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Notes and Comments

Government Salaries

There is a complaint about salaries or sessional indemnities as they call them, at Ottawa. Each member receives \$4,000 for his eight or ten months at Ottawa, which will seem mighty good pay to most people who help raise the money. From that beginning the salaries for the big-wigs mount.

The salary of the Prime Minister is \$15,000; that of the other ministers \$10,000; that of the leader of the Opposition \$10,000. Each member of the Cabinet and the Leader of the Opposition receives the \$4,000 indemnity as a member of Parliament; also \$2,000 in lieu of automobile, in addition to salary. The Governor-General's salary is \$10,000. The estimates also usually include an item for office salaries, printing, stationery and other allowances, and for travelling expenses. The Governor-General's income is exempt from income tax in Canada. The income of members of the Canadian government is not exempt from income tax.

Should Dog Owners Pay?

It is strange how little effort is put forth on the part of township councils to collect damages from dog owners when their animals kill or worry sheep.

We realize that though the owner of the dog is known, the municipality is required to pay the owner of the sheep killed the amount of damage ascertained by the live stock valuer after such owner has filed with the clerk an affidavit that to the best of his belief the sheep were killed or injured by a dog or dogs but not by a dog owned by him. When the municipality has paid the damage it is entitled to recover the amount from the owner of the dog, but so few do, or even try to collect. Why?

What Will a Nickel Buy?

There was a time — not too long ago — when the smallest Canadian coin had a definite value all its own and a nickel was sufficient to satisfy childhood's desires. There was, according to myth and legend, even a five-cent cigar although it was not good.

Now — any fond parent who tries to impress his four-year-old offspring with the value of money can be stumped every time with the question: "What will a nickel buy, Daddy?" There just isn't any answer except to suggest that the nickel will fit the slot in the mission bank. The penny, the nickel and the dime are no longer a yardstick of value for the child because the things they used to buy have been taxed out of the five-cent class if they are available at all.

Nor is the child the only one affected. Adults still pay three cents for their daily paper but they cannot help but be aware that to the price of many things they must buy something more has been added — something officially

known as an excise tax, inaccurately referred to as a luxury tax and correctly regarded as a nuisance tax.

In recent weeks some of these special wartime nuisance taxes have been removed but many still remain. It will be a big day on the way back to economic normality when the five-cent piece is once again sufficient to buy a bottle of soft drink, a chocolate bar or a package of gum. It would be good finance and good politics to bring the nickle back to par.

The most famous remark of Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall was: "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." This was later amended by Franklin P. Adams to read: "What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel."

Situation Becoming Serious

Unless the Dept. of Education or the government itself at Queen's Park do something about the matter, Ontario school teachers as a body may be the means of upsetting the new generous grants to schools being made this year by the Drew administration as a tax relief measure.

Staffs all over the country are resigning almost in a body, forcing the hands of Boards of Education to make sharp increases in salaries above just a normal increase. The ball started rolling in Toronto where the generous city body lifted the lid for large and substantial increases which proved the signal for all other members of the profession to get moving for more money although salaries were supposed to be frozen in all other lines of employment. Just now fairly large schools have been stripped to one or two teachers while the remainder of the staff has resigned. Premier Drew in warning boards that they must not go on a spending orgy because of the new grants, also said that he had no thought of stopping increases to teachers, but did he mean just normal increases, or did he envision the present situation.

Abnormally high salaries, of course, will in the long run, react, for more and more will be attracted to the profession, and the time will come when there will be more teachers than jobs, and boards will not forget 1945. Perhaps the wise teacher is he or she who remains in a good position at a fair salary that will remain firm in years to come.

Quebec Wives not Handling the "Dough"

The province of Quebec, which prohibits a married woman from maintaining a bank account without the written consent of her husband is exhibiting signs of annoyance because the Dominion Government, recognizing this peculiarity, is planning to make the baby bonus cheques payable to the husband in Quebec, instead of the wife, as in other provinces.

The Quebec legislative government should have passed a law to make it similar to that of other provinces, so the Saturday Night thinks, but instead preferred to pass a resolution declaring that the Dominion cheques ought to be made payable to the husbands.

The situation in that province where bonus cheques will be sizeable in many families, is that the wife must draw the whole cheque in cash, or trade it at the corner grocer since she cannot deposit it in her name as she ought to do for future use. If the government at Ottawa wishes to give the real control of the bonus to the mother, as it says, they must see to it that Quebec women have the right to place the money in bank accounts. Of course, it is really the duty of the Quebec legislature to amend its own law by removing the absurd statute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 1

Golden Text—God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.—Gen. 1:31

The Lesson as a Whole

The creation of the material universe is the expression of the manifest wisdom of God (Jer. 10:12). It bears unimpeachable testimony to His power and personality (Rom. 1:20). Only a supreme, intelligent Being could account for the marvels of the heavens and the earth (Psa. 33:6-9). Everything bears the stamp of God's infinite knowledge and understanding. It is only the fool who can look upon the stars above and the world below and say, "There is no God" (Psa. 14:1).

The triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all had part in creation, but the direct agent of the Godhead was the Son, the eternal Word (John 1:14; Col. 1:16). All was intended to bring glory to the Father and the Son (1 Cor. 8:6). As originally created and as fitted up by God to be the abode of mankind and eventually the theater of redemption, all was pronounced good (Gen. 1:31). Though sin came in afterward, and left its terrible mark on all things, God's first thought is

His last, and this world shall yet be the scene where His glory will be displayed, when in the dispensation of the fullness of times all things will be headed up in Christ (Eph. 1:10).

As children of God, we may well delight in the wonders of creation and recognize that in wisdom He hath made them all (Psa. 104:24). The laws that govern the universe are reflections of the higher laws that prevail in the spiritual sphere. Nature is intended to be throughout a witness for God. The true scientist is one who learns to seek God's thoughts after Him and sees in all physical phenomena the evidence of the divine Mind, for just as the existence of a great machine indicates an intelligent artist and planner who contrived it, so the existence of the world can never be accounted for unless God is recognized as the great First Cause. In fact, it takes less faith to believe in God as one contemplates the evidences of His handiwork than to attempt to account for so vast and marvelous a universe without God (Psa. 102:25-28; Isa. 44:24).

Verse by Verse

Gen. 1:1—"In the beginning God created." Nothing could be more sublime than this terse statement as to the origin of the universe.

Push back that beginning as far as the wildest speculations of some theorist may demand, and God remains as the great Originator of the heavens and the earth. It has often been pointed out that the Hebrew word for God here is Elohim — the plural form signifying the trinity in deity. But this is linked with a singular verb — created — because the three persons in the Godhead acted together in producing the world and the starry host. The original creation was absolutely perfect, as we are told in Isaiah 45:18, "He created it not in vain" (or void).

Verse 2—"The earth was without form and void." Many scholars render this, "The earth became without form and void." This suggests that the once perfect earth was subjected to some terrible cataclysm, and so became chaotic and was wrapped in darkness. If this be correct, it may have been in some way connected with the fall of angels. How long it remained in this state we do not know. But when God was about to form it to be inhabited, "the Spirit of God moved (or brooded) upon the face of the waters." Divine activity had begun and the six days' work followed.

Verse 3—"God said, Let there be light." This was cosmic light. The rays of the sun were not directly focused upon the earth until the fourth day, although all the heavenly bodies were created in the beginning. Just as God commanded the light to shine out of darkness to illumine that ruined earth, so now it is He who causes light to shine into the hearts of lost, ruined sinners in the darkness of nature, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 4:6).

Verse 4—"God divided the light from the darkness." This natural law speaks of that which is spiritual. God is light (1 John 1:5) and His children are light in the Lord (Eph. 5:8) and are called to walk apart in holy separation from the darkness (Eph. 4:17, 18).

Verse 5—"The evening and the morning were the first day." There has been much speculation, and acrimonious discussion, as to whether these days were long periods or consisted of twenty-four hours. Many wise arguments have been advanced for both views. Perhaps we shall not attain to absolute certainty one way or the other until in yonder land we know as we are known. But in either case, we may be assured of the perfection of this account. No proved

scientific fact has ever been adduced that could shake Moses' testimony as to the progress of events during these six workdays of God.

Verse 10—"God called the dry land Earth" and the gathering together of the waters called "the Seas." It was He who brought the land up from the depths and swathed the continents about "with oceans' mighty flood," as the poet Cowper expresses it. Of this, Wisdom speaks in Proverbs 8:12, 21-29.

Verse 11—"Let the earth bring forth" after his kind, whose seed is in itself. The creation of plants, with their power of reproduction through seeds, indicates divine order, which is the very opposite of evolution. The fact that every seed produces its own kind, and has done so through all the centuries, tells us that all was arranged by God from the beginning.

Verse 12—"The earth brought forth" and God saw that it was good." The divine Gardener took delight in watching the results of His power and wisdom as seen in the vegetable kingdom. There were no noxious plants of any kind as a result of man's failure and sinfulness (Gen. 3:17, 18).

Verse 16—"God made two great lights" he made the stars also. Observe, it does not say here that He created these light-bearers on the fourth day. Throughout the record a distinction is evident between creating and making (chap. 2:3). The first word has to do with bringing into existence that which had no existence before. The second has to do with fitting that which was already created for use in connection with the world as the home of mankind.

Verse 17—"God set them" to give light upon the earth." He so ordered things that from their place in the blue vault above — the firmament or expanse — their rays were reflected upon the earth.

Verse 26—"God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The triune God is seen as counselling together concerning the production of a being, superior to all beasts and with an intelligence that would enable him to rule over all creation. Image signifies representation. Likeness has to do with character. Man was to represent God in this scene, and must therefore be a spirit-being, for

God is a spirit (John 4:24). Moreover, he was to be pure and innocent of all evil, and so in the divine likeness.

Verse 27—"So God created man in his own image" male and female." Three times in this first chapter is the word created used. In verse 1 we have the creation of insensate matter. In verse 21, the creation of living beings — beasts, birds, and fish. In verse 27, the creation of man, a spirit-being in a material body. There is no possibility of passing from one of these realms to the other.

