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NOTES and COMMENTS

Send Hordes Back to Work

Farmers and townspeople alike are still smarting under the recent Abbott budget, since it is generally felt for certain that taxes are being imposed on small incomes for another year in order to be able to make a big showing in 1949 when there is every likelihood of a Dominion electon at which time relief will be promised. A reasonable reduction in income tax this year would have sent hordes of government salaried individuals back to some productive work, instead of being kept at a job on tax forms that is exasperating to the whole of Canada.

Hair Cuts and Butter

The price of a hair cut in Alaska is \$2, and at first thought the high price almost makes you hold your breath, and perhaps a man might feel sorry that he was not born, bald-headed. However, the price of a pound of butter in that northern territory is also \$2, so that the barber there could exchange a hair cut for a pound of butter on even terms. Here in Stouffville we may think that hair cuts at 50c are a bit high, but the barber couldn't take his 50c to the store and exchange it for a pound of butter by any means for it would fall short by more than twenty cents. Figure out who is the best off the barber in the far north at \$2 per cut or the tonsorial artist down here in Ontario

Back to the Land

A serious back-to-the-land movement is something to be expected within the next few years. If it comes, it will not be an organized movement. It will be the result of some independent thinking by many different persons, rich, poor and mediumly well-to-do, who for different reasons will decide that for the one life they have to live, the small town or the farm offers a better return in satisfaction than the city can possibly give.

This is not to prophesy that the cities will become depopulated overnight. Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and the rest will still attract from the countryside the same types of girls and boys that have flocked there in the past. They will come because some careers require a city atmosphere for both training and practice; because there are more opportunities for making a fortune: because there is a greater variety of choice in the matrimonial field; and generally, because life in a city is more exciting and therefore more appealing to adventurous youth.

Those who return or emigrate to the countryside from the city will be those who have sampled the metropolitan delights that appeal to them and have calmly decided that they are not worth the trouble they involve. The noise, traffic, smoke and crowds, they will decide, are things to be avoided, and when it comes to theatres and any city convenience you may name, it can be had outside the city and for less cost.

Sunday Observance

The question of Sunday observance has been in the news recently following Princess Elizabeth's visit to Paris. Many people in this country felt that criticism directed at the Princess by the Scottish Association of the Lord's Day Alliance Observance Society was rather extreme.

However, in view of this incident it is perhaps of interest to study a little of the Scottish background on the subject of the Sabbath as given by Rev. A. Ian Burnett in an article published in St. Andrew's Church Magazine, Ottawa.

"My Highland grandmother refused to set a fire on Sunday," the minister recalls. "It had to be set on Saturday night or you went cold until Monday morning. Blacking one's boots was a sin on this day, while to whistle, even a Psalm tune, was to tempt the devil. Yet there was no kinder, humbler, gentler soul in all the world. Sunday was precious to her, and with a host of other faithfuls she fought hard to keep it holy.*

'But she lost out. The railway train and the steamboat, the motor car and now the airplane have put Sunday madly on wheels. Just over a hundred years ago the Presbytery of the Church of Scotland in the city of Glasgow called a special meeting to consider a resolution of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, the second railway to be opened in Great Britain, to run trains on 'the morning and evening of the Lord's Day.' What strength and vigor was shown in the counter-resolution passed by the presbytery! Let me quote in part from it, for these fathers and brethren showed a spirit which we would do well to emulate.

" 'The presbytery regard the carrying into effect of this resolution as a flagrant violation of the Law of God, as expressed in the Fourth Commandment, a grievous outrage upon the religious feelings of the people of Scotland, a powerful temptation to the careless and indifferent to abandon the public ordinances of Grace, and most disastrous to the quiet of the rural parishes along the lines of the railway, by the introduction into them, every Sabbath, of many of the profligate and dissipated who inhabit the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.'

"Furthermore, the fathers and brethren resolved

publicly and privately to warn their flock against traveiling on the Lord's Day and to exhort them to discontenance the company so far as may be in their power, while a resolution so sinful in itself and so disastrous in its consequences is suffered to remain in their minutes.

