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EDITORIAL

The Referendum Ballot

A great deal of controversy is taking place over the form of the questions for the referendum on the liquor issue. The temperance people are not finding it so difficult to answer the questions as other people who are not out-and-out prohibitionists, because anyone favoring prohibition merely has to answer all four questions in the negative. It is difficult to see how it is going to work out in the other cases. For instance, one question has been raised that if a majority is in favor of the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act how could the Government carry out the wishes of any subsequent majorities on the other three questions by amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act which, it is pointed out, would not then exist if it were repealed under the first question?

Two-Cent Letter Postage

The United States' Government has set Canada a good example by reverting to two-cent letter postage. Our own government will probably take similar action shortly. The adoption of the three-cent letter rate during the war did not prove as great a revenue-producing measure in either Canada or the United States as was hoped for. With the increased letter postage rate there was a very perceptible decrease of letter writing; while the two-cent rate for post cards greatly diminished the use of this means of communication. Penny postage in the past greatly increased the revenues in all countries. It's re-adoption will be universally welcomed and postal revenues will no doubt be increased instead of diminished when such action is taken.

Canada's Forest Values

The important part that Canada's forests are to play in the reconstruction period is daily becoming more evident. This is brought out in the annual report on the pulp and paper industry prepared co-operatively by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The value of the total product had in 1917 increased 140 per cent. as compared with 1915 and while the quantity of pulp wood consumed increased not quite 50 per cent. in the two years the total value of the same increased nearly 100 per cent. In 1917, 2,100,000 cords were used, valued at $18,817,000. The total number of wage earners in the industry increased from 1915 to 1917 by about 50 per cent., while the wages paid increased 96 per cent.

Improvements to Educational System

A feature of the week in the Legislature was the intellectual treat given to the members on the occasion of the first real address of the Hon. Dr. Cody as Minister of Education. The Minister in a very full address, splendidly rendered, made a survey of the whole educational system of the province. Two of his most important measures were to provide for consolidated schools in rural districts, and to change the method of enforcing school attendance. Some of the matters dealt with by the Minister were his intention to provide libraries in rural districts and to train teachers in the use of libraries. The training of teachers in connection with technical and industrial education will in future be divided into two sections under separate superintendents. Grammar will be combined with composition so as to make the subject more attractive to the scholars. The Minister does not propose to do away with home-work but intimated that the tasks set might be considerably lightened. Special secondary agricultural, commercial and technical schools are to be provided. Every assistance will be given to enable rural school boards to increase the salaries of the teacher.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the vote on wine and beer in Quebec last week the influence of the women was lacking. Woman franchise has not been enacted in that province. Ontario will have the advantage of the women's vote. They know best, perhaps, the great benefit of the absoluted closed barrooms, by the betterment of the homes. The vote in Ontario will be on a vastly different basis, and the result will be as vastly different.

A lengthy debate was initiated in the Legislature last week by Mr. Nelson Parliament, a Liberal farmer from Prince Edward County, in which he demanded that a non-partisan commission, including representatives of agriculture and labor, should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the conditions which are ordinarily responsible for the continuous decline in the rural population of the province. He emphasized the need for market roads rather than trunk highways, advocated a rural banking system and the extension of Hydro radials. He also called the attention of the Government to the unwarranted spread between the prices received by the producer and the cost to the consumer.

Quebec last week gave a large majority in favor of wine and beer. But that province never had the advantage of an experience under prohibition. Notwithstanding the criticisms of its opponents and the violations of the Act that have taken place, the fact remains that for the past two and a half years Ontario has under prohibition been a sober province. Since September, 1916, drunkenness has been rare. Health, happiness and comfort have come to homes where they were previously strangers, and thousands of Ontario people bless the day that brought to them freedom from their greatest enemy. Let us help to make these conditions permanent by voting "No" to all four referendum questions when election day comes.

The Liberals are taking steps to get into line again in Dominion matters, and possibly select a new leader. To this end a National Liberal Convention is announced to be held in Ottawa on August 5, 6, and 7. The announcement is given out this early so that all constitutencies may organize and arrange to send delegates.

