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Notes and Comments

The Coming Loan

The campaign to borrow one and a half billion dollars from the people of Canada will open on April 27. The money is needed to finance the war, and will return a fair interest to the lender, as well as a degree of safety not equalled in another form of financing. Get your account ready for the day when this loan is offered the Canadian people. Farmers are expected to invest this time because of better times for the agriculturist.

Despised Goldenrod Yields Rubber

Material for that rubber tire for the family bus may be growing in the field behind your house, or in a neighbouring woodlot. The search for sources of natural rubber in North America is being pushed forward and many a lowly weed has acquired a new glamour in the eyes of scientists.

Because they produce good quantities of latex, three species of plants—goldenrod, Russian dandelion and cryptostegia—are being carefully studied, according to a report by Dr. H. L. Trumbull of the B. F. Goodrich Company. Federal agencies, the rubber companies and several universities are co-operating in the work, and a research centre has been established at Cornell University.

Goldenrod, that bane of hay fever sufferers, is one of America's most common weeds. The Edison-Ford collection contains nearly 17,000 specimens and from these, two varieties were chosen which normally grow, from South Carolina to southern Florida. The plant has an average rubber content of 5 to 6 p.c., stored in the leaves, and the yield would be 60 to 90 pounds per acre of rubber the first year, and double that the second year.

The Ontario Liberal Convention

Delegates from the Ontario Provincial Constituencies will meet in Toronto on the 29th and 30th of April to select a Leader for the Provincial Liberal Party. The importance of their choice can hardly be over estimated for on its wisdom may turn the success or failure of the Liberal Party at the next Provincial election, with consequent repercussions in the Dominion election to follow. The country is at war, and while the Provincial Government is overshadowed at the moment by the extended wartime jurisdiction of the Dominion, keen public-spirited thinking and vigorous action in Queen's Park is still of great importance during both the war and post war periods.

In the choice of a Leader, the following purposes, it is suggested, are to be served:

1. To unite the Liberal Party of the Province once again, so that the Ontario Government may give a genuine co-operation in the war effort, and the maximum of assistance to the Dominion Government in the supreme task of winning the war.

2. To create in Ontario a Government of the people, capable of keeping pace with the progress of our times, that in accordance with Liberal principles we may give help to the needy, jobs to the workers, a fair living to our farmers and other primary producers and a better standard of living for all.

3. Creation of an administration which can win the next election, and so stay in office to carry out its Liberal policies.

One Third of Farmers Over Sixty

Discussing the farm situation for the coming season Gordon L. Smith writing in the Financial Post under the "Business of Farming," his weekly topic, refers to the huge increases the farmers are asked to produce especially in meats and dairy products. Rightfully, he doubts their ability to reach the objective because of the labor situation. Says Mr. Smith:

"It is estimated that during 1942 18 per cent of the available labor supply was drained away by enlistments in the armed forces or urban war factories. More work is being thrown on the remaining farm population and this population, incidentally is getting older. It has been estimated that about one third of our farm operators are over 60 years of age. Certainly a great many of these people cannot be expected to go on increasing production indefinitely."

Beware of These Offers

Stock mining pirates are on the go again notwithstanding that it is illegal for agents to solicit the sale of mining and other stock by calling at private homes without being invited. Agents are calling individuals up by long distance telephone from Toronto, telling them they have a wonderful "buy" if the prospective customer acts at once. These city salesmen obtain names of Stouffville "prospects" from directories and then go after them in this way.

A still newer fad is to mail out what is known as a "Certificate of Rights," giving you the privilege of buying in a certain mine, or syndicate. All that is necessary is to sign the order of acceptance form attached, plus the cheque also attached.

