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EDITORIAL

Not Included

The intimation that the Middle road, serving the district between Toronto and Hamilton, is to be completed as part of the highway program this year is interesting. It would have been much more interesting to this section of the county to have heard that the twelve mile stretch between Acton and Milton was also part of the highway program. This link has been greatly improved by the County within the past two years, and is now widened out to highway width. The dangerous curves have all been taken out and it is now a scenic and very fine drive. With these steps made by the County, it would certainly appear to be logical to make the connection with the highway at Milton that runs to the Dundas highway at Palermo. Unless this connection is made that section of the highway below Milton still serves only Milton and points south and does not give the service it might to the northern section of the county. The department of other governments made promises, but so far only promises have been the reply to this section of the county. Three highways will serve the lower section of Halton, yet when the northern section wants to get to them they travel over dirt roads with the usual amount of inconvenience that goes with that type according to the season of the year. By way of example, Acton hockey club this winter travelled fifty miles to reach Oakville, usually a matter of 28 miles.

The Trend of Interest Rates

Is the downward trend of interest rates at last reversing? An editorial in The Canadian Chartered Accountant for March draws attention to two recent signs that the turn may have come. The first of these was the response of the London market to the Australian loan. This was primarily a conversion offer, by which holders of New South Wales 5% inscribed stock were invited to convert into equal nominal amounts of the new Commonwealth 3% registered stock. Cash subscriptions at 95 1/2 were also invited and the underwriters were left with half the issue on their hands. "Despatches from London," the editorial continues, "stated that this unfavorable response was not unexpected in financial circles and that it was due to market conditions and not to any lack of confidence in Australian credit. It would appear that our own government at Ottawa by its recent offer in New York of Dominion 3 1/4% bonds due 1961 at 95.86 to yield 3.5% believes that the low point has been passed and that higher interest rates have already set in. "The great bulk of bond issues during the past year has been for refunding purposes and most of the money for purchasing these securities came from bonds that had been called. To hasten a return to normal business conditions new issues will have to be offered to the public, the proceeds of which will go towards the purchase of capital goods. To encourage the possessors of funds to invest in corporation bonds, interest rates must be made more attractive. The turn in the tide which we believe is apparent in the above two instances, should be reflected before long in the issues of corporations."

**Houses Wanted**  
The influx of a few new families desirous of moving to Acton has brought attention to the fact that Acton is facing a shortage of houses available for rent at a moderate price. A half dozen men were in town on Saturday looking for houses in which to establish their homes and they were unable to secure the required houses. It would appear that there is an opportunity for builders to erect several houses that would rent at a figure within the reach of working men and find a favorable investment. True there are several properties available for sale, but the houses are all occupied. The securing of just one industry has brought the fact to light, that we were running close to the supply of demand. If any more industrial expansion is to be made, Acton needs this year at least ten to twenty new houses.

**Sure it Can be Done**  
We still say it can be done. In Paris at the hockey game on Monday, there was no haze of smoke to hinder the view of the hockey game. The "No Smoking" signs in the arena at Paris weren't nearly as large as those displayed in Acton and Fergus arenas. But in Paris there were four or five men in uniform who mingled here and there among the crowd and kept all informed on the rules governing the conduct in the arena. It is after all just a habit and not a hardship for spectators to refrain from smoking while in the arena. The buildings will not carry off the fumes. The ventilating arrangements are not provided. When the crowds will not appeal to that argument, there is only one thing to do—enforce the "No Smoking" rule. Fergus needed it the night we were there. Acton has needed it for some time. In the interests of all, let's have it for the rest of the play-off games. Paris set a fine example. Let's follow it.

