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**Notes and Comments**

**Let Us Put Over the Loan**

At the time this editorial was written we had just had a talk with one of the bond salesmen for Stouffville, and he expressed the fear that unless greater interest was shown, and bigger effort put forth on the part of investors this community would fall short on reaching its objective of \$100,000 in the present loan campaign.

Likewise the situation in Whitchurch and Markham was not promising, and we are hoping that with the last three days there will come a great change. This banner county of York would have no valid excuse to offer if we failed to reach the quota set up for us. It was done before, and the people have the money to do it again. Bank statements indicate the money is on deposit.

**Looking Ahead**

Each day brings us nearer to the time when the great war plants throughout Canada will be given an order to close down, and that will be the end of war work for hundreds of thousands of people. One of these big plants is within close range of Stouffville, and 150 workers from this place are gainfully employed in the manufacture of munition.

Every worker should be looking ahead to that day, preparing for it by laying aside all the money they can so that they will have something in store for the long holiday that may be theirs. Statistics show that thousands of mortgages have been paid off during this war by private individuals. Many gained experience in the last war, and can visualize what can happen again after this war ends, by way of depression, and if not a depression, then an indefinite period of no work while industry readjusts itself to peace-time pursuits. Those who stand free of debt will be much better off than those who failed to discharge their obligations when times were good.

Coming back to the war plant where Stouffville district finds employment, it is hard to visualize this place with its town and school built to its needs, being closed down. However, that is certain to happen, and if the plant ever opens again for the manufacture of peace-time goods, it will only be after a year or two of inactivity.

**Unions, Teachers and Policemen  
(The Financial Post)**

Two pieces of strange news have come out of British Columbia recently. The first is a recommendation at the Vancouver city council to sign a collective bargaining agreement for a closed union shop with a Civic Employees' Association. The second is a report that the British Columbia Teachers' Federation will link itself with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Few people, we predict, even from within the ranks of union itself, would agree with either of these steps.

Problems, scope and functions of teachers and other civic employees are, so utterly different from those of members of the average labor union that there is no natural reason why either should affiliate. It is not a case of the former being orphans, they have their own strong organizations and an abundance of spokesmen, and while there may be something of the old craft or guild idea about teaching, there is practically none so far as other civic employment is concerned.

But the most preposterous part of the whole thing is the assumption that a yardstick can be devised to measure a type of service that in actual practice cannot be measured. The development of the child's intellect is not a standard process like laying so many bricks or welding so many ship plates. The job of a policeman or fireman is not one to be measured in hours or the number of criminals caught or fires subdued.

**Hog Quota's Down, Down, But Price Up**

We asked half a dozen prominent farmers for their opinion on the new announcement that Canada's bacon quota would be cut a third and restrictions lifted on the slaughtering of hogs for domestic consumption. The Financial Post says that the announcement came as a profound shock and disappointment to Ottawa, but our farmer friends make no statement whatever. They seem more concerned about the immediate price of hogs rather than whether an agreement for a stated price is for one year or two years.

The new policy involves a two-year British quota of a minimum of 450 million pounds a year, instead of the present 675 million quota, a slightly higher price, and the lifting of restrictions which said hogs slaughtered for home consumption must not be more than 75 per cent of those slaughtered in 1941.

**Our Friend the Dog**

There is a town bylaw in Stouffville prohibiting dogs from running at large, but in the fall and winter season the law is sort of "winked at." Few people will complain about a dog running around loose in mid winter, which is quite different than in the spring and summer season when they use our lawns and flower beds for a hiding place for bones. However, winter or summer, if a dog is complained against as cross or likely to cause fright to people, they, the owner must keep him on the leash. We do not know just when the "winking" starts, or exactly when it ends, but the unwritten law is there, hence the number of extra dogs that are gradually seen running at large.

After all, it seems too bad if "man's best friend," cannot have a little liberty during the year, and we say this, not owning a dog.

As far back as the Stone Age the cave dwellers had dogs that looked like wolves, and they were treated as the friends of man. Five thousand years ago the Chaldeans and Egyptians had greyhounds and terriers, or dogs that looked like these breeds. In 600 B.C. the Assyrians had mastiffs. The Greeks and Romans of the classical days, the people of ancient England, the Eskimos of the Arctic, the aboriginals of the Antipodes, Africans in the steaming jungles—they all had their dogs. Around the world the dog is a friend of man and has been since the dawn of time. Is giving him a bit of winter liberty too much? If not, then when is the date he is to be given his liberty? One suggestion is to leash him until Christmas, and make a sort of coming of Santa Claus for "Bowser," to unleash him for three or four months.

**Sunday School Lesson**

Lesson for Nov. 7th  
**THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE**

Golden Text—Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. —1Jno.3:15  
The Lesson as a Whole  
Approach to the Lesson

God alone is the Author of life, none but He has the right to say when it shall be terminated. Under certain circumstances, he has decreed that society shall punish those guilty of grave offenses by death. He, too, has at times commanded the destruction of whole tribes or nations when their iniquities have become unbearable in His sight. This explains His mandate to Joshua, ordering the destruction of the Canaanites, and His command to King Saul regarding the Amalekites. Scripture abounds with similar incidents, all of which are in harmony with God's rulings as the Moral Governor of the universe.