If you have been approached by either of these methods in recent days or weeks, be careful how you act. Buy nothing until it has been fully investigated by your bank, or other competent individual.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for April 11
PETER AND JOHN WITNESS
CHRIST'S GLORY

Golden Text—A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Mark 9:7.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

The transfiguration of our Lord Jesus was more than a cursory incident in His wonderful life. It was as Peter bears witness, the Father's authentication of the divine character of His Sonship and a revelation of the glory of the coming Kingdom. Three times in the Greek New Testament we find the word that is translated in this instance, "transfigured." In Romans 12:2 it is rendered "transformed," and in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "changed." It means a metamorphosis or change produced from within. What the Lord Jesus was as the divine Son shone out through the veil of His flesh, thus giving Him the glorious appearance that filled the three apostles with awe and wonder. God had said that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word should be established (Deut. 19:15). So our Lord chose Peter, James, and John as witnesses on a number of special occasions, that they might bear united testimony to that which was confirmed, in Christ, the word of prophecy (Luke 9:28; Mark 5:37; 14:33).

In reading the Letters of Peter it will be observed that each links with a notable experience in the life of the inspired author. The first Epistle is definitely connected with the revelation given near Caesarea Philippi after Peter's great confession of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. There the Lord told of building His Church, in which Peter was to be a stone. This is the basis for 1 Peter 2:1-10. The second Letter dwells upon that which was seen and heard that night on the holy mount, when there came the Father's voice from the excellent glory, vindicating the claims of His blessed Son, and indicating the character of the coming Kingdom, an experience Peter never forgot.

Verse 2—"He was transfigured before them." The transcendent glory of His deity shone out through the veil of His flesh, thus changing His appearance in such a way as to fill His disciples with amazement and impressing them with a sense of His mysterious personality.

Verse 3—"White as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them." His very garments appeared to be etherealized, and glowed with a brilliancy such as no worker in linen or other material used for apparel could produce. The word rendered "fuller" originally meant a dresser of skins, or hides, but came to be applied in a wider sense, as indicated above.

Verse 4—"Elias and Moses . . . were talking with Jesus." These worthies had been in Paradise for many centuries. They were living and conscious and capable of conversing with one another and with the Lord. They stand as representatives of the Law and the Prophets, and also of two classes of believers, those who will die before the Lord returns and those who will be caught up (or raptured) when that event takes place (John 11:25, 26).

Verse 5—"Let us make three tabernacles." That is, booths. Peter was so overwhelmed with what he saw and heard that he proposed to honor all the three who appeared in glory by building for them special booths. He did not realize the incongruity involved in putting even the greatest of God's servants on a level, as it were, with the Lord Jesus Himself. Moreover, he did not recognize the transitory character of the scene that enthralled him; so he would have erected three tabernacles in order to give some permanent place of dwelling to each of the three who conversed together. How many, since Peter's day, have thought to honor Christ by giving special prominence to His servants, whether prophets, apostles, saints, or angels, and have never realized that in thus recognizing them as worthy of special homage they have actually dishonored the Master Himself!

Verse 6—"He wist not what to say." How much better, then, if he had been content to remain silent! But Peter was of that restless character which made him feel he must say something, and he spoke out of place and out of line with the mind of God, who would not have any others occupying the hearts of His people in such a way as to detract from the glory that belongs to Christ alone. What seems like piety and humility is oftentimes a subtle form of pride and unbelief (Col. 2:18, 19).

Verse 7—"This is my beloved Son: hear him." It is Christ whom the Father delights to honor. He would have all men recognize and obey Him.

Verse 8—"They saw no man . . . save Jesus only." Moses and Elias disappeared, and Jesus Christ alone remained to be worshiped and adored.

2 Pet. 1:16—"The power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." The transfiguration scene was a picture in miniature of that Kingdom which is to be brought in, in power, when our Saviour comes again. The truth connected with this glorious event is not to be confounded with men's wild guesses as to the future and their "cunningly devised fables" of a golden age as a result of man's progress and ingenuity. The Kingdom will come in power when the Lord

CANADIAN ARMY CHAPLAINS PROMOTED



Honorary Colonel C. A. Wells, left, principal Protestant chaplain of the Canadian army has been promoted to rank of brigadier. Also promoted to brigadier is Colonel C. L. Nelligan, right, principal Roman Catholic chaplain in the Canadian army. He is also director of chaplain services (Roman Catholic) in the R.C.A.F., with the rank of group captain.

