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EDITORIAL

A Big Day

Tuesday was quite a day for those of school age when the "Back to School" movement was on in full force. For the vast majority it was not a new experience, other than perhaps their class places were new and the surroundings different from the previous year. Their studies will of course be advanced. But then there is that little group that starts out to school for the first time. Conditions are completely changed. It is their first step in life's long climb toward what nobody knows. They have left the period of all play and assumed their first duties in life's course. The first routine of life's program comes to them. Tuesday was a big day in their little lives. Without a doubt most of the older folk can readily recall a similar day. It is one that is usually remembered.

Ontario Retiring Debt

The Hepburn Government on Monday retired \$7,339,000 in two and one-half per cent. coupon bearing debentures, forming part of the first loan it floated after assuming office at Queen's Park. The retirement was effected out of ordinary revenue. This loan was placed on August 30th, 1934, and was for \$37,500,000, of which \$13,662,000 has already been retired. With the \$7,000,000 additional retirement the funded debt of Ontario is lower, treasury officials stated, than it was at the close of yearly business on October 31st, 1934. The Government has no more debentures maturing until November and December, when amounts of \$800,000 and \$700,000 respectively have to be dealt with. It is quite evident the Hepburn administration is moving in the right direction in bringing the Province into improved financial condition and thus fulfilling another of its election promises.

An Important Industry

Some idea of the size and importance of the printing and publishing business may be gained from the following recently released figures of industrial payrolls for Ontario:

Table with 3 columns: Industry, Payroll 1935, Payroll 1934. Includes Printing-Publishing, Printing-Bookbinding, Automobiles, Pulp and Paper, Electrical apparatus, Central electric stations, Non-ferrous metal smelting, Slaughtering, meat packing, Flour and feed mills, Rubber goods, Central electric stations, Printing (two branches).

The number employed by the printing and publishing and bookbinding industries in 1934 was 13,171, the next highest industry in this respect being hostelry and knitted goods with 11,402, and then electrical apparatus with 10,239. The automobile industry, which in 1934 employed only 9,486, would now make a much greater showing in employees, payroll and output.

Paint Up the Mail Box

If farmers but realized how much it was to their advantage to keep their mail boxes plainly lettered with their name, the movement in painting and putting them in good condition would be more general. There is scarcely a motorist who drives along the roads who would not like to know the occupants of the farm. Personally there are a lot of our friends in the country whose farm is not known to us. In driving along we would like to be better acquainted. We have heard the statement made that rural mail users pay well for the boxes and do not have to keep their names on the boxes unless they so desire. This is a mistaken impression for the postal regulations specify that while the rural mail box once paid for becomes the property of the purchaser, to be used for mail purposes, the Department requires that it be properly erected kept in good repair and with the patron's name legibly lettered thereon. Failure to do this may result in the department discontinuing service to that box.

An Unique Congregation

The following, from the Oshawa Times, tells of a congregation that is unique. We pass it on to our readers: "It was the privilege and pleasure of the writer, during a recent vacation, to meet the rector of one of the Anglican churches in Brockville, and to learn from him that for many years his church has met all its obligations without the aid of teas, bazaars, work sales and the many other schemes resorted to to-day to make money for the church. We were interested in learning that whenever funds are required for any branch of the church work a simple announcement from the pulpit is all that is necessary. This does not mean that the social life of the congregation is dead, far from it, for the church has its various organizations who have specific duties to perform, but as already noted no special means to raise money are resorted to and no admission is charged to social gatherings. Under this system the church has carried on for over fifty years.

Perhaps in these days of financial stress, when money is hard to get for church as well as other purposes it might seem impossible for any church to carry on without the usual round of activities arranged for money making purposes, but the church in Brockville has demonstrated that it can be done. No doubt its members realize that when they give through their envelopes each Sunday the amount they should give they are not called upon to make up deficiencies or shortages through admission fees to numerous events, and perhaps the women of the congregation realize too that systematic giving through regular channels obviates for them the necessity of baking, sewing, selling tickets and working their heads off as conveners or members of this and that committee. It seems to us that when church people have a mind to give, realizing that for them it is an important spiritual duty, the money will come into the church treasury without the aid of superficial means."