But in the internal arrangement of society each is to respect the rights of others, and human life is not to be taken by another except, in accordance with the law of the land, as penalty for crimes of exceptional flagrance. No private individual is to presume to punish another on his own initiative by depriving him of his life. It is this that the Sixth Commandment expressly forbids. To quote this mandate as forbidding participation in warfare is to ignore the fact that the same God who gave it commanded the virtual annihilation of the corrupt nations dwelling at that time in Palestine.

In this dispensation of grace, our Lord expands this law against murder by prohibiting malice and hatred which are the root causes of most homicides. No one who loves his neighbor will do him harm willfully in any manner. But he who cherishes hatred in his heart, already a potential murderer.

Verse by Verse  
Exod. 20:13—"Thou shalt not kill." By this commandment God teaches us the sacredness of human life. Murder is always wrong, and he who violates this mandate exposes himself to the same fate as that meted out to his victim. It was God himself who instituted capital punishment when He committed the government of the postdiluvian world to Noah. This was reiterated in the legal dispensation and has never been repealed.

Matt. 5:21—"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill." The Lord Jesus referred, of course, to what was commanded by Moses, not, in any sense, to belittle it or to ignore its importance, but He was about to add to it by going to the very root of murder, which is found in the evil state of the human heart.

Verse 22—"But I say unto you." In this emphatic way our Lord introduced the higher teaching, which was designed to lay bare all the inmost emotions of the heart. So He went on to show the sinfulness of unreasonable anger and of lightly esteeming one's fellow man. All guilty of well-deserved judgment, though in varying degrees in accordance with the enormity of the offence.

Verse 23—"If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee." To bring a gift to the altar was an expression of worship. He who came thus into the presence of (Continued on Page Seven)

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**A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa**

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

(By Jim Greenblat)

Most stocks of food held in Canada as of Oct. 1st, 1943, were considerably lower as compared with the same date a year ago, with the exception of meat—both Canadian and imported. For instance: cold storage eggs on hand were less than half a million dozen as compared to 6.8 million dozen last year; cheese held by warehouses and dairy factories, 54,594,416 pounds, less by six millions; meats amounted to 67,408,837 pounds, over 20 million more than on the same date last year. But the figures were mostly up from the month preceding by considerable, as take the poultry (dressed) with over 4 million pounds as against 2.5 million the month before.

The autumn bazaar season is upon us all through the "byways and byways" of Canada. Church groups have been busy planning their booths with an eye on conservation and the other on the returns. Aprons, colorful as ever, will likely be made from house dresses that have shrunk or split at the shoulders. Some enterprising women will make them from sheets and bind them with gay prints. With delicate shades of wool not so easy to get, the garments in the baby booth will be made from reworked material and you'll never

know it from the brand new, so expertly can it be ravelled and laundered. Of course, with preserves rationed, they will no longer appear among the delectable array of home-cooked goods. No preserves may be bought without surrendering a ration coupon; and no sales of any rationed commodities between consumers are permitted.

For some time now the authorities have been stressing the serious housing shortage in St. John, Nfld., as a warning to troops who may be posted in the area to dissuade relatives from joining them there unless they have secured a place to live in beforehand. The population has increased from 30,000 to 50,000, and at times new arrivals have had to be sheltered in the city jail. Who says that would be a nice welcome for mother and babe?

Canada has hit the lowest figure in maternal mortality rate to date with 2.9 per 1000 live births, the Director of Maternal and Child Hygiene, Department of Pensions and National Health, told a convention in Toronto. A steady decrease has been shown since 1936 when the rate was 5.6 per 1000 live births. This is very encouraging, considering the stresses and strains of war.

The fact that Italy declared war against Germany now will have little effect upon the situation in Canada respecting enemy aliens it is noted, because scarcely half a dozen Italian nationals are interned in the Dominion at present. The Canadian government, Prime Minister King said, is in general agreement of the U.K., U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. in their announcement with respect to the declaration.

Agricultural Department notes: Mainly because honey in northern countries is gathered from clovers, it is more wholesome for wintering bees than honey from the south. Dandelion honey has proved fatal to bees. Honey from hard maple or the pure alfalfa, and honey from white goldenrod, granulates, so hard in the combs that wintering bees are unable to use it. . . . Weight of

grain in a bin? Sure, just first find the cubical contents (by multiplying the length by the depth by the breadth), and the weight of one bushel of the particular grain (32 quarts). As one cubic foot measures almost 25 quarts, the weight of one cubic foot will be 25-32nds of the weight of one bushel. Thus one bushel of oats weighs 34 pounds. One cubic ft. of oats equals 25-32nds of 34 pounds or 26 1/2 pounds.

The Ottawa Journal publishes some interesting figures in connection with wartime restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages, saying it is estimated unofficially that there are 750,000 permit holders in Ontario—only about 150,000 more than in British Columbia, although the population of Ontario is about 3,787,000 compared with B.C.'s 818,000. Manitoba with a population of 730,000 has 155,000 permit holders. Ontario allowance of spirits is 40 ounces monthly B.C.'s only 13 ozs.

Canned vegetables frozen in packers' and wholesalers' hands last July will be showing on your shelves soon with the movement to retail outlets through the new system of "controlled distribution" recently announced by the Prices Board. It does not appear that formal rationing of canned foods is in prospect, judging by the statement issued. Withholding of the current pack to ensure supplies for winter seems to have worked out okay.

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