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# Notes and Comments

Mr. Nixon Has Good Company

The Globe and Mail has taken Hon. Harry Nixon to task in a strong editorial on the front page of the paper, for bringing on an election at this time. Right or wrong, Australia will hold a general election later in the month too, so Mr. Nixon is not the only one to do the wrong thing according to the morning paper's standards.

## Things We Should Know

The present war is causing us to learn things about Canada we did not know heretofore. Not many persons realized that the direct route, New York to Moscow runs through Montreal, and still only a very few could tell you that Germany is closer to Toronto than to most South American countries. Since air lines are coming into prominence, we learn that Winnipeg is on the air line from Chicago to Tokio.

## Watch Newmarket Grow

The editor of the Newmarket Era persists in the statement that "Newmarket will inevitably become bigger." If the claim is correct, it will reverse the record of the past twenty-five years or more of Ontario towns. Twenty-five years ago, according to a book record we have, Newmarket had a ppulation of 3,800, and Aurora had more population than it claims today. Likewise, the town of Uxbridge had a larger population 35 years ago. Aside from the suburban Toronto area, towns generally in York and Ontario counties remain almost stationary. Since Newmarket can scarcely accommodate its people now on its narrow business thoroughfare, the local editor would do well not to encourage further growth.

## Appraising Pantelleria

Advocates of the theory that the war can be won by air alone have been making a great deal out of the surrender of Pantelleria. The collapse of this Mediterranean stronghold after a brief attack was an important air victory, it is true, but not the complete victory-that some aviation enthusiasts would have us believe. and the worlder of the same war

Before the Italian Island surrendered, it had been pummelled repeatedly and heavily by the British Navy. These shells drilling in on a very flat trajectory can often penetrate and destroy defensive works that falling bombs cannot reach. Moreover, Pantelleria had been closely blockaded by the navy for several weeks.

Germany may be forced to capitulate by air power alone, but Pantelleria does not prove it. That first successful invasion of a European outpost indicates immense possibilities in combined air and naval attack, but it offers no clue as to the effect of these forces acting alone. Germany, we must remember, is not a small island readily available to smothering attack by land-based planes and naval craft acting together.

# Stop Before it is Too Late

Ontario weekly newspapers can do the country a good turn in crying aloud against the Unemployment Insurance Commission's ending me out into the villages and towns to prey on small "one-horse" establishments in the hope of catching some occasional worker and forcing him to contribute a few cents per year by taking out an unemployment book.

A case is at hand in Stouffville where an innocent workman who cannot read or write, was caught by one of the investigators and forced to get a book. It will never do the holder any good and the Commission will reap no benefit.

If the Unemployment Commission is to hold its growing staff now 2000 employees, to within its present limits, men occupied in these investigations had better be called off. Sufficient protest from Ontario would force their withdrawal, and the drag net now being thrown over the smaller communities would be taken in.

It will cost too much to force these trifling sums into the coffers of the Unemployment Commission, and on the other hand a resentful attitude against the whole scheme is being awakened by these small tactics.

# Mr. Aberhart Kept on Safe Side

For a man who spent so much time cursing the banks. and all their ways, the late Premier Aberhart of Alberta seems to have put a lot of trust in them after all, according to the Financial Post. Reports of his estate show that he had \$19,061 cash in accounts in Imperial and Commerce branches in Edmonton. He didn't seem to think much of Alberta government bonds. Of these he held two \$500's valued at \$365 each. Of Dominion Government bonds and war savings certificates he held \$3,500. Though he preached tearing up the whole financial system, he held six insurance policies of a total value of \$10,000. Another \$2,060 represented 20 shares of stock in Canadian Western Natural Gas Light Heat and Power.

Thus the late Premier had \$25,351 plus \$10,000 of insurance providing for himself and for his dependents all. entrusted to the safekeeping and earning power of institutions which he constantly attacked and which, publicly at least, he mistrusted. Only \$17,950 of the assets of his \$41,000 estate did he entrust to the safekeeping of the offspring of his own financial wisdom, the Edmonton branch of the Alberta treasury house.

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for July 11 GOD CALLS A LEADER

Golden Text-Come now therefore. and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that .thou mayest .bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Exod. 3:10 Egypt.

The heart of the Lesson It is a great moment in the life of any man when he comes face to face with God, and is conscious of a commission from Him to undertake some particular line of service. This call is as real as conversion or the new birth. He who has thus been ordained of the Lord can never be happy again unless he is obedient to the heavenly vision. To Moses, this call became the turning point of his life, yet it came after eighty years of the most varied and contrasting experiences. Had he refused to accept the trust committed to him, his life would have ended in failure and obscurity. By responding to it, though after some hesitation, he became one of the outstanding personalities on the pages of Scripture and of secular history. His name will be remembered with honor so long as the world lasts, and in eternity his reward is certain. Not only the people of Israel, but all the nations of the world are indebted to him for the testimony to the one living and true God he has left on record. Faith enabled him to triumph over Times editor, which says: the backwardness of the flesh and gave him grace and strength to take his divinely, given place as leader, law-giver, warrior, prophet, and type of our blessed Lord Himself. Verse by Verse

Exod. 3:1.-"Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law; ... and came to the mountain of God." It is remarkable how many of God's chosen servants were shepherds. As they learned how to care for the sheep, they were being trained for higher service, to shepherd the people of the Lord. The mountain of God, or Horeb, is in southwestern Arabia It consists of a chain of great hills and mountains of which Sinai is the outstanding peak. .

