Victoria Day on Monday

Victoria Day, that first public holiday of the early summer, is scheduled for observance on Monday. Departing from a custom that made this holiday the 24th of May for over a generation we have the holiday now observed on the Monday nearest the 24th, which this year brings it on May 21st. Perhaps if switching holidays to week-ends finds general approval and convenience, we may find other holidays changed to the week-end or Monday observance.

Many of us can recall when business was not badly disrupted by a mid-week holiday. That was in the days of small industrial establishments and this country was a group of individuals more dependent on the land. In those days, too, holidays meant a day's less pay in the envelope and there was quite a divergence of opinion on whether to work or stay at home. We didn't have the means of rapid travel either and a holiday just meant a day around home or a trip to a nearby stream that still had some trout in it. We used to spend quite a deal of time in those days, too, in decorating the exterior of homes and business places with flags, bunting, etc.

The present times provide and demand a different type of observance. We haven't time for home and business decoration. We have to go someplace; we must all get on the highways. We cannot say that a public holiday is more enjoyable or more restful in the present trend but it's different and appears to suit observance on a long week-end. For those who still want just a day of leisure, what difference does it make whether it is Monday or Thursday or Wednesday or Tuesdays or Friday. Just so long as it isn't the Saturday or Sunday, the days that we presently have.

Who Pays Your Pension

The Ontario teachers' pension fund is down \$90 millions below current needs, according to the provincial auditor. Unless this is made up promptly, he adds, in 15 years more money will be going out than is coming in. This is not the tival. only teachers pension fund in Canada that has been shown to be actuarially unsound, declares The Financial Post and some others, like those of the federal civil service and for certain groups of municipal employees, have had to be heavily subsidized by the taxpayers from time to time to keep them afloat.

The plain fact is that in many of these schemes covering teachers and other government workers either contributions from the employed have not been big enough or pensions paid out to the retired have been larger than the contributions justified.

Private industries simply cannot operate their pension schemes that way. If their funds got behind there would be no handout from the general taxpayer. That is the way it should be for others, too. We need some practical as well as theoretical application in our administration of pension funds. You can't get out more than you put in.

Too Many Irons?

A few years ago the Canadian National Railway undertook to build a hotel in the city of Montreal.

About that time the non-operating railway unions succeeded in expanding their membership to include the employees of all hotels operated by railway companies. The unions' next step was to persuade the powers that be to rule that the employees of railway-operated hotels are railway employees and must be paid railway wages, which are much higher than competing hotels have to pay.

This was a blow the CNR had not expected. It opened the company's eyes to the fact that hotel keeping and railway operating don't mix, and that the fewer hotels it operates the better it will be for the railway. It decided not to operate any more hotels than it already had on its hands; and it made a deal by which the new hotel in Montreal would be operated by a hotel company that is not in the railway business. It also began to look about for opportunities to dispose of some of its other hotel properties.—The Rural Scene.

A Great Achievement

On Monday, Ontario Hydro marked 50 years of service to Ontario municipalities. It was on May 14, 1906, that the first 14 municipalities around Kitchener received royal assent to create the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. But all the pioneering was not over when the Commission was formed.

Many of us recall the years which followed when Sir Adam Beck carried on the campaign with his followers to get acceptance of the new power by Ontario municipalities. Then as now old customs and methods hung on tenaciously. There was the doubt in many minds that electricity generated at Niagara Falls could be carried to serve the province. Folks didn't like the flicker of 25 cycle power that was made available by Hydro. It was an uphill campaign for Adam Beck | and his associates to convince Ontario towns and villages of the feasability of the bold plan. It was six years later before Hydro came into the towns in North Halton and there were many bitter arguments along every step.

It was perhaps the biggest achievement in the upbuilding of the Province of Ontario. Fifty years later every town and rural home enjoys the benefits of Hydro. The last half century has seen an industrial growth in this province that certainly could not have been achieved without Hydro.

May 14, 1906, marked a proud achievement for Ontario and 50 years later we find Hydro still forging ahead developing the great waterways of the province and making Ontario a better place in which to live and work.

