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**Vote For Yourself
And Your Convictions**

On October 6th the electors of Ontario are going to the polls to select men to conduct the business of the Province during the next four or five years. It is a serious business for people who have convictions on the real questions which should be uppermost in the minds of the electors but which are being overlooked or ignored by those promoting the campaigns for both parties.

The liquor question, we believe, is one of the most important from a citizen's point of view. There is no doubt in the minds of the people as to the inefficiency of the present method of handling intoxicating liquors. By the amendments to the Liquor Control Act passed by the Henry Government and the regulations put into operation by the Hepburn government we have a system which is shameful. When liquor is handled in a way to bring profit to the individual there is no doubt that selling will be the chief business of the person handling such liquors. If we must have liquor why can we not have it handled in such a way as to lessen the temptation for our young people? There is no encouragement for true temperance people to get excited about the election. There is little hope of eliminating the present laws entirely and getting something more sane in their place.

The school question will have considerable weight in giving people a lead in their decision as to how to vote. We have two classes of schools in Ontario: Public and Separate. Both are established by law. One was established as a special concession to a minority of the people of the Province; the other is the state school and is open to all classes. Governments should see that both get fair and equal treatment. To take from one system to benefit the other should be beyond the powers of members of the legislature. Both should be treated with the same consideration and the person who thinks otherwise is not fit to represent the people of Ontario in the legislative halls.

There are many other questions but these are mostly as to methods of procedure and on these there is always the question of which is best.

If the electors of Ontario will vote in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience, after having seen to it that candidates of the right calibre are selected, Ontario will prosper in methods and morals.

Who Owns Hydro?

Perhaps on account of the way that the Ontario Government has been entering into the hydro business it has been inferred that the Province owns the Ontario Hydro Electric System. Dr. Boyd, of the Simcoe Public Utilities, before the Ontario Municipal Electric Association at Niagara, maintained that it is owned by the contracting municipalities, and is administered by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, which is a partnership of municipalities formed to obtain power at cost, each municipality paying its proportion for the service received.



Saugeen Lodge No. 327
Markdale, Ont.

Monday, Sept. 27th—Regular meeting for the transaction of general business. Election of officers. All members are requested to attend this meeting.

**Political History
of Ontario**

The Ontario election to be held on October 6th is the 19th general election since Confederation. When the province was formed Sir John A. Macdonald evidently had the idea that the Provincial Government would be non-political and he asked Hon. Sanfield Macdonald to organize a Government. He was nominally a Liberal, but a close friend and admirer of Sir John A. His ministry was composed of both Liberals and Conservatives. However, Hon. Geo. Brown who was opposed to Sir John A. and all his works, carried on unrelenting warfare against the ministry and when Hon. Sanfield Macdonald went to the country in 1871 he was beaten at the polls. Hon. Edward Blake, leader of the Liberal party, formed a Liberal Government, but Blake's ambitions were all in the federal field; he regarded the Provincial House as not much more than an overgrown county council. He retired to be succeeded by Sir Oliver Mowat, who resigned from the bench to become Ontario premier. Mowat was premier for 24 years from 1872 until 1896 when he resigned to enter the Laurier Government. During most of this long period the Conservatives held office at Ottawa, but Mowat maintained his hold on Ontario. His regime was marked by continual clashes with Ottawa on the question of provincial rights.

First Conservative Leader

Following the defeat of the Union Government of Sanfield Macdonald and the return to straight party government the first Conservative leader was Sir Matthew C. Cameron who was leader until 1878 when he was appointed judge of the Queen's Bench of Ontario. He was followed by Sir William Meredith, who was leader until 1894. He was without question one of the ablest men who ever sat in the Ontario Legislature, but he faced Mowat at the height of his power. Mowat had an uncanny hold on the people of Ontario. While Sir William never became premier his services to the province as Opposition leader were invaluable. Mowat was a brilliant strategist who made the most of his constant quarrels with Ottawa on provincial rights. He fought no less than five general elections, always on the losing side.

The nineties saw the rise in Ontario of the Patrons of Industry. The order was organized at a convention held in London in September, 1891. It grew like a giant gourd and in 1894 the Grand Association determined to nominate candidates. Thirty candidates were placed in the field in 1894. No less than 14 were elected. In addition this election saw the return of two P.P.A. candidates. The result of the 1894 election was Liberals 49; Conservatives 27; Patrons of Industry 14; and P.P.A., 2. Following this election Sir William retired to be appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Whitney as Leader

A Conservative caucus was called to select a leader—this was before the days of party conventions. Four names were submitted to the caucus—J. P. Whitney, G. F. Martin, O. H. Howland and G. Sterling Ryserson. The most promising candidate Mr. Whitney frankly told the caucus that his hostility to the Patron movement and the fact that he had defeated in the elections not a Liberal but a Patron made it necessary to weigh carefully the choice of leader they were to make. A vote was taken and it was evident the leadership lay between Mr. Martin and Mr. Whitney. Eventually Mr. Martin was selected. He had slight parliamentary experience and, as he always modestly contended, no gift for leadership. After nearly two years of great strain and stress to him he called a meeting of his parliamentary followers after the session of 1896 and told them that for reasons of health and business he would have to retire. Whitney was the unanimous choice.