Verse 2 .- "The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush . . and the bush was not consumed."It was a startling thing that attracted the attention of Moses: a flaming bush yet no crackling of the stems, no consuming of the shrub itself. What a picture was this of Israel, as God foresaw them throughout the centuries, burning with terrible persecution , yet never destroyed. It also surely seen . . and have heard . . for suggests the sufferings of their Sav- I know their sorrows." God had been iour, the Lord Jesus, who endured no indifferent spectator of the sufferthe fire of divine judgement against ings His people were enduring. He sin on the cross, yet was not con- had looked carefully upon their afsumed thereby. The angel of Je- flictions. Their cries of anguish did hovah was the preincarnate Christ not rise unheeded. He heard their Himself.

Verse 3.—"I will now turn aside and see the great sight." To the a- were passing through. mazed beholder this was indeed a in a similar way the Lord was to to deliver them from Egypt, free tion. Just as, in Daniel's day, the ness, three Hebrew children passed through the sevenfold heated furnace and the smell of fire was not upon them, so will the Jewish remnant be preserved in the time of Jacob's trouble. Throughout all the centuries, no nation has endured such fires of affliction as Israel, but no power has been able to destroy

Verse 4 .- "God called unto him out of the midst of the bush." That flame was like the Shekinah glory which was to appear afterward over the mercy seat in the tabernacle. It spoke of the visible, manifest presence of the divine holiness judging sin and purifying those who bowed before God in repentance. From the midst of the fire itself came the aweinspiring voice of the Lord calling Moses by name. In reverence and humility of spirit, he responded, saying,. "Here I am." .

Verse 5 .- "The place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The first lesson Moses had to learn was that of reverence in the presence of God. No lesson is more needed to-day There is a levity among many Christians, and a frivolity even in approaching the Lord in prayer, that is most distressing to all sensitive souls. God has said He will be sanctified in them that come nigh Him A careless familiarity in addressing God, or a light, trifling manner of speaking of Him to others are both to be sedulously avoided. Moses had to realize that it was a very solemn thing to stand in the divine presence This was expressed by remov- ced every objection; for any man ing his shoes. To the Orientals this who is backed up by Him is in the answers to removing the head cover- majority no matter what foes might ing among Occidentals.

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#### IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

Reversing the claim that many people held for the war that "it couldn't happen here," an incident occurred in the town of Walkerton the other day that because it could happen here or anywhere for that matter, we pass on the report from the breezy pen of the Walkerton-

"Something better than the manna of Biblical times fell from the skies, as it were, on Walkerton's main aisle on Friday afternoon last when pedestrians were astounded to see bills of several denominations of good Canadian currency being blown about the street by the pre-

father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Fifteen centuries later, our blessed Lord referred to this as proof of the existence of the soul after the death of the body. Jehovah did not say He had been the God of these patriarchs when they lived on earth. He declared "I am" their God. And He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all (who have died as to the body) live unto Him. As Moses realized Who it was before whom he stood, he wrapped his mantle about his face; for he feared to gaze with unveiled countenance upon the Holy

Verse 7 - "The Lord said, I have complaints. His heart was moved toward them. He knew all that they

sight worth considering. What could liver them." Because of His deep \$17 was recovered but a like amthe explanation be? Why was the concern, He was about to act in ount, whisked about by the breeze bush not burned? That it was mir- mighty power on their behalf. The and passing motor traffic is still acuously preserved was evident, and time had come when He was going listed as missing." preserve His afflicted people. The them from bondage, and bring them same will be true in the time of their into a land of plenty, where they great distress in the day of tribula- could serve Him in liberty and glad-

> of Israel is come unto me: and I have seen the oppression." They might have thought that their prayers were unheeded, and that God was indifferent to the oppression they were enduring. But it was not so. He had heard every sob, and every sigh was registered in Heaven. No indignity that the Egyptians visited upon them had been unseen by Him. He had taken notice of it all, and now the time had come for Him to intervene.

> Verse 10 .- "I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people . . out of Egypt," This was Moses' commission. That which, forty years before, he had attempted in his own way and in his own strength, was now' to be accomplished in God's way and by omnipotent power.

> Verse 11\_\_"Who am I, that should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" It was the question of a man who had learned by painful and lengthy experience to distrust himself. The fires and ambition of youth had died down long since. Now he had no desire to attempt anything so strenuous as that to whom God was calling him. He felt his insuffciency for so great a task, but he was to learn, as Paul did in a later day that "our sufficiency is of God."

> Verse 12-"Certainly I will be with thee." This would have been enough God's promise ought to have silen-

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Verse 9 .- "The cry of the children

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