

EIGHT O'CLOCK

The hour of eight it seems to me, Comes faster than the rest; For mornings, when I go to school, I try my very best. But "Tick-tock!" says the clock. "You're late. Oh, hurry up—it's nearly eight!"

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of Thursday, November 27th, 1944.

About forty members of the St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter, moving to Port Credit last Tuesday evening as guests of the Port Credit Chapter, of which Ex. Comp. G. B. Jackson, formerly of Milton, is third Principal. The meeting was followed by a banquet.

The County Council will meet next Tuesday, when a by-law will be introduced for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$60,000 to cover expenditures on the 2nd and 7th Line roads, Trafalgar, the Township to repay the money to the County.

The November meeting of the John Milton Chapter of the I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs. T. D. Hume, on Friday at three o'clock.

The prizes awarded to Alfred Dunn, Ivy Johnson and Myrtle Dunn will be presented at this meeting.

At a meeting of the Wellington County Medical Society, held at Guelph on Friday, Dr. J. Leslie King, of Milton, was elected a member of the executive.

DIED

ELLIS—In Milton, on Saturday, November 22, 1924, Rily Ellis, in his 77th year.

WATSON—At Acton on November 15th, Robert Watson, in his 75th year.

STEPHENSON—At the home of her son-in-law, Nelson Ryder, 30 Blythe Street, Hamilton, on Saturday, November 22nd, 1924, Mary Hannah Flechman, widow of the late John Stephenson, in her 73rd year.

Drought-Ridden Australia Faces Serious Problem

Wheat Crop Estimate of 66,000,000 Bushels for 1944-45 Small-est in 25 Years—Food and Fertilizer Increase

CANBERRA (CP)—Faced with the problems of an abnormal increase in food demands from the Pacific front and from Britain, Australia is in the midst of the worst drought for years.

In the coming season there will be a serious drop in the wheat harvest. The Australian Wheat Board's estimate of the 1944-45 crop is 66,000,000 bushels, the smallest for 25 years. The 10-year average is 162,000,000 bushels.

Australian requirements are estimated at 70,000,000 bushels which mean that exports will have to be drawn from reserves which, however, are fairly substantial.

The meat position is serious. Pacific forces will require an additional 350,000 tons a year, which may mean that the civilian meat ration will be considerably reduced, particularly in beef, which already is a long way below mutton and lamb in the quotas supplied to retailers.

Producers estimate that fat lambs for export will be one-third of the pre-war number. Many breeding ewes have been killed for canning and thousands of lambs are not in fit condition for killing.

Application of rationing and the quota system have helped. Price fixing and the compulsory acquisition of a portion of every carcass for canning enabled the accumulation of stocks in cold-storage and in cans.

Transport Troubles Transport for stock from drought-stricken areas is another headache, because of the shortage of rolling stock, war having halted construction and repairs.

Irrigation has helped to produce more stock feed but so great reduction has taken place in flocks and herds that it will take years to build them up again.

Dairy produce has fallen seriously. Winter production is the lowest for years. July butter production was down 1000 tons compared with last July, cheese 200 tons and processed milk 5,000,000 gallons. Some coastal areas have had rains, but the overall picture is not bright.

The effect on vegetable production is not yet apparent, as much of the acreage is under irrigation. In 1943 1944, 454,394 acres were under vegetables and the products from 83 per cent went to the services. Target was 467,800 acres more than twice the pre-war production.

As a complement to the drought, dangerous bushfire conditions are building up in forest areas. Bush fire brigades are clamoring for the equipment they cannot get, although the Army is lending all it can spare.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER SELECTIVE SERVICE CIVILIAN REGULATIONS

Failure to comply with National Selective Service Civilian Regulations resulted in the prosecution of 141 persons during the month of October according to a statement issued today by A. MacNamara, Director of National Selective Service.

A total of 122 of the accused were convicted, as compared with 94 convictions in September. Twenty more charges were laid in October than in the previous month.

Employers were convicted in 7 cases most of them being charged with engaging workers without permits. Of 78 employees convicted, a majority were charged with quitting "designated" employment without Selective Service permission or failing to accept high priority work when referred by a Selective Service officer.

Thirty-seven conscientious objectors—all of them convicted—were charged with failure to follow a direction to report to an alternative service work camp.

