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**Notes and Comments**

**Likely to Curb Instalment Buying**

One of the chief forms of curbing unnecessary spending according to Finance Minister Ilsley will be the forced reduction of instalment credit. Mr. Ilsley addressed the representatives of the Canadian Weekly newspaper Convention in Quebec recently and cited this step as one which should be taken by his department in the near future. "A dollar down, and a dollar a week," must be stopped said Mr. Ilsley. He stated that people must not mortgage their future earnings when so much money would be needed.

For months now the government has tried every means at its disposal to urge citizens to curtail their ordinary expenditures in order to invest in Victory Bonds and War Savings certificates. Buyers have still been urged to purchase on the instalment plan and mortgage his anticipated future income for a long period ahead. Also, such liberal terms increase the demand for ordinary goods the production of which require materials needed for war purposes. An order by President Roosevelt has authorized the Reserve Board to take necessary steps to curb this spending, and it now remains for Ottawa to take a similar stand.

**Farmers Must Disclose All Gasoline Used to Claim Rebate**

Farmers who obtain gasoline rebate for fuel used in tractors, engines, and other power machinery using such gasoline, are required to disclose all the gasoline they used in their motor cars, and trucks, as well. Very few do this, yet their claims continue to be paid by the Ontario Dept. of Highways.

Is it not an easy task for a farmer to demand a receipted bill for every two or three gallons of gasoline he procures for his car. Many gas stations have no account forms, others are too busy to run back to their office from the tank to make out such a bill, and would resent having to do so. However, the declaration form sworn to by the farmer warns that "total gasoline purchased must be disclosed and supported by receipted invoices."

It would do the Dept. of Highways no good to know what a man uses for his car. One farmer on ten acres may use 25 gallons a month for his car, while a neighbor on 100 acres may drive very little and only consumes five gallons in car use, thus the Dept. could learn little or nothing from this information.

We cannot see the use of this regulation, and the sooner it is discarded as a necessary part of obtaining gasoline rebates the better.

It is not enforced rigidly, and if it were a lot of farmers would be robbed out of their rebate altogether. It is almost impossible to obtain total amount of gas used in the average car. Various members of the family may buy the gas and someone forgets to obtain the receipts, thus the claimant for gas rebate could not come forward and truthfully say that all gas was disclosed.

**Is Gas Rationing Best Policy ?**

An important point in considering further restrictions in gasoline consumption will be the effect on government revenue, is pointed out by the Financial Post which says that of the \$85.5 millions Canada's nine provinces extracted from the motorists last year, about two thirds or

over \$56 millions was provided by the levy on gasoline. Now with a substantial Dominion tax added this proportion and total may be far higher.

If motorists are rationed to cut gasoline consumption by 25 or 50 p.c., then presumably the revenue on this fuel will be proportionately reduced.

Because both revenue and a decrease in gas consumption are urgently needed it might be advisable to forget all about rationing and simply step up taxes still farther. Certainly not many cents would have to be added to the present levy to force curtailment in consumption, but up to a point there might be no reduction in total tax revenue.

Another very obvious advantage would be the low cost of such a move. Any scheme of rationing will mean the installation of complicated and costly machinery, whereas the tax could be increased indefinitely without adding one cent to the cost of present collecting.

**New Western Wheat Rolls to Elevators**

Deliveries of new crop wheat by farmers in western Canada now amount to some 11 million bushels. They would have been larger except for widespread rains since grain was ripe which have prevented harvesting and threshing. It does not appear that any considerable damage to grain grades has yet occurred from this source, although such damage is always a possibility if wet harvest weather persists long.

Farmers' deliveries of wheat are restricted by quota to five bushels per acre of the basic acreage for each farm, which is usually 60 p.c. of that seeded in 1940.

Already the quota has been increased at a number of individual points to 8 and 10 bushels.

There will be comparatively little difficulty in accommodating first quota deliveries at most elevator points. Railway cars for shipment of grain out of country elevators are carefully rationed, under regulations imposed by the Canadian Wheat Board, and shipments are allowed only from points where room is needed.

**Canada's Big Show**

"Canadian business stimulator number one!" That has become the apt tag applied to the Canadian National Exhibition by business men in every part of the Dominion. This world's largest annual exposition which is now nearing the close, is held in Toronto's Exhibition Park from August 22nd to September 6th, demonstrates in this second year of conflict the value it has for the Canadian manufacturer and industrialist.

Following the policy which proved so successful during the grim years of 1914 to 1918, the Canadian National Exhibition continues to function as a very real part of Canadian life, serving as a medium through which the Empire is reflected to the world and through which valuable foreign exchange is gathered in the Dominion, and drawing visitors from every part of the Dominion as well as from many points in the United States. C.N.E. attendance regularly runs between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000, and thousands of Canadians and Americans as well boast of their long and unbroken string of visits. This "show window of the nations" as it is often called, shows an annual operating profit.

Actual business turn-over during the fourteen days run of the Exhibition is heavy and includes everything from stoves, clothing, farm implements, cars, and office equipment, to precision instruments and an enormous variety and quantity of all kinds of Canadian manufactured food articles. The astute Canadian manufacturer realizes that by exhibiting his products at the C.N.E. he is enabled to make a direct contact with the consumer, a valuable experience for both which could be achieved in no other way.

