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(April 23)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott and daughters Donna and Lynda of Port Credit spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kingdon and attend the funeral of Mr. Scott's brother Reginald at Mt. Alber. Reginald Scott died suddenly at his home in North Bay.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and children of Thistleton were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kingdon.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Allin of Aurora had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver on Saturday night.
Mr. H. A. Switzer with Mr. S. C. King of Toronto was holidaying in Haliburton this week.

NEWMARKET RAISES WATER SERVICE RATE

At a meeting of the Newmarket town council on Monday night, a motion was passed authorizing an increase on installation charges from \$10 to \$20 where half-inch pipe was used. In addition, there will be extra charge for any amount of pipe necessary over the standard 33 feet.
An additional suggestion was made that public institutions be charged for the water that they used. "There is no reason why the public schools should not pay 50 cents a year for every pupil, the same as the high school does, and the situation is similar in the case of other institutions. Poor business methods have been used in the past, and these have to be overcome," Councillor H. J. Luck, chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 4
Golden Text.—A man's pride shall bring him low; but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.
—Prov. 29:23

The Lesson as a Whole
The rebellion and separation of the northern tribes from the house of David was due in large measure to the folly of the son of King Solomon, Rehoboam. We generally think of this king as a very young man, but he was already forty-one years of age when he began his reign, and was fifty-eight at his death. So he was a child of a year old when Solomon came to the throne. His mother was an Ammonitess named Naamah (1 Kings 14:21; 2 Chron. 12:13). The true cause of his failure in the kingly office is given us in 2 Chronicles 12:14: "He prepared not his heart to seek the Lord." On the contrary, he early fell under the evil influences of a loose and careless group of young men, court gallants who lived for pleasure and were characterized by pride and superciliousness, and had no true understanding of the responsibilities of a ruler to his people, nor any sympathy with the problems of the masses, who were suffering because of the abuses permitted by Solomon in his old age. Rehoboam's life is a sad illustration of the Scripture which tells us that "evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:33).

Verse by Verse
1 Kings 12:1.—"All Israel were come to Shechem to make him king." The fact that Rehoboam went to Shechem, rather than Jerusalem for his coronation indicated that something was necessary to appease the tribes in the north.
Verse 2.—"When Jeroboam..... heard of it," Jeroboam was still in Egypt though in close touch with the revolutionary party in Israel, who lost no time in letting him know of the approaching coronation. He immediately hastened to Shechem to take his place as leader of the opposition to Rehoboam.

Verse 3.—"Jeroboam..... spake unto Rehoboam." The latter was apparently quite unaware of the fact that the sturdy spokesman for the ten tribes was a man to fear. Jeroboam faced him defiantly as the defender of the liberties of the common people to whom, indeed, he belonged by the accident of birth.

Verse 4.—"Make.....his heavy yoke.....lighter." Evidently the many public works fostered by King Solomon, had required huge sums of money which had been raised by excessive taxation—something that is always the cause of great discontent on the part of the masses of working people. They demanded redress in the nature of the repealing of obnoxious laws and a lowering of taxes as the price of loyalty to the new king.

Verse 12.—"Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day." In the meantime, Rehoboam had first counseled with the aged men who had been his father's advisers, who urged him to lenient consideration of the people's demands, and then with the younger group with whom he had consorted for years. These last pressed him to defy the malcontents and act the part of a dictator who would rule as he pleased. With his mind made up to follow their ill-timed suggestions, Rehoboam again faced the people and their champion, Jeroboam.

Verse 13.—"The king answered the people roughly." Meeting their demands with bluster and arrogance, Rehoboam defied them and spurned the counsel of the men whose wise advice, if acted upon, might have saved the situation.

Verse 14.—"I will add to your yoke." Like a typical Oriental tyrant, the king declared his rule would be more rigorous than his father's and that taxes would be increased rather than diminished.

Verse 15.—"The cause was from the Lord." It was in accordance with the word given through Elijah the prophet, that God permitted Rehoboam to be so blinded to the best interests, both of himself and the kingdom, in order that the judgment declared might be carried out.

Verse 19.—"So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day." The breach has never been healed. The Lord, however, has promised that in the kingdom age Israel and Judah shall be reunited (Hos. 1:11).

Verse 20.—"Jeroboam..... king over all Israel." The adversary to Solomon was thus made ruler over all the other tribes in accordance with the word of the Lord.

The Heart of the Lesson
One of Solomon's own proverbs, if taken to heart by his son, might have saved the entire situation:—"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1). Another proverb might have given added guidance:—"Only by pride cometh contention; but with the well advised is wisdom" (Prov. 13:10). Rehoboam lost the greater part of kingdom because of refusing the good advice of the elders and following the foolish counsel of the young men. Puffed up with pride, he met the reason-

BEFORE CHOCOLATE REACHES SHELVES

Most people like chocolate any way it is prepared. This glamorous product combines with other ingredients to make delicious cakes, cookies, puddings and candies. But do you know anything about what happens to chocolate before it appears on the grocery shelves? Did you ever watch cocoa beans go through the complicated processes to become finally your favorite chocolate nut bar.

The pods which contain the cocoa beans resemble an acorn squash, but are known as fruit rather than vegetable.

Several steps lead to the preparation of the cocoa beans before they are shipped from the country where they are grown. First the beans or seeds are removed from the pods, fermented to remove the enveloping pulp, then sun dried.

When cocoa beans arrive at the factory of the chocolate manufacturer, they are first cleaned to remove dust, twigs, leaves and other foreign matter, then they are roasted to facilitate the removal of the outer shell, and bring out the flavor.

The roasted beans are then cracked between rollers, the broken pieces passing over sieves of different meshes which sift out the pieces of husks and the chaff. The inside portions of the beans are known as "nibs" and these are the bases of all chocolate products.

The "nibs" are pressed between revolving stones which reduce them to a paste, the process continuing until the paste is smooth. Then it is blended with sugar, cocoa butter, milk solids and flavoring according to various formulas to become chocolate bars or bits. This is the chocolate that you buy as a confection, or for many cookery uses.

-4th LINE UXBRIDGE

(April 23)
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norton.

Mrs. Harry Woodland spent the weekend with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hill, John and Lorna were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ashenurst recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson and family visited with Mrs. Agnes Wilson and Leslie of Greenwood.

Mrs. Rueben Maye and family spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baldwin.

Mrs. George Redshaw is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Justus Todd of Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey and Allan of Epsom were at the Andrew Ashenurst home on Saturday.

We extend our sympathy at this time to Mrs. Ross Watson in the death of her mother Mrs. Caruthers.

Mrs. Fred Baldwin visited with Mrs. Harold Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Feasby and family also Mrs. Russell Feasby called on friends in Mount Albert.

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able demands of the people with "grievous words," instead of conciliatory speech, which might have bound their hearts to him and saved from much strife and bitterness. It is a lesson that we are all very slow to learn. We so readily forget that "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (Jas. 1:20). Many family, business, church, and national troubles might be avoided were this lesson taken to heart.

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