EDITORIAL NOTES

With eight fatalities on the highways over the week-end, there is still room for a lot of courtesy practise.

The 1936 Acton Fair is just three weeks distant and indications point to its attractions being bigger and better than ever.

And on Monday night, before retiring, don't forget to put the clock back an hour. That's the night you catch up the hour you lost last April.

We'd like very much to write a baseball editorial, only these columns must be in type on Tuesday and Wednesday may make quite a difference in what should go in that item.

The great Canadian National Exhibition opened its gates on Friday. Judging by expression of the first visitor it promises to eclipse all former presentations of this great annual show.

Canadians are not running to the States for every purchase, as was predicted by those who opposed the arrangement whereby entry of \$100 worth of goods was permissible. The \$50,000,000 estimate will more likely amount to about \$6,000,000 in a year.

"Governments, too long in office always reach a point when the people can be no longer hoodwinked. Witness, the Quebec landslide."—Brampton Conservator. And other examples closer at home might be mentioned, such as the Ontario landslide of a couple of years ago.

An exchange points out very aptly that every business firm and professional man in a community should be represented in every issue of the local paper if only by a small card. The local newspaper serves, among other functions, as a town directory, not only for the community folk but for strangers. Old established firms, on exchange points out; who think they can live on past prestige, are leaning on a doubtful support. The personnel of even a quiet rural community changes constantly these times. How many faces do you yourself recognize in the street on a busy Saturday night?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

TURNING TO THE GENTILES

Golden Text.—I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—Acts 13: 47.

Lesson Text.—Acts 14: 8-13, 19, 20; Romans 10: 8-13.

Time.—A. D. 48. Place.—Lystra. Expedition.—I. Turning to the Gentiles.

A man settles his destiny by what he does with God's Word. The Jews adjudged themselves unworthy of eternal life by putting the Word of God from them (ch. 13: 46). But the Gentiles glorified the Word of God, which the Jews despised (v. 48). The apostles, recognizing from this the path they should follow, broke with the prejudices of their Jewish traditions and training, and without hesitation or reserve, turned to the Gentiles. Paul was not unprepared for this outcome. The Lord had commanded him, before he left Jerusalem, to go to the Gentiles (ch. 22: 17-21).

II. A Cripple from Birth Made Whole, 14-18.

It was a case of real lameness. The man had never walked. There was no magnetic touch, no "treatment"; just a look, a word—and then a perfect and instantaneous cure! How unlike the cases of which the Christian Scientists boast, where there is an imaginary cure (in your mind) of an imaginary disease (in your mind, "mortal error," illusion) but for which real money is changed (not in the mind, but in the hand of the practitioner). How unlike the practices of the "Divine Healers" who are going up and down the land, robbing poor people of their money with their "imaginary cures!" This was a real cure of real and unmistakable lameness—and no money asked. Paul did not attempt to cure every lame man he met. God directed his attention to this man, and gave him insight to see that the man had the faith needed for his healing. How did he get it? By hearing Paul speak (Romans 10: 17). Something of this kind was needed to gain Paul a hearing in Antioch. The Apostles Worshipped as Gods, 11-13.

The people were now ready not only to give Paul a hearing, but also to worship him. Men are always ready to tender to the instruments God uses the worship and gratitude that belong to Him. How many Christians to-day bow down and lay their offerings at the feet of men that God uses, as if the man himself were something! The apostles refused their proffered homage with horror and scorn. They would permit no mistaken notions about themselves. They made it clear that they were of the same stuff as other men.

