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ABOUT DIRECT LEGISLATION

SOME INFORMATION ON A LITTLE KNOWN SUBJECT.

The Optional Referendum and the Voters' Initiative.

The following is an extract from a circular issued by the Direct Legislation League of Ontario, which has committees in several towns of the Province, and its headquarters at 155 Bay-st., Toronto. In Lindsay and Peterboro we understand, action is being taken along the lines indicated above. The Farmers' Association and the Labor Congress have endorsed the Direct Legislation movement.

It is a direct vote of the people upon proposed laws, municipal or legislative, together with power in the people to order such a vote. "Proposed laws" include proposals to repeal existing laws.

The two main features of Direct Legislation are (1) The Optional Referendum, which gives the people a vote over laws passed by municipal councils or the Legislature; and (2) The Voters' Initiative, which gives the people power to initiate new measures that the municipal Council or the Legislature refuses or neglects to pass.

The Optional Referendum.

First, as to the People's Veto on certain measures passed by the council or Legislature. Provision is made for thirty or sixty days, or some such time, from date of passing. If during that interval a petition signed by a certain percentage—say five per cent.—of the qualified electors is presented, asking for a popular vote on the measure, then it must be voted on by the people, and if they say No, that measure does not become law. The people have voted it. And the mere fact that such a veto exists, makes the Council or Legislature very careful what proposed laws they pass.

As municipalities do nearly all their business by-law, it is not practicable to delay every by-law so as to make it subject to the Optional Referendum. Certain important classes of by-laws should, therefore, be specified for this purpose, such as those granting franchises, etc. For legislative purposes, the Optional Referendum should apply to every Bill except emergency measures.

Municipal Councils and the Provincial Legislature have now the legal power to refer questions to a vote of the people, but there is no legal machinery by which the people may instruct them to do so, nor is there any provision that the mandates of the people shall be obeyed. These two defects would be cured by adopting Direct Legislation.

The Voters' Initiative.

Suppose the circumstances brought some public question to the front, and there seemed a fair chance of a popular majority in its favor. An Initiative petition, headed by an exact draft of the proposed law, would be presented to the Council or the Legislature, who would be obliged to consider and discuss the measure asked for by the petition. If they declined to pass it, then it would have to go to a vote of the people, and would become law if the people said Yes. But the Council or Legislature, when the matter came before them, might say "We will not pass this bill just as asked for, but we do not object to passing a bill which goes a certain length in the same direction." They would then prepare their modified bill, and the two bills would go to the popular vote—that is, the bill asked for by the initiative petition, and the modified bill of the Council or Legislature. Then the people—the electors—could accept one or the other, or reject both; and whatever they did would be law.

The Test of Experience.

Direct Legislation is in force throughout Switzerland, also in Utah and Oregon, U.S.A. Experience shows that it has been of much value, and that the mere fact of its existence is of great benefit, even when no votes are actually taken. For instance, its effects in the State of Oregon have been these:

1. Exploiting schemes have been kept out of the legislature through fear of this veto power of the people.
2. Good measures that had been vigorously attacked by interested corporations were allowed to stand, the people refusing to sign their petitions for a call for a Referendum, thus showing the trustworthiness of popular judgment, and incidentally refuting the slander sometimes made that "anyone will sign a petition."
3. The comparative absence of charges of corruption and partisanship in the legislature. The newspapers have generally spoken well of the last assembly or said nothing, while for the previous ten years, at least, the rule had been that some bitter

POWER AT PETERBOROUGH. CONTROVERSY REGARDING TRENT CANAL COMPLETION

Mr. Culverwell Replies to the Statement that There Will Not be Enough Water to Operate the Canal Next Summer.

Mr. J. Alex. Culverwell, of Peterboro makes the following statement to the Globe: Your Peterboro despatch in Wednesday's Globe, which, was, I know, inspired by certain power holders of Peterboro, who now are smugling at their exposure by the resolution of protest of the Port Hope Canal Association to the Dominion and Ontario Governments, does me grave injustice. Your Port Hope correspondent in Monday's Globe was wrong in stating that I said at the Port Hope meeting "that Peterboro was doing all in her power to have the completion of the Trent Canal to the Trent Canal delayed." What I did say—and the Port Hope press reports will bear me out—was that the statement of the manager of a power company at the Peterboro meeting that there would not be sufficient water to operate the Trent Canal next summer, was the most slanderous attempt ever made to hinder the completion of the canal, and that it was made for the benefit of the selfish interests of several Peterboro power owners, who, he stated, had run short of power. I also produced reports of eminent engineers, and a statement of a slant.