"That was the spirit one one hundred years ago. But in the long run the railways won out, and the motor-car hurried on the defeat, raising the death toll on Sundays above that of any other day of the week. By putting Sunday on wheels we have literally and metaphorically put life beneath the wheels. The wheels have become more valuable than the lives.

"There in a nutshell is the situation which we face today. The desecration of the Sabbath has meant the degradation and destruction of man for whom the Sabbath was made. And that situation had better be stopped before we are all destroyed by it."

VETERAN IS DROWNED



Virgil Seers, of Point Anne, Ont., was one of two veterans drowned when their flatbottomed fishing boat overturned off Point Anne in the Bay of Quinte. The boat and oars were found the morning after the tragedy. The other victim was Rodwell Parsons, 21. Both men left English war wives.

U.C. MINISTERS RETIRING IN LINDSAY AREA

Four ministerial retirements in the Lindsay Presbytery were announced at the annual Bay of last week.

Those on the retirement list include: Rev. C. W. Hollingsworth, Rev. T. Wallace, Rev. J. R. Bick and Rev. Newton Bowles. All with church.

Visit from Beaverton's Reeve

Reeve Bert Hawtin of Beaverton was in town last Thursday and tells you when your subscription excalled on the local incumbent of pires. the same office. Mr. Hawtin bought cattle in the Stouffville district ten and fifteen years ago, in an extensive way, and held many auction sales of cattle here. He held the confidence of a large cliental.

MARITIME MINISTER TO COME EAST



Rev. A. E. MacKenzie of Saint John, N.B., has accepted a call to the pulpit of a Toronto, Ont., church. Mr. Mac-Kenzie is president of the United Church Ministerial Association in Saint John and convener of the committee on evangelism and social service for the Maritime conference.

Markham Man Caught Stripping Clothes Lines

"I don't believe a word you tell me," said Magistrate O. M. Martin to George Bedard, 43, Markham, who pleaded not guilty to selling more than fifty articles, worth \$1,000, The the past four months.

The magistrate remanded him to June 8, for judgment.

For having liquor in an illegal month.

employes there.

Stewart and Clement Gerveis, said the holiday feast. they bought two radios and an alarm clock for \$22.

who said his car had been stripped of all its tires and accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Risebrough, of Milliken, turned Bedard over to estimate the number of chickens, to prey upon." police after they caught him stealing clothes off their line.

BABY FOXES OF DUNDALK NUMBER THIRTEEN IN LOT

The Dundalk Herald has an interesting story to relate about the way foxes produce up in that part of Grey County, as seen by a farmer and his son. Says the

"Keith Gallagher had an out-ofthe-ordinary incident to relate to Quinte Conference in Smith's Falls his little pals when he returned to school after the May 24th holiday. Rambling about the field where his daddy was at work, Keith discovered thirteen baby foxes at play. (Sounds like an unlucky number exception of one have over 40 years for poultry-owners). These puppies service behind them with the are described as "the cutest things" -about the size of an ordinary cat. Two mother foxes were also sighted by Keith and his daddy, and they hurried their little ones into

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human beings were nearby.

place Bedard was fined \$10. or one ious, Bruce Wilson, strolling about bring the young to maturity. (Bewith his cousins from Collingwood, sides the dens mentioned above, Evidence was Bedard stole observed six young foxes on a farm at least three more are known to articles from the Wyngate Farm, near the Wilson home. While they be located in the immediatae neigh-Todmorden, where he had once quietly watched on the mother borhood.) However cute the worked, and resold them to fox appeared with Mrs. Somebody's puppies may be now, one is led to fine white hen, and carried it into question the wisdom of a law Two youthful farmhands, R. J. the den, doubtless intending it for which gives them protection, and

the dens when they sensed that ducks and geese that will be required to provide the necessary Oddly enough, just the day prev- breakfast, luncheons and dinners to one is inclined to agree with those During the past several seasons who feel that a bounty should be the price of red fox pelts has not given in Grey for the destruction, Hardest hit victim was Walter been high enough to justify a since red fox is so lacking in popu-Elliott, Agincourt, garage owner, farmer in taking time off to hunt larity at present that the pelts are them. The consequent increase in almost worthless, while most numbers is causing poultry-raisers farmers' wives are not sufficiently no little concern, as they seek to big-hearted to raise hens for foxes



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