

PREMIERS GREET NEW YEAR

Canada's Leading Citizens Voice Significant Opinions On The Turning of the Calendar

VISCOUNT CECIL TOO

Premier King

Ottawa.—Premier King issued the following New Year message: "The dawn of 1928 has a special significance for Canada. It marks the close of one period in our history and the beginning of another. Behind us lie 60 years of united effort. In this time we have built steadily upon the foundations laid at Confederation and have extended the boundaries of the Dominion from sea to sea. Forty years hence many now living will join in the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Confederation. The happiness of that day will depend in large measure upon our labors in the new year and in succeeding years.

"As a result of the celebrations of the past year, we understand more clearly than before the greatness of the task of building a Canadian nation. We know that the dream of the Fathers of Confederation was not realized without courage and perseverance. We know, too, that national unity in a country of different races and creeds is not achieved without charity and forbearance. The true wealth of Canada consists less in the abundance of our material possessions than in these moral qualities and habits of thought which have come down to us as an inheritance from the past. In the new period of expansion which lies before us, it is our highest duty to conserve this inheritance for the benefit of those who will come day stand in our places. So may it be said of us as it was said of those who created the Dominion, 'Providence being their guide, they builded better than they knew.' (Sgd.) 'W. L. MACKENZIE KING'

Premier Ferguson

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, issued the following greeting:

"As head of the Government of this province, I congratulate the people of Ontario on the splendid crop and on the increase in general business activity which has been evidenced during the past year. From every side there is the indication that the year 1928 will be one of universal progress and prosperity for the province. The increased interest in the development of the natural resources and the remarkable expansion of the great industries of Northern Ontario assures to the people there a rapid development and greater production of new wealth which will add to the general business prosperity of the whole province and of the whole Dominion.

"The people of all Canada and particularly those of our own province may look forward with confidence to a banner year in 1928. I desire to wish everybody great happiness and a full measure of comfort and prosperity during the year that is opening."

Premier Taschereau

Quebec, Que.—Premier Taschereau issued the following New Year's message:

"The year 1927 has marked a new era of prosperity for the Province of Quebec. The Federal Bureau of Statistics reveals that the figure of our population has grown to 2,604,000. The number of students attending our schools now exceeds 600,000 and the fund reserved for public instruction by the Government has practically attained this year the figure of \$4,000,000.

"Our agricultural domain, too, is increasingly great. Land under cultivation in 1927 amounted to 6,867,000 acres. The value of harvests is estimated at more than \$147,000,000 and the gross revenue derived from agriculture can be estimated at \$275,000,000.

"The Minister of Highways has built 1,300 miles of new roads, and has repaired and maintained 7,800 miles.

"The year has not been prosperous for our fishing industry, although the latter represented a revenue of \$3,000,000.

"Revenue from the Land and For-

ests amounted to \$6,000,000. "The most remarkable progress has been in the dominion of electric power and in the mining industry.

"This marvelous hydro-electric development constitutes an inexhaustible source of wealth.

"Our mining regions have revealed wealth surpassing our greatest hopes. In the last ten months 12,688 claims have been staked and work has commenced in several mines of incalculable value.

"During 1927 our population has maintained those noble traditions which secure for it the admiration of foreign economists everywhere.

"It is then, with all confidence that we salute the New Year and it is incumbent upon us to thank Providence."

Nova Scotia's Message

Halifax, N.S.—Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Tory gave out a New Year's message in which he lists a number of reasons why he believed the people of Nova Scotia should look forward to a prosperous New Year. Among them were the following:

"The favorable report of the Duncan Commission.

"The sympathetic attitude of other parts of Canada toward the Maritimes.

"The practical application of the recommendations of the Duncan Commission by the Federal Government.

"The quickened interest of the two great railway systems in Nova Scotia affairs.

"The move to stimulate tourists' trade and to accommodate visitors and the spirit of courage and buoyancy which permeates to a very considerable extent the business interests of the country."