Embarrassing

The Governor-General of Canada has been embarrassed by the public appeal for patrons of the drama to buy a certain kind of whisky to support the arts. It seems to have been public knowledge however that the distiller on whose behalf a few thousand letters were sent out, contributed between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to the Drama Fes-

If such letters were sent out for all the support to projects given by distillers and brewers, many more patrons of very commendable projects would also be very embarassed. There are many enterprises both in communities and in provincial stationed near Thebes, one day in and dominion spheres in which the brewers and distillers try to win prestige by their liberal donations. Nothing much is said about it until it flares up in the open, but always the contributions are aimed at winning public favor.

Judging by the crop of alcoholics we have today the expenditure of big sums is paying off for the advancement of the products of the liquor trade. It seems to take a lifetime to sink in on the public mind that whoever pays the piper calls the tune. But isn't it shocking and embarrassing when the public learns all about what keeps our culture and advancement oiled and going?

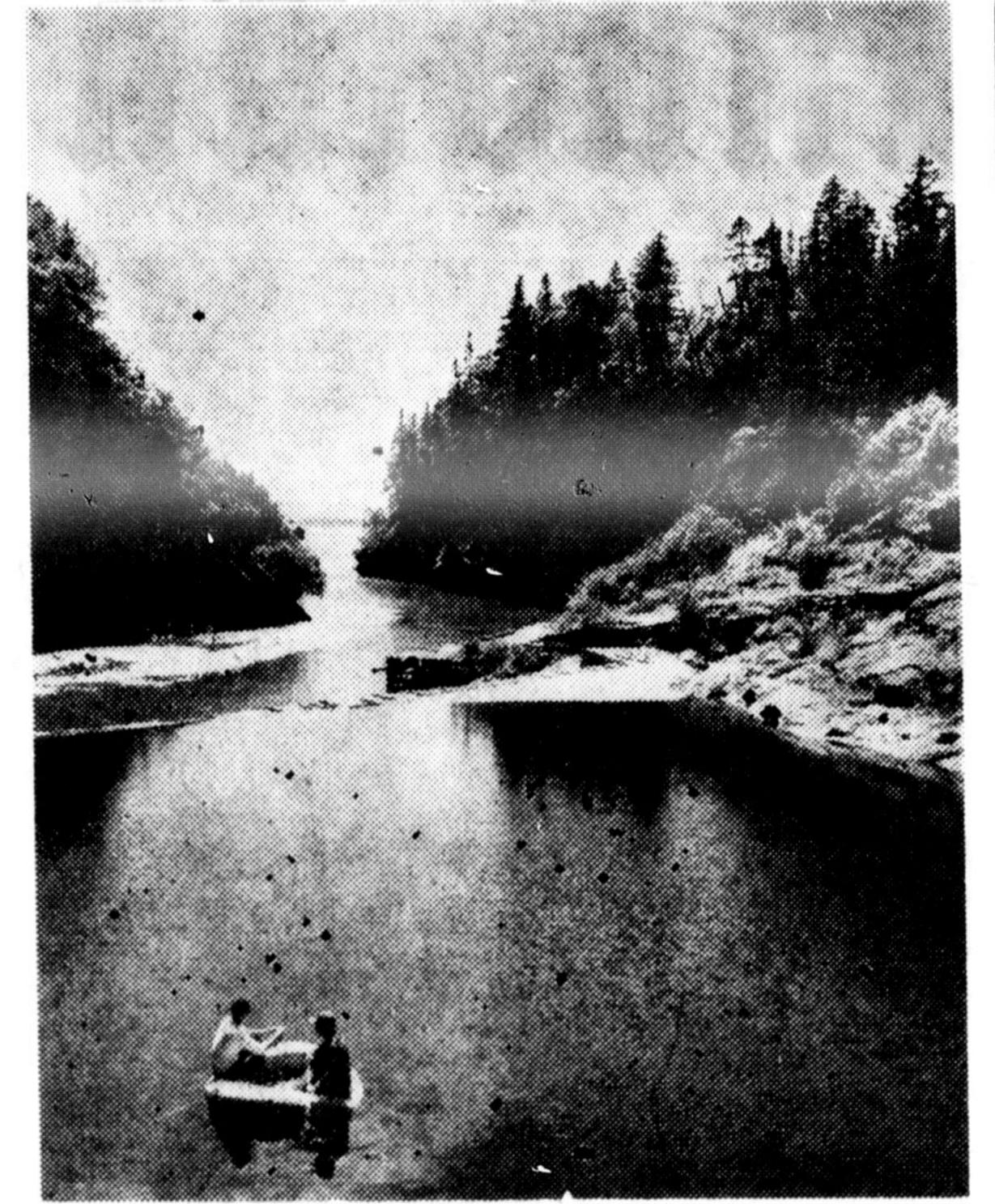
Maybe it would be well to examine the list of donors to the organizations to which we all belong to make sure that we too will not be embarrassed if the spotlight is turned on other activities. There are no free drinks on the house. Some day there may be more letters sent out asking for tangible returns.