The resolution of protest of the Port Hope Association in itself shows that they acted upon the information of the Peterboro press reports of the speakers at the meeting in Peterboro, so I cannot be accused of misrepresentation to the Port Hope meeting by your correspondent. The reports also show that a power-holder admitted that it was his intention to hook-wink the Ottawa and Toronto Ministers into believing that the expenditure for the reservoir dams in the back district was necessary for the navigation purposes, and to hide the fact that it would benefit power-holders, and that he stated that Hon. Messrs. Mulock and Blair had turned down the last deputation for the reason that it was for local interests only.

It was also stated by another power-owner that the official estimate was \$100,000 for this work, and that there would be claims for damages for flooding, expenditure for purchase of some back lakes, and wages for up-erating these dams. The truth is that these power-owners have used up all the water, and are entitled to their Government leases. I backed up in this statement by reports of engineers as to the present flow of the river, and which have been published in the Peterboro press since the meeting.

The fact that I am a power-owner need not prohibit me from exposing these underground methods of securing power from the Government. Their high position in political circles will not prevent my acting even as a "policeman" for the canal.

My journalistic efforts in advocating the completion of the Trent Canal are well known, and my contention was at the Port Hope and Peterboro meetings that this Peterboro deputation should go for a larger purpose than that of power; it should go with a view to secure the immediate completion of the canal in the interests of the taxpayers of the whole Trent district of Canada, and even of our empire, for it will be a link of a great international highway between the "Granary of the Empire" and Britain.

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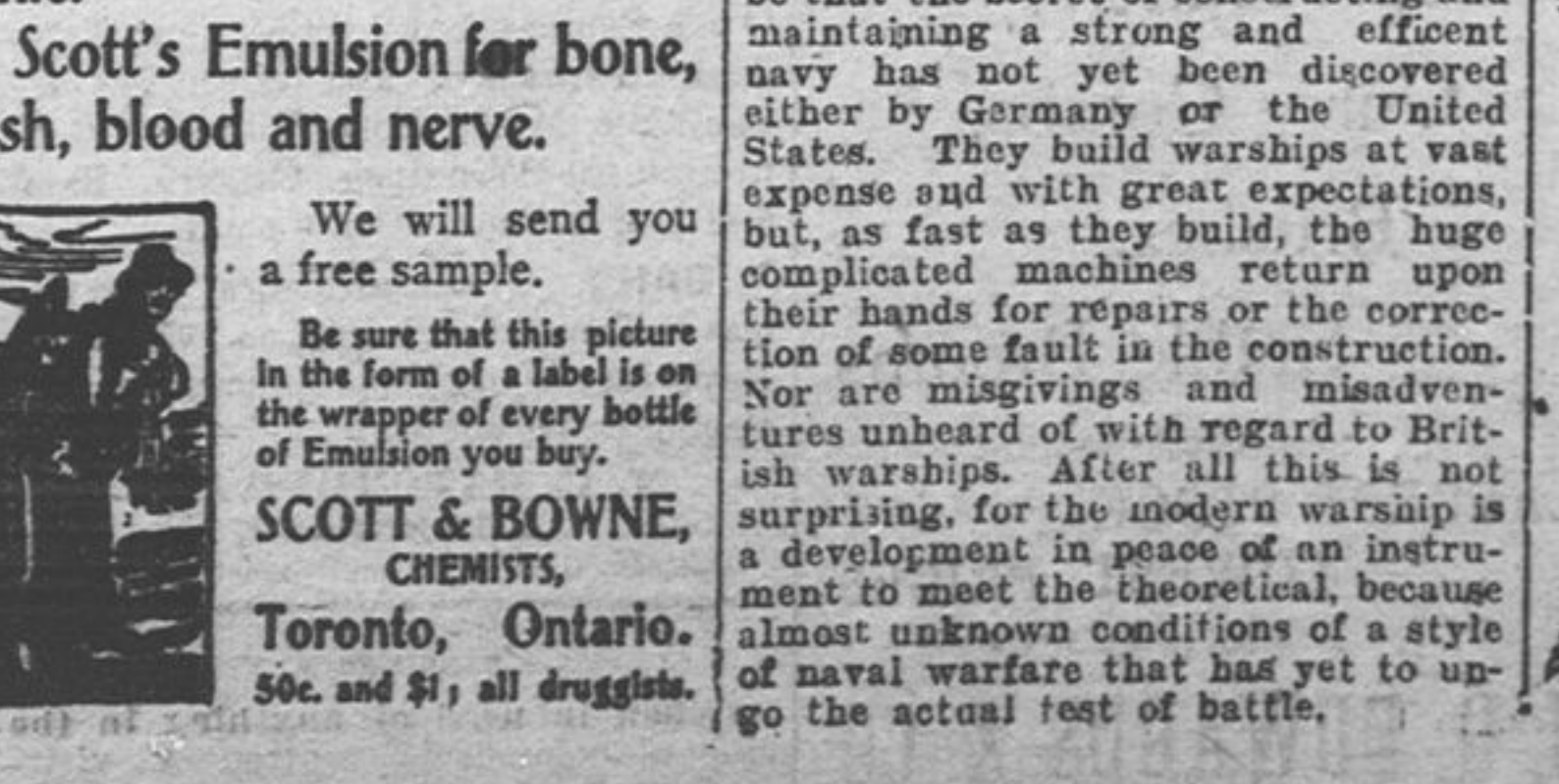
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THE ADJOURNED SALE HELD MONDAY MORNING.

