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Canadian Exports Gain
Canada's domestic exports in March amounted to \$72,030,000 compared with \$58,099,000 in March a year ago, an increase of about 24 per cent. Exports to the United Kingdom were \$26,757,000 compared with \$21,323,000, a gain of 25 per cent, while exports to the United States was \$26,846,000 compared with \$21,916,000, an increase of 22 per cent.

Not Right Because Popular
During the depression there were numerous books and pamphlets issued and reached our desk, telling of various men's methods of getting out of our difficulties. Last week—we take it a sign of a return of better times—we received a booklet entitled "Lotteries—Why They Must be Legalized for Us." The author is Leon Trepanier, an alderman in Montreal. This man, in his opening remarks, would seemingly desire to convey the impression that the sweepstakes ticket is the only gamble that appeals to him. We haven't digested all the argument of the booklet yet, but a glance through it shows quite an accumulation from a wide field has been gathered. Just because a thing may seem at the moment to be quite popular, does not, however, make it desirable. We hear a great deal these days of the wealth having been accumulated by the few, to the detriment of the masses: If the lottery is legalized, it will certainly not make toward any correction of this wrong. We'll readily admit that people do seem to like being fooled, and that countless dollars are lost by those who can ill afford it in various forms of petty chance games. The racket that used to be popular only at fall fair time now is worked in various forms the year round. That does not, however, make the thing right. What we need is not legalizing of lotteries, but legal action to stop them and protect those who are foolish enough to believe they can win against them. We have a Securities Commission to stamp out the swindling of stock selling, why not an enforcement of the laws to prohibit the swindling of the smaller change from the gullible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The output of central electric stations in Canada reached a new high in March of 2,135,460,000 kilowatt hours.

Summer sports are getting away to a real start, but the early gardens got a severe set back with the frost of the week.

Next week the Conservative party will choose a leader, and this week the debate for the various favorites holds the limelight.

Simcoe has collected \$2,175 for licenses of slot machines and pin boards, and yet it is not securing revenue from all in operation, it is claimed.

Good intentions are, at least, the seed of good actions; and every one ought to sow them, and leave it to the soil and the seasons whether he or any other gather the fruit.

Lindsay will hold a plebiscite on beer parlors on July 15th. These local voting dates are becoming so numerous that a saving would be made by holding a general provincial plebiscite.

The death of Tom Marks last week recalled the days of packed crowds in the Town Hall when his company used to play for three or four nights every year in Acton and other towns.

\$20 a day for rooms, and meals at \$10 and \$11 a day were among the expense accounts of the Radio Commission, as brought out at the probe. Is that what the \$2 license fee is used for?

According to radio news, Acton is the first town to undertake a community amateur radio program over CFRB. It's up to us to see that it has the best of the amateurs represent Acton on this community feature.

An exchange tells of a beverage room being added to a local hotel and completes the item: "This will be a decided improvement for the accommodation of the public." Those things aren't built for the accommodation of the public and after a short time you'll find it out in the town; brother.

There were 4,250 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of April, a decrease of 593 from the month of March, and 236 less than the number during April a year ago. The benefits awarded amounted to \$430,511.02, of which \$340,017.25 was for compensation and \$90,494.37 for medical aid.

Alcohol was given as an unseen and unreported cause of many deaths among chronic drinkers, in a study reported to the American Psychiatric Association by V. G. Urse, M.D., assistant psychiatrist of the Cook County Psychopathic Hospital, Chicago, recently. Of 21 deaths which he found due to alcohol he said the coroner attributed only five to that cause, missing 78 per cent. They were missed, Dr. Urse said, because presumably fatal alcohol may fail to leave clear traces. He suggested need for re-examination of the true role of chronic alcoholism.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY 24th

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE (Temperance Lesson)

Golden Text—In your patience ye shall win your souls—Luke 21: 19.

Lesson Text—Luke 20: 45-47; 21: 1-9, 34-36.

Time—A. D. 30, March. Places—In the Temple at Jerusalem and Mount of Olives.