PROVINCE PAYS AMOUNT TO YORK COUNTY IN FULL

Provincial obligations to the County of York on account of the Toronto and York Roads Commission are completely discharged with the receipt of \$116,648 County Treasurer W. W. Gardhouse told the commission last week.

The City of Toronto still owes \$13,340 on operations in 1941, and \$45,190 on 1942 operations, a total of \$58,430, it was reported to the commission.

The commission decided to make its annual inspection of the road system under its jurisdiction on Saturday.

ALLOWANCES INCREASED

Mothers' allowances are going to be increased by 20 per cent., Premier Gordon Conant has announced.

This will bring the allowance of a mother with one child now receiving \$35 a month up to \$42 a month, beginning April 1, and a mother with three children, considered the average, now receiving \$45 will receive \$54 a month.

Jesus Himself returns, and not before—The three disciples were chosen of God to be "eyewitnesses of his majesty," that is, to behold beforehand a vision of the glory yet to be revealed in that coming day.

Verse 17—"He received from God the Father honour and glory." It is ever the Father's delight to glorify His Son, and on the mount He honored Him by owning Him audibly as His beloved One, in whom He was well pleased.

Verse 18—"This voice which came from heaven we heard." Had there been only one witness to this unbelievers might have declared that what Peter called the Father's voice was just a delusion, the result of a disturbed mental condition. But there were three witnesses, the full number prescribed in the Law. They all heard the voice and understood the words as they were spoken by the Father, when they were together with the transfigured Christ "in the holy mount."

The Heart of the Lesson
When our Lord was here on earth He veiled His personal glory in a tabernacle of flesh, that humanity which He assumed in order that He might give Himself a ransom for our guilty souls. On "the holy mount," as Peter calls it, that inward glory shone out through the veil of His flesh and revealed Him as "the only begotten of the Father . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The disciples saw Him then as all shall see Him when He comes again to bring in the Kingdom promised by the prophets, the Kingdom that is in abeyance now because of His rejection by Israel when He came in lowly grace. The Father's voice made assurance doubly sure as He proclaimed His delight in the Son of His love.

TOWNSHIP CLERK ILL

Donald Beaton, Pickering Township clerk, suffered a slight heart attack last week, and was unable to take his usual place at the regular council meeting on Monday. Mr. Beaton is probably the oldest man serving as municipal clerk in the province.

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NOW that you have your 1943-1944 gasoline ration book, it is up to you to keep it at all times in a safe place. If it is lost, burned, or stolen, you will be deprived of coupons which will not be replaced. In this regard, the policy of the Oil Controller is as follows:

- If, through negligence, you lose your gasoline ration book before October 1, 1943, you may be allowed no more, and perhaps less, than half the coupons to which you would be entitled if you were making an original application.
- If, through negligence, you lose your ration book on or after October 1, 1943, you may be allowed no more, and perhaps less, than 25 per cent of the coupons to which you would be entitled if you were making an original application.

The new gasoline rationing system, effective on April 1, will be strictly enforced. Under its provisions, the motorist, as well as the service station attendant, is held responsible if any infractions occur. It is contrary to the orders of the Oil Controller:

- 1 To purchase gasoline with 1942-1943 coupons;
- 2 To purchase gasoline unless you have the correct category sticker affixed to your windshield;
- 3 To detach coupons from your own book. (The removal of the coupons is the duty of the attendant.)
- 4 To have in your possession a gasoline ration coupon not attached to, and forming a part of, a gasoline ration book;
- 5 To have in your possession a gasoline ration book other than the book issued in respect of a vehicle you own, or in respect of a vehicle driven by you with the full consent of the real owner;
- 6 To alter, deface, obliterate, or mutilate any gasoline ration book or coupon;

If you sell your motor vehicle, remember that before making delivery you must remove the windshield sticker or stickers. Remember also that after the sale is completed, you must mail to the nearest Regional Oil Control Office in your province the gasoline ration book or books issued for the vehicle.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY
Honourable C. D. HOWE, Minister

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