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Notes and Comments

London Papers Support Drew Plan

Including some of Canada's best writing talent, a good many notables have gone to England in the past month. Col. George Drew, Ontario Conservative leader, arrived there on August 19th, the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King on August 20th and the Hon. R. B. Hanson on Sept. 15th. On his arrival Col. Drew told London reporters he was on a fact-finding tour; a number of Canadian editors remembering Drew's articles-"Germany Prepares For War" written in 1935 and his "Canada's Fighting Airmen," predicted that he would be a good observer.

Col. Drew has since been busily engaged studying war problems; but on Friday last he spoke on the B.B.C. Home Service. This talk, followed by General MacNaughton's plea for invasion tactics, is reported to have attracted wide Public and Press support in England.

Lord Beaverbrook's London Sunday Express devoted an entire column leading article to Col. Drew and his plan under the heading "Get an Empire Vision." Stating that "this is the true plan on which to work" the Sunday Express said that Col. Drew's suggestion of training shock forces in Canada is being discussed in official quarters.

Where Are The Old Rifles?

Where are the old rifles, those which turned back the Huns in the Great War and thus became partly wrecked in the struggle? Everybody seems to have forgotten them. They have been retired, pensioned, so to speak, left in armories and other odd storage places throughout the country.

But the government, like the elephant, has a long memory. It knew where they were. Rifles are hard to get, delivery is slow so these veterans have been called in for further service. They are now in an Ontario town-thousands of them undergoing renovation. Fifty men are in the plant doing nothing else but turning old rifles into new.

If they could only speak, what tales these battered veterans could tell They were in every conflict in the Great War, in every advance, in every retreat. They witnessed magnificent courage, much tragedy, some comedy. Such is life to a rifle on active service. Some of them carry stories on their faces, the initials of the men who held them, the initials of the girls they left behind them. Sometimes they carry the names of battles. The grim notches filed in the barrels are records, between the lines, of foes slain in battle.

Some are worn beyond hope of repair, but they have salvage value. It is always possible to take some parts from one and some from another, also worn and now useless, and by adding the parts together and supplying some which can be made in the plant, provide a new rifle at least as serviceable as if it were.

What parts wear out first ? It may be the handguards. Quite often it is the barrel or the forends-the wooden section under the back part of the barrel. The barrels pass through some rather trying experiences. Sometimes, as is natural in a gun which has served in War it has failed to receive proper attention. It may be left out, partly buried, and for some time uncleaned. The inner surface of the barrel starts to corrode. The rifling is destroyed and it is no longer an effective weapon.

The Influence of the Newspaper

This past week has been marked as "National Newspaper Week," a week when the Canadian weekly newspapers have been calling attention to themselves and their place in the community.

It is unlikely that the vast influence of the newspaper on the life of the community in which it is publish is felt by any great unmber of its readers. They look to it for the news of the community; they consult it for dates and hours of meetings of all kinds - church, business, fraternal organizations, college lectures, school entertainments, agricultural developments, and all gatherings.

They depend upon it to keep them informed of special bargains in the mercantile establishments. They also expect it to give them entertainment and take their minds off the sordid news of the wars.

Subscribers may criticize some of the features of their newspapers when they forget that it is printed for the entire public, and not for this group or that, and that its purpose is to give all elements in the community a feeling that it is their newspaper and interested in all of them, or they may laud its broad principles and the services it renders their town or city. But they seldom take time in a busy world to realize fully the enormous influence the newspaper exerts in the lives and on the opinions of its readers who make up the greater part of the population of the region in which it is published.

The newspaper touches all phases of the life of the people in and out of the home. By its frank publications of local news, of all kinds, not white-washing unpleasant facts but stating them clearly that readers may familiarize themselves with them and use the weight of their individual and collective influence in voicing disapproval and effecting reform, it has an untold though often unrecognized part in such reform.

