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EDITORIAL

Condemned Again

It was encouraging to read the other day that the Young People's Union of Toronto Conference of the United Church condemned the beverage rooms. The sooner that youth generally comes to a realization that alcoholic beverages in any form are detrimental to their best interests, the more we will see of open condemnation of the beverage rooms or any other form of sale of intoxicating liquors. In this day of high speed and when all the intelligence and powers of young folks are required in meeting others in competition in their various fields of work or activity, the body and mind cannot be slowed up by the use of intoxicating beverages. It requires more than resolutions condemning these places. It also requires a shunning of them. There is no place or need to-day for beverage rooms. If we must have bars, why not milk bars, or where the sociability and a drink does good rather than harm. It is to be hoped there is more banding together of the young folks in an aggressive movement against the use of intoxicating beverages.

Courtesy Dividends

The need for more courtesy on the highways is evident on every side. During July deaths from motor accidents totalled 65, which was an increase of 25 over last July. A few days ago a little child, who was several years before he will be taught his ABC's, climbed over the verandah gate and wandered onto the highway. He didn't know the danger. He hadn't read of the "Try Courtesy" campaign. He was too young to know anything about it all. A motorist, who knew the danger and was on the alert, stopped his car before hitting him and took him back to the home in which he belonged. That was courtesy. He didn't have to do it, and he didn't know the child or his parents. It only took him a minute and my, how nice it must have been for him to have picked up a child unharmed and give him into the safe-keeping of his mother rather than to have picked up the injured or perhaps lifeless body of a child to take into his mother. Courtesy and safe driving does pay big dividends, even if only considered from a selfish standpoint.

Optimistic

The current issue of the business summary of the Bank of Montreal is one of the brightest that has been read in several years. After reviewing business from many angles, this report in part, says: "At mid-September, economic barometers in Canada were probably more favorable than at any time since 1930. Mineral production, which in the first six months of the year had surpassed that of any previous corresponding period, continued to be extremely active; manufacturing production was well maintained; retail sales reflected an upward trend in consumer purchasing; external trade in recent months has been 20% higher than for the similar period of last year; employment has scored a gain of 5% over last year; carloadings after a long and steady rise were increasingly buoyant; and though crops over large areas have been a partial or even total failure through drought, farm prices at long last are on approximately the same level as prices in general." Seldom over-optimistic in these reports, the current one gives a new note of better times. In dealing with the provinces individually the same repetition of "good" is very noticeable.

Canada's Fish Week

Any time's a good time to eat Canadian fish, but fish producers and dealers all over the Dominion are joining together this week—September 28th to October 3rd—to direct public attention to the excellence of Canadian fish foods and to the national importance of the fishing industry. As in the past, "Fish Week" is sponsored by the fishing industry with a view to stimulating popular interest in the further development of Canada's prolific fishery resources and to inducing Canadian families to use more frequently fish foods, which are not only nourishing but have been found by scientists to be rich in vitamins and other health-building elements. Fishing is one of the earliest and most historic industries of Canada. It may well be regarded as the first industry to be systematically prosecuted by Europeans in what is to-day the Canadian domain, and has since yielded a perennial harvest to both Europe and America. More than 80,000 people find employment in Canada's fisheries, and the industry is indirectly the source of employment for many more.

A Stepping Stone

The 1936 Acton Fair is over and Directors and Officials have been since enjoying visits to other fairs. It is a source of satisfaction to know that in every way, the event just finished has been a success so completely. Gate receipts are but an indication of the approval of the public of the conduct and type of fair presented. As such they must be gratifying and encouraging to this year's officials, since every one of them showed an increase. But of course the purpose of a fair is primarily the encouragement of production of better farm and home products. Here again was improvement noted, with a larger entry and many new exhibitors. Truly this was also gratifying for the officials of Acton Fair this year. Perhaps one of the youngest fairs in point of years, Acton Fair has built up a standing among the fairs that has surpassed and outlived many that have more years back of them. It has been solidly built and the years that follow should be productive of even better fairs. There is no standing still. To maintain its usefulness the Fair of 1937 must be better. Directors and Officials realize this and are now setting about to correct the points that were disappointing in the Fair just past. Improvement is always possible and there are many ways in which next year's Fair can be better than its predecessors. That has already been discussed by some of the Directors and plans made for improvement. The 1936 success will be as in the past only a stepping stone to even greater successes for Acton Fair.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Archibald Cochrane, K.C., of Cobourg, has been appointed Peel County Judge, to succeed the late Judge Trever H. Groat.

