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**Notes and Comments**

**Invest For Freedom**

The people of Canada are given an opportunity through the Dominion's Second Victory Loan to help finance the country's growing war effort. And there is every reason to believe that they will respond fully and promptly.

In every call so far made the people have realized the need and have subscribed nobly. Indications are that they are prepared to bear a greater burden. They know that there are only two ways the government can raise the money to carry on the war—by taxation and by borrowing. As between taxes collected, without any return to the taxed, and money loaned at a fair rate of interest, the choice naturally must be in favor of the investment plan.

There is no safer investment than Victory Bonds. And when the security is considered, they are quite profitable. Savings accounts in the banks give a return of 1 1/2 per cent interest. The same money in Victory Bonds brings as high as 3 per cent, and they are marketable at any time.

To invest in Victory Bonds is a duty we owe to ourselves and to our country. We must do our part as individuals and as a people who desire to retain their freedom.

**Community Hospitalization**

There is a strong movement afoot to introduce a system of municipal doctors and community hospitalization in Ontario. Already it is working out to good advantage in some sections of the province and is in wide use in Western Canada. Health authorities and governments should take aggressive steps in this direction. Many people hesitate to go to the doctor or the hospital because of the costs. Health and hospital insurance should take precedence over live insurance and should include every person in the community.

**Lincoln Pierced the Gloom**

Reading the other day about the puzzling attitude of Lincoln at the time his armies were being pressed backward, they had lost several strategic places, famous of them being Bull Run and Gettysburg, the Union Army was truly fighting a losing battle as the Allied armies are doing today. Records show that Lincoln was puzzled as to why God permitted the war. He was among millions who supposed that evil could emanate from the source of all good. Millions still suppose that, but millions more are beginning to learn that war, crime, evil of all sorts, will manifest themselves only as long as they persist in human consciousness. Trying to reason it out, Lincoln wrote:

"The will of God prevails. In great contests, each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both may be, and one must be, wrong. God cannot be for and against the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party.

"The will of God prevails." Lincoln clung to that truth throughout. He never affiliated with an organized church, yet he often went to his knees in prayer, or walked the floor at night talking with God, seeking guidance. Thousands of Union boys were falling in battle and the cries of bereaved families rang in his ears. He was beset by an organized movement of the isolationists and fifth-columnists of that day. Yet he did not waver.

Through all the clouds of gloom, through all the smoke of defeat and black depression, Lincoln saw that there could be only one outcome. He was convinced of God's omnipotence and of His justice. Therefore he had faith "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

**Farm Implement Quotas Are Here**

In recent weeks we have witnessed used farm implements on the farms about Stouffville selling at auction sales for prices that the owner paid for them 25 and 20 years ago. One reason for this may be the knowledge that parts for worn implements are going to be hard to get, and serious hold-ups may be caused where a part breaks and cannot be replaced for weeks. Limitation of production is promised by the farm implement class which is being placed on a quota. Farmers who are wise will check over their machinery and see that implements are in running order.

Dealers in implements are required to place their order for stock, and it must be a lean order too. They will not be permitted to "stock up."

According to The Financial Post all retail sales must be on a down payment of at least 40 per cent of the selling price, and the balance shall not be spread over more than 24 months. To Ontario farmers who go out and pay spot cash for implements at auction sales where a turnover of three or four months will total \$2,000 and \$3,000, this would appear to make little difference.

Production of all types of farm implements for the period of Nov. 1, 1941, to Oct. 31, 1942 says The Post, has been put on a quota basis expressed as a percentage of production in 1940. Quotas run all the way from 50 p.c. for potato planters to 200 p.c. for cream separators and milking machines. Attachments and repairs are on a 140 p.c. quota basis.

**Sunday School Lesson**

Lesson for March 1.

**THE PARABLES BY THE SEA**  
Golden Text—"Never man spake like this man."—John 7:46

The Lesson as a Whole

In these parables our Lord set forth the condition which He saw the Kingdom would take on earth as a result of His rejection. This was all foreknown to God and provided for. Christ, refused by the leaders of the nation of Israel, by His sacrificial death upon the cross made propitiation for sin (Acts 2:23; 1 John 4:10), and then, as the rejected man, left this scene, ascending to Heaven, where He sits exalted at God's right hand. The Kingdom of the prophets is in abeyance until His promised return to build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down (Acts 15:16), but during His personal absence the Holy Spirit has come in a new way as the Comforter to enable His servants to preach the Word in convicting power (John 16:7-11). Wherever the Gospel is carried, it is the seed of the Kingdom (Luke 8:11). As a result we see in the world today great body of people who recognize in the Lord Jesus earth's rightful King, and give Him heart allegiance.

Verse by Verse

Matt. 13:44—"The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field." From of old, Israel was God's special treasure (Exod. 19:5). The Lord Himself is represented by the man who found and hid this treasure—At Calvary He sold all that He had and bought the field which is the world (Matt. 13:38). At present the treasure remains hidden. When Israel turns to the Lord they will be manifested as Jehovah's peculiar treasure (Mal. 3:17, R.V.), and through them blessing will come to all the Gentile nations.

Verse 45—"Like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls." Again the seeker is Christ, who came from the throne of Glory to this poor world, seeking for jewels to adorn His crown forever.

