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## Notes and Comments

### Almost Unbelievable

All christian people must have been disheartened to read last week where members of the Baptist faith living in northern Quebec had been lodged in jail, and placed on trial, charged with an infraction of local bylaw imposed by a community where the Baptist folk have a church, and carry on their work. One may well exclaim "can this be Canada."

These people were guilty of holding a street meeting without permission, which of course, would never be given them. Ottawa stands idly by, and permits communities steeped in bigotry to enact such a bylaw. Probably, and more likely, it is an authority from the Province of Quebec, that the northern town gets its authority. In any case, no provincial government should be permitted the authority to stem the Christian religion, or any other religion that does not preach the overthrow of our system of government.

These people "going out into the highways and byways preaching" in a group on street corners, just as the Salvation Army is doing all over the world, yet they are shouldered off to prison, and a nation stands idly by with no outcry. Who would ever have believed that such a condition could come to pass in this fair Canada of ours?

### Ontario Farms

The trend in the number of farms in Ontario has followed the trend in rural population. Up until 1911 the number of farms in this province continued to increase, but since that time they have shown a decrease at each census. There were 178,204 farms in 1941 as against 192,174 in 1931, a decrease of 7.3 per cent. In 1911 there were 212,108 farms.

The number of acres in Ontario farms increased to a peak in 1931 when there were 22,823,418. By 1941 the number had fallen to 22,364,316, a decrease of two per cent. The last 30 years have seen the development of larger farms in Ontario. Small holdings under 50 acres declined sharply; farms having 50-99 acres decreased by 19.2 per cent from 1911 to 1941; farms having 100-199 acres decreased by 3.5 per cent from 1921 to 1941; but farms having 200 acres or over increased by 37.2 per cent from 1911 to 1941.

Southern Ontario has the largest number of small holdings as one might expect from a region of specialized farming—fruits, market gardening, dairying, etc. Eastern Ontario has the largest number of farms having 200 or more acres.

### Extra Juryman Plan

(Cornwall Standard-Freeholder)

A number of recent cases in which the illness of a juror has forced the rehearing of evidence in a trial, has led to a suggestion that an extra-juror always be appointed to take care of such cases. The most recent example is in the case of Dr. Raymond Boyer, tried in Montreal for alleged espionage activities. The illness of a juror forced abandonment of the first trial. In the second one, a juror was taken ill but recovered after some delay. Part of the evidence in the third trial was heard in cramped quarters in an improvised bedroom in the house, as a juror in the third trial came down with influenza.

If 13 jurymen were chosen instead of the customary 12, there would always be an alternate available for cases like this. He would sit throughout the entire trial, of course, and hear all the evidence.—But he wouldn't be required to enter into the jury deliberations unless an emergency forced him to take a place.

The cost to the state of the extra jurymen would be comparatively small, and very probably it would be more than offset by the enormous expense involved in postponing or re-hearing a case halted by a juror's illness. It would be much fairer to the accused person as well. Whether Dr. Boyer is innocent or guilty, he shouldn't be forced to go through the enormous ordeal of three trials to settle the point. The same is true in every other action heard before a jury. Then, too, the court is reluctant to release a juror in a case like this.

There's always a reluctance to introduce changes in the machinery of our legal system, and as a general rule it's not wise to tamper with it. But in this case, the change would be valuable. It would not only save costly retrials, but would help to maintain the true principles of British justice.

The Tribune would advance another idea. Instead of thirteen jurymen, why not change the law so that eleven out of the twelve would be effective, in the event of one juror taking ill? Then there would be no extra cost, and just as good decisions could be expected.

## CHRISTADELPHIANS

The Divine Plan of Partitioning Palestine—Ezekiel 48.

