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C. ARLOF DILLS, Editor TELEPHONES-



Shopping in Acton

Christmas Shopping Edition. It is made possible by administration. I wish I could say something here the co-operation of Acton merchants, who believe in u home town method of presenting their Christmas forces of public opinion. The other observation that Zech. 12: 11-14). shopping news in the way one would expect, in the home-town newspaper. They tell you where and day of the lives of my colleagues and myself when what you can buy in Acton. After thoroughly it is possible to reduce the sales tax." perusing their messages you will find that there is very little if any of your Christmas shopping that cannot be done better here than elsewhere.

Perhaps some readers have noticed that recently a big city-Toronto-refused to allow a new oil company to establish its tanks in the city, since it did not want any further competition. That's putting a wall round the city with a vengeance, and if one will care to study the home town tactics of these city folks, it would take on a new meaning for buying in your home town.

Just shop through these Christmas offerings. Make comparisons, if you wish, and we know full well that the merchants will be quite content to leave the decision for your verdict. The presentation of the case is in your hands. Follow the buying guides as presented in the advertisement messages of the local newspaper. This issue like all others, is all printed in Acton and giving employment to Acton workmen.

#### Life's Obligations

Toronto elections, the Spanish war, and the East Hastings bye election have been crowded from the head-lines of the daily papers the past week or more by the marriage affairs of King Edward VIII. Not since the time when three men were trapped in a mine in Nova Scotia has hourly news been so anxiously sought and as little obtainable. Undoubtedly many contradictory reports and messages have been published. But the general public will be appreciative that both the English and Canadian press refrained from comment as long as would seem to be in the best interests.

Possibly when this item reaches the public the matter will have been settled. But not for some time has anything so disturbed the people of the Empire as this present situation. After the example set by the late King George and Queen Mary, and the belief that the present ruler of a great empire would follow in his footsteps, the present situation is decidedly humiliating. A loyalty of a great Empire has been divided on this question.

It is interesting to note that pleasure in the position of the King, in a course opposed to his cabinet, the church and those who believe in the upholding 2,378,399,000 kilowatt hours during October, the of all the throne stands for, comes from those whose largest output of any month on record. Consumpformer plans have been to destroy this thing. Loyal tion in Chnada also created a new high record at citizens have been taught and believe in making 1,630,139,000 kilowatt hours. sacrifice for King and country. Such teaching is undoubtedly best instilled by example. One must have sympathy for feelings of fellow human beings and the desire to live the life one wishes. Yet how many are permitted to live the life they desire? Each position carries an obligation to more than one's lowing and is a power in its field. May the years;

the obligation. A great damage in the ties that bind the Empire! has already been done. Only the years to come will show whether that damage can be repaired. And at the moment it is difficult to say, which of the News-Record, has been writing a whole page each courses open would be the most preferable. We feel week, entitled "That Inside Page." The eighteen that elected governments and those in authority years, he recalls, have seen many changes and in h's gained by experience, and who have shown a desire usual interesting way the Fergus editor recalls some to serve well their country cannot all be wrong, of these changes. Among our exchanges it is a page Mach as we often have disliked it, we have found that we rarely miss and as the years come and go. that age has much to offer in the guidance of youth. it maintains its interest.

#### The Day After

. In a number of centres it is planned to observe Boxing Day as a holiday. The stores in these places will remain closed the day after Christmas as well as on Christmas Day. The idea seems to be gaining in popularity and with Boxing Day coming on Saturday this year, it will likely be observed more generally this year. The day after Christmas is usually considered a pretty poor day for business at any rate. Folks seem to have spent all they had and appetites for more are not as keen on the day following the Christmas festivities. We know full well that merchants require all the business possible 4-8. and the observance of the day is one solely for their decision. Industries will this year in most cases not open on Saturday as the half day's operation is believers. There is feason to think that scarcely profitable.

#### If Taxes Would Be Lower

An extract from a recent speech of Hon. J. Isley, Minister of National Revenue, should studied seriously by all who decry the huge expenditures of governments. We just quote it and leave

the thought as presented: "The sales tax now stands at the level of 8%. Him is the special ascription of praise It would be idle for me to deny that the sales tax is a heavy tax. The weight of this tax upon the whole community is keenly realized every day by dous cost of the "shedding" of His own those charged with the responsibility for its collection. I have only two observations to make in reference to this tax. The first is that individuals, has gone, but He is coming again-comcorporations and communities who feel and deplore the weight of this tax should organize, not to press governments for additional expenditures, but prevent governments from making additional ex- 17: 5; Ps. 104: 3; Matt. 24: 30; 26: 64, penditures. It is those of us on the firing line, those who have to collect the taxes, who realize see Him ("They which pierced Him," cf. This week THE FREE PRESS issues its annual the imperative necessity of economy in government that would marshal in favor of economy the powerful Him: they "shall mourn over Him" (cf. I wish to make is this, that it will be the happiest

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

Merry Christmas! It can't be said too often or

-If Christmas shopping is to be done it is unwi to delay the job if best selections are to be secured. mighty voice, as of a trumpet (cf. Ex.