Exposition.—I. Profession Without Practice, 45-47.

No sin called forth from Christ such scathing denunciation as that of hypocrisy (cf. Matt. 23: 1-39). The scribes, recognized teachers of the Jewish people, by their garments and their outward demeanor made a great show of piety. They made long prayers in public before the admiring multitudes and loved to be called by fine titles such as Rabbi, Teacher, Master. But Jesus saw through this religious pretense to their hearts (Heb. 4: 13). Nothing enduring can be built on fakery. The very corner-stone of the Christian life is sincerity (Ps. 51: 6). The outstanding feature of hypocrisy is love of man's praise and honor. The scribes have many imitators today. Many an ecclesiastic is professing a desire to magnify his office when what he is really seeking is to magnify himself! The words of our Lord are clear and unmistakable. Such men shall receive the "greater damnation" (Matt. 24: 51).

II. The Widow's Gift Commended, 21: 1-4.

Over against these hypocrites, Jesus set the poor widow who had real love for God. Our Lord is greatly interested in the spirit in which we make our offerings to God. "He saw rich men casting in their gifts into the treasury." He saw also the religious affection with which they did so, their ostentation and love of display. Jesus measures greatness and littleness by a very different standard from that of the world. These magnificent gifts (Mark 12: 41) called forth no word of commendation from Him. Christ does not care what a man has, but what he is (1 Sam. 16: 7). But unmolded by anyone in the throng except Jesus a poor widow came and cast in "two mites," a sum so small that it would equal only a fraction of a cent, but in the eyes of Jesus more than the total of what the rest had given. Jesus saw the sincerity and self-denial back of the gift, and it touched Him so much that He thought it worthy of His disciples' attention. The others had given their "superfluity" (R. V.); she had given "her all." In the sight of God, giving of one's superfluity counts little and counts for little. All that we possess, in His view, we hold only in trust, but giving which calls for self-denial counts much and counts for much, for it is evidence of our faith in God's providence. It was this trust in God which made the widow's gift so precious in Jesus' sight. Our giving is the measure of our faith. The important question about our gifts is not, do they bring applause from men, but do they please God? Are they in such proportion to our means as to be a real evidence of our faith in His Fatherly goodness and care (Mark 11: 22; 1 Peter 1: 17)? No act of ours is too trifling to be noted down in the book of His remembrance. Little did the poor widow dream that her gift, at once so small and so great, would pass into history and live through the centuries to stir the hearts of millions!

III. Warning Against False Christis, 5-9a.

These verses in the first part of our Lord's great prophetic utterance, foretell the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the Jewish dispensation. His words were literally and frightfully fulfilled some forty years later. The city was razed, the temple destroyed, and more than a million perished. Questioned by His disciples as to when these things would take place, Jesus first reply is a warning against those who would come falsely claiming to be the Christ (cf. Acts 5: 36, 37; 1 John 2: 18). We need to lay to heart this warning of Jesus to-day. Perhaps never in the history of the world were there more men professing to have some new doctrine or religion which is better than Christianity. Anyone who brings a mutilated or changed gospel belongs to these "false Christs." They deceive many, but a true child of God will soon detect the false note in their utterance. That many are heated through their immaterialities proves absolutely nothing. Jesus said of them that they would show signs and wonders. A careful study of prophecy will help to keep us from falling a prey to these "wolves in sheep's clothing" (Matt. 7: 15).

IV. "Watch ye, therefore," 34-36.

This command unquestionably refers to the appearing of Jesus Christ yet to come. Luke 21: 24b covers a long period of time, the entire Gentile Age. The doctrine of the Second Coming is hated by a worldly Church and worldly Christians, but nothing is more sure than that when the "times of the Gentiles are fulfilled," Christ is coming again, at which time those who are asleep in Him shall be raised, the members of His body be caught up to meet Him, and the living bodies of believers be transformed (Acts 1: 9-11; 1 Cor. 15: 52; 1 Thes. 4: 13-17). It is not the will of God that any man should know the day or the hour of His coming (Matt. 24: 36; Acts 1: 7). That is one of the secret things that belong to God. Nevertheless, there has never been a time when this utterance of Jesus, that men have not believed that they could reckon out the exact

NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS

Thirty brilliant students, selected from thirteen Canadian universities, have been awarded post-graduate scholarships for the year 1936-37 by the National Research Council at Ottawa. The policy of assisting exceptional students to pursue post-graduate work in Canadian universities has been followed since the inception of the Council, the object being to build up in Canada a supply of trained scientists capable of undertaking and carrying through any research investigations required in the promotion and development of industrial processes looking to the better or more profitable utilization of Canadian raw materials and the expansion of markets for Canadian products.

Awards—see of three classes: bursaries

\$500; studentships—\$800; fellowships—\$600. The grants this year included two fellowships, eleven studentships, and seventeen bursaries. time, have deserted their homes and their business, and even put on white robes, to meet Him. This is in express disregard of His command. So far as we know, Jesus may come at any moment, but our only proper attitude is that of prayerful waiting. Repentance towards God, faith in Jesus Christ, and a life lived sincerely and honestly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is the only preparedness needed against that day. Are we careless and indifferent, taken up with worldly pleasures and cares, forgetful of the things of God? "The day of the Lord is coming" "as a snare." "Watch ye, therefore," He says, "and pray always." An especial blessing is pronounced upon those servants whom the Lord finds watching when He comes (Luke 12: 37).

Sowing on Fertile But Unprepared Ground



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EDITORIAL

A Logical Construction

The intimation that Ontario will spend large sums this year in construction of new highways in an effort to improve the unemployment situation opens up again the question of completing that strip between Acton and Milton and joining No. 7 with Highway 26 at Milton. The previous government gave the assurance that this highway would be the first undertaken in the County. The Middle Road, across the lower end of the County, however, received the preference and the upper section the promise. During the time since the promise of this northern connecting strip, the County has proceeded with widening out and now the stretch is completed and ready for highway construction. We understand that this preparation by the County was in accordance with instructions from the Provincial Department. Its construction at this time would provide employment for a number of unemployed close to the section where there are numbers of men available—both in Toronto and Hamilton. The section is such a logical one that no doubt the Department has it in mind in the present plan of highway expenditure and improvement.

What of the Future?

In the opinion of Mr. Bennett, the country cannot stand an eight per cent. sales tax. He is reported as saying, in the debate: "Can this country stand an 8% sales tax? In my judgment, it cannot. I have given as much thought to this as I can, because I have no desire to interpose any objections to the efforts made by the Government to do what it is so anxious to do, namely, to establish an equilibrium between income and outgo. But we must face the facts frankly. I do not see how this Dominion, from what I know of its economic structure, can stand an 8% sales tax. This is a tremendous tax. It is a tax which the Minister's predecessors felt could not safely be imposed." Those who are paying—and that includes most everyone—will similarly object; and we, as one of the many, don't like it any better than anyone else. But we have hope that such a levy will not be for long. We have a recollection that does not need to go back very far to recall when Mr. Bennett came into power that the sales tax was only one per cent, and we think penny postage was also part of our privileges. Five years of the policies which he considered for the best interests of the country brought the sales tax up, postage and every other tax conceivable on the upward plane, with no prospect of lowering. The legacy of his policy would, it seem, call for the eight per cent. tax. If we had a thought in mind that the eight per cent. tax was but a forerunner of the many increases that characterized the policy of the last government, we could anticipate ten and twelve per cent. levies and conceive of Mr. Bennett's alarm. New policies of trade are being put into operation by the government of this day. They will not have their effect until a year, possibly two years, from now. In the meantime revenue must be maintained and an effort made to keep debt from increasing. If the eight per cent. levy was a permanent fixture, Mr. Bennett might have cause for alarm. The present system stood his increase of five per cent., his higher postage and what-not, but they didn't stand for the prospect of no improvement under his guidance. Its not the conditions of the moment that stifles but the outlook on the future that dampens the desire to progress.

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