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Notes and Comments

Hydro Gets a New Plant

Premier George Drew officially opened Hydro's new six-million-dollar generating station at DeCew Falls last Friday noon when he set in motion a unit which added 65,000 horsepower to the power resources of southern Ontario.

In making this announcement, Dr. Thomas H. Hogg, Chairman and chief engineer of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, pointed out that the water which will drive the turbine and generator at this important development comes from the distant Albany river watershed in the lonely wilderness of northern Ontario, 1000 miles away.

This water, he explained, has been made available as a result of the Commission's Long Lac and Ogoki diversions. The former was completed in 1939, while construction of the Ogoki project was started in December of 1940, and completed three months ago.

The combined average flow of 5,000 cubic feet per second from these diversions, Mr. Hogg stated, makes possible the development of 36,000 additional horsepower at developed and undeveloped sites between Lake Nipigon and the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Over a period of time, this diverted water will also benefit navigation by deepening shallow channels.

Increase in Delinquency may be Fought in the Schools

Children, some of very tender years, running at large after dark, are becoming somewhat of a problem in town. Only last week during a church meeting, juvenile pranksters walked boldly into the church on two occasions and turned off the lights. This in itself is not very serious, but the same youngsters are running over gardens and breaking down hedges, causing general destruction in the community after dark. Other evidences that discipline is on the way out are not lacking. At Markham Fair we saw a mere youngster 8 or 9 years old, refuse a handful of silver from his father with the pert statement, "What's the big idea Dad?" Well dad pulled out a roll of bills and gave the child \$5. Since the father holds a high position in Canadian life, the case is an impressive example as to the manner in which the youngsters are "taking over" in the wealthier homes and to the same degree in the average home. Unionville is calling for the return of the curfew bell, and it might be a good thing if all that is told about Unionville delinquency is correct.

The following is a reprint of an editorial from The Toronto Evening Telegram which discusses the child delinquency in a most intelligent manner.

"It would probably be a mistake to attribute the prevalence of juvenile delinquency to the war and to hope that after the war conditions in this respect will change again for the better. No doubt war influences are contributing factors. The absence of many fathers on military duty and the employment of mothers in war work deprive children of parental control that should normally have a steady effect upon their behaviour. But the war is responsible for only a fraction of the lack of parental control which is the root of much of the trouble.

A commendatory reference to Premier Drew's intention to introduce greater discipline into the schools of the province has suggested that "much of the present disorder among juveniles is due to the 'self expression' which became somewhat of a fad among educationalists a few years ago. There is nothing wrong with self expression in itself so long as it is not allowed to displace that recognition of authority which is the basis of discipline. It becomes a danger when checks upon conduct are removed and the juvenile is allowed to write his own ticket.

That the self expression movement which entered the schools about the beginning of the century was accompanied with a relaxing of discipline there can be little doubt. The pendulum had swung from the floggings of other years—to which nobody wants to return—and has travelled too far. The juveniles of that day grew up in homes that had known the importance of discipline, but to-day there is a generation of juveniles who may suffer both from an inadequate acquaintance with discipline at school and from the fact that their parents experienced the same lack. That under such circumstances juvenile irregularities should be more frequent than formerly is scarcely surprising.

Premier Drew's proposal may have valuable results, but it will only be in the long term application of his innovation that it will be possible to appreciate these results fully. It would be expecting too much to look for an immediate change in conditions that have been building up over a period of years."

FRUITS ARRIVE IN CANADA FOR CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

Ingredients used in the making of fruit cake are now on the market, and fears have been dispelled that this seasonal delicacy would not be available for inclusion in overseas Christmas parcels. Freight officials of the C.N.R. report the arrival of a large shipment of Australian raisins by fast service over the Canadian National System. These, with shipments of cherries, molasses and other commodities, have been de-

livered to city bakeries and deliveries of the ever popular cake will be made in ample time for the mailing of Christmas parcels overseas.

This season's plum puddings will be prepared without figs, but no shortage of candied peel or citron is anticipated. Ten carloads of dried orange skin recently arrived in Montreal from Porto Rico by freight facilities of the National System and delivered to local firms for processing. Papaya, used in the manufacture of citron, has also arrived in local markets from Cuba.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

(By Jim Greenblatt)

Capital chit-chat: There are 13-125 bicycles licensed in Ottawa and among the handle-bar riders are Air Marshall "Billy" Bishop, V.C., and members of the Russian legation. Adding to the Hall of Fame in the main central corridor of the Parliament buildings are new bronze busts of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden. Some of the refunds to persons who have overpaid income tax are already going out, but some will take time, probably because each of the 1,500,000 tax forms has to be assessed and that's some job.

As wages paid to hired farm help go up, an interesting recap of the Canadian situation comes to us. When the employer provided board for the hired man the average wage for help by the day was \$3.51 in 1943 and \$2.50 the year before. "No board" in 1943 brought \$4.74 as against \$3.15 the year before. Wages for day help were highest in Ontario but all provinces showed an "up." By the month average with board was \$61.26 at August 15, 1943 as against \$46.82 same date last year. Current rate of wages for farm help more than double that paid in 1940.

When the federal minister of agriculture asked farmers to refrain from marketing unfinished cattle during the fall months this year, it was because the expected hog output for the next few months would probably overtax slaughtering facilities. Besides they claim it an un-economic practice when there is feed available in the country. Hog Marketing will set new records this fall while it is known that the first 8 months of 1943, beef carcasses dressed an average of 20 lbs. heavier than in 1942. This idea makes some sense, doesn't it?

