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Notes and Comments

"A Liberal Transfusion"

We listened to a speaker describing the recent election in Ontario in the following terms. He said: "This province has recently undergone an operation. The patient developed CCF'itis. Dr. Drew is watching his patient closely. He may prescribe a "liberal" transfusion according to the belief of some physicians.

No Increased Bonus

Commenting on the fact that the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has announced that the cost-of-living has not increased enough to make a change in the cost-of-living bonus, The Windsor Star expressed the opinion that "it's all done by mirrors." There are many Canadians who will readily agree with this view and holding a front seat among them are the housewives who are being called upon to pay prices double and sometimes three times those of last year for fresh vegetables and fruit.

The bureau has taken some pains to explain the method of arriving at the cost-of-living index and to explain, also, the fluctuation in prices of the various commodities and items on which it is based. While not in a position to know the ins and outs of it there are many who believe they are paying just as much, if not more today, for their food, clothing and other essentials as they ever did. If there have been reductions they have failed to notice them. However here is the explanation we get from Jim Greenblat, our Ottawa correspondent, on how the cost-of-living index is arrived at.

The cost of living index measures the month to month change in the cost of living of the average wage-earner's family, by the Bureau of Statistics. It is based on a full year record, made in 1937-38 on 1,500 Canadian families, averaging 4.6 persons with an average income of \$1,453. The index was in six main groups, showing food to take 31 percent of the income, fuel and light 6 percent, housing 19 percent, clothing 12 percent, home furnishings and services 9 percent and miscellaneous 23 percent.

Folks may howl that living conditions have changed a lot since 1937-38. True! The Bureau knows that, and it makes the necessary changes. For example, after sugar rationing came in the amount of sugar in the index was reduced. Then, when cheap lines are off the market making you fork over more for more expensive articles, the price of these is considered in the index.

The index records variations in the cost of a fixed standard of living in urban areas. It does not measure the increased costs of people who improve their standard of living.

Not without logic, some people ask why does the index only show a rise of 17 percent during the war, when such items as stewing beef rocketed up 78 percent, lard 73 percent for example. The fact of the matter is, of course, that all foods comprise less than a third of the whole cost of living index, and we have to look at it in that perspective. Many foods, too, and important ones, have risen much less. For instance, bread, sugar and such foods have remained fairly steady and milk is reduced in price in many places although it increased in the local district.

FIGURES FOR NECK AND NECK FIGHT NOT TO BE RECOUNTED

Although there was a neck and neck race between Liberal and Conservative candidates in Muskoka and Ontario riding, there will be no recount, it is announced. Mr. Kelly's majority is 88.

In the town of Uxbridge where it was estimated that Mr. Kelly would have a good lead, he only outstripped Gibson, Conservative, by eight votes, 169 to 161. In the Township of Uxbridge where a lot was heard about the sitting member building a road from Goodwood to Uxbridge while neglecting to carry it on to York County a few miles away, Mr. Kelly suffered defeat. The vote was 253 for Gibson, Conservative, and 232 for Kelly.

FARMERS SHOULD BUY FEED NOW

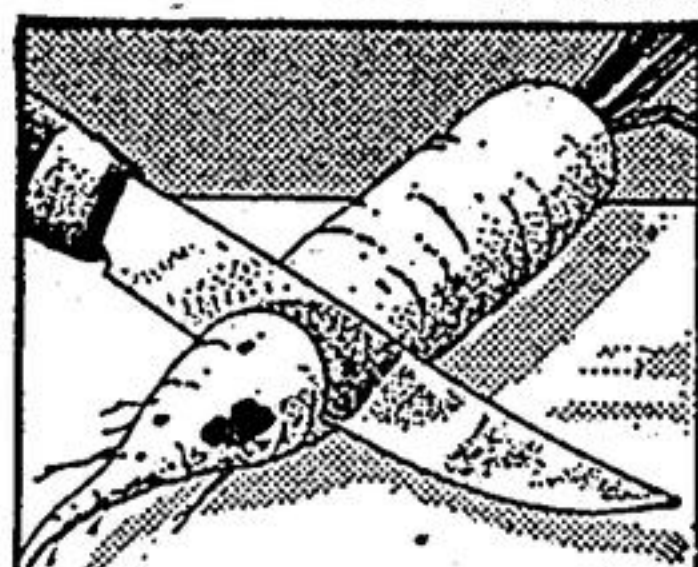
The Directors of the York County Federation of Agriculture met at Newmarket to discuss ways and means of impressing on farmers, the seriousness of the feed grain situation for the coming winter due to decreased acreage and reduced yields of grain of doubtful quality. W. H. Willmot, sec. of Toronto Milk Producers, pointed out that to move the feed required for the coming winter, will require 200 to 250 cars per day from now to New Years, whereas there are only that many per week coming at present. Last year with a big crop here, our heavy livestock production program in Eastern Canada took over one million tons of Western grain and much more will be needed this year. In view of shortage of help at feed mills, the directors are urging farmers to make up orders for car loads