Salaries and wages paid by the lode gold mines of Canada during 1935 totalled \$31,523,907, compared with \$27,156,887 in 1934.

To-day's sad thought, from Saturday Night: "If television supplants the newspaper, what are we going to wrap the garbage in?"

Production of butter in Canada in the first seven months of 1936 amounted to 141,115,671 pounds, an increase of 5 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1935.

The appointment of Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., as Chief Justice of Ontario, to succeed Sir Wm. Mulock, is one that will meet with general approval. No one is better fitted for the position.

This is the season of the year when the estimates of attendance at Fall Fairs is usually the subject for some deductions before being taken as the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Down in the city it seems that competition is so keen that even the funeral directors are called on to answer charges of unethical practise. It's nice to live in the rural sections, where business is not paramount.

Dr. Horace Middleton Vernon told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that exhaustive researches had shown incontrovertibly that whiskey makes motorists drive faster and less accurately. Many a highway accident has proved the same thing.

Editor Hugh Templin, of the Fergus News-Record, has been appointed an Associate Member of the Grand River Valley Conservation Commission. These editors seem to have a faculty for being appointed to positions, but there is a doubt whether congratulations to Editor Templin are quite the thing to tender, but there is no doubt of the work he has already done, and knowledge he has, making him a valuable member of this Commission.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

Golden Text.—Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. —Matt. 28: 1.

Lesson Text.—Acts 16: 6-15; Romans 15: 18-21.

Time.—A.D. 52. Places.—Thess, Philippi.

Exposition.—I. The Macedonian Call, 6-12.

Step by step, by various means, God leads His servant on. The thwartings of our highest and best purposes and plans are sometimes His ways of leading us into wider fields of service. Paul, forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in the Roman province, Asia, immediately tried to conquer for Christ the neighboring province of Bithynia. But here again the Spirit blocked the way. The Word was a fire in Paul's bones, and this thwarting of his plans must have seemed very strange. But God had larger plans for him; the meaning of it all soon became clear. In a vision he was called to go over into Macedonia. The promptness with which he responded is worthy of our notice and our careful imitation. "Straightway" he went. Not a moment of hesitation: God had spoken, and that was enough for Paul. Immediate response to God's guidance is one of the great secrets of a happy and efficient life. If we respond at once to His leading, it becomes clearer and clearer. If we falter, the guiding light becomes dimmer and dimmer until it goes out in thick darkness. "Come over into Macedonia and help us." What! an outcast, wandering Jew help the proud and powerful Macedonians? Yes, for he was the bearer of that in which alone is help for man—the Gospel. When Paul heard that cry he knew it was the preaching of the Gospel that was called for (v. 10). If he had been like many modern missionaries, he would have established schools and colleges among them. If he had been like many modern preachers, he would have thought it was a call to preach sociology, or "higher criticism," or to give a course of lectures on "the great poets." The only real help for the poor and perishing, and the rich and perishing, at home and abroad, is the Gospel.

