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EDITORIAL

What is There in It's Favor?

Any illusions that ratepayers may have had that the municipality's share of the fee from authorities of the Liquor Control licenses would assist in meeting the taxes to any great extent have been disappointed. For a period of five months, Acton received a little over \$60 as their share. There might be a probability of \$150 for a twelve-month period. The trial will quash any argument of the backers of the Liquor Control Act that the plan is a financial bonanza to the taxpayers. It is quite probable that the amount will be lower than last year. That is the one encouraging note of the whole venture. After the drought of several years it seemed only natural that thirst or habits would take a lot of quenching. It is doubtful however, if the decrease will be for long. Brewers are aggressive business people—so aggressive that they often stoop to business practices that circumvent the law. When business goes down they will use every attempt to secure new business. The product will be backed up to secure its popularity with the young folks to make more business at any costs. In the meantime, the young people suffer. It is harder for the drinkers to secure the best jobs. It gets difficult for them to keep them if they do secure them. It's an old, old story and always the same. Put any sort of a name to the outlet—barroom, beverage room, tap room, etc., the product is always the same.

A Yearly Tussle

While the rain poured and the wind howled on Monday night, we sat in at the annual tussle of the Council as they struggled with the tax rate. We sometimes think if citizens more generally heard the deliberations of this and other meetings of Council, there would be little criticism of the tax rate, and a general feeling of confidence that the Council was not to be envied in trying to make ends meet and at the same time satisfy demands for improvements.

We might even get historical on the subject, because it is almost twenty years since Council meetings have been part of our regular assignment of news gathering. Our first sitting in on this event was when the late George Hynds was Reeve and the late A. J. MacKinnon, Clerk. It was held in Mr. MacKinnon's office on a midsummer night, and it was no dream. It was an entirely different task from that of Monday night.

Payments were confined to the sidewalks. There were no waterworks debentures and none for the Continuation School. Everybody paid their taxes on time. It used to be a contest in those days to see who would have taxes paid first. There wasn't any penalties or need of them. There was no relief problem and the County rate wasn't nearly so serious a levy. If we keep on, we will be historical. The rate was a lot lower than to-day, and, with present day requirements or standards, a return to a similar rate, as of twenty years ago, will not soon be seen again.

Even with all the data at the finger-tips of the Council, and presented in excellent shape by Clerk Farmer, it was a two and a half hour tussle on Monday night. And at the end a return to the rate of two years ago, of 47 mills. Acton has always taken the stand of meeting situations as they present themselves, and so a levy to meet the needs is the only course to pursue.

The rain on Monday night has had a variety of estimated values on its worth, and all outdoors certainly looked refreshed the morning following.

Canadian Livestock in Demand

Livestock raising is carried on in all the provinces of the Dominion, and the high quality of Canadian livestock is indicated by the constant demand in other countries for prize Canadian breeding stock for the improvement of existing herds and flocks. In the fiscal year 1935-36 exports of registered stock with a total value of \$782,607 included 8,860 head of prize cattle, 2,218 sheep, 107 swine, and 6,763 poultry. In the month of March alone 474 head of prize cattle were shipped to the United States, Australia and Japan, and ten thoroughbred sheep to the United States. The demand for Canadian poultry for the improvement of stock is more general, and during March the United States took 135 prize Canadian birds, Hawaii took 24, Newfoundland 14, Hongkong 8 and the United Kingdom 4. At the same time Canada is constantly importing animals from other countries to maintain or improve the high quality of Canadian livestock. During the past fiscal year, such imports of, thoroughbred animals included 159 head of cattle, 227 horses, 08 sheep, 3 goats, 1 hog, 1,195 fowl and 9,214 baby chicks, 169 dogs and 18 rabbits.

