

Red Tape Delays Mennonite Exodus

Difficulties in clearing official documents has caused a delay in the leave-taking of Manitoba Mennonites for Paraguay, their legal counsel, Bernard Dubiński, reported last week from Winnipeg.

Originally scheduled to entrain for the east from Winnipeg between June 1 and June 7, the 1,500 members of the party now have completed arrangements to sail from Quebec June 25 in the S.S. Volendam.

"Official requirements became so overwhelming we had to change our plans," Mr. Dubiński explained. "As things stand now they will arrive in Quebec June 24."

Delay in plans was caused when

the import-export branch at Ottawa "cut down on the amount of stuff" the Mennonites could take out of the country, Mr. Dubiński said.

Further delay was caused by a last-minute order from the Argentine government that every Mennonite would have to be inoculated and medically certified.

Mr. Dubiński said that an advance guard of 41 Mennonites from the province would leave there by bus for Miami, May 15, where they would take a plane to Asuncion, Paraguay, 200 to 300 miles east of the land on which they will settle.

2½ MILLION PICKEREL FRY BEING PLANTED

Lindsay, May 8—Wildlife Inspector, A.M. Hodgson, announces the 2½ million pickerel fry have arrived here and are being planted in the lakes of Victoria and Haliburton Counties.

Mr. Hodgson says part of the fry will go into waters in the Gooderham area and part into Victoria County lakes. He explains that the fry are planted either immediately after hatching or just as they are about to hatch.

This is part of the large fish restocking program being carried out in this region this season. It was announced earlier that plans were under way for increasing hatchery production at points serving this district.



Mrs. L. J. Barret, of Carmel, Cal., is shown above with her adopted daughter Michele, 2, told authorities, when she arrived in Washington, D.C., that the plane on which she was travelling was buzzed by Russian fighter planes over Germany. The plane, she said, was about a half hour out of Berlin en route to Frankfurt, when the incident occurred and the American pilot was forced to change his course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 16
Golden Text—And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?—Luke 6:46

The Lesson as a Whole

Personally, I much prefer the term "piety" or "godliness" to "religion," as this word, though a Scriptural one (Acts 26:5; Jas. 1:26, 27), has been so misunderstood that to many it means the same as salvation, whereas it actually refers to a system of life and doctrine.

Malachi, the last of the prophets until John the Baptist, stresses the importance of reality in connection with the things of God. A striking feature of this book is the eightfold controversy of Jehovah with His people concerning charges brought against them and their brazen attempts to defend their own lack of faithfulness in each particular. Notice chapters 1:2, 6, 7; 2:14, 17; and 3:7, 8, 13. Again and again the people are charged with grave departure in heart from the Lord, whom they outwardly professed to serve. And time and again, with boldest effrontery they dared to contradict God's testimony to their unhappy state, asking for proofs of their delinquencies and manifesting an utterly calloused conscience. It seems incredible that in so short a time after the revival Nehemiah and Ezra the remnant should have lapsed into such a condition; but has not the same thing occurred many times during the Christian centuries? It is so easy for second or third generation believers to forget God's dealings with their fathers, Malachi's words, therefore, should speak loudly to us today, particularly to those who have, to a certain extent, inherited a place among any group of Christians once distinguished by soundness in the faith and separation from the world. We are almost at the end of another dispensation, and we may well examine our ways in the light of God's Word to His people of old.

Verse by Verse

Mal. 1:1.—"The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi." Thus abruptly the book begins, with no information concerning the prophet himself. He is hidden, that the Lord might be seen and heard. Note that though the message is addressed to the remnant of Judah, God calls them Israel. Though the nation was scattered and divided, the Lord recognized one people still.

Verse 6.—"If I then be a father, where is mine honour?" Jehovah was a Father to Israel. They gloried in being recognized as His people. Yet they failed to give Him the reverence due to His name. When charged with despising that name, they impudently asked, "Wherein have we despised thy name?" They were so calloused in their conscience that God's Word did not move them.

Verse 7.—"Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?" They had lost all sense of what was suited for the altar of the Lord but again, when charged with their offense, they flippantly replied in a way that showed they were utterly indifferent to the wrong done to God. When people get into a low, blackslidden state, they do not respond to reproof or correction.

Verse 8.—"If ye offer the blind (and) lame unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee?" They brought to the altar of Jehovah decrepit and blemished beasts, such as they would not have presumed to offer to any earthly ruler; yet God is the supreme governor of the universe.

Verse 9.—"And now, I pray you, beseech God." The prophet speaks ironically. How could they expect God to hear their prayers when they were behaving so inconsistently?

Chap. 2:13.—"Covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying." They made a great pretense of penitence and of grief, as they prostrated themselves before the altar, but there was no reality. They were but adding to their offenses by their vain oblations.

Verse 14.—"The Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously." Where the fear of God is not in the heart, one soon learns to think lightly of the most sacred of all contracts; so that even the marriage vows are forgotten and looseness is manifested in every relationship of life. Is it not so today, wherever God's Word is despised? Broken homes abound with all their attendant evils, and the end will be increasing misery and wretchedness.

Chap. 3:7.—"Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord." This is always the way to lasting blessing. God is quick to respond to the penitent soul. But Israel saw no reason to return, so unconscious were they of their true condition before God.