Folks down in East Hastings must have had new sense of self-importance. Both parties have been giving them especial attention recently.

Income tax collections in Canada have increased by more than \$18,000,000 so far this fiscal year. pleteness. Here, it symbolizes the whole the mind rises to still greater and to Apparently somebody has got around the corner and Christian body throughout the world in better objects. sneaked up on prosperity.

Evidence is not lacking that boys and girls enter 16; Phil. 2:-16; cf, Zech. 4: 2-6, 11-14). into the . Christmas spirit with enthusiasm. FREE PRESS Santa Claus Letter Contest had a bigger costlest metal. This is typically signifithan ever group of letters this year. cant of how God regards the Church. Then John sees Christ Himself in the

The Bowmanville Statesman annouced last week the amalgamation of that paper and the Orono News, which has been published for 52 years. In town and city, the newspaper seems seem the logical movement.

Fines for non-possession of radio licenses seem to vary. The Georgetown Herald complains that Brampton residents were assessed a fine of one dollar, while Georgetown offenders paid \$5.00 for a similar-offence. -

Central electric stations in Canada produced

The Peel Gazette entered upon its fourth year of! publication last week, and while possibly the youngweekly newspaper in the Dominion, has a wide folself and the larger the position, seemingly the larger of the future deal kindly with it, that it may continue its work.

For eighteen years Hugh Templin, of the Fergus

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson Text .- Rev. 1: 4-18. A Time.-A.D. 68 (7). Place,-Patmos.

JOHN'S VISION ON PATMOS

and the last, and the Living one .- liev.

Exposition.-I. Behold. He Cometin The seven churches mentioned are seven churches that actually existed

but they also represented seven types they represent seven successive epochs of church history. If so, no age is exclusively (if it is predominantly) Ephesiun or Philippian or Laodicean. Some of each kind of believers and churches can be found in every age. He "which is, and which was, and which is to come (that is, the eternal I AM), is Jehovah. The use of the term "seven Spirits" for the Holy Spirit expresses the manifold perfections and manifestations of the one Spirit. The three titles and offices of Jesus Christ clearly set for His humanity and suggest His delby. wrought ("loosed," that is, set us perfectly free from our sins, at the tremenblood), and for what He has done for "To Him" is to be "the glory and the dominion for ever and ever." He ing not in humiliation, but in the glory of God "with the clouds," that is, I to | (cf. Ex. 19: 9; 34: 5; Ps. 97: 1, 2; Matt. 65). He will come personally and visibly; not only, His friends but His foes shall Zech. 12 10). While that will be a glad day for His faithful ones, it will be a

II. The Glorified Lord Jesus in the Midst of the Seven Candlesticks, 9-16. John speaks of three things of which all who are truly in Christ are partaking: (1) "Tribulation" (cf. 2 Tim. 3: 13) (2) "Kingdom" (Luke 12: 32; Acts 14: 22; Thes. 2: 12; R. V.); (3) "Patience," or steadfast endurance (2 Thes. 3: 5, R. V.). More than three-score years before, Jesus had said to Peter: "What is it to thee if he (John) tarry till I come? Now in his old age, the last of the apos-Christ, and the promise is fulfilled: In a vision he sees his risen and glorifled Lord. His attention is attracted by a 19: 13, 19: 1 Thes. 4: 16) bidding him

write down what he should hear and see, and send it as a message of comfort or a warning to the churches. Turning, he sees first, seven golden candlesticks, or, as in the original Greek, "lamps." These to whom the message is to go. The use of the word "seven" should be noted. up the gorgeous trophies of their skill all times and places. Churches are meant to be light-bearers, to give the world the light of spiritual truth which is fed by the oil of the Spirit (Matt. 5: The lamps are made of gold, the most highly valued, the most precious, the

### BOOK ON HOCKE A Great Book "How to Be-

midst of the lamps (cf. Matt. 26: 20; 18:

20), signifying that He, as head of the

Church, is ever present in their midst

(cf. ch. 2: 1). The description of Christ

is full of meaning. His humanity is

seen in that he is "like unto a son of

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man" (cf. Romans 8: 3; Phil. 2: 7; Dan. Eleverence Commans (cf. Romans 8: 3; Phil. 2: 7; Dan. 7: 13, 14, R.V.). He appears in a blending of priestly and royal garments; He is priest and king though in the episties that follow it is largely as judge that He speaks. His hair and His head are pure white-the perfect color, the blending of all colors. Ife is perfect in beauty. Perhaps the color of His hair is symbolic also of wisdom, elernity and delty (cf Golden Text .- Fear not: I am the first Dan 7: 9). The eyes, "as a flame of fire," sets forth His all-penetrating gaze and whdom. He can read the innermost secrets of the heart (ch. 2:: 18). His feet were like glowing brass of insufferable splendor as He walked; "His voice as the voice of many waters," sets forth the divine majesty and power of His voice (cf. Ez. 43: 2; Rev. 14: 2). That voice bi awful for His enemies and His falthless servants to hear, but full of inspiration and comfort to His faithful ones. The stars are the "messengers" or the ministers of the churches (v. 20; cf. Dan. 12: 3). Christ holds them "In His right-hand." The number seven reprosents the whole number of ministers; not one real messenger of the churches but is in Christ's own right hand. The sharp two-edged sword" proceeding out of His mouth" is the WORD of God, especially that word as pronouncing and executing judgment (Neb. 4: 12, 13;

III. Fear Not, I Am the Pirst and the

Royr 2: 12-16; John 5: 22). His divine

glory is seen in His countenance-"us the

17: 2; Acts 26: 13). Churches are

sun shineth in his strength" (cf. Matt.

lampstands, ministers are stars, Christ

Jesus takes to Himself divine names and titles-"the first and the last" (cf. Is. 44: 6; 48: 12), and "the Living one" (cf. John 14: 19). He bears witness to His true humanity: "I was dead." (No Christian Science in this!) Christ really DIED, really ROSE really REIONS. Lord of life and conqueror of death. The vision of John on Patmos showeth forth a Jesus eternal, everlasting, who with infinite, ever-watchful love is living and moving in His Church to-day.

#### QUAINT BIRDS

the bird family, although ages have bassed since he lost the use of his wings. Usually these birds move unright, although when tired, they will lie on the ground and push themselves along with their feet. Undoubtedly they are the strangest members of the bird family, and certainly the most quaint. in icy regions, the task of hatching their eggs is not an easy one. There is no tles living, John had been banished to it on the upper side of the feet, and the island of Patmos for his preaching holds it in place by the use of a fold of of the Word, his testimony of Jesus skin. That is how they get over that

#### LOVE OF THE BEAUTIFUL

seven lamps represent the seven churches, that as painters imitate, and poets sing, and statuaries carve, and architects rear This number is used everywhere in as everything becomes beautiful and scripture to represent wholeness or com- orderly, and magnificent-the activity of

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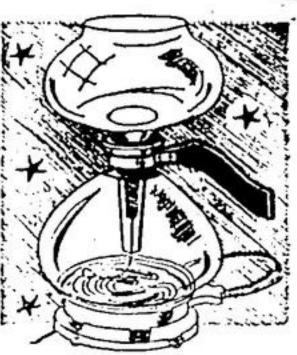
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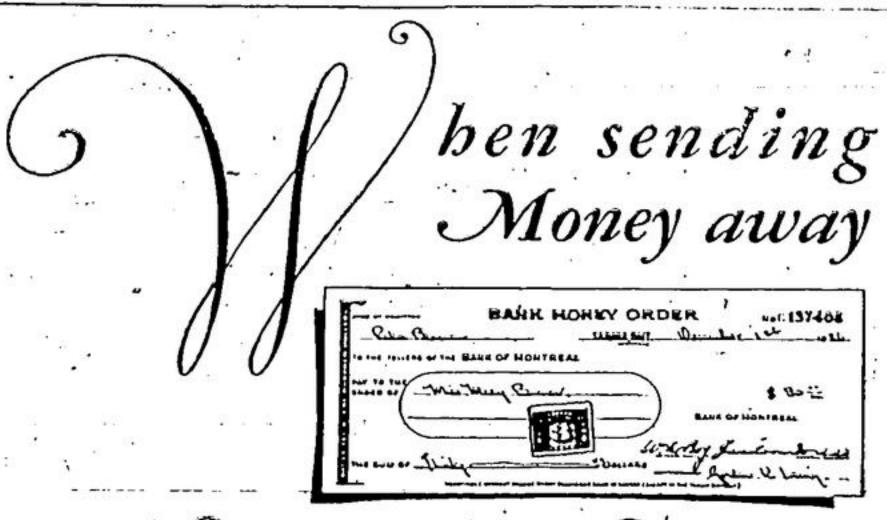
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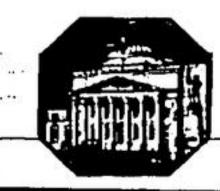
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