Reciprocity

Newspaper reports say that over the Decoration Day holiday, Toronto stores were crowded with American tourists who were taking advantage of the regulations that allow them to take back \$100 worth of goods, duty free. China, crystal, English leather goods, imported pipes, woollens, tweeds and blankets were the purchases. There is doubt that there are those who will take advantage of the privilege, but in the majority of cases it will not be abused and will prove a splendid means of creating better feeling between the two countries. Almost everyone, who goes visiting like to purchase a few trinkets as souvenirs of the visit or to bring home to friends.

They do this when visiting within the Dominion, and like to do the same when visiting in another country. In the majority of cases it is not any better value than obtainable anywhere else. Now they can be truthful when they cross the border and take back these small articles without the feeling of breaking the law. It is no doubt for this purpose that the reciprocal arrangement was made between Canada and the United States. It is to be hoped those who attempt to capitalize on the arrangement by carrying on a trade will be severely dealt with, so that bona fide tourists may have the privileges for some time.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Four lost their lives in Ontario waters during the week-end. The highway toll is being augmented by another list of summer time casualties.

Toronto's customs and excise revenue last month showed a gain of \$180,948 over May, 1935, and was the highest for any month of 1936 to date.

Georgetown "also" adopted daylight saving time on Saturday night, and now practically all the towns in this district operate on the advanced schedule.

Red Ryan's career on parole cost the lives of five other men. Rather an expensive toll to exact for "another" chance for a man who had already had several.

"Lights-Fail-Council-Adjourns-Chief-Gets-New Uniform" runs a headline in a nearby paper. We pass it on for the benefit of police officers in Acton and elsewhere.

McMullen has followed his companions in crime and is dead. There is one feature about this gang. They all died without putting the country to the expense of hangings.

It has been suggested to us that a part of the quarter million expended on Guelph Post Office might well have been used to put a higher wall around the prison yard, to keep Wessinger in captivity.

Another weekly newspaper publisher, George Hudson, of the Hespeler Herald, passed away last week. He served well his community and his death will be regretted by all newspaper men who knew and respected him.

And it's now all settled that the new Provincial Conservative leader will be Hon. Earl Rowe. The farmers have the day when it comes to Provincial leadership. Evidently the Conservatives believe the Liberals made the right choice in selecting a farmer.

During last year 79,900 births, 48,177 deaths, and 35,097 marriages were registered in 67 cities and towns of Canada, having populations of 10,000 and over. Increases of 1/2 per cent. in births, 6 per cent. in deaths, and 5 1/2 per cent. in marriages were shown over 1934.

One way to be satisfied with life in a small town is to walk along a narrow street in downtown Toronto at eleven o'clock on a night when the mercury has climbed to the eighties, and see the people sitting on their doorsteps, panting for a breath of cool air.—Fergus, News-Record.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7th

JESUS IN GETHSEMANE

Golden Text.—Not my will, but thine, be done.—Luke 22: 42.

Lesson Text.—Luke 22: 39-53.

Time.—Very early Wednesday morning, April 6th, A.D. 30th.

Place.—Gethsemane, on Mount of Olives, Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. Jesus Praying, the Disciples Sleeping, 39-46.