IV. Stoned by Men, Raised by the Lord, 19-20.

How little dependence is to be placed upon popular favor! It worships to-day, stoned to-morrow. It was fortunate for Paul that he was depending not upon man's favor, but upon God's (1 Cor. 4: 7-9). This was not the only experience of the kind that Paul had (2 Cor. 11: 25-27). It is the sort of experience those who are loyal to Christ and His truth must expect in this God-hating world (2 Tim. 3: 12; John 15: 18-20). But there are abundant compensations (3 Tim. 2: 12; Romans 8: 18; Matt. 5: 10-12). There are some who think it was while in this condition of apparent death at Lystra that Paul was "caught up to the third heaven, and heard unspeakable words" (2 Cor. 12: 2-4). This treatment did not stop Paul from preaching. He got up and went back into the city and then on to Derbe (where he preached the gospel), and then back again to Lystra. Oh, for men of such courage, persistence and unquenchable love for Christ and man!

Abundant success attended his preaching at Derbe. It is not enough to bring men to Christ; we must strengthen and build up the young converts (v. 22). This is the point of failure in much modern evangelistic work. It is not enough that men start in the faith; they must "continue in the faith" (John 8: 31, 32; 15: 4-6, 9, 10; Col. 1: 23, 24; Rev. 2: 10). Men need to be told to-day "that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Our modern soft and self-indulgent piety is not the religion of the Bible (3 Tim. 3: 12, Matt. 10: 21, 22; 16: 24; Luke 22: 28, 29). Paul's Christianity was a much more hardy and noble sort. It was not a Christianity of picnics and bazaars, rallies and inter-church ball matches, etc. It was a Christianity of endurance, "much tribulation" and service. That is the kind that is sorely needed to-day. But it paid! There was to be "much tribulation," but through this tribulation they were to enter into the kingdom of God (v. 22).

V. The Way of Salvation, Romans 10: 8-13.

The Word is right at hand—in the heart and mouth of the believer. If a man believe with his heart (thoughts, will, affection), that God, has raised Christ from the dead, the result is "righteousness," justification or acceptance before God; and if he confesses Jesus as Lord, the result is salvation (deliverance from the guilt and power of sin and preservation unto the glory that is to be revealed). Note the absolute necessity of "confession with the mouth" (cf. Matt. 10: 32, 33; Luke 12: 30). Confession is not an additional requirement; it is the inevitable outcome of faith. If you are not confessing Jesus as your Lord and Master, you may be sure that something is wrong with your faith. There are infinite riches in God, and these

riches are at the disposal of the prayer of faith. How shall I help myself? By simple faith and earnest prayer. That is all. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Could anything be plainer or more simple? Five things are involved: (1) A sense of need. (2) A sincere desire for salvation. (3) Belief that Jesus can save. (4) Turning to Jesus. (5) Throwing away confidence in other means of salvation. When this is done, you are saved.

FRESHWATER FISHERIES

Canada's freshwater fisheries yield twenty-five species of marketable fish. The list of fish obtainable from the commercial fishermen of Canada's lakes and streams includes shiner, bass, blue pickerel, carp, catfish, eel, grayling, herring, ling, muskellunge, mullets, ouananiche, perch, pickerel, pike, salmon, saugers, shad, smelt, sturgeon, suckers, trout, tullibee, and whitefish. The value of fresh water production, like the size of the total catch, is not so great as the value of sea fisheries. It has been as high as \$8,500,000 in a year, but in the recent years of economic unsettlement the figures have been inevitably smaller. So far as the annual value of production goes, Ontario stands first among the provinces, the 1935 catch having a value of more than \$2,800,000. Manitoba held second place, followed by Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and the Yukon.

A GREAT MAN!

"George Washington was a great man." "He must have been," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "to transact so much big political business with so few brass bands."

IN BAD SHAPE

Caller: "Is Mrs. Paterson-Pritchard at home?" "She's at home, all right, but she ain't in a fit state to see anybody. Me an' 'er 'as just bin 'having words."