**Food For Breakfast**  
Canadian cereal foods find their way to breakfast tables in many parts of the world, according to a report on the prepared breakfast foods and other cereal products industry in Canada. During 1934 Exports of cereal foods from Canada amounted to \$3,226,576, of which over 95 per cent. went to the United Kingdom. Production in this industry in 1934 included 53,543,360 pounds of prepared breakfast foods (corn flakes, bran flakes, wheat flakes, shredded wheat, muffets, force, etc.), valued at \$7,070,510; unprepared cereal products, \$501,200; stock and poultry foods, \$240,733, and all other products, \$280,064. The total output of prepared breakfast foods in Canada during the year under review (including those produced in the flour milling industry) was \$9,866,888 pounds, valued at \$8,641,084. Such unprepared cereals as oatmeal, rolled oats, etc., which are exclusively produced in the flour milling industry, are not included in these figures.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**  
With 81,000 Scouts, Canada is the fifth largest Boy Scouting country in the world.  
The amount of branded beef sold in Canada during January, 1936, amounted to 3,660,837 pounds.  
Production of creamery butter in Canada for the month of January, 1936, totalled 9,388,090 pounds, an increase of 17.4 per cent., or 1,389,949 pounds, compared with January, 1935.  
Financial transfers in the forms of cheques cashed to individual accounts at the clearing house centres of Canada in 1935 totalled \$31,546,066,341, compared with \$32,866,672,922 in 1934.

There still seems plenty of material upon which a hockey editorial might be written. But again it may be deferred and written with more material at a later date—when the championship is landed.

If the savings negotiated in the new Hydro contracts are to be diverted to legal fees, the general public will benefit little. Premier Hepburn does well to call a halt on the \$20,000 account of one lawyer.

A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself, slyly remarks the editor of the Galt Reporter.

Halton's representative at Ottawa, Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M. P., was again speaking in behalf of his constituency on the floor of the House, on Thursday last. Mr. Cleaver is evidently on his job for Haltonians.

Lou E. Marsh, who won and held a place in the hearts of all who loved sports, has passed on. His ability as a sports writer and a man who played the game were known to all. His endeavor to keep sports on a high plane should be an example for all to emulate.

There has been absolutely no complaint following the ruling that the amusement tax on entertainments, where the proceeds are devoted to religious, educational or charitable purposes, will hereafter be non-taxable. Three broad heads that will likely cover most of functions in the smaller centres at least. It's good news, anyway.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15th

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY

Golden Text.—If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.—1 John 5: 14.

Time.—A. D. 29. Place.—Galilee.

Exposition.—I. The Prayer That Jesus Taught, 1-4.

