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THE REFERENDUM

The vote polled on Thursday in favor of the Liquor Act of 1902, was not large enough to bring that measure into force. That it was not, is the fault of the temperance people themselves. The attacks of their leading speakers and newspapers upon the referendum when it was first proposed, were so bitter as to produce a distrust of the whole proceeding, that their most earnest appeals, later on, could not overcome. Even the Christian Guardian, that champion of temperance reform, actually repudiated the referendum for some weeks and only got back to its defence by an awkward manoeuvre. Never was a movement worse wounded in the house of its friends. That, but for the suspicion, distrust, and hostility created by the temperance people concerning the referendum, the required number of favorable votes would have been polled, is a reasonably certainty. If the leaders of a political party heralded and bawled at the defects of their cause the way the temperance people did at theirs, that party would not likely make any better showing at the polls than did the advocates of the Liquor Act the other day. It all came of a bad start.

It is likely that the vote against the Act, does not indicate the real strength of the liquor party. There was no necessity put upon them to vote, and little use of their voting; for they could win no victory but a sentimental one. All that they might accomplish, even to out-voting their opponents, would not save them, if those opponents mustered to a given number. And so it may be assumed that since voting was of little use, they did not vote; but it must be said for them that they did not set up such a clamor against the injustice of their position as the temperance people did over the difficulties of a much fairer position.

The temperance people complained that the terms upon which the measure would become law were unfair. They said the referendum was loaded; that it required an unfairly large vote in favor of the Act. We think it required a ridiculously small one and that to bring such a measure into force on a vote of the size required would be the height of folly. What important law could be enforced if only half the people on the voters' list were in favor of enforcing it? Could that against theft or assault? Our experience with these laws, even with the present public sentiment, makes the question ridiculous. At least four-fifths of the people should favor a measure before it becomes law, and it was lack of judgment on the part of the temperance people that allowed them to condemn it as unreasonably high.

But there is another phase of this question. Mr. Ross believes in the terms of the referendum; he believes that if half the people who voted at the 1898 election had voted in favor of the Liquor Act, it would have been a proper thing to bring it into force. Believing that, he ought to—if he holds office—make the measure law under the present circumstances. Mr. Ross submitted the referendum to see if public sentiment up to the point of 212,723 votes was in favor of the Liquor Act. He has found that a vote taken when the roads in the country were bad and the weather cold, brought out probably 170,000 favorable votes. If not in exact figures, yet in principle, the Act was adopted under Mr. Ross' scheme. Whether 212,723 favorable votes or 40,000 less than that are polled, cannot greatly affect the interpretation of the people's wish in this matter. It does of course give him a chance to avoid passing the Act, but on principle, as far as Mr. Ross' scheme for finding out public opinion has been successful, the result leaves nothing for him to do but to bring the Act into force at the earliest opportunity.

THE CHALMERS CASE

That Alderman McDiarmid's charges against Commissioner Chalmers were not sustained, is as gratifying as that he ever made them, is regrettable.

The flourish with which he uttered the charges on Monday, was in striking contrast with the crest-fallen way which he withdrew them on Saturday. His grandiloquent arraignment in the council chamber, differed widely from his inglorious silence in the court room, when, after an hour's trial, the judge asked for accusers of the commissioner. When making his charge, Alderman McDiarmid said that if he failed he was killed municipally. He has failed. It is to be hoped he will not need reminding that he is dead. For Mr. Chalmers there is no redress from the man who uttered such

scandalous and unfounded charges against him. It is a pity he has not, for such reckless conduct by an alderman toward an employe of the town, there ought to be some penalty other than the condemnation of the public; for that can do his victim little good.

There is force in the popular opinion that in justice to the accused, the case should have gone on. But that it did not, was the best proof that it could not, and Mr. Chalmers' most potent vindication. And yet after his ignominious silence under the judge's challenge in the courtroom, the alderman had the incorrigible hardihood to say at Monday night's council meeting that he believed he still could prove the charges. But neither that hardihood, nor the unprincipled support of the Post, can mislead the public with regard to the alderman's offence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

THOSE ALDERMEN who insisted that the tax collector should give guarantee company bonds are in good company. In Monday's Globe, it was announced that the Ontario government would require all its bonded employes to furnish company bonds. The members of council who opposed that policy for this town represent a class who are always ready to sacrifice the town's money to sloppy sentiment.