At November 1 a total of 342 cases were still pending—23 being charges against employers, 186 against employees, and 133 against conscientious objectors.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BY-LAW No. 792 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON AND

Notice to the Electors

The purpose of the said proposed By-law is to authorize the Corporation of the Town of Milton to borrow \$40,000.00 upon debentures for the purpose of constructing an OUTFALL SEWER and SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS in and for the Town of Milton according to a plan prepared by George H. Power, Civil and Sanitary Engineer and approved by the Provincial Board of Health.

The amount of the debt intended to be created by the said proposed By-law is \$40,000.00 and the Corporation shall borrow upon the credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding that amount and issue debentures therefor payable at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Milton.

The debentures shall bear interest at 3 1/2% per annum, payable annually and shall be made payable in annual instalments during the period of twenty years next after the date of issue thereof. The respective amounts for principal and interest payable in each of such years shall be the amounts so designated in schedule "A" annexed to the said proposed By-law, which schedule is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Principal Payment, Interest Payment, Total Payment. Rows from 1946 to 1965, plus a final row for totals.

The total annual payment of amounting to \$2,814.44 as above set out shall be levied and raised in each of such years by a special rate sufficient therefor, over and above all other rates, upon all rateable property in the Corporation of the said Town of Milton.

The Corporation shall have the right at its option to redeem the said debentures either in whole or in part on any date prior to maturity upon due compliance with the statutory requirements permitting such redemption as set out in the said proposed By-law.

Pending the sale of the said debentures the Corporation may raise for the purpose of constructing the said OUTFALL SEWER and SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS, up to \$40,000.00 by way of loan on the said debentures.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing is a true synopsis of proposed By-law No. 792 of the Corporation of the Town of Milton to be submitted to the votes of the electors at the same time and at the same places as the annual election for the Municipal Council namely the 14th day of December, 1944, and the Deputy Returning Officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

And that the aforesaid proposed By-law may be seen at the Office of the Clerk.

And that the 12th day of December A.D. 1944, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Council Chamber in the said Municipality has been fixed for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places, and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk of the Town of Milton.

And that if the assent of the electors is obtained to the said proposed By-law it will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Council of the said Corporation at a meeting thereof to be held after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice and that such first publication was made on the 16th day of November A.D. 1944.

Take notice further that a tenant who desires to vote upon said proposed By-law must make and file with the Clerk not later than the tenth day before the day appointed for taking the vote a declaration under The Canada Evidence Act, that he is a tenant whose lease extends for the time for which the debt or liability is to be created, or in which the money to be raised by the proposed By-law is payable, and for at least twenty-one years, and that he has by the lease covenanted to pay all municipal taxes in respect of the property of which he is a tenant other than local improvement rates.

DATED at Milton this 16th day of November, 1944. JAMES W. BLAIN, Clerk

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1944

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF INDUSTRY

Golden Text.—Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have wherewith to give to him that hath need. Eph. 4: 28.

Lesson Text.—Luke 19: 15-26; 2 Thes. 3: 10-12.

Exposition.—I. Responsibility Toward God, 19: 15-26.

Each servant in this parable is represented as receiving the same amount to bring out the truth that rewards are proportioned to fidelity and service. The amount given to each was equivalent in value to less than about eighteen dollars. So small an amount is taken to show that we are responsible for our use of the smallest gifts. The servants were to trade, i.e., use the gifts and thus multiply them. The period of trading, "Till I come," our business during our Lord's absence is to use the gifts He has bestowed upon us for His gain until He comes again. "His citizens" are primarily the Jewish people (Jno. 1: 11; Ac. 3: 13-15). They "hated Him." They are not the only ones who have "hated Him" (Ac. 4: 27, 28). The world hates Him to-day (Jno. 15: 18). It hates Him because it hates God (Jno. 15: 23, 24; Rom. 8: 7), and because He testifies against its sin (Jno. 7: 7).

That is what very many are doing to-day. Let them read the sequel. Upon His return our Lord will summon His servants before Him and reckon with them (Matt. 25: 19; Rom. 14: 10-12; 2 Cor. 5: 10). The first had a good account to give and the account was well given. He did not say, "I have made ten pounds more," but "Thy pound hath made ten pounds more." (1 Cor. 15: 10). A true disciple will never talk of what he has done, but only of what God has done through him. He got two things: (1) His King's commendation, "Well done, thou good servant." That would be enough, but it is not all. (2) "Authority over ten cities," rule just proportionate to his fitness to rule. Later he also got an extra pound (v. 24). It was because he was faithful that the one pound gained. The second gave a good account, but not as good. He did not get the especial commendation, but was put over five cities.