There followed a series of bitter and hard-fought elections, with the Liberals gradually losing strength. Hon. A. S. Hardy succeeded Sir Oliver Mowat and after two years he retired in favor of Sir George Ross. By the election of 1902 the Liberals had a majority of only four. Then came the Gamey scan-

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I am your comforter and your best friend.

I'm calling you!

I AM THE CHURCH

Bootlegging on Peninsula

Though Wiarton has two beverage rooms, a brewery warehouse and liquor store, illicit sales are still carried on in that town and on Bruce Peninsula. When Magistrate Walker held court in "The Gateway to Bruce Peninsula" last Thursday, a Wiarton bootlegger was soaked \$281.75 for soliciting orders for liquor. George McArthur, a Stokes Bay farmer, put up \$141.25 for making a bar-room out of his private residence, and Chas. Williams, the Lion's Head hotelkeeper, was mulcted \$133.75 for dispensing spirituous beverages without a license. The charges against two other bootleggers for keeping for sale were held over till October 1st.—Chesley Enterprise.

dal and the scandal of the Minnie M. at the Soo. Another election was forced in 1905 with a sweeping Conservative victory of 69 Conservatives to 19 Liberals. Sir Jas. Whitney by his brusque honesty and able administration continued to carry the country by enormous majorities. He won in 1908, 1911 and 1914 with sweeping victories. Following his death Sir William Hearst succeeded the premier-ship. The next election came in 1919; there was a war reaction and the agrarian movement was at its height. The U.F.O. were the largest group carrying 44 seats, the Liberals 29, Conservatives 25 and Labor and Independent 14. Ernest C. Drury, who was not even a candidate was chosen leader and premier. At a Conservative convention held in 1921 Hon. Howard Ferguson was selected leader. The result of the 1923 election was almost as surprising as the result of 1919. The Conservatives carried 77 seats and the Liberals only 17 and U.F.O. and Labor 20. Mr. Ferguson swept the country again by huge majorities in 1926 and 1929. Then came his retirement to become High Commissioner, the rise of Hon. Mitchell Hepburn as Liberal leader and his sweeping victory in 1934. Ontario thus had a coalition government from 1867 to 1871, Liberal governments from 1871 until 1905, a period of 34 years and Conservative ministries for 29 years with the one break of four years when there was a U.F.O. administration and for the past four years a Liberal Government. That is Ontario's record.—Tara Leader.

**Recipes for Standard's
Cook Book**

MINCE PIE

½ cup apples
½ cup raisins
½ cup currants
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
a little salt
Boil and then add ½ teaspoon vinegar and some beef or pork head meat. This makes filling for one pie.

Mrs. Edwin Boyes,
R.R. 3, Markdale.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 cups flour
¼ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon baking powder
vanilla
¼ teaspoon salt
Drop on buttered pan and press down with a fork. Bake in moderate oven.

Mrs. J. A. Davis,
R.R. 4, Markdale.

HERMITS

1 cup butter
1½ cups brown sugar
3 eggs
2 cups walnuts
1 cup raisins
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon each of cloves, allspice and nutmeg.
1 teaspoonful of salt
1 teaspoonful of soda
1 cup of hot water or fresh milk with eggs.

Mrs. C. B. Boland,
R.R. 4, Markdale.

PINEAPPLE CAKE

3 tablespoons butter
1 cup brown sugar
Put in pan and let simmer for a few minutes then add layers of pineapple.

BATTER

3 eggs
1½ cups white sugar beat in ½ cup cold water
small ½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons baking powder
Pour over fruit in pan. When baked turn out.

Mrs. C. B. Boland,
R.R. 4, Markdale.

FRUIT CAKE WITHOUT EGGS

1 lb. seeded raisins
1 lb. currants
½ lb. white sugar or 1 cup ½ lb. butter
¼ lb. candied lemon peel
¼ lb. candied citron peel
1 lb. flour, or 3½ cups
2 level teaspoons soda
2 level teaspoons cinnamon
1 nutmeg
1 pint sweet milk
Mix flour and butter together then add the fruit peels and spice. Heat half the milk to simmering. Put in soda and stir. Add the balance of milk and add to cake. Mix well with hands, bake in slow oven as for bread.

Kathleen Burrell,
R.R. 3, Markdale.

FRENCH CREAM PIE

2 eggs, well beaten
¾ cup white sugar
1 cup sour cream
2 cups raisins
spice to taste
Mix all together and bake with top crust.

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