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Notes and Comments

Total Cost of Rainbow Bridge to be \$1,618,877 The Ontario Government had spent \$1,143,176 on the construction of the Rainbow Bridge at Niagara Falls up to the end of last year and expects that the completion of the giant structure will cost a total of \$1,618,877, according to Hon. T. B. McQuesten.

Expenditure on the Rouge River Bridge and its approaches on the new four-lane highway between Toronto and Oshawa was given as \$673,225 while \$1,463,021 was spent on bridges, culverts, etc. on the four-lane highway from West Hill to Oshawa.

Quarter of a Century

This month R. S. McLaughlin started his 25th year as president of General Motors of Canada. He celebrated the occasion not driving to work in the latest luxurious McLaughlin Buick creation, but in a Stivers-type, dropaxle gentlemen's driving wagon, designed by himself and built by the McLaughlin Carriage Co. in 1910. Motivepower was supplied by Sport Dandy, one of Col McLaughlin's former show horses, which along with the vehicle has been brought back to active service for the duration 400 100 of the gasoline shortage.

New Canadians -

Because so many Canadian soldiers have married English girls (in Sussex alone there have been more than 7000 marriages and 3000 babies born) the army and auxiliary services are helping their English wives to learn about Canada and Canadian conditions. "Get-together" clubs have been formed through which the new Canadians are able to attend lecture courses and see Canadian motion picture films.

Who Will Tell Him?

There will be a provincial election in Ontario this summer, the new leader of the Liberal party, now the premier of the province declares. Howevr, if there should be a big European offensive launched, the election will be postponed as Hon. Mr. Nixon rightfully wanted every soldier to be able to vote. The idea is all right, but who is going to tell Mr. Nixon about the offensive?

Let's Remove This Stigma

Before another Ontario election rolls around, we hope the Liberal party will remove the great injustice and belittling attitude they took when the tarvia road was built from Uxbridge town to Goodwood, where it ended, leaving five miles of dirt road between Goodwood and Stouffville.

Various reasons were put forth as excuses for not finishing the five miles, but the main reason was, that half of it would pass through riding of North York represented by Morgan Baker, M.P.P., and Mr. Hepburn had put a ban on any expenditure being made in North York. In this he was backed up by Hon. Mr. McQuesten who played . the Hepburn game loyally.

This five-mile stretch of road requires heavy machinery being hauled from points thirty miles away because the Ontario government has no other dirt road requiring maintaining in the fashion this main artery calls for. As a result it costs about as much to haul heavy machinery here as it does to do the actual work.

It is most apparent that the best thing to do would be to finish the short stretch with a tarvia face, and eliminate the weekly grading that is now called for with machinery that comes from such a distance.

Action on the part of the government would in the long run save them money, and would remove or efface a "dirty dea" handed the residents of Uxbridge Township, and the Village of Stouffville and Goodwood, by the former government.

Still Drafting Farmers

A timely editorial appeared in the Financial Post last week setting forth the dire plight of the farmer at this time, which is steadily growing worse, since it has been so keenly aggravated by the lateness of the season. Looking over the countryside, it is right to say that the farmer is really "down in the mud."

Scores of them had no seeding done last week, and there is a dire shortage of help on almost every farm. Elderly men are doing their best to keep things going, while hundreds of farmers have depleted their herds, and are ranching their lands.

We witnessed a farmer trying to get spray on his fruit trees the other day, and the wheels went in to the axle, but the work had to be done, otherwise the fruit from those trees would not be saleable next fall.

The Post, alive to the situation, surveys the matter most

ably, thus: "Despite the drastically urgent need for expanded food production from Canadian farms there is a continued sapping of farm manpower through the Army draft. Farmers are still being called from their land; in some cases there is no one left to keep the farm going, in others the loss of

workers must necessarily mean reduced efficiency. In army induction centres there are scores of farmers sitting around waiting for their examinations. Even should

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for June 6

PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

well doing, than for evil doing.