In recent weeks we have considered main features of God's Covenant to His people and concerning His land. We see the Abrahamic Covenant an integral part of the Gospel, or Glad Tidings of the Kingdom, Gen. 17: 7, 8; 22:17; Gal. 3:8. We note Jesus and His disciples, during his 3 1/2 years preaching of the Gospel, did not dwell on his sacrificial mission other than to demonstrate that Jesus was the Christ. The theme of their teaching was the Gospel of the Kingdom. Note the various passages depicting their efforts. Mark 1: 14; Luke 4:18; 43; 8: 1; Matt. 4: 17; 10: 7, 8; Acts 8: 12; 14: 22; 20: 25; 28; 23; 31; 2 Pet. 1: 11.

Also note that the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are interchangeably employed,—see Matt. 13: 11 with Mark 4:11, Luke 9: 2—Matt. 11: 11 with Luke 7: 28 —Matt. 19: 14 with Mark 10: 14.

Christ's disciples really believed in the literal reign of Christ on the re-established throne of Israel. In anticipation of this the angels, when Christ ascended to Heaven, gave them the promise of his return. See Acts 1: 6, 7, 11.

Free literature on kindred subjects may be obtained from Robert Stapley, R.R-1 Stouffville, Ont.



With the House of Commons and Senate deserted temporarily until sessions are resumed towards the end of January as legislators enjoy their holidays, under normal conditions one would expect this capital to be quiet and signs of a lessened activity on Parliament Hill to be evident. However, no better indication of the abnormality of the times can be observed than by the feverish activities even at these times in governmental offices and conference rooms as well as the various hotels of the capital, with "big business" and "little business" representatives invading Ottawa to determine their position under the so-called "austerity" program. Many of them are in fighting mood and it would be no surprise if their reaction will be reflected when Parliament reconvenes on Jan. 26. Prior to the holiday adjournment, this fighting spirit was developing already and with many contentious items on the agenda for early discussion, the parliamentary program should make some headlines.

It is reported here that Canada's treasury had a surplus of \$572,916,120 for the first eight months of the current fiscal year or \$388,796,424 more than for the same period in the preceding year so that wide-spread speculations suggest that sizeable tax exemptions may be forthcoming in the next budget at the end of the fiscal year on March 31. Still, in face of this prediction, inquiries do not show that the man-in-the-street across Canada should depend too much on sizeable cuts, if any, because there are hints here and there in the capital insinuating that it is by no means a certainty. Indeed, if any tax cuts are made, they may be on a much smaller scale than generally anticipated by the man-in-the-street, states gossip along Parliament Hill, though so far the surplus has been rather impressive and the demands for tax reductions insistent.

It is learned that the annual meeting in Ottawa of the National Advisory Council of the National Liberal Federation will take place here Jan. 19 and 20, with unusual interest being displayed in this gathering because of the flood of rumors which have been circulating about the possible retirement of Premier King before long, a possible "snap election" in 1948, and others, all clearly rumors without any official confirmation or basis. Veteran observers, nevertheless, seem to attach more than ordinary importance to this gathering and hope that some light may be thrown either to flatly deny these rumors or produce evidence of what may be in the cards about the party's plans.

Though Canada and Britain have reached a compromise agreement on food shipments yet whispers backstage in the capital continue to hint that both sides did not get what they wanted, with observers noting in particular that the long deadlock before the compromise was revealed suggested that all was not well on the principle of long-range food undertakings. It was obvious that Canada did not get as high a price scale as this country would like for certain foodstuffs and that Canada may be losing badly needed U.S. currency by selling non-ferrous metals, lumber, etc., to the United Kingdom.

It appears in Ottawa that television is coming to this country much faster than the man-in-the-street seems to realize as more and more evidence of this is making it clear that considerable unpublicized progress is being made. It is known that the head of a big moving picture chain organization visited the United States recently to formulate plans to introduce television entertainment in Canadian theatres, with application said to have been made to the CBC for licenses. The Bell Telephone Co., of Canada's bill in the Senate to increase its capital to \$500,000,000 and to clarify its powers mentions television. Officials of the CBC are show unusual interest in television now-a-days.

"Canada wishes to continue to send to the United Kingdom all those supplies of foodstuffs and raw materials which are playing such a vital part in sustaining the United Kingdom's reconstruction program," said Premier King here.