SAID IN FEW WORDS

The Salvation Army Officer: "If a man has salvation and does not pay his debts, he hasn't got it." Mr. R. M. Beal: "The members of parliament should vote by ballot; then they would not be afraid to vote the way they think they ought to, as they now are." "You reported me recently as saying that I could prove that the town would save \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year by being separated from the county," said Mr. R. Smyth. "What I can prove and what I think I told you was that it would save \$1400 or \$1500." "I was up to Washburn's Island, recently," said Mr. F. D. Moore, and got a few Indian arrow heads and part of a skeleton. We got them in the side of a bank where the road cuts through a hill. You know these Indians did not bury their dead in the ground. They hung them up in trees till nothing was left but the bones, and these were buried. The Washburn Indians were Mississaugas who were a branch of the Chippewas." "I think Inspector Knight made an unnecessary insinuation when he spoke of the people who attend temperance meetings and neglect those of the bible society," said Rev. Harvey Strike. "Those of us who were engaged in the temperance campaign—perhaps out in the country speaking—on the night of the bible society meeting, are just as much in favor of the bible society as Inspector Knight; but at that particular time we regarded the temperance issue of more importance than the society meeting."

CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Lies in buying early and in buying right. Buy soon and secure advantage of uncommon assortment. Early buyers get choicest picking. Buy before some one else gets just the article you would have most preferred. Our holiday goods are here and there's goods among them that will please you. You will get them at right prices, too. It's right prices that's going to make them go quickly.

Ebony goods that are fine. Ebony. Silver goods that are sterling silver. Perfume every kind, Crushed Roses, Crushed Honeysuckle, etc.

A. HIGINBOTHAM DRUGGIST NEXT PYM'S HOTEL Lindsay Ontario

LIQUOR ACT NOT ADOPTED

The Vote On Thursday Fell Short of the 212,723 Required to Make the Measure Law

BIG MAJORITY IN FAVOR

Even Some Cities Went Strongly For the Act—Liquor Got a Hard Blow—Local Results

Total vote against 89,974 Total vote for 162,180 Total vote needed 212,723

The vote for the Liquor Act of 1902 on Thursday was not sufficient to bring it into operation; it appears that when the returns are all in, it will fall about 40,000 short of doing so. Many did not vote at all for the total vote cast equals only about 60 per cent. of that cast in the election of 1898.

As it was the temperance people out-voted their opponents nearly two to one, and, if majorities had been any use, would have won a great and decisive victory. The figures for and against, above are those published yesterday by the Globe, which says that returns yet to come will likely increase the favorable vote by 10,000. The feature of the vote that surprised everybody and nobody more than the liquor men was the heavy temperance vote polled in the towns and cities. Even Toronto gave a temperance majority of over 1500 in a total vote of 28,000. Hamilton did even better in proportion to the ballots cast. Guelph went stronger still, Brantford was very strong for the measure; and the large towns very generally gave heavy majorities for the Act.

The counties went solidly against liquor. The act was given a majority in all the constituencies except North Waterloo, Welland, West Kent where only 56 votes were polled for and 139 against, and in the two new constituencies of Port William and Lake of the Woods, and Port Arthur and Rainy River. In the plebiscite of 1894 the vote exclusive of the 10,000 women voters was 180,087 for prohibition, and 108,494 against; in 1898 those figures were changed to 154,499 and 115,275. Hence the referendum shows a smaller vote for both sides than that of 1894 and a larger one for prohibition but a smaller one against it, than that of 1898.

Both sides worked hard in this contest. The temperance people did not have as many meetings as usual but said more attention to organization for getting the vote polled. The liquor men scattered literature and looked after their voters.

LOCAL RESULTS

In town both did a good deal of work on voting day. "We have 13 rigs engaged to drive voters in the east ward," said Rev. Harvey Strike secretary of the local temperance organization. Most of these were volunteer conveyances for a liquor man said the available heavy rigs had been secured by that party. A few noticeable rigs for both parties were seen going steadily on Kent-st. all day. The liquor men expected a majority in town, and it is likely their opponents were ready to concede it to them. The results showed a temperance majority of 121 in the following vote: North Ward 273 143 South Ward 233 250 East Ward 134 128

The municipalities of West Victoria apart from Lindsay voted as follows: Dalton 58 34 Dalton 33 8 Eldon 336 67 Mariposa 620 97 Ope 242 172 Woodville 55 22

In East Victoria, the vote was as follows: Omeme 99 16 Bobcaygeon 93 29 Fencion Falls 108 55 Emily 231 95 Verulam 297 25 Fencion 299 48 Somerville 124 40 Laxton, Digby, Langford 90 1 Fencion 124 40

WHAT MR. ROSS SAYS

Premier Ross said in an early statement handed to the press: "From the vote as far as known, I would not like to say that Ontario is ready for prohibition. If we had the full full vote it would furnish a more accurate basis for drawing conclusion. One significant incident of the campaign was the attack made upon the bar rooms are the most obnoxious feature of the liquor traffic, and if one were to be guided by that note of the campaign it would seem as if that phase of the question was the one most to be considered in dealing with the question in the future."

