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LOCAL OPTION IN HOME RULE

In the course of a notable lecture delivered recently in the Athenaeum, Ennisborough, Ireland, by the Very Rev. Dr. Coffey, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, the distinguished lecturer said:

"My friends, the time is fast approaching when the administration of the laws regulating the drink traffic must cease to be the farce that it actually has been for years. The time is fast approaching when the drink laws must be and will be thoroughly overhauled. The time is ripe, I believe, for the people of this country to take the regulation of the drink traffic into their own hands. One of the first things the Irish people must demand of their own Parliament in Dublin is the power to use Home Rule in the drink traffic. Do you know what Home Rule in regulating the drink traffic means? It means this: that the local voters in each rural or urban district will have the power to determine by their own direct vote the number of licensed houses they will allow within their district. That is what is known as local option. That will be a genuine and really useful bit of Home Rule, and the Irish people must see that their own home Parliament will give it to them."

MR. BURNHAM'S AIRSHIPS

(Montreal Herald.)

Nobody can say that Mr. J. H. Burnham, of Peterboro, is not a valuable member of Parliament. He is one of the very few representatives of the nation at Ottawa who possess a soaring imagination, and the House is always getting the benefit of it, either in new ideas, or in new language invented on the spot to express ideas which might otherwise be recognized as having passed their first youth. His imagination soared more than usual yesterday. In fact it lifted the whole of our western wheat crop into the air, and sent it scurrying about over Canada at the behest of market prices.

The Georgian Bay Canal, forsooth! What do we want with the Georgian Bay Canal, or the St. Lawrence route, or any other route by rail or water? Mr. Burnham would scrap the whole lot of them, and do our freight carrying between West and East and vice versa by means of airships. In fact he has up his sleeve a company which will establish such a line of airships right away for one two hundredth part of what the Georgian Bay Canal would cost. Mr. Burnham's proposition seems to have struck Parliament dumb. We hope this will not discourage Mr. Burnham. We frankly confess we would scheme. It is time Canada began to take a little interest in the Dominion like to hear some more about his of the air.

ATTACK ON ROWELL

Only the consciousness of the indefensibility of the Government's position in the Snider matter and the necessity of diverting the attention from it, can explain the unwarranted attack made upon Mr. Rowell, the Leader of the Opposition, in the Legislature on Tuesday evening and no other evidence could be furnished of the increasing strength of the Liberal Opposition in the House and in the Country, than the effort which apparently the Government felt necessary to make in the closing hours of the Legislature. It was quite obvious that the Government had planned to close the Session by putting up Mr. Ferguson of Grenville and Mr. McGar-

ry of South Renfrew, the men who lead the Government forces in blocking investigation into the Government's transactions, to launch a scurrilous attack upon the Leader of the Opposition, in connection with Mr. Rowell's work as solicitor for the Province of Ontario in the re-organization of the Sault industries and as solicitor for the Oka Indians in their contest with the seminary of St. Sulpice.

Mr. Rowell's answer was complete and effective, but so unjust was the attack that even an answer seemed scarcely necessary as the following statement from Conservative sources will show. The Toronto News, in an editorial in regard to the completion of the re-organization of the Sault industries, makes the following references to the services of Mr. Rowell:—"It would be hard to overestimate the value of Mr. Rowell's services as representing the Government in unangling the extraordinary maze of confusion and embarrassment which had developed in connection with these enterprises. It is not understood by the public, and probably never will be fully understood, that his was the master mind which adjusted the relations between the province and the company, and solved the almost insuperable difficulties which were met at every step of the reorganization. Nor is it understood that although he performed these great services for the province, he drew no money from the Provincial Treasury. While it was perhaps natural that the Whitney Government should have accepted his resignation as one of the Board of Directors, it is satisfactory to know that he is still a solicitor for the company, that in this connection no political considerations can enter, and that, therefore, the company and the province will continue to profit by his experience, ability and integrity."

FORD AND HIS EMPLOYEES

The press a few months ago contained many references to the decree issued by Ford, the famous Detroit automobile manufacturer, who decreed that thereafter \$5.00 per day was to be the minimum wage for his employees. The general range is from \$5 to \$9 per day.

Ford has now declared that his employees must live on a scale commensurate with their earnings. Men and women who cannot live themselves above squalor when the evils of their living conditions are pointed out to them and when the money to provide better conditions is supplied, will cease to be employees of the Ford Company. Married and single men who do not live up to the modern standard of American everyday living are to be eliminated. Married men who keep boarders in their homes will lose their places. So will single men who reside in rooming houses such as have been found in Highland Park, where they sleep in shifts and never bathe. Married men must keep their households for themselves and their immediate families. They must not sacrifice family rights, pleasure and comfort by filling their homes with roomers and boarders. Single men are also expected to live comfortably and under conditions that make for good manhood and good citizenship.

