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PROHIBITION IS ALIVE

BUT ITS ADVOCATES CANNOT ALWAYS AGREE ON A POLICY

THE QUESTION IS NOT DEAD-WHERE THE BLAME LIES FOR RECENT FAILURE - COUNTING NOSES - A DISCORDANT MEETING AT OTTAWA - THE VICTORIA COUNTY UTTERANCE

Anybody who thinks prohibition is a dead issue is very likely a badly mistaken man - almost as much mistaken as his neighbor who supposes that it will in the near future be on our statute books. The fact seems to be that people who believe in suppressing the liquor traffic have surprised and shocked themselves. Most of them seem to have been interested, enthusiastic, and in many instances eloquent spectators of a certain novel performance that took place on the 29th of September last, but failed on that occasion to take any other part than that of spectators, with the result that Mr. Premier Laurier, after he had counted up the ballots and done a little sum in per centum was able to graciously inform them that they were not quite 23 in a 100 of the Canadian electors. One is led to the view that most of the prohibitionists did not vote, from a glimpse at the figures when the Ontario plebiscite resulted in a clear majority of 80,000. The September vote was the nearest the temperance people ever got to a prohibitive measure; for nothing is plainer than that if the Dominion plebiscite had been taken advantage of as the Ontario one was, and Mr. Laurier's figuring had resulted in say 65 instead of 23 it would have been a mandate no government would be ridiculous enough to ignore. Nobody thinks that an established order of affairs in the state should be overturned at the bidding of 23 per cent. of the people any more than anybody thinks the old order could remain if 65 per cent. asked for a change. If wisdom has a hearing in the councils of the prohibitionists they will be advised to look to themselves and not to the government at the present juncture. They have at last got politicians to counting noses, and it now remains for them to present the nose in sufficient numbers. How can you turn 23 in 63? That is the problem before temperance people to-day and the sooner they address themselves to its solution the sooner will their views prevail in the laws of this country. In the meantime they appear to think it necessary to wax dramatic over the government's reply. That may distract attention from their own betrayal of the cause at the polls but will scarcely effect any serious alteration in 23 per cent.

THEY FAIL TO AGREE

The Dominion Alliance has been active since Mr. Laurier's answer and there has been no lack of proclamations and resolutions from that body. The many local branches have followed suit. To an ordinary listener they are like certain persons of whom it was once said "some cried one thing and some another" and probably not since the famous tower project has a great body had its speech so confounded. It is the old unfaithfulness bearing the old fruit. The greatest crime against prohibition was committed by prohibitionists on September 29th. Confusion is the penalty.

All has not been harmony in the Alliance meetings but the most important disagreement, yet reported, is that which occurred in which is known as the Legislative Council of the Dominion

Alliance. This body is composed of members of the senate and parliament. It looks after the Alliance interests in the House. On Wednesday the sub-committee, appointed to decide whether a prohibitory measure should be introduced this session, held a meeting. Of its doings the Mail and Empire of Thursday says:

Those present were Senator Vidal, Messrs. McMullen, Christie, Moore, Flint, McClure, and Ganong, M.P.'s. Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Ganong, that the government be requested to introduce a Dominion prohibitory measure at the present session so as to give effect to the expressed will of the people. As the people had spoken in the affirmative, it now rested with the government to give prohibition.

Mr. Flint moved, seconded by Mr. McClure, in amendment, that it was desirable to amend the Scott Act so as to extend its powers in such wise as to allow the provinces to vote for its being put into operation, instead of the power being confined to municipalities and counties, as at present.

Mr. Moore strongly opposed this proposition. Quebec was as temperate as any other province, he said, and why should Quebec be practically shut out for all time from having prohibition in order to relieve the Government from a dilemma?

Mr. Flint contended that Quebec by its vote on the plebiscite had shown that prohibition could not be enforced.

Mr. Moore replied that Mr. Flint was assuming that the vote as announced in Quebec was a honest one. He and other members of the alliance held that it was not, and they had proof that it was not.

Mr. Flint maintained that any public man with knowledge of this kind was recreant to his trust in not making it public.

Mr. Moore - You hold that if a public man has such knowledge and does not take action he is not doing his duty?

Mr. Flint - Certainly. Mr. Moore - Then ask Mr. Fisher why he does not take action, for he had the proof supplied him months ago, and has done nothing.

The discussion lasted for two hours, Messrs. McClure, Flint and McMullen holding for the amendment, while the chairman and Messrs. Ganong and Moore insisted that the prohibitionists should take nothing less than a prohibitory law.

It was decided that the two views should be embodied in two separate reports.

