileges and had their licenses suspended during September, while 599 males were deprived of their licenses, according to statistics contained in the Department of Highways' monthly accident bulletin. Perhaps careless drivers will soon come to a realization that the laws are on the statute books to be obeyed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Thanksgiving Day to-morrow. Everyone has some cause for giving thanks.

Even such a thing as an election ceases to become of very great importance, a few days after it is over.

The Y. M. C. A. program seems to be developing very nicely and as it unfolds the young people are becoming more enthused with its possibilities.

Apple Day proved popular on Saturday. A choice Canadian fruit, sold by Canadian boys, was an appeal that was hard to resist more than once.

Some folks seem to think that election promises should be fulfilled the day following the election. As a rule that day is occupied mostly with paying election bets.

Italy seems to be growing more unpopular with the rest of the world as its invasion of Ethiopia proceeds. If it does win its conquest it will be questionable victory.

Canada's exports of bacon and hams during August totalled 8,351,800 pounds with a value of \$1,417,821. The United Kingdom was leading purchaser with 8,255,900 pounds valued at \$1,302,917.

The 1936 auto licenses go on sale the first of the month and the purchaser of a new car will have fourteen months' use for the price of twelve. It is a commendable move and should stimulate auto sales at a rather dull period.

The Kitchener Record recently published a very complete edition, marking the 25th anniversary of the opening of Niagara power transmission throughout Western Ontario. It was fitting that the Kitchener paper should publish this edition, since it was at Berlin, on October 11th, 1910, that this important ceremony took place.

Construction contracts awarded in Canada during September, 1935, totalled \$14,743,100, compared with \$12,404,000 in September, 1934, according to MacLean Building Reports Limited. Construction awards for the nine-month period ended September, 1935, now aggregate \$132,724,200, compared with \$98,145,100 in the corresponding period of 1934, and \$63,480,700 in 1933.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th

BEELSHAZZAR'S FEAST (INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE LESSON)

Golden Text—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler: And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20: 1.

Lesson Text.—Dan. 5: 17-28. Study the entire chapter; also, chap. 6: 1-31.

Time.—6:30 P. M. Place.—Babylon.

Exposition.—I. Belshazzar's Blind and Blameless Polly, 17-23.

Daniel was a man of lofty character. He was above temptation from Belshazzar's royal gifts and honors. The king had that very evening insulted Daniel's God, and Daniel spurns gifts from such a source (Gen. 14: 23; 1 Kings 5: 16). He feels the divine call to be the impious king's judge and not his beneficiary. He will not be dazzled by gifts from one to whom he must declare the stern judgment of God. There is here a lesson for men to-day who are called to declare the whole counsel of God. How many a modern preacher hesitates to rebuke the sins of the men and women that contribute largely toward his salary, and how the church is forced to compromise the truth by asking the unavowed to contribute to the support of the church. Furthermore, Daniel would have it clearly understood that the gift of God was not to be exercised for pay (Acts 3: 20). Daniel lost nothing by the high stand he took, for the gifts were forced upon him despite his noble disdain (v. 29). Belshazzar must be brought to see that he owes all to that very God he has insulted (v. 18). Every king holds his kingdom as a gift from God. God decides who shall rule (Dan. 4: 17, 25, 33; Deut. 32: 8). But this was emphatically true of Nebuchadnezzar, and God had made it very clear. So, Belshazzar's impley was particularly inexcusable. If there is any lesson clearly taught, both in Scripture and in history, it is that swift ruin awaits the man whose "heart is lifted up" in pride (v. 20; Prov. 16: 5, 18; Dan. 4: 37; Is. 14: 12-17; Luke 1: 51, 52; 18: 14). Belshazzar's grandfather had been a notable example of this (vs. 20, 21; ch. 1: 30-33). When a man becomes proud and boastful, his doom is sealed. God delights to humble the boastful man in the dust. God's purpose in this is most beneficent, that men may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men (v. 21). It is well that we should know this: "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, has not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this." Belshazzar's stout-hearted pride was peculiarly unpardonable. He sinned against great light. God's dealings with his grandfather had been of a most remarkable character, and Belshazzar knew of them. The extent of man's guilt is determined by the amount of light he sins against. But we have more light than even Belshazzar had. Who will measure our guilt if we do not humble our hearts? Have we really done it? But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven? Alas for the man who does that! It has been done again and again in the history of the world, and the man who has done it has been made a warning to all who should come after. Pharaoh (Ex. 5: 2), Sennacherib (Isaiah 37: 23, 36-38), as well as Belshazzar, are cases in point. "The God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified." Here was another count in God's indictment against Belshazzar. Great indeed was his folly. His very breath, all his ways, were in God's hands. God had the entire shaping of his destiny. His very life was at God's disposal, and yet Him had Belshazzar not glorified. What madness! Yes, but a madness that is being repeated every day in this land of Bible light. Our breath is in God's hand (Ps. 104: 29). In Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17: 25, 28). Every detail of our temporal and eternal destiny is at His disposing (Prov. 25: 24), and yet how many of us give Him scarcely a thought. If a man has a little power over our destiny we do much to win his favor, but the God in whose hand our breath is and whose are all our ways we leave utterly disregarded.