The drive for stronger beer now in progress will prove, in the end, a great failure. The proposition if temporarily successful, will be almost impossible of enforcement, and it is doubtful if it would achieve anything more creditable than an increase in the illicit trade in whiskey. Indeed, when the amount of law-breaking under present conditions is considered, any relaxation must be contemplated with anxiety. Pioneer.

The demand for Hydro-electric power and light is growing in rural districts as well as in the civic centres. Lincoln County Board of Agriculture last week decided to request the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission to have the Act amended to permit counties as well as townships and urban municipalities to purchase and distribute blocks of electric energy for lighting and power purposes in rural constituencies.

The general tendency on this North American continent seems to be to out-law the traffic in liquor. This extends even to the sale of beer and wine in many sections. In the state of Michigan last week a majority of about 120,000 votes was cast by the electors against the beer and wine amendment. This is a fair indication of how the vote will go in Ontario next fall. The people are pretty certain to vote No, No, No, No to the four questions to be submitted.

If a bill introduced by the Hon. T. W. McGarry in the Ontario Legislature shall become law, the playing of the national anthem at the close of all theatre performances in Ontario is to be made a compulsory matter. Mr. McGarry in his bill does not say that the national anthem shall be sung, but he provides that it shall at least be played. Ontario's loyal citizens will have no objection to complying with this.

Indications of a return to normal rates in trans-Atlantic shipping are now seen in the marked reduction of ocean freights on commercial traffic and the gradual releasing by the British Government of an increased amount of space for commercial cargoes. All rates show very considerable reductions and indications are that as the season opens at the port of Montreal freight rates will have been materially reduced. At the beginning of the year general cargo rates were $6.50 per 100 pounds; now the rate is quoted at $3.50 per 100 pounds.

In the annual report of the Lord's Day Alliance the following complimentary reference to the attitude of the returned soldier is given prominence: "It was feared that the no-Sunday life of the soldier at the front would seriously affect his attitude to the day on his return. We are discovering, however, that in this case the old adage is true, 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder.' Deprivation of his weekly rest during active service has created, in many instances, the insistent demand for the enjoyment of its privileges when the sound of the guns is silenced and the men return to the pursuits of peace."

Acton is enjoying an era of prosperity. Every house is occupied and more are in demand. Business is good and bound to improve. This is just the right sized town to settle down in and enjoy life. Everything for the comfort of life can be bought here and $10 will go nearly as far as $25 will in the large cities. When you want to leave the farm, come to our town and build a nice comfortable home and be among the best people in the world. An occasional pleasure trip to the city may readily be taken with both steam and electric roads ready for your choice, or a two hours' motor drive on good stone and concrete roads.

The Sunday selling of gasolene is absolutely unnecessary and should not be expected of dealers nor engaged in by them. W. M. Rochester, General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, points out that the action of the Fuel Controller in placing the ban upon the Sunday sale of gasolene, though the ban is now lifted, has been immensely helpful in supplying indubitable testimony that the Sunday sale is quite unnecessary. The situation is improved also by the closing policy adpted by the Imperial Oil Company and of other firms. The situation, therefore, following experience of war conditions must be regarded universally as highly gratifying.

It is most desirable in these days of reconstruction for townspeople and farmers to get as close together in their relations as possible. In the average community the town is dependent for its prosperity largely upon the money received from the farmers in the ordinary channels of trade, rather than upon that obtained form the sale of its own products. In the average town the merchants cannot make money and continue in business if they are dependent solely upon the people of the town for their business. No business can last long with "everything going out and nothing coming in," and it is equally true that no business can be operated on the principle of "everything coming in and nothing going out." To maintain the balance which is necessary to the maintenance of prosperity in a community there must be an even trade between the business men of town and country.

There was a motion brought before the Legislature a week ago by Wm. McDonald, of N. Bruce, seconded by Sam Carter, of Guelph, asserting that the representation in the Ontario Legislature is too large, unwieldly and expensive, and pointing to the huge sum of over $150,000 for indemnity and expenses paid to members during the year. Mr. McDonald desired a reduction of the number of constituencies to conform with the representation from Ontario in the Federal House, namely from 111 to 89. After a mirthful discussion Mr. McDonald withdrew his motion. He was supported in it by Mr. Proudfoot, the opposition leader, who thought the motion should have been received more seriously. If the membership was reduced to 89 it would save the province $40,000 ayear and on that account it might have been advisable to consider a reduction. Mr. Sam Carter believed that the foundation of representation should be population. The motion, however was generally opposed.

