

**DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN AND POTATOES.**

By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a free distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples will consist of spring wheat, about five pounds; white oats, about four pounds; barley, about five pounds and field peas, about five pounds. These will be sent out from Ottawa.

A distribution of potatoes, in three-pounds samples, will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Each application must be separate and must be signed by the applicant. Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. If both samples are asked for in the same letter only one will be sent. Applications on any kind of printed form cannot be accepted.

The destruction by fire of the cereal buildings at Ottawa, which contained grain-cleaning machinery and a large stock of seed grain for distribution, may make it necessary to curtail the distribution to a certain extent. We shall try as many as possible of the applications which conform to the rules; but requests received after the end of December will probably be too late. Samples cannot be sent in response to applications, no matter when received, which fail to state clearly the needs of the applicant, his experiences in crop-raising, and the character of the soil on which he intends to sow the seed.

All applications for grain, and applications from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec for potatoes, should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealists, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Such applications require no postage. If otherwise addressed, delay and disappointment may occur.

Applications for potatoes from farmers in any other province should be addressed postage prepaid, to the Superintendent of the nearest branch Experimental Farm in that province.—J. H. Grisdale, Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.

**MUCH ADLER-I-KA USED IN DURHAM**

It is reported by Macfarlane & in Durham People have found out that ONE SPOONFUL of this simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. It is so powerful that it is used successfully in appendicitis. ONE MINUTE after you take it the gasses rumble and pass out. It is perfectly safe to use and cannot gripe. a12 s23

**Hardware**

The good work is still going on at **The Red Front Hardware Store** in **Happy Thought Stoves and Ranges**. Have you seen the number we have sent out lately? We expect another large shipment in a couple of days. There has been more "Happy Thoughts" sold than any other Range manufactured in Canada. In order to satisfy the numerous buyers we have added another line.

We have just received another shipment of the celebrated **Self-Folding IRONING BOARDS**. This will positively be the last shipment of these boards owing to the firm not being able to manufacture them at the money they suspended business and we procured them through the Bank. Take advantage of the golden opportunity and secure one.

Do not risk that old Lantern, as it may burn up your barn. Buy a new one. We are selling them at prices ranging from 50c. to \$1.25.

Take a look at our assortment of **School Book Cases**. They are so cheap that every child can afford one.

Get your colts ready for stabling. Do not leave them out too long. We have a stock of **Halters** very suitable for colts.

**W. BLACK**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.**

**Lesson VI.—Fourth Quarter, For Nov. 7, 1915.**

**Text of the Lesson, II Kings xii, 4-15. Memory Verse, 9—Golden Text, II Cor. ix, 7—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.**

Among the many things I do not yet know there is this—why we should know the names of some mothers and not know the name of David's mother and some others. Both in our lesson chapter and in Chronicles we are told that the mother of Joash was Zibiah of Beersheba. Now, the meaning of Beersheba is "the well of the oath" and always suggests the faithfulness of God (Gen. xxi, 31, margin). It was at Beersheba that Abraham dwelt when he went to Moriah with Isaac to offer him up, and to that home he brought him back as alive from the dead (Gen. xxii, 1-19). So I am reminded that all blessing depends upon the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a good thing for Joash that he had such a friend as Jehoiada the priest, who must have been a remarkable man in many ways, living to be 130 years of age, so he must have been 100 or nearly so when he caused Joash to be proclaimed king, just about 100 years after the death of Solomon.

Joash did right in the sight of the Lord as long as he had Jehoiada for counselor, but the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in high places (verses 2, 3; II Chron. xxiv, 2, 3). We cannot think of Israel (whether the ten tribes or the two or the twelve) being right with God apart from a right relation to the tabernacle or temple, for those buildings stood for God in their midst (Ex. xxv, 8; I Kings vi, 12, 13). So we read that Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord, which Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up (II Chron. xxiv, 4, 7). The great fact about the Lord Jesus, the true tabernacle and temple, was that He was God manifest in the flesh, God was in Christ. The church, the body of Christ now being builded, is wholly for God. Each individual believer is a temple and should be wholly for God.