II. The First Convert in Europe, 11, 15.

Paul lost no time in starting for the field to which the Lord had called him. He went straight for the first city of the district (R. V.). That was wise, Christian, Spirit-guided strategy. Paul and his companions did not begin preaching at once. They waited and watched, and doubtless prayed for a favorable time and place to start (cf. ch. 3: 12-14; 17: 2; 18: 4). They began at last in a very quiet and humble way. They did not advertise largely and get out a great crowd. They just spoke to an obscure but earnest group of praying women. The evangelization of Europe began with a woman's prayer meeting. The word spoken resulted in the conversion of a prominent and pious woman, Lydia, "whose heart the Lord opened." That was the turning point. There is no hope for any one unless the Lord opens his heart (John 6: 44, 45; Eph. 1: 17, 18; Luke 24: 45). But this He is more than willing to do. The steps in Lydia's conversion are very plainly marked, and typical. (1) She went out to pray (v. 13). (2) She heard the Word (vs. 13, 14; comp. John 5: 24). (3) The Lord opened her heart. (4) She gave heed unto the things which were spoken (v. 14, R. V.). (5) She was baptized (v. 15; cf. ch. 2: 41; Mark 16: 16). God demands an open confession of Him before the world, and the divinely appointed way of such confession is baptism (Acts 2: 38). Though it was the Lord who opened Lydia's heart, her conversion was by human instrumentality, as was every conversion recorded in the Book of Acts. That is very solemn, and it ought to lead some of us to ask, "Am I so completely at the Lord's disposal that He can use me for the conversion of those I can reach and no one else can?"

III. Paul's Wild Field of Scyrcia, Romans 15: 18-21.

The day that Paul set foot on the shores of Europe marked a turning point in the history of the human race. The brief account of his work (covering both missionary journeys) in the last section of our lesson is full of significant details. Note the EXTENT OF HIS LABORS, covering roughly the entire Roman world east of Italy. He would see the world on fire for Christ. He knew that men unconquered to God must eternally perish and his soul was stirred to its depths to carry to them the saving Word (cf. Isa. 52: 15). His enthusiasm stirred the souls of those that heard him. The "signs and wonders" (public miracles) that followed upon his preaching attested to God's blessing on his work. It was the GOSPEL he preached, "FULLY" he tells us. That is the one great subject for preaching. Only the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Not philosophy, nor politics, or eticest Greek ham, has been done the Cross of Christ by introducing into the pulpits matters foreign to the great commission. The main thing to be forever driving at is salvation and reconciliation to God. But the gospel, to become effective in man's life, must lead to obedience. A mere knowledge of the truth saves no man. The truth of God must control our lives,

or the preaching fails of its great design. Paul speaks in the most modest manner of the great blessing that had rested upon his labors, being careful, as always, to disclaim any personal merit for the results. "The conversion of souls is God's work," Paul is but the instrument through which the Spirit works. "Wind a rousing ministry!" The truth of the gospel always works mightily. It has withstood the rage of man and the wrath of hell; it still works as tremendously as it ever did. We may not have Paul's great talents, we may not expect his miraculous gifts, but the humblest of us may pray to be fired with his zeal and animated by his spirit. There is no limit to what God can do with a Spirit-filled man.

CANADIANS PREFERRED

FIRST GRADE BUTTER

The greater percentage of creamery butter produced in Canada is of notably high quality. This is indicated by the statistics showing the quantity of creamery butter graded in Canada from December 2nd, 1935, to August 20th, 1936. In a total of 1,555,033 boxes of pasteurized creamery butter graded, 1,310,268 boxes were First Grade or a percentage of 84.26 of the total. There are four grades of butter allowed in Canada under the official regulations, namely, First Grade, Second Grade, Third and No Grade.

What may be regarded as factors in maintaining a high standard in the production of butter, are the requirements of the Dairy Industry Act which states: "No person shall manufacture any butter containing over sixteen per cent of water, or less than eighty per cent of milk fat," and according to the Regulations under the Act, "The dairy producer graders shall be governed by the following standards and definitions in grading creamery butter."

Standards for grades of creamery butter—Scale of points for scoring butter—Involves 45 points; texture, 15; incorporation of moisture, 10; color, 10; salt, 10; and packing, 10 points—total 100. The color must be true and even, with no objectionable defects, all the salt must be dissolved, and the butter must be solidly packed, full weight and neatly finished, in clean, strong, well-paraffined boxes of seasoned material and good workmanship, and a good quality of parchment paper, neatly arranged, must be used. Also the registration number, churning number, and date of manufacture, must be shown neatly and legibly on the boxes.

