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**Notes and Comments**

**Merchants Will and Should Donate Liberally**

So many papers coming to the editor's desk reveal that there is considerable difficulty in getting the local merchants to turn out for a business meeting. In almost every instance where these meetings are called for the purpose of discussing matters of mutual advantage, less than ten per cent of business is represented. Stouffville is no exception to other places, for our experience is that of other places in this matter.

Failure to do their share in promoting the welfare of the village from a business standpoint is not really intended, but there is always the idea in the mind of the merchant to "let the other fellow do it." And while it works out that way, it is not fair. Ever since the Christmas market, for instance, was started in this town four years ago, we have never seen a really well attended meeting of the business men, one that would represent the barbers, the bakers, the candle stick makers. No sir, they just stay away. This year has been no exception, but one thing where the seemingly disinterested merchant has not fallen down, has been in his willingness to doate his fair share to the cost of carrying on the market. After all, this market prize list contributed by the merchants is their treat for the year to the farming public, so that liberal donations to the prize list is only as it should be.

**Postmaster's Death Should be a Warning**

An inquest enquiring into the death of the Greenwood postmaster, reveals the fact that an injury to his head brought on a stroke from which he died. The head injury was declared to be due to a fall on Hallowe'en night when some lads, who have since confessed, placed a farm gate over the veranda steps where Mr. Sadler fell in the dark.

How often has this or a very similar trick been played by Stouffville and district! Indeed, on Hallowe'en night the steps were taken from the door of an elderly lady on Main street, and the same trick has been carried out for several years on Hallowe'en nights. Had the inmate of this home stepped out and fallen causing her death, what a plight the youngsters would have found themselves. Right now in view of what happened at Greenwood, the youngsters who carried off steps in this town on Hallowe'en should be mighty thankful that they are not involved in a death such as the youngsters around Greenwood.

Will this teach them a lesson they need?

**The Church and The Community**

That was a unique conference held in Barrie just recently when agriculturists and church people got together to discuss the relationship between the two. It was, we understand, the first of its kind in Ontario, and we hope it won't be the last. Rev. George Morrison of Wyevalle, in one of the keynote addresses made this statement—"The Church is blind that neglects the rural problem."

There are still a lot of people around who think the Church should mind its own business and not bother with matters of material consequence. Churchmen are often accused of being meddlers when they try to speak with authority on some moral or political problem. They are told to go and "tend their knitting" and leave such matters to other people. We do not belong to the school that thinks this way. The material and spiritual life of a people are very closely bound together, and any Church which is blind enough to ignore the problems of the people it sees to serve, is bound to become a non-effective institution.

Christianity after all is concerned with a way of life, and that way of life cannot be only a question of what one does with his time on Sunday. The Church, if it is to serve its full purpose, must be interested in the day-to-day life of the people in its community. It cannot turn a deaf ear or a closed eye to economic conditions in its field. It cannot be oblivious to the wants of mankind around it.

Perhaps when most people get a fuller understanding of the Church's task, the Church will be more active in many fields, and as a consequence we might have less poverty, less graft and corruption in government, and a little more of that spirit exemplified in the Golden Rule—Barrie Examiner.

**Will History Repeat Itself?**

The 14th of September 1812, Napoleon marched into Moscow at the head of the Great Army but French soldiers, accustomed to occupy capitals were dismayed at finding instead of a busy city, only an empty necropolis, silent and sorrowful.

The Emperor took his lodgings at the Kremlin and his soldiers scattered in the city. In the middle of the night he is suddenly roused from slumber by the cry: FIRE. A sinister glaring light already enters through the window. Moscow is all ablaze, and an ocean of flames advances like a gigantic tidal wave. He must escape in haste.

Then comes winter. On the 23rd, the Kremlin blows up and the Great Army commences its fateful retreat over the frozen steppes. The 7th of November, the thermometer

**Sunday School Lesson**

Lesson for November 30  
CHRISTIAN LOVE

GOLDEN TEXT—We love him, because he first loved us.

—1 John 4:19

John 13:34 — A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35—By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1 Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2—And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3—And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4—Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5—Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6—Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7—Beareth all things, believeth in the truth;

7—Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8—Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9—For we know in part, and we prophesy in part:

10—But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11—When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12—For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13—And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

**The Lesson Explained**

The word "charity" has in popular usage degenerated until today it most frequently means mere almsgiving. Yet it once had a much nobler significance, and it was so used by the translators of the Authorized Version. Today we use the word "love" with a special Christian significance but we must be careful in our thinking and teaching to distinguish this meaning from other more popular uses of this same word. If "Father" is the most inclusive and most distinctively Christian term for God it is because of the Biblical revelation of God's love. Again we come back to that fact that must never be forgotten: according to both Old and New Testaments, it is God who takes the initiative in man's redemption. In Psa. 78, we find the constantly recurring theme of God's goodness to the children of Israel, their frequent disobedience and rebellion, and God's continuing attempt to guide them aright through leaders he raised up to speak and act for him.

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registers 18 degrees below the freezing point. Then the retreat assumes the proportion of a disaster of major importance. The 5th of December, the Emperor, at the request of his staff, leaves Smorgoni for France. The thermometer reaches 27 degrees below zero and the remnants of the most powerful army in Europe are agonizing at Wilna.