It is from Luke alone that we learn that Gethsemane was a place where Jesus was in the habit of going for prayer. "There is to-day a garden orchard on the Mount of Olives, that is claimed to be the very spot, and there is a very strong probability that this claim is true. Jesus resorted there not merely on a rare occasion such as this: it was His habit to go there for solitude and prayer (v. 39). He prepared for all great crises of His life by prayer. This was the greatest crisis of all, and He felt that not only He needed prayer, but that His disciples did not need His exhortation, "Pray that ye enter not into temptation," and so when the trial came, while He triumphed because of His night of prayer, they failed because they slept when they should have been praying. It is also from Luke alone that we learn of the details of the intense agony of that hour. The sorrow that was crushing Him was not merely the recoil from death (though being the Prince of Life no other man ever recoiled from death as He did), but it was the weight of man's sin that was crushing Him. He, the absolutely sinless One, with a keenness of conscience such as no other man has known, was made to feel the burden of man's sin. He has been called by sin, "made sin in our behalf" (2 Cor. 5: 21), with all the weight of the world's sin upon Him. Furthermore, He loved the Father, His whole being was knit to the Father's being by a love such as no other man ever knew, and yet, He was being SEPARATED FROM THE FATHER in taking the sinner's place. There is a depth of agony here that no depth of imagination can fathom. His heart was breaking under the strain, as it did finally break on the cross. His very sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. And all this He bore for us. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53: 5). How can we ever complain against any weight of persecution or sorrow that we have to endure for Him? How can we do anything but rejoice that we are counted worthy to share His sufferings? Rising, strengthened and triumphant by prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping. In amazement He says, "Why sleep ye? arise, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Oh, how often must He say that to us when we are sleeping when we ought to be praying, and when temptations overtake us that we can only overcome by prayer. Is He not saying it to the whole Church today, "Why sleep ye?" Oh, that the Church would hear His question and awaken and pray. A fuller account of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus is given in Matt. 26: 36-50. The prayer is differently recorded by the three evangelists (cf. Mark 14: 36). Doubtless He said all that is recorded, and one evangelist gives one part of the prayer and another, another. He prayed that the cup might pass from Him. It was not a prayer for deliverance from the cross, for that, though Jesus desired it, He never drew back (John 12: 27, 28). Moreover, we are distinctly taught in the Bible, not only that the Father always heard Jesus (John 11: 41, 42), but that He was heard in the specific case (Heb. 5: 7), and when a prayer is heard the very thing asked is given (1 John 5: 14, 15). Jesus got what He asked in this case. The cup passed on, on until the appointed hour on the cross. He was dying of agony then and there (v. 38) and God strengthened Him (v. 43), and He went to the cross and accomplished His work.

II. The Arrest of Jesus, 47-53. Our Lord had earnestly ceased asking the disciples why they slept when a mob headed by Judas drew near to arrest Him. Judas knew well that Jesus was going to go to the garden with the disciples for retirement and prayer. How rattled the heart of Judas had become. He had often sat beneath the shadows of those old olive trees listening to the words of loving counsel that fell from the lips of Him who spoke as never man spoke. He had often heard the voice of Jesus raised in prayer to God in that place, but now he is so overmastered by greed and the power of SATAN, to whom he had given himself up, that he leads the band over Kedron and up to that secret spot to arrest Jesus. Each of the evangelists dwells upon the fact that he was "one of the twelve." This fact augmented his guilt and increased the Saviour's sorrow. To-day it is often the one who has enjoyed the advantage of our Lord's teaching who betrays Him and brings upon Jesus the greater dishonour and upon himself the more damning guilt. The manner of His betrayal also accentuates the hardness of Judas' heart. The sign that he appointed to betray his Lord was a kiss of friendship and loyalty. Our Lord's prayer, forgiving love is seen in that He exercises His miraculous power to heal one who had come out to arrest Him and do Him harm. This was His last recorded miracle, and performed upon one who was a bitter enemy. Jesus lovingly protests against their thinking that

VALUE OF PUNCTUALITY

There is no more desirable business qualification than punctuality, and no other so indispensable to a man of affairs or to any one who would have his own time and that of others. Napoleon once invited his marshals to dine with him, but, as they did not arrive at the moment appointed, he began to eat without them. They came in just as he was rying from the table. "Gentlemen," said he, "dinner is now over, and we will immediately proceed to business."

WHAT COUNTED

Reverend: "You landed quite a blow to the champion's arrogance." Victor: "Yeah, but it was de neck in de jaw dat knocked him out."

It was necessary to bring an armed mob to arrest Him, as if He were a dangerous outlaw. It was indeed their hour and "the power of darkness." One of the twelve had sold his Lord and betrayed Him with a kiss. Now we see another of the twelve denying his Lord. On the preceding evening Peter had been told that he could not follow the Lord Jesus at this time, though he should later (John 13: 36); and Jesus, when arrested, had given His disciples a hint that they were to go away and keep out of unnecessary temptation (John 18: 8); but Peter turned a deaf ear to all this and now undertakes to make good his boast and to prove his Master's mistake in His estimate of him. We all have to learn that our Lord knows us far better than we know ourselves. Peter followed the Lord afar off. If he was to follow Him at all he should have followed Him close up.