S. S. NO. 2 ELDON

School report for month of November. Names arranged in order of merit: 4th-class—Lillie Cameron, Johanne McEachern, Pearl Jordan, Newton Reed, 3rd class, sr.—Fred Reed, Pearl McKague, Peter Campbell, Mabel Tomblin, 3rd class, jr.—Maggie Gilchrist, Max Reed, 2nd class, sr.—Susie Ross, Lily McKague, Martha Ross, Roy Staples, Sam Ferguson, Anna Jordan, 2nd class, jr.—Sadie Gilchrist, Johnnie Gilchrist, Rachel McCuaig, Stanley Jordan, 2nd part—Dan McCuaig, Hubert Smith, Part 1.—Roy Reed, Archie Campbell.

J. Sutcliffe & Sons



Round and About This Store FROM NOW UNTIL XMAS.

Each Day the Scene changes—new novelties are constantly being unfolded. As some lines become cleared the gaps will be filled by others. Because you were here last week, or even yesterday, is no reason why you shouldn't repeat the visit to-day and again to-morrow; always something new to be seen here. The list below gives you only a slight idea of this store's preparations for Xmas.

Ladies' Furs



Alaska Sable Neck Scarfs, with eight tails at only \$18.00, \$16.50, \$8.50 and special. A large variety of Alaska Sable and Capelines and muffs, black and blue Opposum Buffs. Gauntlets and mitts, Capelines. Beautiful Squirrel Boas, extra-long at only each \$10. Choice Astrachan Coats, well made, from \$42.00, to only \$23. Electric Seal Coats, beautifully furred, extra value at each \$33. Canada Seal Coats, Electric Seal Coats with Mink or Sable Trimming.

Ladies' Mantles

Our stock is being revived from time to time with the latest novelties. It is easy choosing a mantle at this store.

Ladies' Kid Gloves

A sensible present for Xmas is a pair of Kid Gloves. Ladies' French Kid Gloves in black, white and fashionable colors, dressed or undressed, embroidered back, plisse sewn, 2 dome fasteners. These gloves are extra quality, special \$1.25 and 1.00 only.

Ladies' Purses, Wrist Bag, and Chatelaines

Large variety, qualities, prices \$1.25, \$1.75, 60c, 50c and only 35c. Children's Purses in great variety of styles, several colors and sizes, some at 12c, 10c, and only each 5c.

Parasols and Umbrellas

Our values in Parasols and Umbrellas are much superior than we have ever shown. Men's Umbrellas Fast Black Coverings, Paragon Frame, Steel Rod, Bulb Runners, Silver Mounted \$1.50. Men's Black mercerized Steel Coverings, steel rod, paragon frame, double ribs, patent spring attachment, silver mounted handles, extra special 1.50.

Men's Florida Silk covered Umbrellas, tight rolling Paragon frames, steel rod sterling silver mountings, horn handles, something extra nice, only 3.00. Ladies' Gloria Silk Coverings, tight rolling paragon frame, steel rod, sterling silver handles, silk cover, special 3.00. Ladies' Parasols fast black coverings, silver mounted handles 1.50 and only each 1.00.

Men's Gloves and Mitts—Men's Mocha Gloves and Mitts, all wool lined, kid bound, several shades of brown. Gloves have wind break and dome fasteners. Regular value \$1.35 pair 1.00 special.

Novelty Neckwear

For Christmas trade our stock is very complete and embraces all the newest novelties in silk, also the latest styles in Puffs, Derbys, Bows Strings and Knots. Many are exclusive designs. The qualities are extra good and at popular prices, 25 and 50c.

PAPERERIES

Choice lot of beautiful Papereries, neat boxes, containing good quality, tinted or plain papers and envelopes to match. Some at only 40c, 35c, 25c, 15c and for 10c.