Brief Comment

Late or early, the outdoor evidence of springtime is always welcome. The spring flowers, the budding trees, the new grass and the weather that permits one to be out-of-doors are always things to be eagerly anticipated.

The Powassan News last week entered its fiftieth year of publication, with the founder of the paper, J. B. Lake, still going strong. Congratulations on a notable anniversary to both.

Calling all husbands . . . time to clean up. W.M.S. 41st Annual Meeting of Maybe you will end up with a sore back from all your efforts, but you'll be mighty pleased with the trim air your property will acquire. A little sales talk to the wife will convince her that a few hours with the rake may mean a better arrangement of her poundage—but be diplomatic.—Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.



SOME FISH BITE and some fish don't, but these two lone anglers hardly seem to care as they drift lazily over the quiet waters of Point Wolf River, in Fundy National Park, New Brunswick. At least the scenery is something if the fishing isn't. Photo from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau.



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Upper Canada Bible Society

Cyprus is in the news as perhaps * never before. The calibre of the Bible colporteurs who travel from place to place and call house to house with the Book of Books in the midst of the explosive situation there is illustrated in the story of

Although of Greek parentage, Nicholas was born and raised in the polyglot community of Cairo. At 19 he volunteered to oppose the Italian invasion of Greece and saw some of the fiercest fighting. In the midst of the suffering of the bitter winter in the wild hills of Albania, with comrades wounded and dying all about him, he resolved that he would spend his postwar life seeking to bring peace to people however he could.

When the tide of war turned in favor of the Allies, and he was a house where he was billeted he found a New Testament in Ancient and Modern Greek, printed in 1839 over a century before, by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Nicholas began to peruse it idly until one after another passage caught his attention. The Book began to fire his imagination. He refused to be disturbed even when food and cigarettes were offered to him. He read on and on for days. After demobilization, he was offered a position as a colporteur, and gladly accepted.

Bibles for distribution, but the it.

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11.00 a.m.-Junior School.

May 23 at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1956

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

The Halton Junior Farmers annual

Theme, "A Faithful Saying."

church service will be held in

Knox church, beginning at 8

p.m. Speaker, Miss Lucy Tis-

dale, 1956 winner of public

speaking contest. Music by Jun-

ior Farmers' choir. A Fireside

Hour in S.S. room will follow.

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ial in the church, Wednesday,

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SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1956

WHITSUNDAY

St. George's

11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and

Sermon and Church School.

St. John's

10.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and

Sermon and Church School.

more than century old copy th had sparked his own interest in the Holy Scriptures.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Psalms 104: 1-35; Monday, Psalms 113: 1-9; Tuesday, Psalms 147: 1-20; Wednesday, Colossians 1: 1-29; Thursday, Colossians 2: 1-24; Friday, Colossians 1-25; Saturday, Colossians 4: 1-18.



