

Victory Gardens Aid to Canada's Transport Riddle

Survey of Urban Gardens in 1944 Shows Production up Considerably over Previous Year

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OTTAWA (CP)—Victory gardens are important to Canada. Economists of the agricultural department say that last year 226,000 wartime gardens were cultivated in urban centres with a population of 1,000 or more—16,800 more than in 1943.

Victory gardeners—workers who forgot their worries when they took up a hoe, housewives who forsook tea tables for trowels, and the children who helped them—produced approximately 121,000,000 pounds of vegetables last year from the 226,000 gardens.

To obtain these figures volunteer workers interviewed 1,141 representative householders in eastern and western communities including Moncton, N.B., Waterloo, Que., Cornwall, Kitchener, Waterloo and Smith Falls, Ont., Regina, Calgary and Medicine Hat, Alta.

The wartime gardens survey did not include the many thousands of plots cultivated in villages and on farms. The department said that if the volume of vegetables grown in wartime gardens last year had had to be transported by rail, the shipments would have required about 2,016 freight cars loaded to 60,000 pound capacity or about 28 freight trains of 75 cars per train.

Carrots Popular

Among the gardeners carrots were the most popular vegetable. Eighty-eight per cent. of the wartime workers grew carrots; 87 per cent. tomatoes, 86 per cent. beans, 81 per cent. lettuce, 74 per cent. onions and 65 per cent. cucumbers, peas, potatoes and radishes. All other vegetables were grown in less than 50 per cent. of the gardens.

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The special value of produce grown in victory gardens is that it helps to relieve the transportation problem, taking an extra burden from railways whose freight cars are jammed with war goods and other essential materials.

Agriculturists urge that wartime gardeners continue their activities with a will this year, having an eye to the output of vegetables of even higher quality rather than an increase in the number of gardens.

The transportation problem, now acute, is likely to continue so for some time to come.

HIDES MACHINE PARTS FROM GERMAN INVADER

ROME (CP)—A huge cache of vitally needed farm tractor parts cleverly hidden from the Germans was discovered recently by American Army officers and the supplies now are being shipped to farmers in liberated Italy.

Valued at 15,000,000 lire, the tractor parts were found during a search for a few spares needed to repair a local farmer's tractor. The owner of the chance, a Ravenna machinery agent who had not volunteered the information when the Allies entered the city, then revealed that he had thousands of machine parts.

Enormous quantities of spare were hidden behind a false wall. In cellars, covered with coal and firewood, were additional supplies, while upstairs, piled to the roof were hundreds of apparently empty cases. The bottoms of these however, were packed tight with machine parts.

LIVED OFF LAND

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP)—Leopold Chateaufort of Chicoutimi really went native for a while, but through necessity. Lost for 15 days in the woods around River Eternite while on a fishing trip, he was forced to live on raw fish, berries and herbs until he met some fishermen who took him back to civilization.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1945

FROM MALACHI TO JESUS

Golden Text.—I am the way, and the truth and the life. Jno. 1:14:6.

Lesson Text.—Mal. 3:1-3, 16-17; Luke 1:68, 72, 77-78; Gal. 4:4-5.

Exposition.—I. The Coming of the Lord Jesus, the Angel of the Covenant, Mal. 3:1-3.

The prophecy of Malachi was occasioned by the unfaithfulness of the people toward Jehovah. They were blind to their unfaithfulness; when Jehovah brought His charges they constantly replied with "wherein" have we done this or that (ch. 1:6, 7; 2:14, 17; 3:7, 8, 113 R.V.). Malachi was speaking for God. God declares that He will send His messenger to prepare the way for Himself. Substantially the same prediction had been uttered through Isaiah centuries before (Isa. 40:3-5). It was fulfilled in John the Baptist (Matt. 11:10; Luke 1:76; 7:27). It was the way before the Jehovah Himself that he was to prepare. Historically, he prepared the way before Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus of Nazareth was Jehovah Himself incarnate (Jno. 1:114; Col. 2:9; Jno. 14:9). He prepared the way by calling men to repentance from sin (Mk. 1:4; Matt. 3:2).