Ford has forty-five investigators, who are interviewing each employee. Every detail of living is inquired into. From the figures so far presented and none of them is complete, it appears that there are more men 23 years old in their employ than of any other age. Investigators have found many of the men in deplorable surroundings, and the notice sent to employees will warn those who transgress. Time will be given to correct living conditions. But the tenement and the crowded rooming house must be eliminated.

Another innovation at the Ford plant is an English teaching school. A teacher has been brought from New York. The first class will comprise 200 students of eleven nationalities, represented by Armenians, Austrians, Greeks, Hungarians, Poles, Russians, Rumanians, Servians, Slavs, Syrians, and Turks. "These men of many nations must be taught American ways, the English language, the right way to live," said Mr. Ford.

WESTERN CANADA WAKING UP

(Canadian Courier.)

Judging by a circular now being sent out by the Board of Trade of North Battleford, the western business men believe that Providence helps those who help themselves. They want to hold a convention in North Battleford on May 14th and 15th for the purpose of organizing "The Western Canada Colonization and Development League," to ensure a population of ten million people within ten years. The purpose of the League shall be to keep before the public of the world the many advantages, resources and possibilities of Western Canada as a whole. In other words, these people propose

to do for themselves what has hitherto been done by the railways and the Dominion Immigration Department. Instead of each city advertising its own attractions and own province talking about its own advantages, they suggest that the advertising of Western Canada shall be centered in one organization. There is to be no mad scramble to build mythical cities or to unduly boost some particular section. The new organization would lay the foundations of a vast empire in which no particular part should be built up at the expense of any other part, and which would be normally developed in all its different parts.

The scheme is well worth the effort which is being put upon it, and if the people of the West will cast aside all local prejudices and local ambitions and concentrate on one large campaign, the results will no doubt bring greater rewards than even its promoters anticipate.

POLITICAL SLAVES

Mr. R. B. Bennett, the Conservative M. P. for Calgary, has fearlessly and manfully opposed the C.N.R. deal which his party seems determined to put through, and because of his independence in opposing what is considered a great outrage upon the people of Canada, he must be made to suffer. Mr. Bennett was billed to address a meeting of Ward Four, Toronto Liberal Conservative Association on Monday, but the President, Mr. W. H. Smith has issued this statement:—

"In view of events, which have transpired at Ottawa since the meeting was called I felt that it would hardly be the right thing to have as the speaker of the evening, a gentleman who had become out of touch with the party. It was for that reason and that alone that I took it upon myself to cancel the meeting."

"I am sorry at the turn of affairs, but could not consider it wise or proper that we should be addressed by one who is not loyal to our Leader."

According to Mr. Smith's statement, Conservative members must follow their leader, no matter what their private opinions may be. We are examples of this political slavery in the record of the Whitney Government.

TOWN PLANNING

That the town-planning movement in Canada has come to stay and will have to be reckoned with in the future is demonstrated by the fact that it has already engaged the attention of several of our provincial legislatures. The year 1912 saw comprehensive town-planning acts passed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and last year Alberta led the way for the Western Provinces.

Suffers From Painful Rheumatism

Liniments of No Avail—Must be Cured Through the Blood.

Why are there to many failures in the treatment of rheumatism? Why are so many sufferers resigned to a life of pain, despairing of a permanent cure?

Because rheumatism defies any treatment that does not build up and purify the blood. The poisons of rheumatism are in the blood and it is only through the blood that the disease can be fought successfully. Unless the blood is weak and impure rheumatism cannot get a foothold. When it does the thin and impure blood is not strong enough to overcome the poisons alone. It must be strengthened and purified. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the best blood-building medicine you can take. They make new blood with very dose and promptly check further progress of disease. They make the blood so pure and strong that the least trace of rheumatism remains. Mr. R. J. Sinclair, Goshen, N. S., says: "About two years ago I was laid up with rheumatism. For six months I could not walk and had to stay in an invalid's chair. My feet were badly swollen and my arms seemed to be paralyzed. I had been using doctor's medicine for a long time, but it did not seem to help me, and the doctor finally told me that he only thing that would cure me would be a change of climate. At this time I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and got a supply. After I had taken them for a while I found they were helping me, and I got a further supply and they completely cured me, and I have not been sick one day since. I strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for this trouble."

You can get these Pills from any dealer in medicines or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes paid, at \$2.50 writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville Ont."

Ontario also has an act applicable to cities with a population of 50,000 and upwards.

At the forthcoming International Conference on City Planning, Toronto, May 25-27, a draft town-planning act, which it is hoped will be a model for all Canadian provinces, will be submitted to the delegates present by a special committee appointed by the Commission of Conservation. Frank criticism and full discussion of this proposed act will be invited. After being amended in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference, copies will be sent to each provincial government, urging them to enact legislation along the lines proposed.