1600 Boxes Offered—The Board Cleared at 10 7/8c.

The adjourned and final sale of the Victoria County Cheese Board for 1908 was held Monday a.m. in the Council chamber, when 1600 boxes, comprising the balance of the October make offered a week ago, were disposed of at the top price of the year.

President Robertson, Secretary Shine and Treasurer Sinclair were present. The buyers in attendance were Messrs. Cook, Fitzgerald, Flavelle and Bailey.

The following factories boarded the number of Cheese placed opposite:

Star.....	130
Cameron.....	156
Dunsford.....	160
Cambray.....	85
Janetville.....	65
Ontmore.....	130
North York.....	190
North Ops.....	100
Pine Grove.....	60
Bobcaygeon.....	300
Palatine.....	180
Red Rock.....	275

Mr. Flavelle opened the bidding at 10c, and the offer advanced in calls to sixteenth better until 10 1/8-1/8 was registered. A pause ensued, when Mr. Flavelle raised to 10 7/8. This was not bettered, and at that figure he called the board. We understand that he divided his purchase with Mr. Fitzgerald.

The following factories sold at 10 3/8-8 Maple Leaf, Mariposa and Fitzroy sold off the Board to Mr. Fitzgerald at 10 1/8.

It is possible that at the annual meeting of the Board, to be held early in the New Year, a proposition will be made that the factories enter into a contract with a Lindsay man to supply boxes for next season, the service this year from Peterboro having been unsatisfactory.

One Editor's Troubles.

Toronto Saturday Night. "Good morning. Have you paid your subscription this year? Perhaps you owe for the last year, or several years. Now, you understand, we don't need money; we have millions of it. But it is an imposition to let people go on carrying our money when we are wrong and healthy, and so abundantly able to bear the burden ourselves. For this reason we ask anybody who has any of our money in his possession to leave it at the office, or send it by post, freight train, express, or any other way, just so it gets here. Silver and gold are heavy, an dit would be a matter of life long regret if anybody should get bow-legged carrying it about for us.

A School for Bad Spellers.

Hamilton or Canada, either, is not the only place where one will find bad or poor spellers. An exchange says that at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., many applicants recently for admission were rejected because of bad spelling, and a special school was established for instructions in this branch. How necessary such a school is has been further shown by the discovery of 1600 gross and in some cases mischievous errors in spelling in the revised ordinances of the town. The cost of the misspelling to the community is several hundred dollars, the entire edition of ordinances having been destroyed, and a new and corrected one ordered. The blame primarily rests on the committee of the common Council to which the revision was entrusted. In defence of themselves the members of the committee have published a communication to the public, in which they protest against the importance which is generally given to good spelling. They affirm that the ability to spell well is a direct gift from heaven, and cannot be acquired by those in whom the gift is lacking. They deny that there is any warrant for making the ability to spell a test of respectability, or even of learning, and recite a list of many men who have been eminent in different departments of enterprise have been constantly guilty of erroneous orthography. They include in the list George Washington and many statesmen whose intelligence has never been doubted.

Perhaps the ability to spell correctly may not be a direct gift from heaven, but it is certainly true that many gifted, educated and clever people cannot spell correctly. The fact that a person cannot spell is no proof that the schoolmaster was wholly to blame.

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