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Notes and Comments

Patriotism and Profit

The history of the first two years of the war proves that an appeal to Canadian farmers is not necessary to obtain results in production, according to Hon. James Gardiner. He declares the farmers have produced as never before. Of course Mr. Gardiner is an elected member of the government and says things in a nice way. Fact is, the farmers are just as patriotic as he makes them appear, but profit, as well as patriotism, played the big part in getting increased production. Why not, how can the farmer increase his output without profit?

No Legal Liability in Buying a Ticket

Hon. Gordon Conant speaking at the recent Red Cross Auction Sale that raised over \$1,000 in the town of Uxbridge, said that no one would be prosecuted for conducting a raffle, the object of which is to raise funds for patriotic purposes, so long as the expenses were not excessive.

This would seem to give the O.K. to the hundreds of lucky draws for quilts, chickens, and other items on which a great deal of money is raised for the war effort, and will probably set at rest any doubts held by many people as to the legality of these sales. It seems to be human nature to be taking chances, indeed we all live by the method of chance to some extent. Therefore people who flip you a dime on a quilt, do so willingly, and in the knowledge that the money is going to a good cause. Not one in a hundred ever thinks of it again, or give in the hope of winning anything. They give because they are helping the cause, and if they are lucky enough to win, then there is an added delight.

Notwithstanding, the question is a vital one with many people, and despite Mr. Conant's O.K. they cannot agree with him.

Plebiscite Preferable to General Election

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen's acceptance of the leadership of the Conservative party in Canada, means that he will wage an out-and-out demand for total conscription for overseas service, but Premier King declared only a few days ago that it will never be granted under his leadership without obtaining the OK of the voting public.

Two courses would be open to Mr. King. He may submit a plebiscite, or he may make it an election issue. The former would be much preferred, as it would be too bad to plunge Canada into another Dominion election at this time. By submitting the question to a plebiscite, Mr. King would be guided by the result of that plebiscite, and could then carry on to the end of his course.

Are You A Shrewd Investor?

Although more and more Canadians are becoming regular investors in War Savings Certificates, and although large numbers are increasing the size of their monthly War Savings investments as a result of the current war weapons campaign, there is an astonishing total of people who are failing to grab their share of just about the best investment Canadians are offered in these unsettled days.

There are even a few people here and there who have been duped into the belief that money which goes into War Savings Certificates may never be paid back. Somehow or other they fail to grasp the obvious fact that the whole of Canada's immense resources stand behind every certificate; that the certificate has first call on those resources; that the only threat against the cashing of War Savings Certificate is the possibility of Hitler taking over the country.

It is a pity too that most of the victims of traitors' propaganda are wage earners who never before had the opportunity to "get-in on" a good investment. As a rule in years gone by, good money investments could only be made by citizens with some reserve capital. Never before has it been easy for everybody to buy a gilt-edged security out of his weekly income.

The smart business people of Canada of course are buying War Savings Certificates. The same insight and foresight which has enabled them to become a little better off than the average taxpayer prompts them to buy all the War Savings Certificates the government will allow them to buy. They know the interest rate is much higher than it might be, considering the tremendous security behind them.

It's a Miserable Day. Is it?

Friday last was a dull and more or less wet day, and on every hand we heard people complaining. "It's a miserable day," said one woman. Another said it was always raining.

Well, what about it? Was it a miserable day? The editor of the Whitby Chronicle doesn't agree, and he's right. Certainly not when we stop to think that we live in a country where we still enjoy freedom of thought and action, the right to do an honest day's work without compulsion and at good wages. The right and privilege to spend and be spent in the service of our fellows. No bombs dropping. No sadness or sorrow on account of the horrors of war. In fact, we hardly know in Stouffville and Canada that there is a war on. A miserable day? Never. Let us be thankful for the rain, the cold and heat and the blessings bestowed upon us by nature and a Divine Providence.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for November 30
CHRISTIAN LOVE

Golden Text—We love him, because he first loved us.