H. M. S. ULYSSES By Alistair MacLean

You're likely to be cold all the time you read H.M.S. Ulysses by Alistair MacLean. A new war novel that has been very popular in Britain, it's chilling in two ways. First, it's a war story of unusually tragic dimensions. Secondly, the story Murmansk in Russia. This run was notorious for its hardships.

With a dying captain and simply exhausted crew, H.M.S. Ulysses was assigned to convoy duty north of the Arctic acircle again. Back to the He was sent to Cyprus at the age continuous cold, even below decks, of 33. Now, as he tramps the streets and to devastating air and sea atand hills of the city and country, tack. Tragedy was inevitable and he carries not only a supply of the men of the Royal Navy knew



HOSE Good Old Days

REMEMBER

Twenty Years Ago Taken from the issue of the Can-

adina Champion, May 14, 1936 A. Restivo has changed the name of his fruit store to "St. Lawrence Grocery Store."

The inspectors are testing cattle in the Acton district for tubercul- ply for the use of the road grader

J. L. King, proprietor of the Milton Dairy, has had the interior of did the job.

"Clean-up Week" was well observed in Milton. Every afternoon and evening scores of home owners were to be seen clearing rubbish from lawns and backyards, now the town presents a greatly improved appearance.

Several of the early birds have been swimming in Martin's pond. Annual excursion to Queenston Heights and Niagara Falls, Sunday June 7, \$1.75 return. Tickets on sale at McKenzie's Drug Store.

While seated in the judge's chambers at the court house on Tuesday, Judge Munro had a narrow escape from what might have been a serwalked from his chair to the other end of the room and just after he when the Rev. F. A. Banks preachmoved, the plaster gave away the ceiling above the place where he had been sitting, falling in large pieces onto the chair. The move of the judge was a very lucky one, for there is no doubt that had he not left the spot he would have

the grant this year to the Halton day. County Fair Association, council- The annual meeting of the W.M. lors generally agreeing that county | S. of the Methodist church was fairs are not only an incentive to held on Monday. The reports were young people to work harder but very encouraging and they showed also have a great educational value. an increase in both membership How different to our council, who and finances. \$25 constitutes a life are lukewarm in their sympathy to membership and the Auxiliary was the Peel County fair board.—Peel honored this year by two new life Gazette, Brampton.

the world today, far surpassing members to report. that of war," declared Rev. J. H. Chapman of the Ontario Temper- in Acton, the Beardmore Company ance Federation at Burlington rec- has laid out streets, erected a large ently. "Drinking causes 90 per cent. number of model dwellings for its of the poverty, 75 per cent. of the operators, and will erect many accidents, and 50 per cent. of the more, as its staff will, it is said, be insanity," he said.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian Champion, May 17, 1906.

Harry Bewes has completed his course in pharmacy and has returned home. Oakville's town council will ap-

and new stone crusher when Nelson is done with them.

Mr. Campbell's fine residence at his dairy building on Martin St. Marton, The Woodlands, was burnt greatly improved. Frank Morley on Tuesday. Clothing and a little furniture were saved.

The band has been weakened during the past few months by the removal of leading players, particularly that of Stephen Conway, solo euphonium, but bandmaster Gollins has got it into a state of efficiency. The first open air concert of the season was held on Saturday evening. On the program were several selections played in public for the first time. They were greatly admired and the general opinion was that the band played just as well

A new organ has been placed in each of the two churches under the charge of Rev. S. G. Wade, namely St. George's, Lowville, and St. ious acident and injury. The judge John's, Nassagaweya. They were used for the first time last Sunday on ed. Mr. Banks will conduct the services of the two churches again next Sunday in the absence of the incumbent. The Rev. G. S. Wale is working energetically in Lowville parish and the evidences of improvement are encouraging. The Bishop of Niagara will be in this Halton county council doubled parish for confirmation next Sun-

members, Mrs. W. B. Clements and "Drinking is the worst menace in Mrs. F. C. Willmott, making ten

On account of the house famine increased before long to 1000 men.

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