A few agricultural notes: Feeding tests at Brandon Manitoba show that millet mixed with other grain rations is ideal for market hogs feeding. It almost equals barley pound for pound in a mixture. . . research brings out some uncommon stuff; for instance it is reported there were 68,400 fibres per square inch on the skin of a highly bred Merino sheep, even tho' only 3 1/2 per cent of the skin area is occupied by wool fibres. . . better breeding, proper care and feeding of the animals mean more fibres.

They're sure stretching this rubber research but will surely get results. . . the Department wants more and more milk weed for experimental purposes and will pay 3 cents a pound dry weight, with green and frozen stuff accepted, too. It should be sent to H. A. Senn, National Research Council, John St. Laboratory, Ottawa, C'm on kids.

There's a lot more cackling going on everywhere in the country as the meat rationing enhanced the importance of poultry. Latest move by the Prices Board gives producers a better price, an increase of 2 cents per pound on dressed poultry. The mark up of retailer is cut from 9 cents a pound to 20% of selling price, not to exceed seven cents. A producer to consumer can add to the zone ceiling price the markup which is allowed a retailer.

A quick glance at the order giving "priority to empty coal bins" requires coal suppliers dealers to give priority in coal deliveries to consumers who have less than one quarter of their annual fuel requirements on hand. This is limited to the one-quarter and applies only to consumers who use less than fifty tons a year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HONORING OUR PARENTS

Golden Text.—Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Eph. 6:1

The Lesson as a Whole.

In the epistle to the Ephesians we are reminded that the injunction for children to be obedient to their parents is "the first commandment with promise." This indicates in a special way its great importance. Longevity in the land given by God to Israel was to be the result of filial regard. Whether parental guidance is spurned and children grow up in willfulness and insubjection to those who have been over the path before them, the results are disastrous. Practically all civilized people recognize this, and even among the most uncultured tribes, respect for the judgment of their elders is stressed in the training of children. Throughout the entire Bible emphasis is laid upon this phase of our earthly relationships. The Book of Proverbs deals with it in a very special way, constantly insisting on the importance of heeding the instruction of Father and Mother and dwelling much on the unhappy consequences of disobedience to this law.

Our blessed Lord, as a child in the Nazareth home, has set all children an example of subjection to parents: He who was over all, God blessed forever deigned to enter earthly life as a babe, born of a virgin mother, and as He grew in years—and in stature He revered and obeyed that mother and His foster father, Joseph, thus honoring the Biblical conception of ideal-home life. Children who profess faith in Him should evidence it by following His steps in this as in all else. Where self-will rules and parental control is ignored or definitely flouted, disaster cannot but follow.

Verse by Verse

Exod. 20:12—"That thy days may be long upon the land." This is the promise referred to in the New Testament. God set His approval upon filial respect and obedience by pledging His word that children who thus rendered honor to their parents would be granted long life in the land given to Israel. This was part of His covenant with them.

Luke 2:48—"Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?" Not understanding fully the responsibility of the boy Jesus to His Father God; Mary and Joseph expressed their perplexity at His attitude by this question. It was a strange incident in their minds, as Jesus had always honored them and respected their wishes.

Verse 49—"Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" The question implied that to some extent they had failed to recognize His primary object in coming into the world—to do the will of Him who had sent Him. God's authority was paramount.

Verse 50—"They understood not the saying." Neither Mary nor Joseph.

Facts: We know Canada is a great food producing country, but did you know that the gross value of our agricultural production has increased from about \$1,205,000,000 in 1939 to more than two billion dollars in 1942. Experts of agricultural and vegetable food products, tobacco and its products, animal and fish products, from Canada to the United Kingdom last year, exceeded \$236,000,000. As a major source of war materials our export trade last year was more than double that of 1939. Imports on the other hand haven't varied much in the last two years. We have a very favorable trade balance right now, nearly as much for first seven months of 1943 as for all of 1942.

Maybe you don't know how the cost of living bonus is arrived at: 25 cents for each point rise in the cost of living for all adult male employees and for all other employees employed at basic wage rates of \$25 or more a week: one per cent of their basic weekly wage rates for male employees under 21 and women workers employed at basic wage rates of less than \$25 a week. Every employer, except in a few exempted classes, must pay this.

seph, as yet, comprehended the true nature of the child committed to their care, nor just how He was to respond to the Messianic prophecies which He had come to fulfill.

Verse 51—"He . . . was subject unto them." Returning to the city of Nazareth, Jesus, as a growing boy, became an example for all children who profess to love God, by His perfect subjection to those who had the care of that home. Here, as in all else He was the sinlessly obedient One.

Mark 7:6—"This people honour-eth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." It was specially in connection with the enforcement of the instruction given in the law regarding obedience to and honoring of parents that Jesus used this quotation from Isaiah. It is a grave mistake to suppose that God is pleased with us when we confess His Word as wholly inspired and worthy of all honor, while finding some way of evading strict obedience to what it commands.

Verse 7—"Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." It is useless to pretend to worship God, while ignoring the precepts of His Word, whether by directly disobeying His commandments, or by substituting humanly devised teachings for the instruction given in the inspired writings.

Verse 8—"Laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men." On many points God's plain word was rejected by the legalistic traditionalists of Christ's day, who laid far more stress upon the teachings of certain rabbinical scholars than upon a definite "Thus saith the Lord." The same is true of many today, who ignore "that which is written," while putting themselves under bondage to humanly imposed rules and regulations. At a recent "church trial" the writer heard the question asked again and again, "What does our church discipline say?" Not once did anyone inquire, "What saith the Scripture?"

Verse 9—"Ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." To the average church member the mandates and declarations of leading teachers mean far more than the direct words of the Bible; yet we profess to believe that "the Bible and the Bible continued on next page

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