Verse 46—"One pearl of great price." This is the Church, which is of supreme value in His eyes, for which He gave Himself. At the cross He "sold all that he had, and bought it." There He literally impoverished Himself to purchase the Church as His own choice pearl (Eph. 5:25; 2 Cor. 8:9). Many think of salvation as the pearl and the sinner as the merchantman, but that is to invert completely the message of the Gospel.

Verse 47—"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net." It is literally a dragnet. This well illustrates the present work of the professing church when vast numbers of both saved and lost are gathered in from the waters of the nations (Rev. 17:15) and are numbered among the professors of faith in Christ. It will also have its counterpart in the far-reaching ministry of the remnant of Israel in the days of the Great Tribulation.

Verse 48—"Gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away." When the dragnet is full it is drawn to shore, and the good and bad fishes are separated from each other. This depicts what will transpire at the end of the age.

Verse 49—"So shall it be at the end of the age (margin). It is not the end of the world that is in view, but the consummation of present age of grace, immediately preceding the ushering in of the age of the Kingdom in full manifestation.

Verse 50—"Wailing and gnashing of teeth." The last expression shows that judgment does not necessarily produce repentance. When the final separation takes place the false professors will be cast away in judgment which results in wailing because of the suffering, but gnashing of teeth because of their hatred against God and His Christ (Psa. 35:16; Lam. 2:16).

Mark. 4:26—"So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground." This is the first figure used by the Lord in Matthew 13:3 and again in verse 24 of that chapter. It sets forth the work of the Lord and His servants in sowing the good seed of the Gospel as they proclaim His message to mankind.

Verse 27—"The seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." The process of fructification and growth must be ever a mystery to the human mind, and so with the work of the Spirit in the heart of a man as He uses the Word to produce the new life.

Verse 28—"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." No one can explain nature's mysterious process, nor can anyone understand just how spiritual growth when the Word is received in the heart. He who has begun the good work will perfect it unto the day, of and development take place, but Christ (Phil. 1:6)

Verse 29—"When the fruit is brought forth... the harvest is come." He who caused the seed to produce will garner the harvest when the work in each soul has been com-

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Gracie Fields enchanted the employees of Massey-Harris factory with her personality and song at a monster gathering in front of the plant where she congratulated them on their outstanding record of every employee of the 2,400 having bought a Victory Bond, and raising: \$208,000, which was nearly \$40,000, more than the objective set by the Victory Loan Committee. This was an average of \$87 per employee. The amount raised was in addition to the \$1,500,000 subscribed by the Company.

**LEMONTVILLE GIRL WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST**

The North York temperance federation convention, held in Trinity United church, Newmarket, proved an unusually interesting occasion, although the attendance was not so good as in some other years.

Rev. Dr. C. W. DeMille, secretary of the Ontario Temperance Federation, addressed the gathering, giving enlightenment as to present conditions and encouraging persist-

ent, earnest efforts for a better temperance situation to prevail over the appalling conditions of the present time.

Mrs. Perry Winch of Keswick, superintendent of work for education and publicity, reported that she had collected recipes for non-alcoholic beverages and had sheets of these printed and distributed.

She reported also that many schools in the county had studied and written examinations on the five W.C.T.U. lessons on scientific tem-

**BUSINESS METHODS SAID FARMING NEED**

Stressing the need for better business methods in farming, H. R. Hare, of the economics division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, told nearly 100 York County farmers at a two-day farm management course at Richmond Hill that a system of budgeting expenses against receipts should be applied to present-day agriculture.

"Budgeting can only be approximate, but it is surprising how accurately it can be carried out on farms," he said.

By instituting a bookkeeping system, Mr. Hare suggested that a record could be taken of every branch of the industry, so that an idea could be derived as to amount of food for stock a farmer might have on hand. He suggested means of improving pasturage and gave figures for the number of cattle to be grazed.

perance and that several pupils have received pins for having won certificates in this course for five years.

Mrs. Elmer Starr of Bogartown convener of the childhood and youth committee, expressed regret that more work had not been done in this county in connection with the Youth Temperance programs in youth groups during the year. Youth Temperance Posts are sponsored by the provincial federation which provides temperance programs for any group or society already organized.

The oratorical contest, usually the highlight of this convention, was of exceptional merit, material being fresh, and the up-to-the-minute topics were well taken and by some speakers thrillingly delivered.

The contestants in the junior class were: Ruth Mary Winch, Keswick, Wilma Adair, Newtonbrook, Dorline Gray, Lemontville, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray), and Margaret Case, Hartman public school (near Aurora); intermediate class, Betty Preston, Wesley Sunday School, Vandorf; senior class, Hazel Campbell, Newtonbrook, on "Liquor as a Menace to our Troops"; Jean Cunningham, Queensville, on "Alcohol and War"; Erla Gray, Lemontville, on "An enemy Within Our Gates"; and Nora Graham, Wesley Sunday-school, Vandorf, on "A Challenge to Sober Living."

**In 1918**

THERE were 1,147,057 subscribers to the last Loan during the war of 1914-1918.

**In 1941**

THERE were only 968,259 subscriptions to the First Victory Loan although the population of Canada was more than 3,000,000 greater than in 1918.

**In 1942**

EVERY person in Canada should subscribe to the Second Victory Loan and have a share in the defense of Canada.



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