Love is the manifestation of the divine nature. God is love (1 John 4:8, 16). His love is shed abroad in our hearts by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). As we walk in love we have fellowship with God. Observe, we are not told merely that God is loving. He is more than that. Love is the essence of the divine being. We are told that God is merciful, but we could not say that God is Mercy. We know that He is compassionate, but it would be absurd to say God is Compassion. So with many others of His attributes. But we are distinctly told that God is light (1 John 1:5), and God is love. Light and love tell us what He is in Himself. Light is, of course, a synonym for holiness. In the cross we see both light and love fully displayed. When our souls enter by faith into this, we receive the Holy Spirit, who is also the spirit of love (2 Tim. 1:7). And so we delight to walk in holiness (Heb. 12:14) and in love. We manifest love for God by showing love to His people (1 John 4:20). We prove our love for Christ by obeying His commandments and keeping His words (John 14:15, 23).

The "Song of Love" of 1 Corinthians 13 is recognized by all who know it as the great classic on that wonderful theme. But the love there set forth is far more than human affection. It is the outworking of the new nature, implanted by the Holy Spirit in all who are in saving relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. No man, apart from divine, enabling grace can attain to it. But where Christ dwells in the heart by faith, love is the inevitable result. It is not something that has to be pumped up, for it is not found in the unrenewed heart. It flows forth spontaneously from the inmost being of one who knows Christ and is yielded to His control.

Verse by Verse

John 13:34—"A new commandment I give unto you." While in a sense an eleventh commandment, it was actually an epitome of all the other ten, for "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). The measure of the love is given in the words "as I have loved you." True love is sacrificial in its character (Eph. 5:2).

Verse 35—"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love." It is not merely by orthodox views, important as they may be, or by zeal for fundamental truth, valuable as that is, that discipleship to Christ is manifested, but by a life of love. The Ephesian church had all else that should characterize believers, but was rebuked because they had left their first love (Rev. 2:4).

1 Cor. 13:1—"Sounding brass, or a tinkling (clanging) cymbal." The most brilliant of gifts, apart from love, produce but an empty display of carnal energy. Only as the gifts of the Spirit are exercised in love is God glorified and Christ honored.

Verse 2—"All mysteries... all knowledge... all faith." The Spirit of God deals here in superlatives in each instance. No man has ever attained to the heights here depicted, but even if one did, and lacked love, all would be worthless in the sight of God.

Verse 3—"Though I bestow all my goods... though I give my body to be burned." One might give everything he possesses for a wrong motive, or suffer a martyr's death because of tenacity of purpose, yet if divorced from love, these would be profitless at last.

Verse 4—"Charity (love) suffereth long." Nothing can wear out the patience of love. It is ever kind, rejoicing in other's blessing, and mod-

NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER STANDS FOR CONSCRIPTION

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, twice prime minister of Canada, is the new leader of the federal Conservative party.

In accepting the leadership, Mr. Meighen said he would urge with all his power the system of compulsory selective service over the whole field of war. He did not say he would conscript wealth to an equal degree, however.

He termed present recruiting methods "illogical, cruelly unjust and tragically inefficient."

He set national government as another plank, saying: "A government on a strictly party basis cannot bring the whole nation to its maximum endeavor. Anything else means our ruin. If a stronger ministry can be formed on a wider basis, party control can no longer be justified and should not be tolerated."

Manpower is vital, he said. "We struggle by unmanly and unworthy methods, by cajolery, by subterfuge, by the social thumbscrew, and still we fail to get men for the field of conflict."

The new Conservative leader was born on an Ontario farm, went to Manitoba where he practised law, and got his first seat in the House from Portage la Prairie. He was premier in 1920-21 and again in 1926. After his defeat he came to Toronto where he has been in business, and has been a member of the Senate.

as to one's own attainments.

Verse 5—"Thinketh no evil." True love is never obstructive, or selfish, or indignant if not appreciated, but it puts the best possible construction on all that others say or do.