As now drafted, the Bill provides for the carrying out of town planning projects by a local board in each city or town, subject to the approval of a Central Town-planning Board for the whole province. Projects will apply chiefly to land likely to be used for building purposes, but may, in certain circumstances, include land already built upon or land unsuitable for building. Provision is made for compensation of private owners if injuriously affected and for the local authority recovering half of the unearned increment if property values are increased. The Central Board may act on its own initiative if the Local Board fails to do its duty or if no Local Board exists.

Under such an act, the growth of every town will be regulated so that streets may be of adequate width, and in accord with the general plan of the town; housing congestion will not be permitted; sufficient open spaces will be reserved for parks, squares and other municipal purposes; and health, amenity and convenience will be given due consideration in all new building areas and, so far as possible, in old ones.

GOVERNMENT'S TROUBLE

Extract from editorial from Toronto World, (Conservative).—"Some observers perceive at least three parties contending for future power in the present cabinet. Two of them may be irreconcilable. To what extent the breaches may be healed, if there be any or the headquarters staff consolidated, if it be inclined towards disintegration, no one can quite say. The new element in the party, or at least the element showing its strength in the party, is the spoils element, and when this element becomes predominant, the symptoms become acute though for the simplest to discern. Sir James Whitney never permitted that element to have any influence to speak of. This was an easy matter while there was no competition for leadership. As soon as the big office becomes a possible prize, the usual course is a general opening up of negotiations all round for the lesser prizes, a barter and sale condition which is creditable to nobody. Only the presence of a strong man with a strong policy can furnish a remedy. Whether, in the event of the retirement of Sir James, the Ontario Conservatives can produce such a leader is a matter of speculation."

It is to be regretted that for purely local and private reasons the Conservative party has been gradually jockeyed into a position which the opposition has tried hard for years to bring about. The non-partisan character of the government's most successful policy has been its very strongest asset. For the sake of a local quarrel, however, the reactionary elements in the party have unwittingly done what the opposition had failed to do, and brought about a situation of which the logical outcome is submergence of the whole non-partisan attitude of the government towards its leading activity.

A strong leadership may still avert the danger, but it is impossible to ignore it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The baby city of Sarnia will advertise its greatness by using moving pictures, which will be supplied to the various picture show circuits.

So Lindsay will not have a clean up day. We should keep step in this respect with other progressive municipalities. There is great need for a clean up in some sections.

Ald. Chambers' blackboard proposition has made him many friends among the Lindsay housewives, many of whom felt that they have been paying excessive if not exorbitant prices for produce.

"We do not have to go to the country for nearly two years yet, but of course we can go when we want to. I have not yet heard all the views of my colleagues, so I cannot say when there will be an election."

—Sir James Whitney.

Liberals of South Victoria are reminded of the convention on Saturday next in the Academy of Music.



Society Brand Clothes

The New Dish Brim Fedora at \$2.50 is here

Dundas & Havelles Limited

The New Collar for smart wear The Captain, is here

One of the most striking features of this Spring's styles is the free play allowed for individual preferences in selection. New fresh colors and color combinations are here without stint, to meet every reasonable demand both as to style and price. Men and Young Men's New Models in three and two button style at \$7.50 to \$22.50.

When it comes to the latest togs for men this store is right there with the goods. Everything you will need for that holiday ahead the 24th, is offered at trifling prices.



New Shirts, New Hosiery, New Ties, New Collars, New Belts—are on display now in the new styles for Spring. Come to this Big Men's and Boys' Store and look them over now and buy when you will.

"The Apparel oft Proclaims the Man" and Woman too!

1914 SPRING and Summer is to be a striking Season. Variety, distinction, daintiness and beauty are to mark its era in Fashion's realm,

Never was there a more beautiful creation introduced, than the new shadow laces, that have come to adorn "lovely woman."

There seems to be a mysticism about them, such as was wrapped about Coleridge, when he wrote "The Ancient Mariner," the mystic isal ways attractive; hence those fine, filmy, shadowy draperies are a thing of beauty, and make the plainest woman fascinating.

We also show some handsome all-over laces, embroidery, nettings and voiles in white fabrics.

Special new cottons, gingham, ducks and vestings in varied patterns.

'Pictorial Review' patterns show a very wide range of designs and styles for making up these sheer goods. To-day, it is an art to be able to fashion one's own gowns, and everyone can be artistic by using these patterns and buying these goods advertised by

O'Loughlin & McIntyre

CASH AND ONE PRICE

a marked contrast in this respect to the rapidity with which it has rolled up the public expenditures and increased the cost of administering the affairs of the province.

The Dominion government is introducing a bill to amend the criminal code for the purpose of preventing fraudulent advertising. This is a step in the right direction, and the Canadian Press Association will no doubt be found ready to co-operate with the Federal authorities in discouraging and punishing those who

attempt to make use of the advertising columns of the Canadian newspapers for the purpose of obtaining money under false pretences.

While the War god Mars was being around the White House around the American eagle to fighting with the fickle god Cupid opened fire and captured one of President Wilson's daughters.

The Orillia town council has passed a bylaw providing for the regulation of electrical wiring.