Viscount Cecil

London, Dec. 30.—Viscount Cecil, former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and a member of the Baldwin cabinet, who resigned the chancellorship following the recent tri-gave out the following New Year's message:

"Canada will doubtless embark upon the year 1928 with a greatly increased interest in the activities of the League of Nations. As a member of the Council of the League she has undertaken a great and honorable position. She sits as one of the 14 countries specially charged to advance the peace of the world. Her representatives on the Council and at the assembly of the League, however admirable, can only be the mouthpieces of the opinion of her people. On them rests the ultimate responsibility, and I trust therefore, I shall be pardoned if I venture to remind them of what the League of Nations really stands for, and the problems with which it is faced.

"Briefly, the League stands for world peace, social improvement and justice. Those are tremendous ideals and can only be achieved by placing them above the sphere of party politics, and going 'all out' for them. That is a point to be borne in mind by all League of Nations societies. Their aims must be entirely non-political, as is that of the British League of Nations Union.

BUILDING UP PUBLIC OPINION.

"It is a great encouragement to know that there is an active League of Nations Society in Canada which is helping to build up a public opinion that not only believes in the League ideals but is actually willing to give a lead in one of the surest ways to peace—arbitration. M. Raoul Dandurand, the Canadian representative at the League Assembly in 1927, reminded the delegates that back in 1925 the Canadian Government informed the secretariat of the League that Canada was 'still firmly convinced that it was essential to submit international disputes to arbitration.' He stated that Canada was 'prepared to consider the compulsory jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in legal disputes—subject to certain reservations,' and also 'to study the means whereby the

Covenant might be supplemented with a view to the settlement of non-legal disputes,' excluding, naturally, the decision of internal questions. "That is a wonderful lead to have given the empire, and it is very heartening to those who like to believe that the empire stands permanently for peace.

"If another great war is allowed to come it can only mean the breaking up of civilization. Nations' powers of recovering from such devastations are not unlimited; they have no inexhaustible stores of such powers. But one thing they have got within their reach: the means of preventing future wars by the peaceful settlement of disputes and the reduction of armaments by international agreement. That is the great task which the League has to face in 1928, and which public opinion alone can enable it to achieve."



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A Really Bonny Baby!

A monster baby that weighs as much as a man is being worshipped in Jolo, in the Philippine Islands. Although only seven months old, it weighs 10st, 10 lb., and eats ten pounds of rice at a meal. It has to be carried to the table by two men. The natives of the islands have decided that so great a person must be a Messiah in infant form, and they are already worshipping it and offering it gifts to secure its favor.

Sunday School Lesson

January 15. Jesus and Sinners, Mark 2: 1-17. Golden Text—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.—Mark 2: 17.

SUBJECT.

THE SON OF GOD AT WORK, FORGIVING AND REDEMING.

INTRODUCTION.—The amazing "authority" of Jesus now comes out in certain statements regarding forgiveness and the necessity of saving sinners. The religious teachers of the time admitted that there was forgiveness with God, but they attached so many conditions to this forgiveness that in practice they had no comforting message to offer to the repentant. They insisted on all kinds of legal forms being observed before a sinner could hope in God's mercy. Jesus brushed these aside, for he taught that wherever there was sorrow for sin, God's forgiveness was at once assured. Moreover, while the religious teachers of the day waited for sinners to come to God of themselves, Jesus went out in search of them. He mingled with them, and strove to awaken in them the stirrings of a better life. He compared himself to a physician whose work lay among the sick, not among the strong.

I. THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, 3-12.

V. 3. Jesus is preaching in a house in Capernaum when the incident now described takes place. The room, which is on the first landing, is crowded, and the entrance and stairway also are so blocked that no one can pass either in or out. At this moment four men appear carrying on a stretcher a paralyzed man. For the moment they are nonplussed, as there is no access to Jesus by the ordinary ways.