The Lesson as a Whole

this first letter, Persecution of Christians had begun to asssume a very severe aspect. There had been sporadic persecutions at Jerusalem (Acts S:1; 9:1, 2, somewhat lessened in severity by the conversion of that arch -inquisitor Saul of Tarsus. But as the years went by and the gospel of the grace of God won ever greater victories against the powers of darkness, the enmity of the followers of the God of this world became more intense, until by the time Peter wrote-in the reign of Nero-a concerted effort began, in most of the provinces of the Roman Empire to stamp out the new religion by forcing its adherents to recant or to be treated as persons who were unfit to be tolerated because they were dangerous adversaries of the accepted religious systems recognized by the State. From that time until the death of Diocletian, about two and a half centuries later, the early Church passed through one period of intense persecution after another, with just occasional lulls. But it was ever demonstrated, as Tertullian declared, that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." Although uncounted thousands were tortured in the most cruel ways, and thousands more were slain most barbarously, for every Christian put out of the way many new converts sprang forward to take that one's place.

It was to comfort those thus exposed to suffering and death for Christ's sake that Peter wrote this consoling letter. In every chapter he refers to suffering in one form or another, and he shows that those who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth (Rev. 14:4) need not expect an easy path through this world, but and to bitter grief and to unmitigated persecution by those who are the enemies of the cross of Christ. They His followers. But God is looking on and He will in due time both recompense the workers of iniquity with judgment and reward those who have endured grief, suffering wrongfully, because of their love for Him who has redeemed them

Verse By Verse '1 Pet. 3:113.-"Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of Negro spiritual says: that which is good?" Satan's emissaries, may seek to injure the believer in Christ in every conceivable way but if the Christian walks with God and lives before Him in holiness and righteousness, even the greatest afflictions will work out for bless- the valley of humiliation. ing. (Rom. 8:28).

righteousness' sake." If by follow- He would have every cause for ing righteousness one brings per- anxiety turned over to Him, and in secution upon himself from the His loving-kindness He will keep the world of the ungodly, this is to be soul in peace (Phil. 4:6, 7). accounted a privilege. It means prac- | Verse 8 .- "Your adversary the tical identification with Christ in a devil . . . walketh about." This is no world that crucified and still rejects mere figure of speech or imperson-Him. From this we are not to shrink ation of evil, as some teach. The but are rather to embrace the oppor- Devil is a real personality, a fallen tunity of bearing shame for His spirit-being, who hates God and so name. (Acts 5:41).

Him the place that is rightfully His to whom allegience is owed. As His servants, do not shrink from confessing yourselves as his followers, but be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the, hope that is in you." While not courting persecution need- in the power of the cross and so lessly, we are to be fearless in acknowledging our confidence in throughout the years. Christ whenever challenged by men of the world, and this, not with blatant effrontery, as though proud- come at last. The God of all grace ly opposing the present order, but "with meekness and fear." That is are called upon to endure, and when in a spirit of humility and reverence.

Verse 16 .-- "Having a good conscience." This is all important. If one is careful not to trifle with his conscience he will be enabled to meet all false accusations by a life growth in grace. of godliness, thus putting to shame his detractors.

Verse 17 .- "It is better that

ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." This was emphasized in chapter 2, verses 15 and 19. The natural heart rebels against evil treatment which one feels is undeserved, but it was thus that Christ was treated, and those who seek to walk as He walked must expect the

Chap. 12 .- "The flery trial which is to try you." Peter looked with prophetic foresight down through the Golden Text-For it is better, if the coming years, when all the power of will of God be so, that ye suffer for the Roman Empire was to be utilized in a supreme effort to destroy 1 Pet. 3:17 Christianity, and to drive the Church out of the world. This fiery trial was not to be considered strange, as It is evident that when Peter wrote though God might be expected to shield His saints from such experiences. Rather were they appointed to this (1 Thess. 3:3), but He could be depended upon to sustain them in the hour of death, if they should be called upon to pay the supreme penalty for loyalty to His truth.