"GLEG AT THE UPTAKE"

Walter Mayne came in from school the back way. A coal-hacket stood outside the door, empty. The blithe young senior, and acknowledged leader in his class, promptly picked up the bucket, ran to the coal-house and filled it, getting Bridget's hearty "thank you" in return, while one Nurse Elspeth nodded her head significantly.

At the table, Mr. Mayne exclaimed, "Simpson fought to have a message from me by half-past one! I almost forgot."

"I can take it, father," said Walter. "There will just be time."

After school that afternoon, Walter was in the library when the younger children came rushing in, leaving the door open. Grandma shivered, but said nothing. At once Walter got up and closed the door, without a word.

That evening, Walter and his father were together in the library, when a business friend called. He did not say that his errand was a private one, but Mr. Mayne gave his son a glance. The youth rose immediately and left the room.

Later, he heard a girl friend of his sister's in the parlor say she must go home, and he quietly offered his escort without waiting for a request from his sister.

"That lad is aye 'gleg at the uptake'." A hint's enough for him, wi'out a bein' feat into him," was old Elspeth's emphatic commendation. "It's worth a fortin' to the lad, I' the way o' comfort to ithers."

Is it not worth as much to any one? To be alert, observant, and comprehending, to be as swift to serve as one is quick to see; in fact, to be "uptaking" as as Elspeth put it, "gleg at the uptake"—ready to act upon the lightest hint—is a gift indeed. Where it is not a gift, it may be a grace, and one that is well worth while to cultivate.—Selected.

AN EXPERT OPINION

Among the many humorous anecdotes that have appeared in print since the outbreak of war is this from Titbits: The Commanding officer of a certain regiment was much troubled about the persistent untidiness of one of his men. Reprimand and punishment had proved to be of no avail.

A brilliant idea struck the colonel. Why not march the man up and down the whole line of the regiment, and shame him into decency?

It was done. The untidy warrior, who hailed from the Emerald Isle, was ordered to exhibit himself and march up and down the entire regiment, and the men were told to have a good look at him.

After the ordeal was over the unabashed son of Erin halted, saluted the colonel, and said in the hearing of the whole corps:

"Dirtiest regiment I iver inspected, sorr."

NEW TO PADEREWSKI

When Jack London met Paderewski he said:

"Mr. Paderewski, my performance on a piano on one occasion was the means of saving my life."

"How so?" inquired the master of the keys, politely.

"It was this way. Father owned a plantation on the Mississippi. There was a flood. The water rolled through the levee and tore the house from its foundations.

"Father floated off down stream on the dining room table. I accompanied him on the piano.

BE A FRIENDLY BOOSTER

If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumbl. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a knocker. Your turn will come. No one man is the whole show. If you see that the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along, shove a little. Try to get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a chilly old cadaver. Don't waste time feeling sore because some fellow has a little more sand and sense than you have. Do a little hustling yourself. Don't be a knocker.

A LESSON IN IT

"I," said the temperance man, "very strongly object to the custom of christening ships with champagne."

"I don't," replied the other man. "I think there's a temperance lesson it it."

"How can that be."

"Well, immediately after the first bottle of wine the ship takes to water, and sticks to it ever after."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIGHEST SERVICE

An American admiral tells the story of a Japanese waiter who served him on board the U. S. war-vessel New York. He was a good waiter, courteous, prompt, and quick to learn. The admiral took notice of him, and often told him things about ships and sailors.

One day the man disappeared, and the admiral lost sight of him. Some years later the American was in Europe, and made a call on a Japanese battleship lying in a harbor of France. The captain met him on the gangway and escorted him to his cabin. As they were seated, the Japanese suddenly turned, threw off his hat, and threw a napkin over his arm. "The captain would dine," he said, in a tone that the admiral remembered. The great Japanese commander was none other than the admiral's old servant. In a lowly position he had learned and obtained qualifications for highest service.

"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?"

Farmer—"Say, mister, I have lost my wife."