VICTORIA COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On Saturday, the 25th of March, the executive of this county met in the Y.M.C.A. rooms and discussed the situation. Delegates from all parts of the county were present. A strong resolution, introduced by Dr. Herriman, taking the ground that temperance people should vote for only prohibitionist candidates for the Commons, was voted down and the following resolution adopted in its place:

"Whereas, a plebiscite on the question of prohibition was ordered by the Dominion government, and voted upon by the electorate of the Dominion on the 29th of September last; and

Whereas, the vote polled by those who chose to use their franchise on that occasion, resulted in a majority in favor of prohibition; and

Whereas, a deputation from the Dominion Alliance waited upon the government, urging the passing of a law in harmony with the vote polled; and

Whereas, there has recently been given to F. S. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the answer of the government, they declining to accede to the request of said Alliance;

Be it therefore resolved, that this County of Victoria, through its prohibition executive, working in harmony with the Dominion Alliance, regret sincerely that the government has seen fit to declare itself adversely to the wishes of the electorate, as expressed in the vote of September last. We therefore request the concurrence of the prohibition electorate of the county to assist the Dominion Alliance in every legitimate way in causing parliament to understand that we expect them to carry out the will of the people. The time has come when we must strenuously safeguard the interests of religion, home and country against the power of the liquor traffic.

In conclusion, we deem it necessary to keep prohibition an active principle in practical politics, "eternal vigilance" being the price we must pay that our convictions may be respected."

This is indeed a gentle utterance and has the further merit of indicating that the members of the Victoria executive are not excited. It also tends to the impression that they are not exactly sure "where they are at" and have good judgment to simply affirm a principle in general terms and await developments - and perchance an opportunity. If the latter ever comes it will perhaps be made better use of than was the last.

Mrs. F. K. Groves, who died recently at La Crosse, Wis., was a great-granddaughter of the historic Commodore Hull and moreover claimed to be a direct descendant of William the Silent.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the senator, is a lover of fine horses and an admirable whip. She may be frequently seen driving about the capital a four-in-hand with the grace and ease that befit an expert.

Mrs. Margaret C. Shipp Roberts, the latest addition to the home of Congressman Ellet Roberts, will not talk of her husband. She is 45 years old and practices medicine. Her name was changed from Shipp to Roberts in 1895.

Miss Beatrice Cutler, a trained physician, has been appointed inspector of the women pilgrims at El Toh, Egypt, by the Egyptian quarantine board. Her duties are to inspect the women coming back from Mecca for this year on account of plague. They are kept in camp in quarantine for 12 days before being allowed to return to their respective countries.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS.

-Barrie is agitating for a Board of Trade.

-Gravenhurst town council has decided to advertise the advantages of that town as a centre for manufacturers.

-Bridgewater is to have a court house built there by the Ontario government as the central point of the Muskoka district.

-Mr. N. W. E. King, proprietor of the Barrie Gazette, was married a couple of weeks ago to Miss Susie Haygarth, of Port Huron, Mich.

-Last year the ice was off Lake Simcoe by the 28th March, whereas this year it will not likely be gone till well on in May.

-Stanley Bradd, aged 16 years, son of Dr. Bradd, formerly of Omemece, died at Peterboro on Thursday morning last, from an attack of meningitis.

-Messrs. Geo. Wilson of Port Hope, Samuel Staples of Cavan, and Thos. Graham of Manvers, have been appointed license commissioners for East Durham for the current year.

-The Muskoka Navigation Co. and the Grand Trunk Railway Co. have jointly put into circulation an edition of sixty-five thousand folders, costing each company \$50. This is but one item of the extensive advertising scheme now being worked for the advancement of Muskoka summer resort business.

-Quite a number of farmers in Uxbridge township are going into the tobacco raising, the Pickhardt Renfrew Co. of Stouffville agreeing to take all they like to grow. They claim there is more money in raising tobacco than anything the farmer can grow.

-Mr. Duncan Gilchrist, brother of J. C. Gilchrist of Woodville, and a veteran of the United States civil war, received word a few weeks ago that his application for a pension had been granted. Mr. Gilchrist, who is a resident of Eldon at present, will receive back pension from the year 1896, and \$12 a month in future.

-The Barrie Gazette says: There pulled out of this station on April 12th, a special North-West settler's train, made up of ten box cars, loaded with cattle, horses and settlers effects, and having attached a colonist coach, in which the owners of the stuff with their families will travel. The objective point is the Assiniboine district, where the new settlers will take up land and form a Simcoe settlement.

-Mr. Willis Jones of Broadbent, McKellar township, had the good fortune to shoot a fine lynx a short time ago. He found where it had killed a deer and setting a trap caught the animal, which promptly decamped with trap, clog and all. After following it about a mile, he found his prize in a large tree and a well directed shot brought it to the ground. It is one of the largest ever seen in this part. Mr. Jones also has the skin of a real wildcat.

-One of the first frame dwellings erected in Collingwood was torn down last week to make room for a large warehouse. The building, situated just around the corner of Second-st., was built in 1858 by Mr. John Hogg, the present town clerk and proprietor of the Enterprise. It was the most pretentious building of its kind at that period, being two stories high, with a shop front, and the second floor and rear fitted up for a dwelling. Although the building was erected over forty years ago the timber and the greater portion of the wood-work were perfectly sound. It may be interesting to know that land values in 1855 were as high as they are to-day.

