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Notes and Comments

Labor's Struggle for Power

The present epidemic of labor strikes in the United States is being attributed to communistic agitation...

The question arises whether the labor union leaders, and the workers whom they lead, really want to gain supreme power...

That may be the best system for the Russian people who for centuries lived in serfdom under the Czars...

One could not imagine the working people of the United States submitting to such a slavish system...

Say Farmers Dodge Tax

The vigilant eye of the Federal Income Tax branch is being turned on the farmers of Canada...

Special assessors have been put into some of the western provinces to check up on farmers' income...

In 1941 Quebec farmers, with 115,000 occupied farms with a net income of \$118,000,000 only paid \$5,205 income tax.

British Columbia farmers, less numerous, paid \$43,876 in 1942.

The total income tax for all farmers in Canada in 1942-43 was \$440,212 and amazingly enough the farmers of Saskatchewan paid nearly half of it...

The income taxes assessed against farmers by other

provinces were: P.E.I., \$1539; Nova Scotia, \$5690; New Brunswick, \$549; Ontario, \$79,803; Manitoba, \$34,661; Alberta, \$63,113.

One reason the Saskatchewan farmers paid more heavily than others was their income was derived from wheat and the income tax assessors could make the round of the elevators and see what the farmers got.

It has been general talk in Ottawa for some time that the farm population was not taxed to the same extent as the white collar workers...

Everybody is agreed that the income tax starts at too low a bracket, \$660 for single and \$1200 for married people.

Any Old Time Won't Do

Recently this column referred to the inevitable muddling that will occur this summer and every summer because the Dominion government when disbanding daylight saving law...

If half the towns and villages in York County adopt daylight and others remain on standard time, we will witness a return to the muddle of the time situation as it was just before the war...

It would seem that the popular move would have been to adopt daylight time for the summer, with a return to standard time for the winter and fall season...

Canadian Songsters Return

Among the most conspicuous signs of spring in the realm of nature are the early birds, which begin to cross the southern border of Ontario by March.

The horned larks come first, in February, followed in March, by crows, robins, song sparrows, bluebirds, kill-deer, redwings, grackles, meadowlarks...

Naturalists at the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology report that about one day is required for them to reach Hamilton from London, 9 days to cover the distance from London to Toronto...

An additional influx during April brings the birds which have wintered in central America and northern South America, and the migration reaches its peak in May...

The 16 birds which reappear in March augment our permanent residents and winter visitors, and lend colour and music to a landscape that has been particularly quiet throughout the long months of winter.

Uncle Hy Says

March is the month we'd much prefer, when first the frost king grips the land, and streams freeze up and cold winds blow...

March is the month we dream about, when sitting by the roaring fire, outside the glass is very low, we wonder when it will be higher...

March is the month we welcome most, because it opens wide the door, and winter's snow is going fast, and days are lengthening more and more...

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for March 10

Golden Text.—The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear.

—Heb. 13:6

The Lesson as a Whole

The Book of Judges takes its name from the fact that it is given mainly to depicting the events that transpired during a period of some three hundred years when Israel was ruled by divinely raised up judges...

The various judges did not necessarily follow each other in direct succession. Some arose in the northern part of the land and others in the south.

Judges 2:7.—"The people served the Lord.....all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua."

Verse 8.—"Joshua.....the servant of the Lord, died." The departure of this venerable leader was a crushing blow...

Verse 9.—"They buried him in Timnath-heres." In a plot of ground that formed part of the inheritance in Mount Ephraim...

Verse 10.—"There arose another generation.....which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

Verse 11, 12.—"The children of Israel did evil.....and served Baalim." Declension soon began—first in morals and then in substituting Baal and other idols for Jehovah.

Verse 13.—"They.....served Baal and Ashtaroth." These were the sun-god and the moon-goddess, whose rites were vile and immoral in the extreme.

Verse 14.—"The anger of the Lord was hot against Israel." He

who had revealed Himself in the Law as a jealous God (Exod. 20:5) was stirred to indignation by their defection and gave them over into the hands of the very people whose false gods they had adopted.

Verse 15.—"The hand of the Lord was against them for evil." God could not condone the wickedness of His people.

Verse 16.—"Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges." When there was a measure of repentance God came in, in grace, and raised up leaders to deliver Israel from their sorry plight.

Verse 17.—"Yet they would not hearken unto their judges." Their goodness was as the morning cloud, and soon passed away (Hos. 6:4).

Verse 18.—"When the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge.....for it repented the Lord because of their groanings." The judges were far from perfect in themselves...

Verse 19.—"I will not henceforth drive out any from before them." Jehovah declared He would no longer be with them to defeat their enemies.

Verse 20.—"The anger of the Lord was hot against Israel." The holiness of God caused His heart to burn with indignation toward these whom He had redeemed from Egypt and brought into Canaan.

Verse 21.—"Neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua." It was for this very reason He had left a remnant of various tribes or nations unsubdued even in Joshua's day...

enemies to contest their right to the land, Israel might become utterly independent of God.

Disobedience to the Word of God always results in misery and bondage. God will not be trifled with.

He rightfully demands wholehearted obedience and unqualified submission to His will. Happy for us if we recognize this as our first responsibility...

The big daily papers have much the same trouble, and they too, stop the press and make corrections if they are at all serious.

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Not to suggest for a moment that an editor is infallible or knows every word in the dictionary, although associating with them as often as he does he should be credited with knowing a few at least...

When so much writing is required to fill an edition week after week the editor's calligraphy has frequently assumed a style which would compare unfavorably with standards set out in the manual depicting the art of fine penmanship.

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word in the editor's unportentous scrawl is often misinterpreted by a rushed linotype operator and one of those errors overlooked by a proof-reader, or in more than a dozen other ways, inadvertently appears in the next addition.

Then again errors occur when the linotype is not working properly. For instance, the operator in setting the copy works a key board much like a typewriter.

It is one of those things that is hard to understand, the way a reader can pass over a mistake, and to see it later it is appalling, and one wonders how they could have passed over it the first time without noticing it.

With new chemical discoveries and labor and materials becoming increasingly available, a "really effective job" should be possible, he said.

He said department experts have estimated weeds cost Ontario farmers more than \$20,000,000 annually—about \$2.50 for every acre of tillable land under cultivation.

Col. Kennedy urged farmers to take "proper care" that the fertility of their soil and its supply of minerals and chemicals is ensured.

"The characteristics of the soil are of first importance in putting into our milk and eggs, our beef and pork, our cheese and butter, the minerals and chemicals that are vital to the human body," he said.

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McTaggart Bros., Lloydtown and Kleinburg, paid \$385 for a rickety-bred seven-months-old bull calf, Hays' Rag Apple Colanhus, at the dispersal sale of the Glenways purebred Holstein herd of C. W. Strangways held February 19th at Brampton.

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