to help the local dealers who will cooperate in placing the orders. This grain is for shortage in elevators or warehouses but to be hauled to the farms for next winter use when transportation of car lots will be even more acute.

The Governments are paying subsidies to compensate the farmers for taking delivery of the grain now.

EATING CATERpillars WON'T HARM YOU—IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT

Housewives generally have the false impression that vegetables, and other foods, damaged by the feeding of insects are unfit for human consumption and must be discarded.



That is by no means true. Feeding scars made by insects are unsightly, but do not change the flavour of vegetables, make them less palatable or interfere with their food value. A little judicious cutting away of the damaged parts will save money and in some ways provide fresh food which otherwise might be unobtainable.

If the corn borer has eaten a hole in the end of the cob, simply break the damaged portion off. Cut around injured spots in the heads of cabbages or cauliflowers. Prune away scar tissue from insect-injured radishes, potatoes, carrots or other veg-

Will Punishment be Handed Out?

Hang the Kaiser! Many remember the popular cry of 1914-18. An outraged world expected he would hang. Did he? Certainly not! Instead that arch-criminal lived in luxury and comfort to a ripe old age of ninety odd years, enjoying the solicitude of his family and a newly acquired wife.

No the Kaiser didn't hang. For some reason this is now discretely ignored. He wasn't even greatly inconvenienced; while millions died torturous deaths or were maimed for life at the behest of this inhuman monster.

Were any of the German leaders in the war of 1914-18 punished? Von Hindenburg, who cloaked his blood lust in grandfatherly benevolence, became President of Germany, lived to a good old age and appointed Hitler Chancellor of the Third Reich, whereby he attained position and power to start this war.

Ludendorf and that thorough-paced scoundrel Von Papen went free to help form the Nazi party which was instrumental in starting the present conflict.

While these men were the product of the social conditions which cause wars, they nevertheless lent themselves to the situation hoping to profit thereby. Had an example been made of the Kaiser and his henchmen the present German leaders would have hesitated to advocate another war.

We are told that the criminals of this war will be tried and punished. That a Commission has been established for this purpose. That a list of the criminals is being compiled (although nobody seems to know who is included).

From indications already apparent it looks as though the same easy escape may be possible for the war criminals of this war as for those of 1914-18. Brigadier General J. H. Morgan, an authority on international law, foresees difficulty when the time comes to round up Axis criminals in neutral countries and from the treatment some have already received it would appear that we do not intend to be very severe. We see Rudolph Hess, the second ranking Nazi, far removed from harm and danger, quietly spending his time reading among the comforts of a large English estate, after having helped to start a war whereby millions of British people will lose dear ones.

We saw Admiral Darlan, an arch-enemy of the Allies and persecutor of the Jews in France, treated royally and placed in position of authority in Africa until some outraged individual justly executed him.

We read of Von Thoma, the Hun leader whose hands drip with the blood of fleeing women and children refugees he had bombed and machine gunned on the crowded roads in France, being entertained at breakfast after capture in North Africa, and carefully flown to England by special aeroplane.

The whole pack of scoundrels will undoubtedly be very repentant after the war and it is possible that Hitler and his satellites may escape punishment.