"We may not see a world government in our time but we must work toward some such goal since the alternatives are slavery or a terrible destructive war," Dr. O. M. Solandt, Chairman, Defence Research Board, told an audience in this capital.

"No French-Canadian should be given a job because he is a French-Canadian; he should only get a job because he is qualified for it," emphasized Hon. Joseph Jean, Solicitor-General of Canada, speaking on equal rights for French-speaking people in the Civil Service on which he has been working for some time now.

Notice has been given on the House of Commons' order paper of a private bill to amend the Supreme Court of Canada Act whereby this court would become the last resort and bring the abolishment of appeals to the Privy Council in

## Editor's Mail

290 Deloraine Ave.,  
Toronto 12, Ont.,  
December 17, 1947.

Dear Sir,

The other day I received a copy of your local newspaper "The Stouffville Tribune." I could not think of who would send it but you, I might add that I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

I left the employment of the National Sanitarium Association last August. I am now an Underwriter with a General Insurance Company.

While with the San. I can truthfully say, that of all the surveys in which I took part, the one in your town was the most enjoyable. You and those who assisted us were most co-operative and certainly made us feel at home with your generous hospitality. The survey was a complete success except for the mechanical break down which prevented us from offering you the fullest service.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and those people I met while working in Stouffville Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Thanking you for sending me your paper, I am

Yours truly,

Charles R. Hollwey,  
formerly X-Ray Technician,  
Nat. San. Ass.

Dear Sir,

I note you are urging the consumer to conserve hydro. May I ask where is all that hydro Hepburn and Roebuck assured us we had to spare, and that we would never need back ten years ago. George Henry wasn't so wrong in those days it is now proven, and when we think of how Hepburn, aided by Roebuck, made light of our future needs, and tried to kill the development of additional hydro, it makes one mad.

Especially do I boil when I think that Roebuck has been given a soft seat in the Canadian Senate—Imagine a man who did nothing to deserve recognition for life, unless you consider his blinded politics, of voting Grit right or wrong, and no other way. Yes, it's Christmas and time for charity, but my God what rotten politics we have in this fair country of ours, when men can get a soft seat for life because he is a political heeler.

Disturbed



Prepared for Moscow Cold in Moscow with the British trade delegation, headed by Harold Wilson, president of the board of trade, is Mrs. Vera Card of London, who is all set for whatever comes along in a weather way with fur hat, stormproof coat and warm boots.

Britain.

With butter prices rising in various parts of Canada, the importation of butter from New Zealand is talked about along Parliament Hill, including the possibility of arranging a 10,000,000-pounds shipment.

Public funds are not being used to send a Canadian hockey team to the Olympic Games in Switzerland in face of rumors to the contrary.

Stories about Senate appointments are being heard frequently lately in this capital and some claim that at least two Ministers are desirous to move into the Upper Chamber in 1948, with one or two veteran MP's doing likewise, including Hon. C. G. Power, former Minister and 30-years a member of the House of Commons.

About 1,000 geologists from North America and foreign countries are attending a meeting in Ottawa marking the first time such a gathering of the Geological Society of America has gathered in this capital.

Domestic egg prices may drop sharply early in 1948 as the result of a cut of about eight cents a dozen in the level paid by the Government's Special Products Board, says a report here.

## FLOUR SAVED FIFTY YEARS

Brantford, Dec. 20—Back in the good old days, they made things to last.

Take the flour given Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Carter as a wedding present, as an example.

The flour was used to make their original wedding cake 50 years ago and this week, when the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, flour left over from that original wedding cake was used to make their golden wedding cake.

Judging from the check being given to applications for American dollars by Canadians seeking to go to U.S. for "health" reasons, the authorities in Ottawa, where such applications must be passed by officials or doctors of the Department of National Health and Welfare, are extremely cautious in considering such applications even when these are certified by physicians. Each case is adjudged on its merits by a panel of doctors and "real need" must be proven before the U.S. currency is made available in order to restrict such travel this winter and to save U.S. dollars.

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