V. 4. Determined not to lose their opportunity, they resort to the extraordinary expedient of getting up on the roof, probably from the rear, and lowering the paralytic through an aperture made in the tiles. The plan is no sooner devised than carried out. The paralytic on his pallet-bed is let down right at Jesus' feet.

V. 5. The extraordinary boldness of the act impressed Jesus as a great illustration of faith. Had he not been preaching about God's immediate will to establish his kingdom in human lives, and about the necessity of faith as the means of obtaining divine forgiveness and power? And here, right before them, is an example of what faith means. What difficulties the men have overcome in order to get their friend into Jesus' presence! Jesus accordingly turns to the paralytic, and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven you." He doubtless says in the man's wasted form and expression the traces of a past life of sin. The Jews were familiar with the saying, "There is no man healed of his sickness, till his sins have been forgiven him." But Jesus always sought to get down to the roots of human need. He saw beneath the physical ravages of sickness, the spiritual damage wrought by sin, and his first task is to minister to the evil conscience.

Vs. 6, 7. But his declaration of forgiveness, without insistence on any legal conditions, shocked a number of scribes who were present in the room. These critics had come early, and were occupying seats. In their eyes the word of Jesus was sheer blasphemy. God alone could forgive.

Vs. 8, 9. Jesus, on the other hand, knows it to be the will of God to forgive this stricken sinner. He cannot allow that where there is remorse for sin, any other condition of divine forgiveness is necessary. And he knows that this right to declare forgiveness is supported by his consciousness of God's power being with him to heal. This is the point of v. 9. If Jesus has power to heal, they may be sure also that he is commissioned to forgive.

Vs. 10, 12. Jesus puts the matter to the test. He commands the paralytic to rise. At his word the mental and spiritual forces which have crushed the man's life are overcome, and he rises from his couch. This amazing communication of power to a helpless cripple produces a profound impression. But Jesus draws from it the conclusion that he is authorized, though man, to declare sins forgiven.

II. THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE LOST, 15-17.

V. 15. After the above incident, Jesus calls Levi, the tax-gatherer, to join his company as a disciple, and Levi obeys. It was an extraordinary act for a business-man to leave his desk and papers without further ado, but still more extraordinary is the sequel. Levi invites Jesus to his

house, and Jesus responds at once. It was an unheard-of thing for a religious teacher to enter a tax-gatherer's house, and still more to sit down at his table with such company as are now present at Levi's board. Judaism forbade the religious to frequent such mixed gatherings: but Jesus, the purest saint whom the world has ever seen, joins them without hesitation.

Vs. 16, 17. Once again, Jesus' action offends and outrages the conventional piety of the time. The Pharisees protest to the disciples against the laxity of Jesus. What right has he to break down the barriers which he to strict piety has set up? Is he not compromising religion by frequenting immoral societies? Jesus' answer is very remarkable. He compares himself to a physician whose duty is towards the sick rather than towards the strong. For the sake of bringing sinners to God and to spiritual health he deems it right to go among them. He has not come to support the conventional usages of religion, but to seek out and to redeem lost souls.

Hog Pool Mooted

U. F. Co., Organizing to Control the Ontario Hog Business

FIVE YEAR CONTRACTS

It is now announced that plans to form a livestock pool in Ontario by the United Farmers' Co-operative Company are under way. For the time being the pool will be confined to hogs. The hog business in Ontario is estimated to bring \$20,000,000 a year to the producer.

These plans are still in the initial stage, but a conference of a representative from each county has been called for Jan. 24 in Toronto. Before that date it is planned to hold meetings in each of the fifty counties, when the representatives will be selected. The first of these meetings was held recently in Petrolia.

The hog pool is expected to be on a much larger scale than the Ontario wheat pool. It is hoped to not only control the marketing on the exchange but the export of live hogs as well under a rigid contract system. Producers will be asked to sign up to market their entire hog production for the next five years through the pool.

SUCCESSFUL IN WEST.

J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. Co-operative Company, stated that the system now employed by the wheat pool could not be applied to livestock selling in view of the seasonal nature of the stock and the variance of grades. Definite plans would be made at the gathering of Jan. 24, he said.