At the 1941 Exhibition industry and agriculture, is co-operating with the Canadian armed services, navy, army and air force, providing at first hand how they are geared for war.

Fred Monkman, familiar name in at lot 71, on Yonge street, and was well known over the west side of the township. Whitchurch for long years, died last week in his 77th year. He resided

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**Sunday School Lesson**

September 7  
**REVELATION: A MESSAGE TO PERSECUTED CHURCHES**  
Golden Text—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2:10.  
**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**  
The Book of Revelation, or the Apocalypse, is the great prophetic book of the New Testament and is intimately linked with the Old Testament Book of Daniel. It is not a sealed book, however (Rev. 22:10), as was the earlier Apocalypse (Dan. 12:9). In fact, the unsealed Book of Revelation breaks the seal on Daniel. Here we have a forecast of things still future, but which must shortly come to pass (1:1). It readily divides into three parts, according to chapter 1:19. The first division is chapter one, "the things which" John had "seen," the vision of the Son of man in the midst of the golden lampstands, representing Christ as the priestly Judge in the midst of His churches on earth. The second division, "the things which are," embraces chapters 2 and 3, where under the similitude of seven letters addressed to seven assemblies or churches, where John had labored for years, located in the Roman provincial province of Asia, we have a remarkable outline picture of the moral and spiritual condition of the professing church from apostolic days to the end of its testimony on earth. Division three is from chap-

ter 4 to 22, "the things which shall be after these things," events in Heaven and on earth from the rapture of the Church (represented by the twenty-four elder priests in Heaven) right on to the bringing in of the new heavens and earth. The symbols used are all explained or plainly referred to elsewhere in the Scriptures.  
Verse by Verse:  
Rev. 2:1—"The angel of the church." An angel is a messenger. The letters are addressed to the recognized messengers of the various local churches, those who ministered God's Word among them. "He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand." The seven stars are the messengers. They were directly responsible to and controlled by the Lord Himself.  
Verse 2—"Thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars." These believers tested men who professed to be Christ's apostles, and when they found they did not ring true, they refused to accept them as teachers of the Word.  
Verse 3—"For my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted." This church was characterized not only by strict orthodoxy, but by earnest laborious service, and this for the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Verse 4—"Thou hast left thy first love." Though there was so much to commend, there was one fatal defect, which detracted from the value of all the rest for which they were given credit—love was lacking. Note it does not say they had lost, but left their first love. The heart was estranged from Christ Himself.  
Verse 5—"Repent, and do the first works." The Lord called for a

return to the fervor and devotedness of early days, otherwise He would "remove" the "candlestick," that is, they would not continue long as a witness for Him in the scene where they had been so mighty used in days gone by.  
Verse 6—"The deeds of the Nicolaitanes." Some suppose this to refer to an unknown sect who coupled licentious practices with a Christian profession. But the more likely supposition is that we should regard "Nicolaitanes" as an untranslated Greek word, meaning conquerors or rulers over the laity. This would suggest that extreme clericalism which was exhibited in Diotrephes (3 John 9, 10) and which was manifested very early in the churches and eventually became an established, authoritative system. See verse 15.  
Verse 7—"To him that overcometh." The overcomer is one who is born of God (1 John 5:4) in contrast to those who have but a name to live, while spiritually dead (Rev. 3:1). "Will I give to eat of the tree of life." Christ Himself is the Tree of Life and all real believers will find their portion and joy in fellowship with Him through all the ages to come in the "paradise of God," the eternal home of the heavenly saints (2 Cor. 12:3, 4).  
Verse 8—"The first and the last." It is Christ Himself who is the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega, of our faith. He who was "dead, and is alive" is ever interested in all that His suffering people are passing through in this world.  
Verse 9—"The blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not." These were the determined

legalist opponents of the Gospel, glorying in their Jewishness and yet not Jews at all in the sight of God (Rom. 2:28,29). Jew is a contraction of Judah meaning praise (Gen. 29:35). The Judaizers were the strongest opponents of the Gospel of grace, and are here denominated a "synagogue of Satan" because of their violent opposition to the truth (1 Thess. 2:14-16).  
Verse 10—"The devil shall cast some of you into prison." Already bitter persecution had begun. Behind the human power who sought to destroy the church was Satan himself, the inveterate enemy of God and man, who sought by moving the secular rulers against the Christians to throttle the new movement in its early days, but it was ever manifested that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." "Ye shall have tribulation ten days." There may be a shadowy reference here to the ten distinct edicts of persecution issued by the Roman emperors in the first three centuries of the Christian era. To the faithful was promised "a crown of life." This is not to be confounded with eternal life, which is God's free gift (Rom. 6:23), but the crown signifies a victor's wreath, the reward to be given at the judgment seat of Christ for enduring suffering even unto death itself (Jas. 1:12).  
Verse 11—"Not be hurt of the second death." This is the promise to the overcomer. Though he might suffer physical death for Christ's sake, and so win the martyr's crown, he need have no fear of the second death, the lake of fire (Rev. 20:12-15) which is to be the sad portion of those who reject the Gospel and refuse to be saved.