There is nothing regarding which we need more teaching than regarding prayer (Romans 8: 26; James 4: 3). None can teach how to pray better than Jesus. It was seeing Him pray Himself that led the disciples to ask Him to teach them to pray. If we can only learn to pray as He prayed, we will have mastered the secret of prevailing prayer (John 11: 42). Jesus is just as ready to teach us to-day through His Holy Spirit as He was to teach the disciples by word of mouth. This is generally spoken of as the Lord's Prayer, but the Lord's prayer is found in John 17. This is rather the Disciples' Prayer. It is not intended so much as a form of prayer, as a model upon which to form all prayer (Matt. 6: 9). The only one who has a right to offer this prayer is the one who has a right to call God "Father" (cf. Gal. 3: 26; Romans 8: 14; 1 John 3: 10; John 1: 12). The believer ought not to limit himself to this prayer (Phil. 4: 6; James 5: 13, 14). Christ's prayer is in the name of Christ; this is not mentioned here because Jesus was not yet crucified (John 16: 24; 14: 13, 14). The opening words of the prayer teach that God is the Father of all believers in Christ and that they are all brethren. The place of God's peculiar abode is heaven (cf. Ps. 115: 3; Isa. 66: 1; Ps. 113: 4; Dan. 2: 28; Matt. 10: 32; 3: 17; Acts 1: 9, 10). True prayer always puts the following of God's name before all else (cf. John 17: 1). All the rights of the entire infinite race of men sink into nothingness before the rights and glory of the infinite God. Next to the glory of God's name comes the triumph of God's Kingdom, the establishment of God's reign first in our own hearts then in the hearts of others, then in open manifestation throughout the earth (cf. Isa. 2: 2-5; Dan. 2: 44; 7: 27; Rev. 11: 15; 10: 6; 20: 4). Before the Kingdom can fully come, the King must come. We do well to pray for the coming of the King as well as the coming of the Kingdom (Rev. 22: 20). If we really desire God's Kingdom to come, we will first of all see to it that the Kingdom is set up in our own hearts, and then we will go earnestly to work to set it up in the hearts of others. The third petition indicates submission to the will of God (Luke 22: 42), delight in performing the will of God (John 6: 38; Eph. 5: 6), sanctification in our own lives (1 Thess. 4: 3), and the desire that the will of God be the law of all the earth. The fourth petition is to be taken first of all literally as applying to the necessities of the body. It is right to appeal to God about these (Phil. 4: 6). The measure of temporal things that we should desire is enough each day for that day. The petition is one of child-like trust that delights to get its food each day from the Father's own hand. Jesus lived as He prayed (cf. Matt. 6: 34; 1 Tim. 6: 8, 9; Ex. 16: 15-22). The fifth petition is not the prayer of the unsaved sinner for the forgiveness of the sins that are destroying him forever, but the prayer of the saved child of God for the forgiveness of the sins that are hindering his communion with the Father. If we are to enjoy the forgiveness that brings unbroken fellowship with God, we must on our part forgive those who have injured us. Nothing more surely destroys communion than an unforgiving spirit (cf. Matt. 6: 14, 15; Mark 11: 25). The fact that we forgive others is not the ground upon which God forgives us, but it is the condition of our enjoying that forgiveness (Eph. 1: 7; 4: 32). The prayer for pardon is put first of the prayers for spiritual blessings because there can be no blessing unless there is pardon. God does not tempt men (James 1: 13); He does bring men into places where they are tempted (Job 1: 12; 2: 6; Mark 1: 12, 13), though He never suffers us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear (1 Cor. 10: 13). But the man who is humble and has an adequate conception of his own weakness will constantly pray, "bring me not into temptation." The spirit of this prayer is the exact opposite to that presumptuous spirit so often seen where men rush into unnecessary temptation to show how strong they are. The intelligent Christian always realizes that though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak (Matt. 26: 41). The prayer closes with a suggestion of our peril from our great enemy "the evil one" (cf. Matt. 6: 13, R. V.).

II. The Power of Importunity, 5-13.

The central thought of this parable is plain enough, namely, that if we do not get what we ask of God the first time we ask, we keep on praying until we do (cf. Luke 11: 1-13). The word translated "importunity," means literally, "shamelessness." God delights in that persistent faith that by boldness, that will not be put to shame nor take "No" for an answer (cf. Matt. 15: 21-23). In v. 9 there are three commands and three promises. Obtaining the promises is conditioned upon obeying the commands. Men do not obtain because they do not ask (cf. James 4: 2). They do not find because they do not seek. They do not have the door opened to them because they do not knock. By piling up words (ask, seek, knock), Jesus sets forth the need of earnestness and downright persistence in prayer. How few people pray things through. We are often on the verge of getting but stop short just too

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

During the month of February, 4,428 accidents were reported to The Workmen's Compensation Board, this being an increase of 12 over the number for January, and compared with 4,628 during February a year ago.

The fatal accidents numbered 31, as compared with 17 during January. The benefits awarded amounted to \$429,335.70, of which \$346,914.75 was for compensation and \$82,421.04 for medical aid.

HE WAS  
"Was the boss annoyed when you told him I was leaving next week?"  
"Yes, he thought it was this week."

Dismember responds quickly to Douglas' Egyptian Liniment. Keep a bottle handy in the stable.

soon. Jesus does not say that everyone who asks gets everything that he asks, not even if he asks of God. Even as earthly father will give a son at least as good as he asks, how much more God. The fundamental truth that underlies prayer is that God is a father. Those who argue against God's answering prayer from the reign of law lose sight of the great truth that God is a father. Incidentally, Jesus teaches the corruption of human nature.

WHO SAID HE COULDN'T MAKE A COMEBACK



—Bishop in the St. Louis Star-Times

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