The newspaper up holds all religious and educational causes by giving them much publicity in its columns. It

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for October 12. CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR Golden Text-For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

From the many helpful passages human beings and of property suggested as a basis for this lesson fire. We build fire-resistant homes farmers in these days of early twi- There seems to be plenty of ducks we must focus our attention upon and commercial buildings; we the two which are printed above, lourselves to instal efficient waterbut it is hoped that all the others works and fire mains, maintain fire will be read and carefully considered departments and apparatus, organize with no light whatever, and some 25 to 27 cents, and ducks about 30 for all taken together they present fire marshal departments and fire minor accidents have occurred. various phases of our Lord's person commissioners' courts. And we spend and His redemptive work, which en- millions more on insuring ourselves able us to entertain in some measure against fire loss, or should we say should any serious accident occur 1,121,474 pounds of turkey in storinto the mystery of the Gospel, which against persisting individuals care and he would be held responsible for age, compared with 1,670,891 pounds was the great secret hid in the heart lessness ? For reliable statistics damage done. of God until revealed in Christ; - show that, on the average, at least how that through the propitiatory 80 per cent of Canada's outbreaks hicle other than a motor car must was 2,670,000 pounds, against 3,work of His own blessed Son, who are caused through "inexcusable have a white light plainly visible 239,000 in 1940. on the cross was made sin for us ignorance and neglect and are there- from the front and a red light in 2 Cor. 5:21) God can now be "just, fore preventable." and the justifier" of all who put Stouffville fire record and that of To avoid regrettable incidents crop is about the same as last year, accomplished, there can be no salva- clean solid, stove pipes, and keep stipulations of the Highways Act. tion for sinful men. Our iniquities premises free of rubbish. have separated between us and God. Our sins have hid His face from us (Isa. 59:2). But when Jesus took our 1905: "Look, look! There's an auto! place in judgment, God laid all our 1930: "Look, look! There's a horse." iniquities upon Him and by His 1945: "Look, look! There's a stripes we are healed (Isa. 53:5, 6). This is the very heart of the Gospel. "Christ died for our sins according to the S'criptures ... and rose again' (1 Cor. 15:1-5. Verse by Verse

Lord knew this well. All Israel see Him of whom such wondrous groaned under the tyranny of the things were said. emissaries of Rome. Man delights Verse 5-"When Jesus came to the this world are built.

among you." The principle of pre- come down." It is thus He speaks to cedence in Heaven's Kingdom is the all who fancy that by climbing to very opposite of this. There, follow- some superior height they may the ing the example of Christ Himself. better see Jesus. He invited Himself the lowliest is the greatest, and read to be a guest in the home of this one iness to serve is a mark of superior- whom the people had abhorred, but

ity. Verse 27-"Whosoever will be Verse 6-"He made haste, and chief among you." It is not that one came down, and received him joywho sets out with the determination fully." Note the three things, mento become an acknowledged leader, tioned. There was no delay. With but he who takes the servant's eager haste the needy sinner obeyed place who will be recognized by God the Word. He came down and so inand by all who are spiritually to the very presence of the Son of minded, as in the path that leads to God, who had become Son of man greatness. See the case of Epaph- in order to save such as he. He reroditus in Philippians 2:29, 30.

... to give his life a ransome for faith. Zacchaeus' great moment had many." As the servant of the God- arrived, and he responded in fullest head He came from the glories of measure. Heaven to the manger at Bethlehem His own blood.

who trusted Him.

among the publicans, and he was ly a helper. He is the Saviour. He rich." As a representative of the does not offer to assist those who are hated Roman Government, engaged are' endeavoring to deliver themin farming the taxes and so impover- selves. He comes to have them. It is ished his own countrymen, Zacchaeus a mistake to think of Him as a was an object of derision and detest- crutch, or a makeweight who in some ation to the Jews. All his wealth way will make up for man's failures. could not bring him within the pale providing the sinner endeavors to do Mrs. E. R. Good of respectable society. He was a lone- his best. He must do it all. A little ly-hearted outcast though reveling Irish boy exclaimed once when the in riches. Money cannot buy happi- glory of the Gospel burst upon his

sense of personal need that moved lesson God would have us all learn. this man to determine to see the Then we can sing with repoicing, prophet from Galilee of whom he must have heard much? Whichever it was, he ade up his mind to act upon his desire, though, with the

FIRE WASTE AIDS HITLER

This is Fire Prevention Week. At this time the Government of Canada calls upon all of us to dedicate ourselves to annihiliate the Number One Enemy of our daily lives - Carelessness, with the grim reminder in these critical days war, that "Fire Prevention National Protection."