The pool has been working successfully in the West for nearly a year, and similar principles will be followed here, Mr. Morrison stated.

Backers of the pool claim that benefits of the Government grading now in force will go directly to the farmers. They also state that it will be possible to prevent a glut on the Toronto market, and consequent drop in price, while a scarcity exists on other markets. They expect also to do their own exporting to the States and Great Britain.

Unsatisfactory conditions which have prevailed during the past year would be removed by the new plan, they state.

Irrigation in Alberta

Irrigation on modern lines in Alberta dates back to 1891 when considerable tracts of land were reclaimed by the use of waters from Sheep creek. In the following year more extensive developments were undertaken and since then there has been a gradual increase in the number of irrigated farms, so that in 1926 the irrigable area under the schemes in operation totalled 1,131,000 acres.

Ottawa, Ontario—Plans are under way in the post office department for the substitution this winter of a weekly air-mail service for the present ten-day dog team mail, to serve Red Lake, Woman Lake, Worman River and Narrow Lake in the mining area of Northwestern Ontario. Aviation companies have already been approached by the postal authorities, and it is expected that tenders will be let shortly.

Plot in Alsace Indicates Condition

Plot to Promote Insurrection to Give Alsace Autonomous Government Indicates European Unrest

GERMANS IN IT

Paris—An autonomist plot to start an insurrection in Alsace has been discovered, and twelve leaders arrested. Among them is a priest, Abbe Fasbauer, and a woman, Agnes Egemann. One man, Henri Relschauer, Treasurer of Helmatbund, or the Autonomist League, violently resisted arrest.

The authors included several journalists engaged in publication of autonomist newspapers, a bank clerk, a furniture maker, a shoemaker and a contractor.

Former Prussian Captain

One man, Doctor Roose, official chief of the party, is a former Captain in the Prussian Army, who, at the head of an organization of autonomist troops, managed to escape and avoid arrest.

Though the number of those involved in the autonomist movement is small, it appears the organization which the arrested men were building up was well planned. Lists of adherents and the names of those supplying funds are in the possession of the authorities.

Discovery of the plot was made recently, when the houses of some twenty suspected persons were raided in connection with another trial which was in progress.

For Armed Conflict

What is most serious is that this time the autonomists were not merely engaged in developing propaganda, but were actually organizing their followers into battalions for armed conflict.

The most of those arrested are naturalized Frenchmen and Germans, and not of Alsatian origin. The Abbe Fasbauer has been an active worker against French interests for some years. All of the arrested people have been transferred to Mulhouse.

Patriotism

Great Britain Gets Gift of £100,000 Toward Reduction of National Debt

Great Britain is wondering about the identity of the mysterious individual who has made to the Nation a large and welcome gift, said to amount to £100,000, which is to accumulate at compound interest over a long period to reduce the national debt.

The fact of the gift, though not the donor's name nor the exact amount concerned, has come to light, owing to a clause having been inserted by the Government in an obscure corner of a recently enacted law. The clause removes a hitherto-existing prohibition of such bequests accumulating more than 21 years, and is understood to have been especially designed to enable the present gift to be accepted.

The Treasury has received many donations, amounting in all since the war to over £1,000,000, for reducing the debt. Stanley Baldwin, it will be recalled, set an example in this respect by surrendering a large portion of his own personal fortune for this purpose. Most of the gifts hitherto have been in the form of cancelled war bonds.

With the law as it is now changed, others are expected to follow the unnamed donor's example.

A photograph so small that it is just on the verge of invisibility is being exhibited in London. The ideal camera for newspaper men, is perhaps the thought of many who dislike publicity.

It would be natural for those who favor Mr. Hoover for the Presidency to point out that the complex governmental machinery of to-day needs an engineer.

It has been said that there are two sides to the prohibition question, but in the slang of the youth of to-day, one side "is all wet."

And Now It's as Clear as Mud to Sir Sidney.

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.