The third report was bad. He had not used but laid away his gift. His excuse for his neglect and laziness was fear. A wrong conception of Christ, regarding Christ as a hard and unjust Master, lies at the root of all failure in service. The slothful servant sought to cast the blame for his failure upon the King Himself. The sinner's excuses always condemn God. This man's excuses did not decrease but augmented his guilt and the sinner's excuses always increase his guilt. It was a dastardly charge that he lay at Jesus' door, but men dare repeat it to-day. He was judged out of his "own mouth." The king called him "thou wicked servant." He had regarded himself as simply unfortunate. He lost the pound he would not use.

If we use our gifts, we will get greater; if we do not use them we will lose even what we have (v. 26). The judgment of the open enemies was terrific, and the judgment upon Christ's open enemies at His coming will be terrific (2 Thes. 1: 7-9). God bears so long with His enemies and those of His Son Jesus, but He will not bear forever. Men are saying, "We will not have this man reign over us"; but they must have Him reign over them or "perish."

II. "If any man will not work, neither let him eat," 3: 10-12.

In the sixth verse we have an instructive union of authority and of brotherliness. Paul begins "we command you," and then he adds, "brethren." The command is given "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," i.e., on His authority. The command is one that is applicable to our day, "that ye withdraw yourselves from every one that walketh disorderly (in the present instance, the disorder consisted in not working), and not after the tradition they received from us." In the first letter he had told them to admonish this class (1 Thes. 3: 14), but the evil had meanwhile increased so now he commands sterner measures (1 Cor. 5: 10, 11). Yet even this was not the sternest sentence of excommunication (1 Cor. 5: 5; 1 Tim. 1: 20). Paul holds up before them his own example. Happy is the preacher that can do that. In the most unhesitating way he says, "Ye ought to imitate us." It is in the matter of industry that he particularly points to his own example. He had the authority to burden his rights in order that he might set them an example.

Even while with them Paul had anticipated that some might wish to live upon others; so he had commanded, "If any will not work, neither let him eat." That is a Christian principle of action in all ages of the church, and it applies to both rich and poor. Those that work not at all, overwork attending to the business of other people. The only way to keep anyone from being a "busybody" is to keep him busy (1 Tim. 5: 13). With great solemnity and authority Paul turns to idlers (v. 12).

Paul adds regarding such, "Note that man, that ye have no company with him." The purpose of this treatment was that he might be ashamed. Even such was not to be regarded as an enemy but admonished as a brother.

TOUGH TERRAIN IN ARAKAN



Picture shows Allied troops clambering up a rough, precipitous hillside in typical Arakan hill country during a daylight attack.

GIBRALTAR'S NEW GOVERNOR



Lieut. Gen. Sir Thomas Ralph Estwood, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., arrived in Gibraltar on February 27th, 1944, to assume his new duties as Governor and Commander-in-Chief. He was met at the airport by Major Gen. H. G. Hyland, Vice Admiral Sir Harold Burrough, Air Vice Marshal W. Elliott and the Colonial Secretary Mr. G. Miles Clifford. The ceremony of induction was held in the ballroom of the Convent where his Excellency having been escorted to the dais by Major Gen. Hyland, heard the King's Commission read by the Colonial Secretary, and took the prescribed oaths, administered by the Chief Justice.

Advertisement for Hydro Long-Life Lamps. Features a light bulb illustration and text: 'DEPENDABLE ECONOMICAL LIGHT', 'HYDRO Long-Life LAMPS', 'OBTAIN THEM AT YOUR HYDRO SHOP'.

Large advertisement for 'RESULTS! AT LITTLE COST'. Includes text: 'You can meet more people and contact more prospective buyers through a condensed advertisement in The Champion than in any other way.', 'The Modern Market', 'Costs Are Moderate', '25c for twenty-five words or less if cash accompanies the advertisement. Otherwise minimum charge is 35c per insertion. Additional word charge 1c per word.', and 'The Canadian Champion Milton Ontario G. A. Dills Publisher' with a 'WANT ADS' graphic.