Verse 8.—"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me... in tithes and offerings." The tenth of all their income belonged to God. But this they had forgotten. By using His tithes for themselves, they were guilty of robbing Him. Is not this also true of many today? Surely, if

"THE SHOW MUST GO ON"



"The Greatest Show on Earth" thrilled, tickled and amazed kids from six to sixty and over recently at the opening of its regular seasonal run in New York's Madison Square Garden. True to the traditions of her profession, Mrs. Lulu Adams, billed as the world's only woman clown, appeared in her usual role despite the tragic and sudden death of her husband, Albertino, famous veteran clown, on the eve of the

show's opening. Seemingly concerned only with the crowd's laughter, she presented a brave-hearted example of the traditional "The show must go on." Her husband, with whom she had toured the world as a clown team, died of a heart attack while making a radio broadcast. The picture shows Mrs. Adams in her dressing room after the show putting away her "props" while gazing sadly at a portrait of her late husband.

a Jew, under Law, was obligated to give the tenth to God, a Christian under grace, cannot do less and be guiltless.

Verse 9.—"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." The Law pronounced a curse on all who violated its precepts. No such curse is invoked under grace, but shall we, as Christians, forget our responsibilities to give as God has prospered us because we are not under Law, but under grace?

Verse 10.—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now... if I will not... pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." It was a challenge to test the Word of the Lord. He stood ready to bless if they were ready to acknowledge His authority over their lives and their possessions.

Verse 11.—"I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes." When God is duly honored He will see to it that His people do not lose by what they do for or give to Him. That which would blight and ruin He will deal with in a way to insure blessing.

Verse 12.—"All nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land." Unhappily, Malachi's message fell upon deaf ears, at least in the main, and so the day came when Israel lost their land and became wanderers among the nations, where, instead of being a blessing, they have been the means of grief and harm (Jer. 24:9). The Heart of the Lesson

Men are prone to think that God is pleased with empty religious forms and ceremonies, while the heart is far from Him. His controversy with Israel was on this very account. They pretended to great love and respect for His name and His holy Temple, but they were living in selfishness and indifference to His revealed will. Therefore, He could not do for them that which His loving heart desired. Yet He called upon them to repent and to get right with Him, promising to undertake for them if they but sought His face in sincerity. Let us

see that the lesson is not lost upon us, but that we ever sanctify the Lord God in our hearts and honor Him in our lives.

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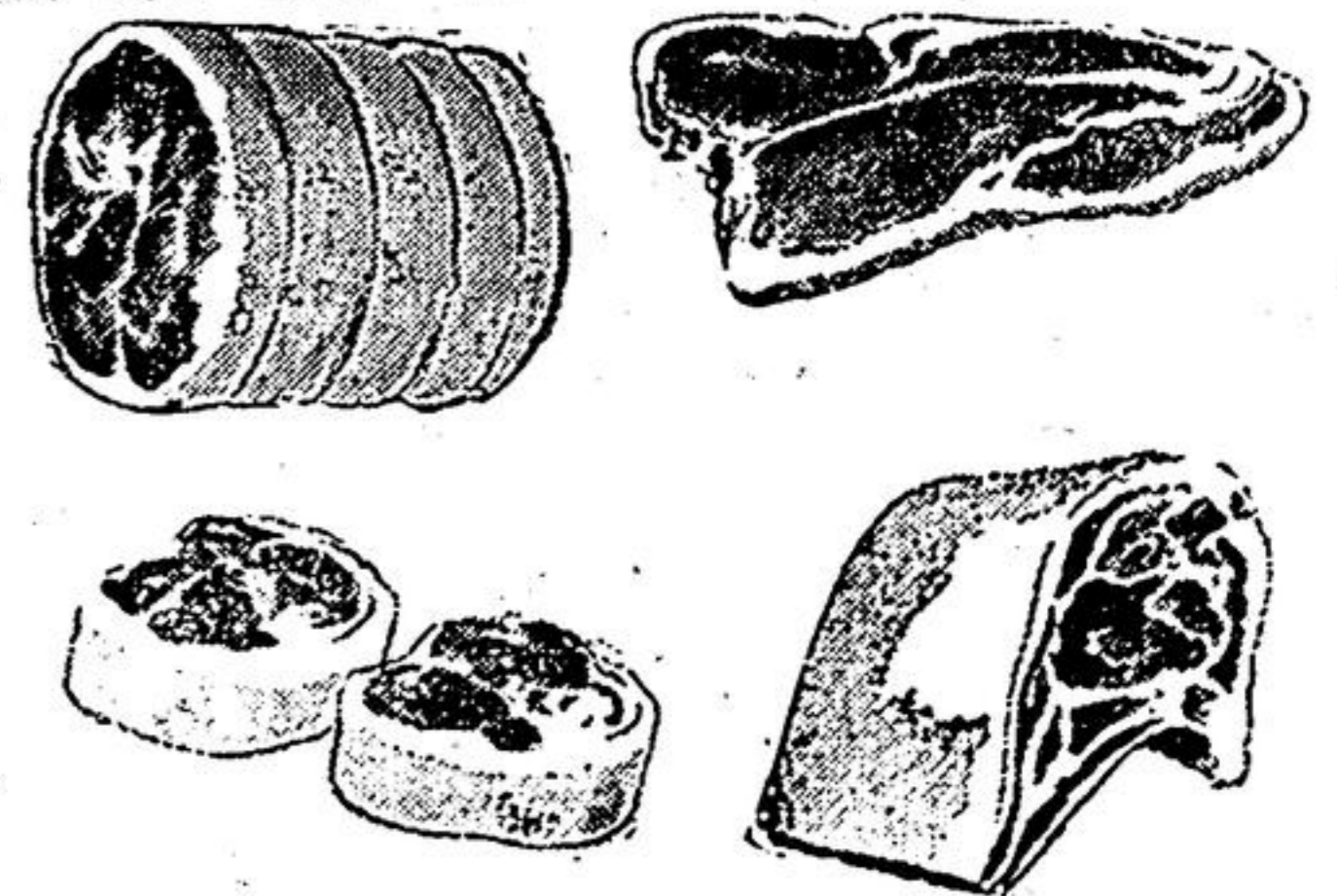
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