It is said that the oppressed, occupied countries will see the Germans get their deserts. Which Germans? The only Germans the people of these countries will be able to get at will be the lowly German soldier. Hitler and his friends (those that don't commit suicide) will be far away, secure in some foreign country living comfortably on the huge bank accounts we are told they have established outside Germany. Ribbentrop and Goering have already purchased estates in neutral Switzerland.

When peace is restored the majority will be rejoicing at the safe return of friends and relations and therefore may be indifferent as to the punishment or otherwise of Hitler, but there are some to whom loved ones will never return, these people are not liable to forget those who started the war and, as a mother whose only son has already been killed in action, to them particularly Lillian M. McFarlane, writer, offers the following suggestion:-

Let an organization be started in Canada by families who have had dear ones killed or maimed in this war, to insist that no peace terms be considered which do not include severe punishment for those responsible for starting it. This might be called "The People's International Union for the Punishment of War Criminals".

ables. Don't be afraid to use the sound part of any vegetables which have been attacked by insects. In some countries insects themselves are used as food. Although this is not recommended, should a caterpillar be cooked and eaten with any vegetable, even that will not hurt anyone,—as long as he doesn't know about it.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

ISRAEL'S SIN AND RESTORATION
Golden Text.—The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgressions.
Num. 14:18

The Lesson as a Whole

The first and second commandments, as proclaimed audibly, and which God later recorded on tables of stone, forbade idolatry in any form. The people promised perfect obedience, but before Moses came down from his forty days in the mount with God, they had broken down completely by making a golden image of a calf, or young ox to which they attached the name of Jehovah and in whose honour they instituted an idolatrous festival. It was a startling disclosure of the incurable evil of the heart of man and the utter impossibility of standing before God on the ground of human righteousness. Moses, realizing what had taken place, broke the tablets of stone on the mountainside before he re-entered the camp. What was the use of bringing a perfect law to so imperfect a people? Judgment followed their dereliction. But in a magnificent spirit of self-abnegation the prophet pleaded for the people, requesting that, rather than destroy them, God would blot his own name out of the book of the living. It was a striking manifestation of the spirit of Christ working in and through Moses. God, however, acted in accordance with His own sovereignty and declared, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy," and so, after destroying the ringleaders in the rebellion against His law, declared He would send His angel to lead the people into the Land of Promise and gave to them the institution of the Levitical sacrificial order, which was designed to typify the redemptive work of the promised Saviour, through whom their sins should eventually be completely put away. Moses then was commanded to make two tablets similar to the first and go up again to God in the mount to receive the law a second time. This second giving of the law was distinguished from the first by the provisions made to forgive the penitent violators of it.

Verse by Verse
Exod. 32:7—"Thy people... have corrupted themselves." The people had shown that their faith was in Moses rather than in God Himself so the Lord, in addressing His servant spoke of them as "thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt," thus taking them on their own ground. Their ready failure had demonstrated the corruption of their hearts.

Verse 8—"They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded." The law was given to demonstrate the incurable evil of the heart of man. It gave to sin the specific character of transgression. When Israel made the calf of gold it was a direct violation of a definite command of God. This was inexcusable and, under law, called for judgment. It proved the thoroughly evil nature of the people, whom God had separated to Himself.

Verse 9—"Behold, it is a stiff-necked people." The figure is that of a refractory ox, refusing the yoke. Israel, by turning to idolatry, manifested her insubjection to the divine will.
Verse 10—"Let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them." It was the justice of God calling for satisfaction. Broken law demands the execution of the penalty. So the sword of judgment seemed about to fall on Israel and would have done so had it not been for the mediation of Moses.

Chap. 34—"Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up onto mount Sinai." In response to the Lord's command. His servant obeyed with alacrity, and with two newly hewn tablets in his hand ascended the mount once more to appear before God on behalf of the people who had failed Him.

Verse 5—"The Lord descended... and proclaimed the name of the Lord." His name speaks of what He is: Jehovah, the ever-living One.
Verse 6—"The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth." Such a God was unknown to the heathen world. Only a divine revelation.
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