Verse 31—"God saw every thing that he had made and, behold, it was very good." God's work was perfect. This first chapter gives it in outline. Chapter 2 gives the details of the creation of man and woman. There is no contradiction between the two accounts. The second explains the first.

The Holy Scripture is the only Book in the world that explains the origin of the universe and man. It leaves no room for idle speculation, but makes plain the fact of special creation as opposed to organic evolution and other human theories. From this truth of God as the Creator flows that of man's responsibility to seek to know Him.

HOW TO GET RATION COUPONS FOR THOSE TRANSIENT HIRED MEN

Since hired men usually have as healthy appetites as anyone else, it is important that farmers employing transient labour know how to get coupons for them. Here's the story, as briefly as we can put it:

Any farmer who employs extra help for less than two weeks may apply to his Local Ration Board for transient labour rations.

If applying by mail, the following information must be given:

Name and address and ration book number. Full details of work to be done. For example, harvesting rye by combine, 60 acres; cutting and threshing wheat, 160 acres; summer fallowing, 40 acres. Date on which work will commence and how long it will take. Number of men to be employed and total number of meals likely to be served (coupons will not be provided for less than 12 meals). The farmer must also state whether he produces his own butter, honey or maple syrup.

PRODUCER AND WHOLESALER CHERRY PRICES

Effective June 26, all varieties of domestic and imported cherries are to sell under a single price ceiling. The ceiling will be the same as that set for Canadian sweet cherries in 1944. In Ontario the ceiling on producer sales to wholesalers or shippers is \$1.30 for a six-quart basket.

The new order sets up a trucking zone in southwestern Ontario, extending east to Kingston and north to the Severn River. In this zone transportation costs will be the express rate from Grimsby, Ont., regardless of where the cherries are grown. Outside the trucking zone shippers' markup is set at 10 per cent of grower price and wholesalers' markup at 12 1/2 per cent of actual cost.

The sour cherry crop, due to weather conditions, was almost a failure and no separate price has been drawn up for it therefore.

CLAREMONT MEAT MARKET

TOMATOES 2 tins for 25 cents FRESH and CURED MEATS FRESH FISH EVERY THURSDAY Have our Truck call on you in Goodwood and district on Wednesdays. A. J. SUTHERLAND, Claremont. Phone 1806.



ONTARIO

Hours of Work and Vacation with Pay Act 1944

NOTICE

VACATION CREDIT - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Employment Period

JULY 1, 1944, TO JUNE 30, 1945

VACATION PAY STAMP BOOKS

Employees in the Construction Industry holding Vacation Pay Stamp Books containing Vacation Credit Stamps for the 1944-45 employment period may present their books on or after June 30, 1945, to any CANADIAN CHARTERED BANK or to any Provincial Savings Office and upon proper identification shall receive the cash equivalent of the stamps contained therein.

Employees should apply for new Vacation Pay Stamp Books, now available, for the employment period July 1st, 1945, to June 30th, 1946.

INDUSTRY AND LABOUR BOARD

Hon. Charles Daley Minister of Labour Ontario

BUSY SESSION AHEAD

It is apparent in Ottawa that the newly elected representatives of the people may be called together for a session as soon as preparations have been completed for such a gathering since the dissolution of the 19th Parliament on April 17 had occurred at a time when several important matters were pending, including the budget itself in addition to other items. Hints of changes in the taxation schedule, especially the relief of income tax payments in the lower brackets, were given lately and action is now expected to bring such changes into existence. Then again, there are a multitude of other matters of legislation which should be given an airing in the House of Commons. Finally it would not be surprising if the new session would be more exciting than any of recent years for the simple reason that the opposition forces in the new Parliament will be greatly increased numerically and otherwise, with the Official Opposition being led by the Hon. John Bracken who has much ammunition to use against the Government and backed by forces consisting of no less than sixty odd followers. Moreover, the C.C.F. have increased their supporters in the House of Commons and an unusually large group of independents will be present. In other words the new session will be highly inflammable and no rubber stamp gathering, with open predictions in some quarters on Parliament Hill that it will last likely well over 65 days if the members are to get their full \$4,000 sessional indemnity.

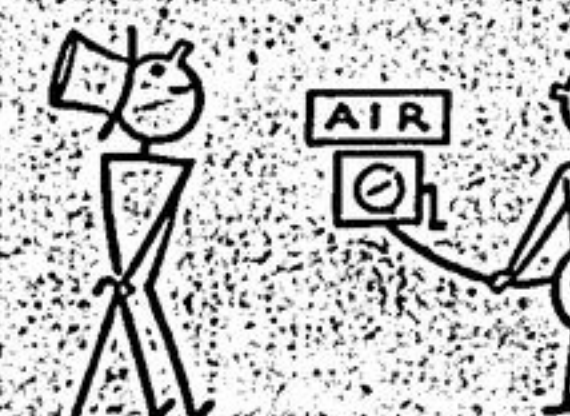
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THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