Verse 13 .- "Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." It is the realization of this that sweetens every bitter cup that the haters of the Lord Jesus press to the lips of the believer in Him. To share in His rejection is one of the greatest privileges that God has given to man on earth. Then "when his glory shall be revealed" the reward will be such as to make every sorrow endured down here seem as nothing because of the joy in which we shall then participate.

Verse 14.—"The spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." Instead of suffering being an indication that one is under the displeasure of the Lord, it is, if inflicted for the name of Christ, but an evidence of the divine approval (2 Tim. 3:12) By patient endurance, God is glorified and His truth vindicated.

Verse 15.M"Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody." We may bring the wrath of man down upon our heads by evil behaviour This should never be true of the Christian. See the company in which the busybody is found! He'is linked with evildoers of the very worst type, even murderers and thieves. And rightly so, for the scandalmonger will murder another man's reputation and steal away his good name. A loose tongue can work to augment the meat supply. terrible havoc.

Verse 16:- "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed' The word Christian is found only will be exposed to misunderstanding three times in the New Testament. It was first applied to believers in Antioch of Syria (Acts 11:26). Its use by the King Agrippa (Acts 26: hated the Master and they will hate 28) shows that it had by that time become the recognized designation of Christ's followers. This is confirmed here by Peter. No one should be ashamed of that name. If called to suffer because of it, he is to glorify God for the privilege of thus honoring his Lord.

Chap. 5:6:- "Humble yourselves . . that he may exalt you." An old

The quickest way up is down! You may climb up high,

And try and try, But the quickest way up is down! This expresses a great truth. The path to true greatness goes through

Verse 7 .- "Casting all your care Verse 14.—"If ye suffer for upon him; for he careth for you."

seeks to injure and destroy all that Verse 15 .- "Sanctify the Lord is of God in this world (John 8:44). God in your hearts." That is, give to He constantly dogs the steps of the Christian, seeking to cause him to fall into sin and so bring reproach upon the worthy name wherewith he has been called.

Verse 9 .- "Whom resist steadfast in the faith." We are not to fear our cruel, malignant foe, but to face him overcome him, as others have done

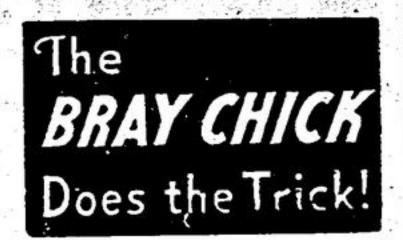
Verse 10 .- "After that ye have suffered a while." Deliverance will is taking note of all that His people His purpose of blessing through trial and affliction has been perfected, He will intervene for their blessing, and will use their suffering as a means of their establishment and

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they be rejected, they will lose around a week's time while they are going through the various examination phases. Coming at this crucial time of the year such a loss is irreparable. The Financial Post knows of one farmer who disregarded his draft call, was later taken right off his tractor by the RCMP. His farm is now left in the hands of his young wife and a 15 months old child.

While the essentiality of farm work and the shortage of farm labor is recognized in the headlines and through statements of some prominent public figures, the actual truth seems to be that such recognition is being virtually disregarded. There is no indication that the draft is giving any consideration to this vital problem.

There is not a moment to be lost in arriving at a sane policy in this regard. Every hour that a farmer spends tied up with the draft means that much time lost in preparing his land for production. Neglect of this paramount consideration will be spelled out in the next few months in terms of decreased production, less food, more rationing, less for the war machine both at home and abroad."



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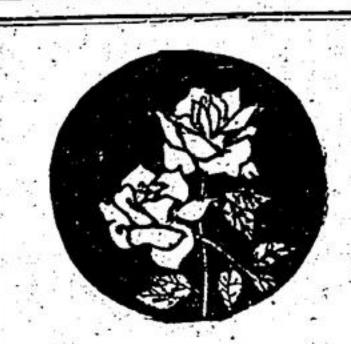
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