The Lord Himself was to follow. He is spoken of as "the Lord whom ye seek," for they were expecting Him to come and judge their enemies. He tells them that He will begin by judging them. Christ is also spoken of as "the Messenger (or Angel) of the covenant." The Angel of Jehovah so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament, was Jehovah manifest in human form (see Gen. 16:7-10, 13; 21:17, 18; 22:11, 12; Jud. 2:11, 2, R. V.; Gen. 18:1, 2, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20; Jud. 13:18, R. V.; cf. Isa. 9:6). This Angel of the Lord or Angel of the covenant was the Son of God before His permanent incarnation (Jno. 8:56). Those are startling questions which Malachi puts in v. 2 (Nah. 1: and such like), adulterers (including us) would do well to put the questions to ourselves, "Can I abide the day of His coming? Shall I stand when he appeareth?" He was to be a Refiner and Purifier (Isa. 1:25; Prov. 17:3; 1 Pet. 1:7). The final result of such refining is that the one who is tried comes forth as gold (Job 23:10). It is in love that the Lord tries us and refines us (Jer. 9:7). The process is painful but salutary. The Lord is also coming to execute judgement upon various classes of sinners and put a swift witness against them. The classes especially mentioned are sorcerers (mediums, clairvoyants, magicians and such like), adulterers (including divorced people), false swearers and those that oppress the widow and the fatherless, and those that turn aside the stranger from his right, and those that fear not the Lord of hosts.

II. The Faithful Remnant, 16, 17.

In the darkest days God always has a faithful remnant (v.16). They soon find one another out and speak one to another. There is a book of loving record kept of those who fear the Lord and think upon His name. They are God's peculiar treasure (v. 17, R. V.; cf. Ex. 19:5; 1 Pet. 2:9, R. V.). The time is coming when God's people shall return and discriminate "between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

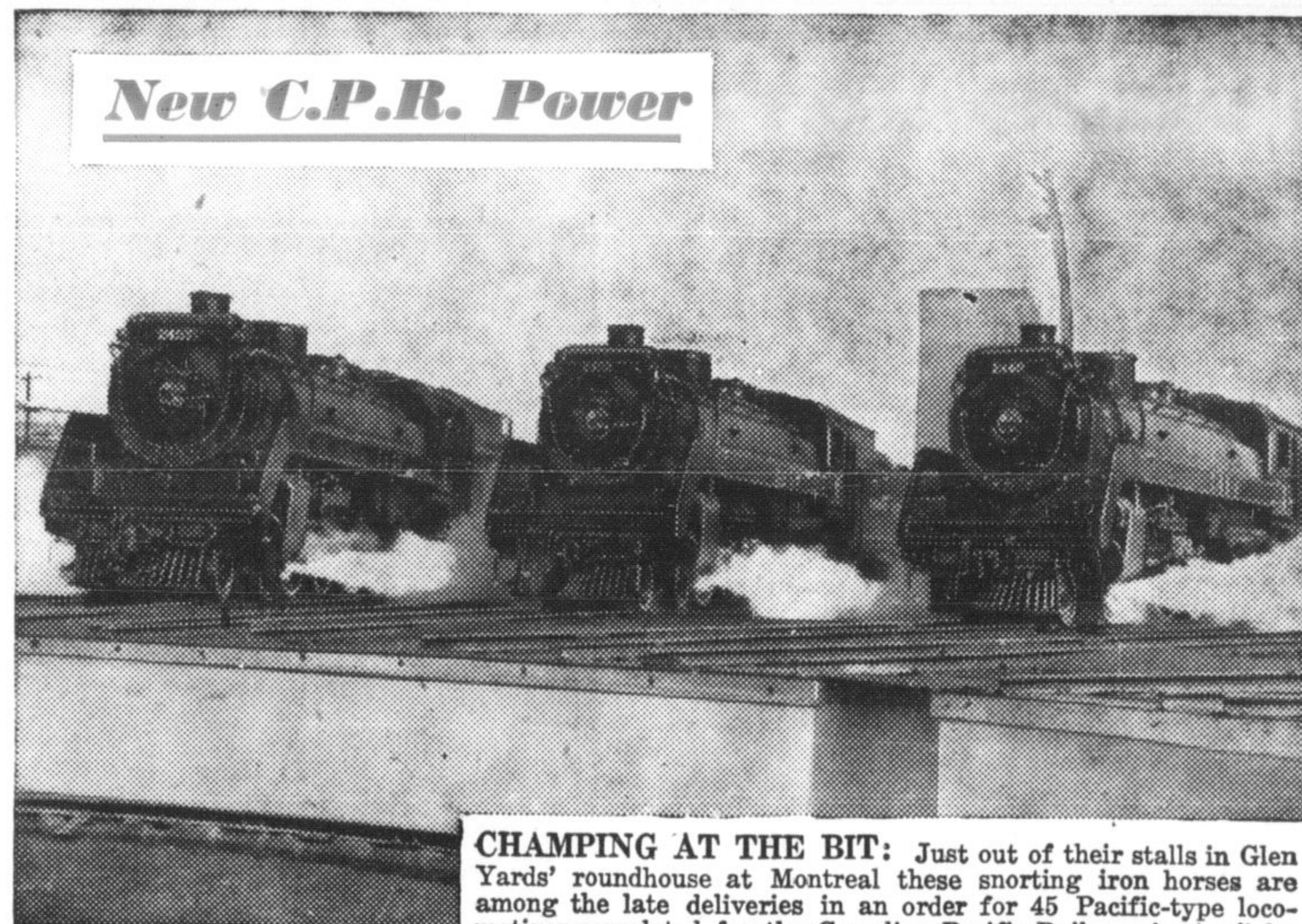
"Jewels" is a beautiful simile describing those with whom God is well pleased. It means literally "his peculiar treasure." In the midst of the gathering darkness of this wicked world, surrounded as we are by many who are apostate to the faith of Christ, it is comforting and assuring to know that God thinks of those who are true to Him as His peculiar treasure. As such He will preserve it and glorify Himself with it (Rom. 8:35-39; Eph. 5:26, 27; Rev. 20:4-6, 22:3, 4).

