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Notes and Comments

Watch your Coal Bins

The Fuel Controller for Canada has just issued a statement which is directed personally to the coal dealers, but the consumers may note the contents and profit by the warning issued. The Controller pointed out that boats will not be available for the transportation of coal next summer as in other years, and dealers should start now to load up their stock piles. Consumers who are able to do so, should likewise keep their coal bins filled too.

Chance for Worth-While Curtailment

City drug store owners will not in future deliver giner ale or other parcels to the home of its patrons, all of which is mostly done by boys on bicycles. We think the curtailment of this service is justified even though it will save no gasoline.

However, why does the War Time Price and Trade Board overlook the saving that could be effected if the big city departmental stores were forbidden to make personal deliveries of small parcels to every street, avenue and concession line scores of miles away from their business premises? Rural mail and express could take care of this trade, eliminating the use of hundreds of trucks that are burning up gasoline and wearing out tires. Edgar G. Burton, retail administrator, should get around to this issue in due time.

The large departmental stores have already cut down daily deliveries to some extent, and social deliveries have also been cut. Still, deliveries from the big stores are being carried to far away towns and villages where a customer requires a pound of tea or some soda biscuits. There seems to be a slowness in letting go of the business that might rightfully belong to the small town merchant.

Must Get Tough With Rationing

Before this war is very much older says the Financial Post, Canadian authorities will have to become a lot more realistic about rationing. There will be much less said about what we may have to do and much more about what has been definitely and finally decided. The totalitarian powers have not wasted any time pleading with their peoples to go lightly on gasoline or sugar. Orders were curt and clear from the start. We're going to have to get tough too, and in the long run we may find that getting that way is more fair just as we already know it is more efficient.

We pussyfooted with gasoline last fall and we are doing almost the same thing with sugar right now. Results in both cases have been identical. Warnings and rumors only led to runs and confusion with both those commodities. The situation was aggravated instead of improved. In these two cases the honor system of rationing has not worked, and compulsion appears the only alternative.

If there are fewer civilians running around with automobiles in Canada now than a year ago it is not the result of voluntary conservation of gasoline, but because gas costs more money and people are afraid of wearing out tires that they know can not be replaced.

In a land of plenty like Canada, compulsory rationing may be a bitter pill to swallow, but we cannot afford to waste a lot of time putting a sugar coating on that pill. The faster we get it down, the better we fight and the sooner we get back to good living again."

If Victory Loan Fails, Then What?

While the outcome of the forthcoming Victory Loan to raise six hundred million dollars by way of a loan to the Dominion government is likely to be over-subscribed, the fact remains that it could fail to reach its objective. If it does, then what?

The prediction is made by the Financial Post, a thoroughly reliable financial journal, that some sort of conscription of money will, in event of failure, be made, perhaps compulsory saving on the part of even the small wage earner. Premier King will be tickled with delight if the loan meets its full objective and thus the government will not meet the necessity of extracting the money from the pockets of the wage earners in a forceful manner. Let's all keep the thing voluntary by loaning at interest every nickle we can scrape up for the loan.

Public Career May Only be Starting

On Wednesday evening of this week the citizens of the Township of Whitchurch will do honor to one of their own residents who has been honored with a very high position, in fact the highest within the power of the County of York to grant. Charles Earl Toole has been looked upon for some years, as a man who would go a long way in municipal life, and now as he stands in the top position as warden of York, one wonders if he will even stop there.

Warden Toole shows plenty of initiative and excellent ability that would stand him in good stead in higher parliaments than where he now holds sway. He is a speaker with considerable force, as he diverts his abilities from farming to platform work, he grows stronger and stronger as a debater. Warden Toole need not retire after his year in office is done, for the wardenship may only be a stepping-stone to greater things.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Mr. Editor,

For a long time I have thought that one of the weaknesses of our Protestant denominations is their proneness to ask, and to give undue prominence to, comparatively unimportant questions. Quite a large list of these questions could easily be given, but one such seems to be disturbing some sections of the community now. In my judgment the really important question we ought to be asking are these: how may we make Jesus Lord of the individual Life, Lord of the family Life, Lord of the Community Life, Lord of the National and International Life? And what great questions these are, at a time when the very existence of the church is in danger and the whole world aflame!

In the light of these considerations, what a tempest in a teapot the present controversy over evolution seems to be! What is evolution? Since Darwin's day the concept has passed through various phases under the study lamps of such men as Henry Bergson, Lloyd Morgan and many others. In general I like LeConte's definition of it as well as any other. According to him, evolution, is continuous, progressive change, according to certain laws and by means of resident forces.

We think of God in a two-fold way—as transcendent and as immanent.

That is to say, we conceive Him as both above the world and in it. Paul emphasizes this latter conception when he declares that "in Him we live and move and have our being."

If now we substitute divine forces, or in other words the divine immanence, for "the resident forces," mentioned in LeConte's definition we shall find God in the process of making His world. And what difference does it make to us whether He makes it by the long way or by the short? Is not the one method just as religious as the other? He makes an ear of corn by a process of evolution—first the blade then the ear and finally the full corn in the ear. He makes a turnip in that way too. Indeed He made the writer and the reader of these lines by the slow process of evolution. Each one of us was at first a mere combination of two infinitesimal cells in a mother's womb, and out of that combination we have evolved into what we are today. It may be that He made the world by slow emergent stages. But whether He did or not does not affect my faith at all.

I once met Henry Drummond. His little book on, "The Greatest Thing in the World," apart from Paul's 13th chapter of first Corinthians is the finest thing on love that ever has been written. He was one of Moody's converts and to the end of his life he and the great evangelist were dear friends. I think he was the most saintly man it has been my privilege to meet. But he was a thorough going evolutionist. Who has not read his book, entitled,

"The Ascent of Man?" It is simply absurd to suggest that an evolutionist cannot be a Christian.

The other day a visitor in my house requested me to give him a definition of the Christian. I said to him that five words in the New Testament describe him. They are these: disciple, follower, believer, brother, saint. My favourite definition, however, is Paul's great word: "If any man hath not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." I am wondering how many of the very best of us can stand up to that test. I confess that I tremble when I think of myself. Personally I shall never fight with any of my brethren over evolution except to combat a conception of it that would rule out God's activity. Anyway, it is a theme upon which we common folk are hardly capable of expressing an adequate judgment pro or con, and at a time like this when inevitable and dangerous problems confront us it is little short of criminal to waste our time and energy, and even our good-will, upon it. In the meantime let us forget about it and courageously face the more pressing questions of to-day and to-morrow.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. H. Mitchell.

Commercial page headline says, Pinch in Woollens Looms in United States. We've heard of woollens tickling and giving a kind of St. Vitus dance to some people, but now that they are likley to pinch—well, that's too much!

SPROUTS HIS WINGS



At a "one-man wing parade" at Brantford, probably the first one in Canada, Flying Officer J. A. Wiseman received his pilot's wings. In the R.C.A.F. since 1923, as a maintenance man, Wiseman began his flying course last September, taking lessons in his spare time.

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The lists will open on 16th February 1942, and will close on or about 7th March 1942, with or without notice, at the discretion of the Minister of Finance.

Department of Finance,
Ottawa, 14th February 1942.