-On Monday last previous to the close of the afternoon session, a very pleasant surprise was given to Mr. Morgan by the students and principal of the Omemece high school. The whole school assembled in the senior room, and after placing Mr. Morgan in a place of honor the principal proceeded to address him on the subject of domestic economy. His remarks were supplemented by an address, read by Miss Bella Spence, after which Miss Ida Scott and Mr. A. Evans on behalf of the school, presented a marble eight day parlor clock, with cathedral gong. Mr. Morgan taken by surprise, made a few well-chosen remarks as to his appreciation of such a magnificent gift from his students.

-Mr. and Mrs. John Shier and children, Walter C. Arletta, Alma E., John R., Lucy A., Herb. R., and Ollie E.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shier and children, Teresa, Merretta, Minnie, Edith, Augusta and Oliver, all of the township of Brock, left on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 11th for Carnuff, Assaboine district. The Messrs. Shier have purchased farms there and go with the intention to make that their home in future. Each one took with him a house framed ready to set up, also three horses, two cows, pigs, hens, seed grain, wagon, harrows, plows, reaper, mower and other things necessary to start farming on in a prosperous and successful way.

-The provincial government is getting its staff of fishery officials appointed. The jurisdiction of Thos. Nicholls of Buckhorn, extends over Pigeon lake. The overseer of Stargeon lake is not yet announced. Last week John Brown of Rockdale, was named for Belmont and Wethner, and Louis Cook of Campbellford, for the River Trent. Besides the local overseer there are to be a few district overseers and Mr. Metcalfe Thwaite, of Oshawa, takes charge of the counties of Ontario, Durham, Victoria, Peterboro, the provisional county of Haliburton and the electoral district of West Northumberland, with jurisdiction over portions of Lakes Ontario, Simcoe and Couchiching. Mr. Thwaite's salary is \$600 a year, and he can therefore be reasonably expected to attend to his duties.

-Last week Mr. Philip J. Harrison of Foley township brought into Parry Sound a live eagle which he captured on his farm a short time previously. The eagle was found in a hole in the snow by Mr. Wilcox, but owing to the fierce fight put up he was unable to capture it. Mr. Harrison subsequently found the eagle

and captured it by throwing a bag over its head. Poison had been put out for foxes by some one and it is supposed that the eagle ate some but only sufficient to disable him. Standing on the loose snow the heat of his body melted a hole in which the bird of freedom was so caught as to be unable either to jump or to spread his wings to fly out, and there it almost starved to death before being caught by Mr. Harrison. When taken to Mr. Harrison's house, the ferocious bird was fed a dead lamb which he tore to pieces and greedily devoured. He also ate several dead hens. The bird had a brown body and its head and neck were striped with grey and greyish white feathers. It stands about a foot and a half high and measures seven feet from tip to tip of its wings.

-Mr. Geo. E. Laidlaw of Balsam Lake last summer presented to the Archaeological Museum at the Normal School, Toronto, a large number of Indian relics, amounting to nearly three thousand articles. Most of the relics were found in the townships of Bexley and Eldon and adjacent territory in North Victoria, where Mr. Laidlaw discovered the traces of numerous village sites. The district is supposed to have been inhabited by tribes belonging to the Huron nation, probably the Algonquins, who had been exterminated prior to the appearance of the Jesuits on the scene. Except in one solitary case, no burial places have been discovered. The relics consist of pipes of clay and stone, many of them carved or modelled in a very ingenious manner to represent animals and human faces; bone implements, such as harpoons and needles, and stone articles, such as hammers, chisels, arrow-heads, beads, gambling discs, etc.

-On Thursday afternoon April 6th, Mr. Christopher Lamb of Vernal met with a very painful accident in a rather peculiar manner. Preparations are being made for the erection of a new barn upon the farm; and while Mr. Lamb was standing upon a round stick of timber, his feet from some caused slipped, and he fell back downwards upon a broad axe that the heaver had left resting against the log, the result being a gash about seven inches long and more than two inches deep at one end just above the right kidney. One of his brothers immediately jumped upon a horse and rode as fast as the roads would permit to the Falls, a distance of about seven miles, for Dr. Graham, who, upon reaching the farm, put no fewer than thirteen stitches into the edges of the wounds, which were dreadful to look at, one of the cut muscles projecting from it in the shape of a tongue, which must have been caused by the axe twisting at the moment of the contact. The patient is doing as well as can be expected, and no serious consequences are likely to ensue from the accident. -Gazette.

Feudalism in Hungary.

Inconceivable as the anachronism may seem to the western mind, the agrarian system of Hungary has not yet issued from the feudal form. The Hungarian farmer of to-day is virtually a serf, bound to his master, the hereditary owner of the soil which the peasant tills, by the tangible tie of personal liability. The Hungarian feudal lord of the end-of-the-century is entitled to 50 days' labor from each male adult who dwells on his land. The seignior is at liberty to demand this feudal contribution at whatever time may seem best to him, with the frequent result that the tenant farmer is employed in gathering his master's harvests while his own crops are rotting after a rainfall, or are being consumed by an early frost, or suffer damage from one or more of the many possible causes which render destructive the slightest delay on the part of the harvester in gathering the fruits of a year's labor.

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