III. First Coming of Christ, Luke 1:68, 72, 77, 78; Gal. 4:4-5.

The verses in Luke are taken from the inspired prophecy of Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist (see whole passage of scripture, Luke 1:

68-79). In v. 68 we are told that God is visiting this world to take out of it a people for His Name (Matt. 1:2, 7; Jno. 1:14, 18; Col. 1:12-15; Ac. 15:14). In v. 72 we have a reference to Old Testament prophecy concerning the coming of Christ (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:18; 2 Sam. 7:8-17; Heb. 8:7-11). In vs. 77, 78 is the announcement of salvation, which means "remission of sins" (Ps. 32:1, 2; 103:10-12; Ac. 13:38, 39). The "tender mercy of our God" is manifested in the visitation—the Incarnation—of Jesus, the only begotten son of God. What a beautiful reference is made to Jesus in calling Him "the dayspring from on high." Literally it means the sunrise or branch—life appearing in something which looks dead (Isa. 11:1; Zech. 3:8; 6:12). Jesus came as the "light of the world" (Jno. 8:12).

The passage from Galatians is selected from the center of Paul's argument that a believer is adopted into the family of God and becomes a co-heir with the legitimate Son (Rom. 8:17). Jesus is the Son of God "sent forth to redeem us that we might receive this adoption (Jno. 1:12, 13; Rom. 8:14; 1 Jno. 3:1-3). But there will be no adoption for those who refuse to confess the Deity of Christ and the efficacy of His atoning blood (Rom. 10:9; Heb. 9:22). The modern attempt to explain away Jesus' redemption by denying His deity and ignoring or speaking blasphemously of His shed blood will only bring upon those who do it the eternal condemnation it deserves (Heb. 10:26-30; 1 Pet. 4:118). Let us not be counted among them but rather let us confess that we are not ashamed of the Gospel ("tom. 1:16, 17).



CHAMPING AT THE BIT: Just out of their stalls in Glen Yards' roundhouse at Montreal these snorting iron horses are among the late deliveries in an order for 45 Pacific-type locomotives completed for the Canadian Pacific Railway in April by Canadian Locomotive Company at Kingston, Ont. Their work is cut out for them in maintaining the C.P.R.'s impressive war hauling record which stood at 253 million tons of freight and 68 million passengers at the end of 1944.

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