The repairs which Joash desired to make, like all work today, needed funds, and he thought of the tabernacle of Moses and of the willing offerings (II Chron. xxiv, 6), but he did not seem to remember that these willing offerings were brought in, and Levites out to gather the necessary money, but the plan did not work, for after twenty-three years the funds had not been gathered and the repairs not made (verses 4-8; II Chron. xxiv, 5-7). Then Jehoiada the priest, the king agreeing, put a chest, with a hole in the lid of it, beside the altar as one cometh into the house of the Lord, and a proclamation was made through Judah and Jerusalem to bring in to the Lord the offering that Moses, the servant of God, had commanded Israel in the wilderness. Then the princes and the people rejoiced and brought in day by day, and thus money was gathered in abundance (verses 7-10; II Chron. xxiv, 8-11).

Notice that the chest to receive the offerings was placed beside the altar of burnt offering, the brazen altar, on which the lambs were offered morning and evening, typical of Golgotha and the one great sacrifice offered once for all. The one constraining motive in all offerings to the Lord must be the love of Christ, the Son of God, who loved the church and gave Himself for it; who loved me and gave Himself for me; no duty about it, but just love constraining. Then notice that there was no further effort to raise the money—no personal appeals, no soliciting from individuals, but all was gathered in joyfully and willingly. Note carefully Ex. xxxv, 21, 29; I Chron. xxix, 9, 17, and lay it to heart. On this principle I have received for home and foreign missions in the last twenty-five and a half years (up to July 1, 1914) over \$756,000 and in the same way have seen for thirty-four years all current expenses of a congregation easily met.

The Lord God of Israel still liveth and is ready to hold strongly with hearts that are whole toward Him as it is written in II Chron. xvi, 9, margin. The money was given to the overseers of the work, and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders that wrought upon the house of the Lord, but no reckoning was kept with the men to whom the money was given, for they dealt faithfully (verses 11-15; II Chron. xxiv, 12-14). This method of handling money could not be safely carried on in our day unless we could find some workmen as faithfully honest. There are such, but they are like whole hearted Christians—few and far between—or in very small bunches here and there. We would all do well to keep in mind the day when every one of us shall give account of himself to God (Rom. xiv, 12) and live now accordingly. The conduct, or rather, the misconduct, of Joash after the death of Jehoiada in listening to the princes of Judah and in leaving the house of the Lord God and worshiping idols and in refusing to listen to the prophets who were sent unto him is a sad and almost unbelievable record, or would be if we did not know how desperately wicked the human heart is. But what shall we say when we see Joash commanding to stone to death the son of Jehoiada because he was reproved by him? (II Chron. xxiv, 20-22.) The Lord did look upon it (Matt. xxiii, 35).

**THE APPLE SITUATION.**

**Past Month's Reports Show Only a Slight Improvement.**

Little improvement to the general apple crop in the last month is reported in "Fruit Crop Report No. 5," issued by the Fruit Commissioner's Branch of the Department of Agriculture. While a few sections of British Columbia and Nova Scotia seem more promising, the situation as a whole remains unchanged. Owing to the continued damp weather scab has caused much damage by cutting down the amount of fruit fit for packing.

In the Essex Peninsula the crop is very light. In many sections there will not be enough for local consumption. This is due largely to late frosts, and also to the cold, damp weather which developed fungi and caused the fruit to drop. In the well-known Norfolk district the apple crop is one of the lightest in the last ten years. In 1914 the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association marketed some 65,000 barrels; in 1913, 45,000 barrels, and this year it is estimated that their crop will not exceed 7,000 barrels. In the Niagara, Hamilton, and Toronto district the crop is estimated to be about 35 per cent. of 1914, and although there is a considerable quantity of scab, yet there are many orchards which will have a splendid crop. Cultivated orchards have a fair crop, while uncultivated orchards may be called a failure. In the county of Lambton the crop will be very light, especially in the sections situated a half mile or more from Lake Huron, but on the south shore it is estimated that the crop will be about 75 per cent. of that of 1914 and of good quality.