From coast to coast, we spend -John 3:16 hundreds of millions every year to try and overcome destruction of King's Highway.

pedestrian.

of stature. Verse 4. - "He ran ... and climb-

thus to bring his fellows into bon- place." He knew well all that had dage, and often one's greatness is transpired and all that was going on estimated according to his dictatorial in the heart of this publication. No ability and his power to hold others man ever sought to see Jesus unless in subjection to his will. It is upon Jesus had first thought of him. The this principle that the kingdoms of Saviour stopped, looked up, and called the man by name,"Zacchaeus." Verse 26-"It shall not be so He exclaimed, "Make haste, and whom He had come to save.

ceived Christ with joy. And the out-Verse 28-"The Son of man came ward act was the evidence of inward

Verse 10-"The Son of man is and the carpenter shop of Nazareth come to seek and to save that which to take the servant's place. But this was lost." Zacchaeus was lost and was not enough to put away sin. He Jesus had come to Jericho to seek went to the cross and gave Himself him out and to save him. This is for us-a sacrifice on our behalf- ever His mission. Men by nature and that He might redeem us to God by practice are lost. It is not merely that they are in danger of being lost in Luke 19:1 .- "Jesus entered and the day of judgment. They are lost passed through Jericho."Jericho was now, and they need a Saviour. An the city of the curse (Josh. 6:26). Example will not do. Jesus did not It is a fitting type of this poor come to show men how they ought world lying under the judgment of to behave in order to save them-God. Into this scene Jesus entered in selves. He recognized their lost grace. As He passed through He estate and came to seek them out in manifested His saving power to all the devious paths of sin and to save them by His grace.

Verse 2 .- "Zacchaeus, chief The Lord Jesus Christ is not meresoul: "I always knew that Jesus, was Verse 3-"He sought to see Jesus" necessary. But I never knew before Was it only curiosity, or was it a that . He was enough!" This is the Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

works hard for welfare enterprises and through its news columns and its editorial page is of vast assistance in persuading citizens to lend their support to these important community efforts.

The newspaper seeks to come near to its readers and the place it holds in their estimation is evidenced by the rush to get "the paper" first when the paper comes off the press. Father or mother or children hasten to find that which interests them most, whether it be local or provincial or national political happenings, society notes, information on home-making and housekeeping, agricultural news, or whatever. One paper is scarcely enough for a family of eager readers:

And all the while the newspaper is quietly exerting its influence on the community, boosting what it knows will be for the benefit, present and future; condemning what is bound to work for its decadence. The good newspaper honestly tries to use what it knows must be its power in the community for the continual improvement of that' community in all departments of its normal life.

No thoughtful person can deny the power of the press nor that part it plays in making local history, and no one can wisely make light of that power.

TRIM YOUR LAMPS

To Avoid Highway Mishaps Farmers Are Advised to Have Adequate Lights on All Vehicles Travelling After Sunset.

burn brightly and thus warn motor- turkey best at Christmas. ists that they are travelling the Farmers are getting 33-34 cents

light, apparently delayed in reaching and geese, according to local packthe home corral with team and ers, but these, too, are insufficiently wagon, travel along the highway finished. Geese sell wholesale from

like manner showing at the rear.

their trust in Jesus (Rom. 3:26). the farming district here about is and accidents agrarians would be with fewer ducks and geese, but a Apart from the redemption which He excellent. Keep it up by having well advised to strictly abide by the generous increase in the number of

ON CALL FOR TRAINING

first age group called under the re- Mobilization 'Act. Under the new vised training policy of the Reserve regulations, four age groups from Army, which no longer gives 21 to 24 may be called up for four-"trainee" exemption to reservists month minimum training, after crowds thronging the road, his case who enlisted before August 15, 1940 which they will be detailed for duties seemed hopeless, for "he was little -and who are callable under provi- within Canada.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY PRICES WILL BE HIGH

Few turkeys are reaching the Toronto market, according to poultry brokers, and these for the most part are classed as second grade With the long evenings at hand, birds. Prices will be higher for this farmers who have occasion to fre- Thanksgiving, October 13, with only quent the highways with horse- a light delivery of class A birds exdrawn vehicles after darkness sets pected. These will demand a special is in should take a tip from the wise price. Of course with mild weather virgins of the Biblical parable and the demand by Stouffville at least, trim their lamps so that they might will not be anything. We like our

a pound for No. 1 grade A birds, and Traffic Officers state that many about 30 cents for class B. dressed.

The farmer who thus frequents the | Poultry in storage is less than last roadways places the onus on himself year. On Sept. 1, there were only a year before. The total in storage of The law requires that any ve-turkeys, ducks, chickens and geese

> According to the Ontario Department of Agriculture the turkey chickens. The demand for eggs for export and high prices have greatly increased the chicken population.

Twenty-one-year olds will be the sions of the National Resources

Gentiles exercise dominion over them." The Jewish disciples of our have been his only opportunity to have been his opportunity to have

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