II. The Handwriting on the Wall, 24-30.

God will call men to account sooner or later. He may let them go on for some time in their forgetfulness and defiance of Himself, but some day they shall see the handwriting on the wall. And the word written there shall be "FOLLY."

All men are in God's balance. "Ye are weighing each of us day by day. How much do you think you weigh in God's balances? One may weigh well in man's balances, but go up in God's (Ps. 62: 9, R. V.; Luke 16: 15). Belshazzar was not found wanting in man's balances. But when God came to weigh him and mark him, the mark was "found wanting." The handwriting was sent in mercy. If Belshazzar had repented as the king of Nineveh had before him (Jonah 3: 8-10), if he had humbled himself as his grandfather did, there was still mercy for him (ch. 4: 34-37). But though Belshazzar honored the messenger, there was not repentance in sackcloth and ashes at the message, and "in that night was Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, slain." Let every proud and impatient sinner take warning. For a long time the critics vilified this story of Belshazzar, for they said that Belshazzar was but a legend of the historians (which was quite true) and his very existence was mythical. But further researches discovered a record by his own father, Nabonidus, mentioning him by name, and this objection, like so many other objections of the critics, had to go. The historicity of the book of Daniel is now well established. The self-confident

BUDGETING TIME

Most of you young people realize the importance of budgeting where money is concerned, but few seem to understand that budgeting time is equally necessary. Twenty-four hours a day is all you have to live on, and that time should be so divided and apportioned that no important interest in life is slighted. Your hours of work are generally decided for you, but your hours of play should not be neglected. Recreation should take into account physical well-being and intellectual pleasure. Work should be planned for. Provision should be made for friendly relations with others. In every twenty-four hours time should be allowed for the quiet thinking which is back of all growth, all progress.

ENLIGHTENING

Alfred: "Why do they have knots on the ocean instead of miles?" Skipper: "Well, you see, they couldn't have the ocean tides if there were no knots."

Mother: "Graves Worm Exterminator will drive worms from the system without injury to the child, because its action, while fully effective, is mild."

critics are again thoroughly discredited, and their much-boasted "scholarship" proven to be thoroughly inaccurate. The discoveries of the archaeologists have played havoc with the theories of the prevailing school of critics, and yet many of them in their ignorance of their deliberate misrepresentation of facts, go on blandly asserting that these exploded theories of German infidels are "the established results of the latest scholarship." Nothing could be farther from the truth. Scarcely a month passes, these days, without some announcement being made of a new archaeological discovery which testifies to the truth of Holy Scripture.

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