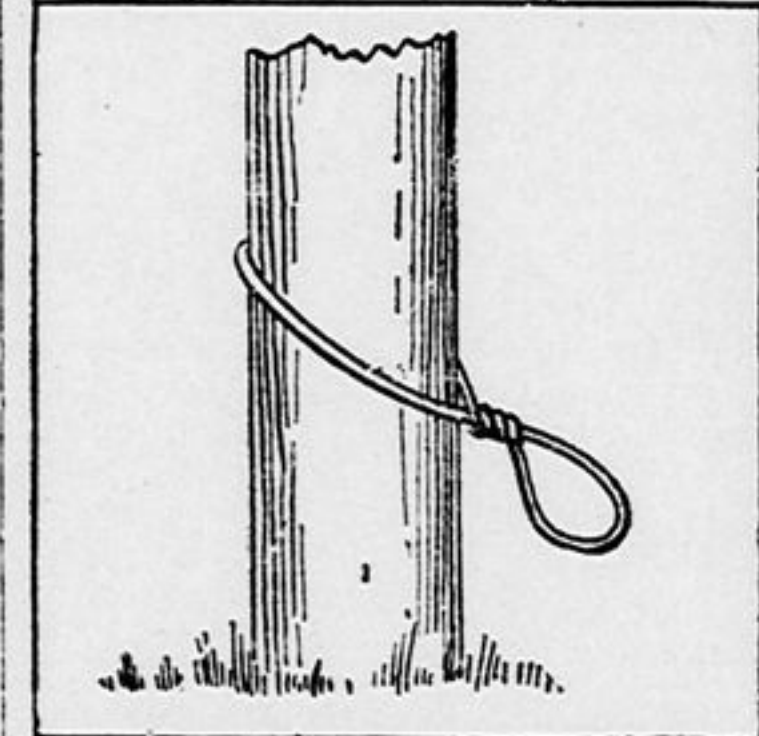
The crop is central western Ontario is practically a failure, with the exception of a few favorably situated orchards which have received exceptional care. In some few places there has been a fair crop of fall apples, but the winter varieties are disappointing, both in quality and quantity. The Georgian Bay apple crop will be about 15 to 30 per cent. of last year, with the exception of a small area near the lake which gives a promise of about half a crop. In well cared for orchards the quality is fairly good. The fall varieties have been mostly bought by local dealers. In the Lake Ontario district east of Toronto the crop is about 40 per cent. of last year. The quality, however, is disappointing in some districts, and the percentage of No. 1's will be small on account of scab. Most of the orchards not owned by associations or large growers have been bought up by dealers and are being firmly held. The windstorm commencing on Saturday, Sept. 25, and lasting about forty-eight hours, is reported to have done serious damage. Ten to twenty per cent. of the apples are reported to have been blown off the trees.

Reports from Ottawa indicate some damage done to the McIntosh and Fameuse varieties due to spotting, and that much of the fruit was blown off.

Considerable quantities of fruit have been exported by New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. In the latter district early varieties, such as Crimson Beauty and Gravensteins, are meeting with a good demand and making satisfactory prices to the grower.

**A Pole Climber Quickly Made.**

This is a homemade telephone climber that may be used for repair jobs not difficult enough to have a regular lineman attend to. It is merely a piece of No. 9 wire, about four



or five feet long, twisted about the pole as shown. Put your foot in the loop; then, by means of a "bear hug" about the pole, hold yourself up while raising the wire with your foot. Then simply keep on repeating this process.

**Don't Burn Straw.**

Rotation investigations by many of the experiment stations indicate that vegetable matter is a very important ingredient in the soil and that straw from any of the grains, returned to the land, adds materially to the production.

Hopkins of Illinois gives the value of oat straw for manurial purposes at \$3.30 per ton. Wheat straw is valued at \$2.58 per ton. The same relative comparison gives the value of fresh farm manure at \$2.22 and barnyard manure at \$2.34 per ton.

Anyone who destroys a ton of wheat or oat straw, therefore, is destroying more fertilizing ingredients than are contained in the average ton of manure from the barnyard.

The place for the straw is back on the land. If it can go through the medium of live stock, as food and bedding for them, that is the best way to return it. Where sufficient live stock is not raised, however, to use all of the straw in this way the straw should be returned directly to the land. It can be spread thinly and plowed under, or, better yet, it can be used as a top dressing or mulch for the small grainfields and on the pastures and meadows. If it is applied to the pastures and meadows it would be better to make the application in the fall. On the grainfields it can be used as a dressing after the grain has been sown. Machines are made for spreading it thinly and evenly.

**NOVEMBER JOE**

Continued from page 6

"Naturally I don't know for sure about Linda," he answered shortly; then, glancing at his watch, he got up. "Just about time to get my mail ready."

We had been speaking in low tones, for the subject of our conversation naturally did not lend itself to loud talk, and besides, during the last quarter of an hour or so a murmur of voices from the verandah had warned us to be careful. We had not shut the door leading to the veranda, as it was the only one, and we needed it open for light and air. Petersham walked toward it, but, instead of stepping out, he turned and laid a hand like a vise on my arm.