SLAT'S DIARY

BY OLIVER N. WARREN Sunday: Here to fore in the past I have had that Sunday sun thing. But now I dunno. As school is out now every day, Sunday is a little better. As I don't half to go to S. S.

Monday: A stranger who cum to are city in this a. m. sed we must of had a lotta grate men in are city in the passed. As they was so many statues in the court house yd. Heck sed Mister Gillem the adm status. Becos they're w. p. A workers.

Tuesday: I went to see Jane—she's sort sweet on me agen—to-night & kiss her. As us her littel brother zasn me I sed Jane what shud I give him to keep call it is somney or sunn thing. He says it is so bad he cant even sleep when it comes thye to get up.

Wednesday: The editor sed in the newspaper this p. m. that they aint no more danger of the old saloon never coming back. Becos it cant cum back twick.

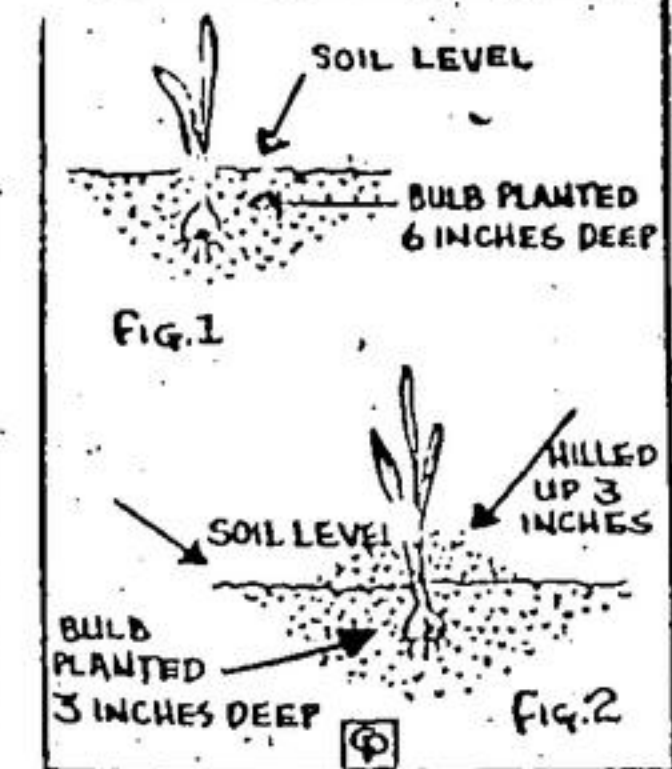
Friday: Jake was a talkin to lady about his family & she ast him was he the oldest 1 in it. No Jake replide Pa & Ma are both oldern me.

Saturday: Pa got 1 on Ma this a. m. He had on a new neck tie & Ma sed where on ertth did he get that horred thing and Pa replide from you had Xmas in the futcher Ma had no more to say. On that subjct.

EXAMPLE

Teacher: "Tommy, can you give me an example of a paradox?" Tommy: "Yes, sir. A man walking a mile, and only moving two feet."

Good Gardening



Stakeless gladiolus

Gladiolus bulbs are usually planted about three inches deep. This is correct, except that as the flower spike grows to full size it becomes top-heavy, and the shallow planting permits the wind to snap the plant about, often partially uprooting the bulb or even causing the stalk to break unless it has been staked.

Many gardeners object to rows upon rows of stakes in a gladiolus planting. If one wishes to do without the protection of stakes, in a gladiolus bulb should be planted some six inches deep, as shown in Fig. 1 of the above Garden-Graph. When planting at this depth glads do not require staking. Still another practical method is to plant the bulbs at a depth of three inches, and then fill up the soil about the stalks as they grow, just as you would with corn. This method is illustrated in Fig. 2.

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