The tragic drama now being enacted on the plains surrounding the City of the Czars brings into vivid reality that somber page of the History of Russia. After an interval of 129 years, another war lord is holding Europe, minus the British Isles, under his talons. His legions have crushed all his foes and, still, undefeated, they are before Moscow attacking the historic capital with unrelenting fury.

So far, the parallel with History is complete, except that Hitler arrived in the vicinity of Moscow two months later than his famous predecessor entered it. And now, General cold, the ever faithful ally of Russia, is rushing from the north with his legions and preparing to wrap the invader in the deadly folds of his white shroud, while the rest of the civilized world is waiting in suspense and praying that History may repeat itself.

**No Santa Claus**

Christmas trees for American homes are already being cut in the woods of Quebec in about the same quantity as in the years of peace. The news, if it reaches Germany, is calculated to bring heartaches to the people there. It was the Germans who first glorified the Christmas tree, but that was in the happy days of the brothers Grimm. The Nazis have effected a sorry change by suppressing this emblem of the Christ Child. The swastika reigns instead and Hitler is no Santa Claus.

**ALL SIXTEEN YEAR OLDS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER**

Satisfaction has been expressed by Hon. J. T. Thomson, Minister of National War Services, at the manner in which the youth of Canada is responding to the regulation calling for all persons to fill out National Registration forms upon reaching the age of sixteen.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, 222,000 in Canada reached the age of 16 during the past year. Of this number, approximately 112,000 were males and 110,000 females.

"Records of the National Registration Bureau for the same indicate that the number of new registration forms reaching Ottawa compare favorably with these figures," said Mr. Thomson.

The registration of all persons in Canada upon reaching the age of sixteen is compulsory and penalties are provided for those who do not observe the regulation. Forms are available at post offices throughout the Dominion and postmasters have been instructed to explain them to those who wish to register. Separate forms have been provided for those who lose their cards, and it should be made clear to the postmaster which type is desired.

**THE FARM LOAN BOARD**

Since the year 1929, the Farm Loan Board has been loaning money to bona fide farmers on a twenty-five year plan in a number of the provinces of Canada and in the Province of Ontario since 1935.

To the end of the last fiscal year, March 31st, 1941, the Board had loaned in all provinces a total of \$45,697,215.76 of which \$35,947,832.17 was outstanding at the above date. The Board also holds real estate to the value of \$326,567.98 and agreements for sale to the amount of \$443,566.24.

In the last fiscal year, the Board loaned a total of \$2,727,507.15. Collections in the last fiscal year totalled \$3,840,950.80, consisting of \$2,056,974.16 of principal repayments and \$1,783,976.64 of interest payments. Since the inception of our operations our borrowers have repaid \$8,782,169.48 of the principal of their loans.

The Board operates as a self-supporting agency of the Dominion Government and provides for its administrative costs and reserves for losses from its revenues after paying interest on monies borrowed for loaning purposes. The cost of operation for the year ending March 31st, 1941, is less than 1 p.c. of the value of the assets under administration.

In the Province of Ontario, the Board has loaned a total of \$5,387,548.98 to date and of this amount \$4,646,785.29 was outstanding at the close of the fiscal year.

While there are a comparatively small number of borrowers whose accounts are in arrears, the record of repayment on the whole by the borrowers in the province of Ontario since loaning was initiated has been satisfactory. During the fiscal year the Board received payment from borrowers in the province amounting to \$203,892.40 on account of interest and \$262,057.91 on account of principal. Interest over six months in arrears on the First Mortgage loans amounted to \$8,978.46 and principal over six months in arrears on First Mortgage loans amounted to \$20,624.13 as at the close of the year.

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The Countess of Limerick, president of the County of London branch of the British Red Cross, can't find words warm enough to express gratitude for the work of the Canadian Red Cross in aiding Britons through the Red Cross British Bomb Victims' Fund and other Red Cross activities. "I speak from a very full heart," she said as she arrived in Toronto to visit Red Cross headquarters and speak.

Taxes on alcoholic drinks in Germany have been increased as high as 200 per cent. Governments, Federal and Provincial, in Canada have too great a solicitude for the welfare of the liquor interests to make any such move.

**MANY FARMS WILL GO UNWORKED NEXT YEAR**

There will be a lot of farms not worked in Ontario during the next year, according to W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

"It is too bad, but it is true," said Mr. Reek, commenting on a speech made by the warden of Wentworth County that 8 per cent of the farms in that county were not being worked. "It is happening all over Ontario, but seems to be centralized in Wentworth County owing to the many industries in the area paying high wages. These farmers and their sons see they can make more money in the factories and make it quicker, so they have left their farms."

"I know one man who had a large dairy herd. He employed a hired man who decided to go to the city to work. The farmer offered him \$100 per month only to have it refused. Now this farmer is selling his herd and there are a lot of American buyers who are anxious to buy these cattle."

"Will these farmers go back to their farms next summer?" he was asked.

"A few may but the majority will not. They are making more money in the factories and I'm afraid a lot of the farms will lay idle next year," said Mr. Reek.

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