All butter for export must be graded, and creamery butter for domestic consumption in the five provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia sold to consumers must have the grade of the butter clearly indicated on the wrapper in letters not less than one-quarter inch square.

MAYBE SO

"He's a man of few words, isn't he?" "Yes—so he was telling me all this morning."

AH, YES!

"Why," she said, "women have been famous for ages." "Yes," he replied, "untold ages."

Menu Hint

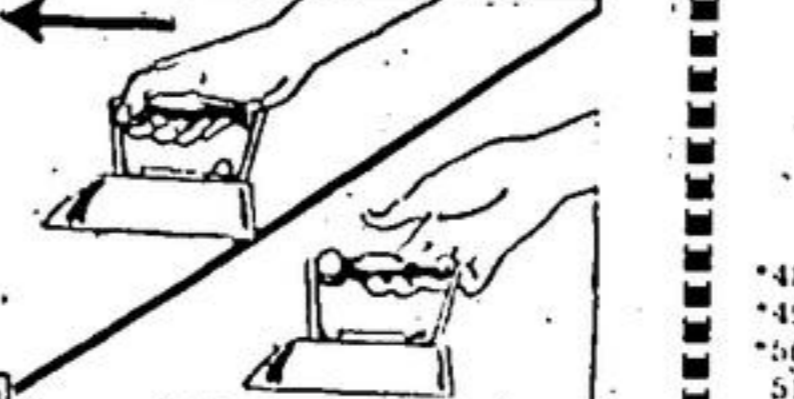
LUNCHEON Sandwiches Creamy Rice with Dried Fruit Stewed Tomatoes DINNER Chicken Stew Mixed Vegetable Salad Grape Pie Tea or Coffee

Sandwiches for the children's luncheon may be served with the rice, or on rye or white bread, and preferably home cooked; cottage cheese, with jelly, nut or cold roast meat. Fresh fruit may be served with the rice, of course, but apricots, prunes, dates, figs or other dried fruits, cooked until tender, and sweetened, are most served in this way. These may be used with rice or oatmeal for breakfast cereals, too.

To-day's Recipes

CREAMY RICE WITH PRUNES —3 1/2 cup rice, one cup boiling water, one and one-half cups scalded milk, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half cup sugar, two cups chopped fruit fresh or dried soaked and heated in the cup of boiling water. When the water has been almost absorbed put the rice in a double boiler and the scalded milk, salt and sugar. Cover and cook until the rice is tender. Mix the rice and fruit and when chilled serve with top milk.

FRESH GRAPE PIE—Four cups grapes, three-fourths cup sugar, one and one-half tablespoons lemon juice, one teaspoon grated lemon rind, one tablespoon quick cooking tapioca, pastry shell. Separate the grape skins and pulp, putting the pulp into a saucepan. Heat over a low fire and simmer until seeds loosen. Force through a colander. Add skins, sugar, lemon juice, grated rind and tapioca, mixing them together well. Let stand while the pastry shell is being made. Turn into shell, cover with a top crust and bake in a hot oven at 325 degrees, Fahrenheit, 35 to 40 minutes.



To trim the seed and lead feature the hand and pull it back lightly with the fingers of the left hand. Grip the tool firmly and "trim" extra weight on the leading end.

Esquering Fall Fair AT GEORGETOWN Friday and Saturday OCTOBER 2nd and 3rd

SPECIAL PRIZES

Table listing prizes for HORSES, including items like Single High Stepper, Best Turnout, Best Farmer's Turnout, etc., with corresponding prize amounts.

Table listing prizes for CATTLE, including items like Best Jersey Female, Best Registered Shorthorn Female, etc., with corresponding prize amounts.

Table listing prizes for SHEEP, including items like Best Pen of Fine Wool Sheep, Best Pen of Long Wool Sheep, etc., with corresponding prize amounts.

Table listing prizes for MISCELLANEOUS, including items like Best Pair Dressed Chicken, Best Bushel of Northern Spy Apples, etc., with corresponding prize amounts.