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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. McQueen.

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, drop-axle gentlemen's driving wagon, designed by himself and built by the McLaughlin Carriage Co. in 1910.

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.

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: However, 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.

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.

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.

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 deal" 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.

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

Golden Text—For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Pet. 3:17

The Lesson as a Whole

It is evident that when Peter wrote this first letter, Persecution of Christians had begun to assume a very severe aspect. There had been sporadic persecutions at Jerusalem (Acts 5:1; 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.

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 will be exposed to misunderstanding and to bitter grief and to unmitigated persecution by those who are the enemies of the cross of Christ. They hated the Master and they will hate 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 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.—"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 scandal-monger will murder another man's reputation and steal away his good name. A loose tongue can work terrible havoc.

Verse 16.—"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." The word Christian is found only 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 26:28) 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.

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 same.

Chap. 12.—"The fiery trial which is to try you." Peter looked with prophetic foresight down through the coming years, when all the power of the Roman Empire was to be utilized in a supreme effort to destroy Christianity, and to drive the Church out of the world. This fiery trial was not to be considered strange, as 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.

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Chap. 5:6.—"Humble yourselves . . . that he may exalt you." An old Negro spiritual says:

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 the valley of humiliation.

Verse 7.—"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." He would have every cause for anxiety turned over to Him, and in His loving-kindness He will keep the soul in peace (Phil. 4:6, 7).

Verse 8.—"Your adversary the devil . . . walketh about." This is no mere figure of speech or impersonation of evil, as some teach. The Devil is a real personality, a fallen spirit-being, who hates God and so seeks to injure and destroy all that is of God in this world (John 8:44). 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 in the power of the cross and so overcome him, as others have done throughout the years.

Verse 10.—"After that ye have suffered a while." Deliverance will come at last. The God of all grace is taking note of all that His people are called upon to endure, and when 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 growth in grace.

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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 irreplaceable. 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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