"Quiet! Quiet for your life!" he whispered. "She must never know we were here!"

"But, Joe, you're mistaken. Joe. I wish it!" It was Linda's voice, shy and trembling as I had never heard it. "Ah, that's all your great goodness, Miss Linda, and I haven't earned none of it."

I pointed frantically to the door. We must shut that door and shut out those voices, but Petersham swore at me under his breath.

"Darn, you know those hinges screech like a wildcat! It can't be helped, for it would kill her to know we heard a word of this."

We crept away into the farthest corner of the workshop, but even there phrases floated to us, though mercifully we could not hear all.

"But father would help you, for you know you are a genius, Joe."

"All I could ever do lies in the woods, Miss Linda; woodsways is the whole of it. A yard outside the wood and the meanest chap bred on the streets could beat me easy. I can't thank you nor Mr. Petersham the way I'd like to, for my tongue is slow." Here his voice fell.

"But if you hate the city life so much you must not go to the city." It was Linda again. "Live your life in the woods. I love the woods too."

"The woods is bleak and black enough to them that's not born among the trees. Them that's lived outside allus wants more, Miss Linda."

A long interval followed before the voices became audible again.

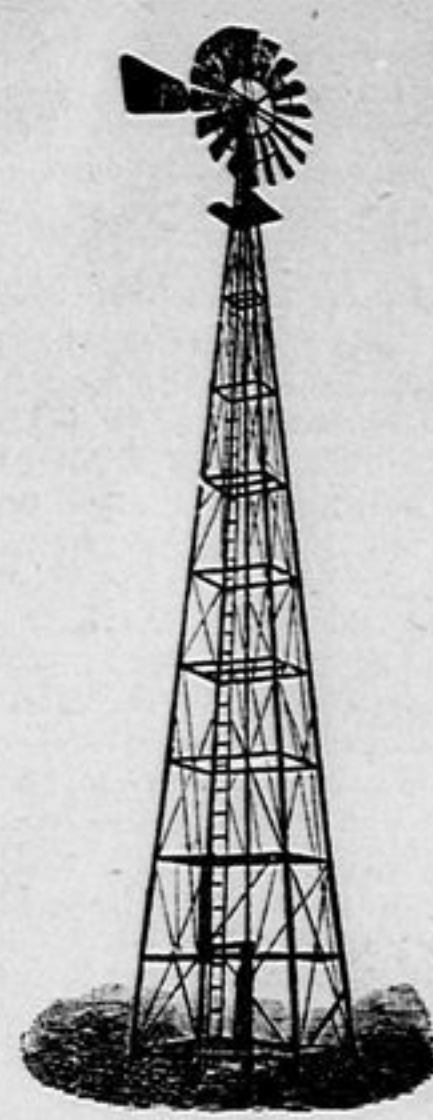
"Oh, no, no, Joe!"

Petersham clutched my arm once more at the sound.

"You're so young, Miss Linda, you don't know. I'd give my right hand to believe different, but I can't. It wouldn't be best—not for you."

Continued next week.

**The ONTARIO WIND ENGINE and PUMP COMPANY**



**Manufacture the Cheapest and the Best Pumping Outfit on the Market.**

Sold by **W. D. Connor** Durham - Ontario

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

If you've not already ordered your **Fall Suit and Coat** now is the time to do it, while our stock is complete. **Fit and Satisfaction Guaranteed.**

Everything New and Up-to-date in Men's Wear always on hand. Large shipment of **Spring Hats and Caps** just arrived, which you ought to see before buying elsewhere.

**G. C. Rife**  
Ladies' and Gent's Tailor  
DURHAM - ONTARIO



**IS YOUR HOME STILL FLAGLESS?**

"While Shot and Shell Are Screaming," do honor to your brave citizen soldiers on the firing line, by joining the nation-wide movement to place a flag on every home. It is a mark of appreciation and a sense of fine fitness should impel every loyal citizen to show his colors.

**Take Advantage Today of the Presentation by THE CHRONICLE**

and procure

**THIS UNION JACK OUTFIT**

**\$1.10**

For a full size (5 x 3) British Union Jack in fast colors and on good bunting.

**JUST CLIP THE COUPON**

printed in another column and present or mail it to the office of this newspaper together with the gift amount named below.

**ACT TODAY**