Table Covers and Napkins

Extra Value—Our Direct Importations—Linen Covers, 2yds by 2 1/2 yds, all linen, \$1.75, \$1.50, and 1.25. Hemstitched, 2 yds x 3 yds all linen, \$4 and 3.40. TABLE NAPKINS—A most magnificent range of all linen Napkins from the 5-8 size at per dozen only 65c. \$5.00 and all intermediate prices. CHENILLE COVERS—Beautiful range suitable for Xmas presents and use, some at only 50c each for centre table size 5-4 at only \$1.15 2 yds square for only \$2.25.



Men's Overcoats

Men's all-wool Freize Oxford Overcoats, fly front, Italian cloth body linings and strong sleeve linings. French facings, cuff sleeves, vertical pockets, velvet collar. Special only \$6.00. Men's extra heavy Etouffe pants in stripes and plain colorings. A good roughing pant for winter wear. Per pair 1.25.

BIG FLANNELETTE EMBROIDERY PURCHASE

A manufacturer who is going out of the manufacture of Flannelette wear offered to clear out his stock of Flannelette Embroideries at a ridiculous price. For one store the quantity would be altogether too great, but with our associate stores we were able to accept his offer, and to-day we can offer you embroideries at half price, all clean and fresh, this season's stock. We have grouped the qualities into four prices, per yard only.

LOT 1 3 1/2c Reg. 7c LOT 2 5c Reg. 10c LOT 3 8c Reg. 15c LOT 4 12c Reg. 25c

Dainty Embroidered Linen From Ireland

Tamboured Shams and Dresser Covers from Switzerland. Our Direct Importations

Our foreign purchase of Xmas Novelties in Pillow Shams, Pillow Cases, Dresser Covers and Side Board drapes are now on display. These are the handwork of the Peasants of Ireland and Switzerland. We invite your early inspection. Below we give only a few prices.

Fine Swiss Muslin Pillow Shams, hemstitched frill and beautifully embroidered in Bow Knots and floral designs 2.75. DRESSER COVERS TO MATCH, size 18x45 each only 1.15.

SPLASHER or WASHSTAND COVERS TO MATCH, size 18x27 each 90c. Fine India Lawn pillow shams, all over applique pattern, size 30x30, extra value per pair 2.00. DRESSER COVERS TO MATCH, size 18 x 54 each only 1.25. Irish linen pillow covers, wide hemstitch frill and embroidered corners, per pair only 1.50.

Dresser Covers & Sideboard Drapes

Dumask Linen Sideboard drapes, fringed and drawn work centre, size 17x56—also Irish linen sideboard drapes, 2 inch hemstitched border spot and floral designs, embroidered ends and open work stripe centre, size 13 x 46. Your choice 50c. Irish Linen Side board drapes, 2-inch hemstitched border, heavily hand embroidered and drawn centres, size 13 x 48, only each 85c. Fine quality Brussels net Dresser covers. All over applique patterns size 14x46 each only 75c. Fine quality Irish Linen D'Oylies—one inch hemstitched and embroidered in floral designs. 5 D'Oylies in set only 90c.

Five o'clock Tea Covers

Fine quality five o'clock tea covers. Irish manufacture, 2 inch drawn work corners, size 32 x 32. Each 50c. Warranted Pure Irish linen, tea covers, hand embroidered and drawn work corners, size 36 x 36, each 1.00.

Your Choice For 25c

1 set of 1 glove and 1 Handkerchief box—several designs. 1 Fancy box Handkerchiefs. 1 Dressed or undressed or kid body doll. 1 Silk Belt, fancy buckle. 4 Lace edged handkerchiefs. 1 Medalion Souvenir of Lindsay. 1 Portfolio—leatherette covered. 1 Letter Seal—crown top. 1 Button Hook. 1 Pair Tweezers. 1 Glove Buttoner. 1 Paper Knife. Regular value 50c. each.

1 Bisque figure; 1 Cocoa cup. 1 Japanese Tea Set—2 pieces. 1 Japanese Crumb Tray. 1 Match Scratch, 1 Mustard Cap. 1 pen wiper, several designs. 1 Fancy box writing paper and envelopes. 1 Fancy Work Basket. 1 Tucked Lawn Apron. 1 Set Table Matts. 1 Celluloid photo holder. 1 Story Book—illustrated. 1 Set Pyramid Blocks. 1 Swiss Muslin Dresser Cover. 1 Wash stand Cover, 1 splasher, 1 Swiss Muslin Pillow Sham.

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Lindsay, Ont.

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