Verse 6—"Rejoiceth not in iniquity." Love is never elated because of the sufferings of others, even though enemies. It delights "in the truth" and recognizes it gladly where ever found.

Verse 7—"Beareth... believeth... hopeth... endureth." Love's power to rise above all enmity, aspersions, discouragements, and disheartening delays is seemingly miraculous.

Verse 8—"Charity (love) never faileth." To all eternity love will abide. Prophecies will all be fulfilled eventually; tongues will no longer be needed, for all shall speak a pure language at last (Zeph. 3:9; knowledge in the sense of the special gift spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:8, will not be required, for all will know the Lord from the least to the greatest (Heb. 8:11); but love will remain forever.

Verse 9—"We know in part." The best-instructed believer has but a small understanding of God's infinite truth, and prophecy itself does not embrace anything like the fullness of God's plan for the universe.

Verse 10—"When that which is perfect is come." When all the counsels of God are fully revealed and the perfection of His purpose is unfolded, then our partial knowledge will come to an end.

Verse 11—"I spake as a child." The wisest of earth are but as little children trying to understand matters far beyond them, which to those of mature mind are easier to comprehend.

Verse 12—"Now... then." So now we are as children playing with a brazen mirror, in which one's face is reflected often very dimly. Yonder we shall see all clearly when face to face with Christ Himself. Knowledge now is limited by our lack of capacity to understand. Then we shall know all, even as we have been known of God.

Verse 13—"Faith, hope charity (love)." So long as we are in this scene, all are needed for a well-ordered Christian life but of the three, love ever holds the supreme place.

Blacksmith in California is suing for divorce. He claims that by the time his wife feeds 23 cats there is nothing left for him to eat. As a rule we do not like the idea of divorce, but admittedly we weaken a trifle in this case.

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It is hinted that among many other funny things, to us, that Canada has ordered in the past few weeks, there may be one to prohibit the delivery of purchases to homes. Such an order might cause a lot of adverse but we don't believe the grocers and the butchers and the bakers would complain very loudly. Like all the rest of the so-called services inaugurated to pick up trade, the delivery ideas have been overworked and very much abused. It is true the business men brought it on themselves, and what a few years ago was a luxury is now regarded as a necessity, or even a right, by many. The public has reached that state of mind that were a merchant to refuse to deliver purchases, the customer might go some place else to do his business.

There is always present the "always late" customer, who calls up before mealtime and wants that loaf of bread and pound of meat that was forgotten. And of course everybody should jump and be inconvenienced but the customer.

And if you want to find out how many people there are who fail to think until the moment before they have to act, just go into business. And business men themselves are not immune. We have often heard of people being referred to as "cow's tails" because they were always last. Some of them are even the burr on the end of the tail.

Some people may think the government is stepping out of its element when it orders a lot of things enforced, but they are only acting in the interests of economy, something the general public will not do for itself.

We know from talks with business men who deliver their sales that they would gladly welcome some relief. Not that they object to making regular deliveries of sizeable orders but they think it is too much of an imposition to be asked to deliver in a hurry that loaf of bread or quarter's worth of steak that was forgotten and especially when that same neighborhood had been visited perhaps a couple of times that same morning. Perhaps the government isn't so far out after all.

BONUSES FOR MAIL COURIERS

It comes as good news to the mail couriers, the announcement by Postmaster General Mulock that mail contractors, whose contracts were awarded on tender dated on or before April 29, 1941, will receive a five per cent bonus on payments for work performed as from last August 1. April 29 it was explained, was the date the gasoline tax was brought into effect by the Federal Government, and contracts signed before that date had no provision for such tax. This is one bonus that will not be begrudged, as the mail couriers are the ones who say "the mail must go through," regardless of the weather. Contractors receiving less than \$200 per year, such as those merely carrying boys from train to post office do not benefit by the increase.

Twenty-six members of the Yankees baseball team, winners in the world's series, get \$5,943.31 each as their share of the "take" for five games.

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