Floorman—(Smiling) "Are you very downhearted?"

Farmer—"You bet I be, why she is carrying the purse."—Buffalo Express.

Notice to Creditors

In the Estate of Kelly Griffin, Retired Contractor, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of Kelly Griffin, late of the Village of Acton in the County of Halton, retired contractor, deceased, who died on or about the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1919, and all other persons having claims against his estate are required on or before the tenth day of May A.D. 1919 to send by post prepaid, or otherwise deliver to Harold Nash Farmer, of the Village of Acton in the County of Halton, Barrister-at-law, Solicitor for William Griffin, of the Village of Erin in the County of Wellington, gentleman, and Henry Philip Moore, of the Village of Acton in the County of Halton, Editor, the executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their claims duly verified by statutory declaration, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And notice is further given that immediately after the said tenth day of May A. D. 1919, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased according to law, among the parties entitled thereto, and that the said executors will not be responsible after the period fixed for such distribution, for any claim of which they shall not then have received notice as aforesaid.

Dated this tenth day of April A.D. 1919.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN,
HENRY PHILIP MOORE,
Executors.

By Harold Nash Farmer, Their Solicitor
Mill Street, Acton, Ont. 41-3

HELPING PEOPLE

Some time since, we were invited to a small gathering at the home of a friend. One of the guests was to come on a train from a neighboring town. After hearing the whistle of the engine we went out on the porch to await her arrival. Soon we saw her passing up a neighboring street carrying a large and heavy carpetbag, while a feeble old lady, poorly clad, was walking by her side.

"That is just like Grace," said the hostess; "she has found that old woman at the station, and is lending her a hand."

So it proved. This young girl was beautiful, talented, and accomplished. Yet she was not ashamed to be seen carrying the burden and acting as a guide for the aged and poor. Many ladies of far less position and culture would have been ashamed and horrified at the very suggestion.

TOO WISE

"There's such a thing as being too wise," said Chief of Police Butler the other day. "Indeed, that is how we catch many thieves. They are too clever and it gives them away. They remind me of the new clerk in the seed-store.

"Someone, just for a joke, asked for some sweet-potato seeds. The clerk hunted all through the seeds but could find no sweet potato seeds and finally appealed to the boss.

"The latter explained that he was being kidded and cautioned him about not letting smart Alecks put anything over him.

"A few days later a lady entered the store and asked for some bird-seed.

"Aw, go on," grinned the clerk, you can't kid me. Birds is hatched from eggs."—Los Angles Times.

NOT MUCH CHANCE!

"Conscription has, maybe, saved the country;" growled the soldier, "but what I object to is the company it drives a man into. I'm a plumber by trade, an honest workman, yet I'm compelled to suffer the society of such professionals as a lawyer, a minister, and an auctioneer." "No' a bad selection, Jock," remarked his friend. "Oh, maybe no' in a way; but when the minister and the lawyer start an argument on Egyptian law in the middle of the nich across half a dozen beds, wi' the blessed auctioneer as umpire, what chance has even a plumber o' stoppin' the gas leak?"

A HOUSEHOLD INDUSTRY

The advertisements were the most interesting things in the paper, according to Mr. Hobart's ideas. He read them to his wife as she sat at work on the stockings of their active son.

"No need to spend your time hunting for antiques now," said Mr. Hobart, after skimming the cream from a long article, as was his wont. "Here's a man that will undertake and guarantee to make your new furniture look as if 'twas a hundred years old, by a process known only to him."

"I don't see any need of processes for our furniture," remarked Mrs. Hobart, as she cast a hopeless stocking to the flames of the Franklin front. Tommy's feet are all the process we need. Perhaps we could rent him out by the day."

THEY AGREED

An old couple had lived together forty years. The man said that he and his wife never agreed but once in all that time, and that was when the house took fire, both agreed that the best thing to do was to get out as soon as possible.

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Think big, talk little, love much, laugh easily, work hard, give freely, pay cash and be kind. It is enough.

BIG VOCABULARY NEEDED

There are two hundred and fifty thousand words in the English language, and most of them were used last Sunday by a lady who discovered after coming out of church, that her new hat was adorned with a tag on which was written, "reduced to $2.75."

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