Household Hints

By MRS. MARV MOITON

Menu Hint

Ham Loaf Chilled Potatoes Summer Squash Sliced Tomatoes Elderberry Pie Coffee I can heartily recommend this meat loaf recipe. It is delicious. It is as good cold as hot, and is an excellent filler for sandwiches so don't let the recipe slip through your fingers.

To-day's Recipe

HAM LOAF—One cup fresh bean pork, one-half pound smoked ham, one-half cup bread crumbs, one egg, salt and pepper to taste, three-fourths cup milk, one-half cup tomato juice poured over the loaf when it is mixed and put into a greased pan. Bake in moderate oven for one and one-half hours.

FACTS AND FANCIES

Fried Peaches Two tablespoons butter, four large fresh peaches, one-third cup sugar, one-half cup water. Put butter in frying pan. When melted put in peaches, washed and halved but not peeled, and brown on both sides. Sprinkle with sugar and water. Cover until peaches are tender, about 10 minutes, and serve hot. Serves four as a side dish with griddle cakes.

Bread-and-Butter Pickles

Eight quarts cucumbers, cut in slices; two quarts onion, two cups salt, two quarts cider vinegar, two and one-half pounds brown sugar, one-fourth pound stick cinnamon, two and one-half tablespoons white mustard seed, one tablespoon whole allspice, two teaspoons celery seed, one-half teaspoon cayenne pepper. Cut cucumbers in slices, and also slice onions. Put into separate vessels, with a sprinkling of salt between each layer. Let stand overnight. In the morning, drain and rinse well in cold water. Dissolve sugar in vinegar and boil with the spices tied loosely in a bag. Remove spices when vinegar is well seasoned, add vegetables which have been drained from cold water. Scald them in the vinegar, but do not boil. Turn into earthenware or glass jars and seal hot.

Red Plum Conserve

Two pounds red plums, one pound almonds, three oranges, rind and pulp; two lemons, sugar. Halve plums and discard pits. Blanch almonds and cut in strips. Force oranges and lemons through the food chopper. Add to plums. Weigh, and add an equal portion of sugar. Let stand an hour. Heat slowly to boiling, boil until almost thick, add almonds and cook until thick. Turn into sterile glasses and seal.

Decorative, Cool

Built-in bookcases in the corner of a small apartment topped with wide panels of mirrors accomplish three purposes. They are decorative, they add to the apparent size of the room and the glass looks cool.



To wash your smiling silver, use hot, soapy water, be sure that all remnants of food are removed, and rinse in hot, clear water. Dry with a soft cloth, and be sure that all the pores are thoroughly dry before they are put away.

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To Those Who Use The Highways At Night for either driving or walking

I APPEAL to the motorists of Ontario to make night driving (and night walking) as safe and enjoyable as driving (or walking) by day. I believe it can be done by the simple expedient of applying the principles of COURTESY.

Let us make it an infallible rule to dip or dim our lights when meeting other cars. It will soon become almost automatic for us to do so. Oncoming drivers will respond. Within a very short time, this "deliberate gesture" of Courtesy (as it now is) will become a fixed habit.

Do not crowd the other Fellow when meeting or passing. If he is inclined to be a nervous driver, he may easily misjudge distance at night. We don't know. And it costs us nothing to give him several feet of clearance.

Let us give pedestrians MORE than ample space for walking. We have all the advantage when we are driving and the other fellow is afoot. Let us not use that advantage in a bullying way.

On the other hand, when we are walking, let us show true courtesy to those who are driving. When we walk WITH traffic, we place ALL the responsibility upon the motorist. Always walk facing oncoming traffic, and wear or carry something light that the lights of oncoming cars will pick up, even if you carry only a partly opened newspaper.

These are a few instances only, to demonstrate the SPIRIT of Courtesy which I am suggesting and recommending to the people of Ontario.

Practise and preach the golden rule of the road—"Show to others the same courtesy that you would like to have shown to you."

Sincerely yours,

B. J. Mesken

MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

TRY COURTESY YOU'LL ENJOY IT