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EDITORIAL

In some form or other Parliament must give the people of Ontario who have voted by overwhelming majorities against the retail sale of liquor within the Province the right to prevent importation from other Provinces or from abroad. Ontario does not want to be deluged with whiskey from Montreal, and won't stand for it—Globe.

With a presumption quite in keeping with the course followed during the recent Referendum campaign, the Liberty League, in the face of a majority of about 350,000 votes, is asking for a recount of the votes polled on the 20th inst. "We have absolutely nothing to fear," said Dr. G. S. Grant, chairman of the Ontario Referendum Committee, in regard to the request for a recount. "In fact, I feel that we will increase our big majority if a recount is held."

Even the countries overseas, some of them at least, see the great benefit of the measure of prohibition of the liquor traffic put into force during the war. In Norway war-time prohibition, operating since December, 1916, and forbidding the sale and private importation of spirits and strong liquors, was made permanent by plebiscite held last week. The country has been greatly excited over the question and Premier Knudsen announced that he would resign if prohibition failed of adoption.

The women of the town were so interested in the vote last week that they will naturally be anxious to vote again to-morrow on the Waterworks and Shoe Factory By-laws. The women may vote on these by-laws, but only those who own property in the municipality and whose names are on the voters list prepared for the election on these by-laws. The progress of the town from the standpoint of health, convenience, sanitary conditions, industrial advancement and the general spirit of local loyalty to Acton's interests will induce electors generally to support the by-laws.

At the annual prize day at Upper Canada College, Toronto, last Friday, Principal Grant announced that the plan to remove the college to Norway had been shelved indefinitely. That being the case it is manifestly due by the college authorities, or the Government of the Province, to recoup the Township of Esquesing the amount that would have been collected for taxes on the six hundred acres of land selected by Upper Canada College, near Norway, as a new site for the college, and exempted from taxation on the ground of being property owned for educational purposes. The course of holding this land for six or eight years without taxes has been very unfair to the township.

Some opposition to the proposed waterworks for Acton has arisen through a misapprehension as to the basis of the frontage assessment. Citizens owning corner lots have been led to believe that both frontages will be assessed if water mains are laid on both. The letter of explanation of plans, supply and cost, issued by the Council last week distinctly states that any property owner may have water for the asking, and by paying frontage tax on one frontage ONLY of his property. The matter of levying for services is wholly in the hands of the Council, for under the Local Improvement Act, on a two-thirds vote of the Council, water mains may be laid on any street. This plan is the reverse of the act respecting the laying of cement pavements.

Canada wants intelligent citizens. Prominent among the lessons taught by the war is that of the importance of education. The realization that education is one of the chief foundation stones of civilization is growing rapidly. There follows the demand in this country, and it is to-day a very insistent demand in Canada, that our schools be required to train boys and girls to be citizens. Our school programmes will require to be pruned. The presumption that every scholar has in view a course in the university, which has held sway for several generations, must now give way. Pupils in the primary and secondary schools must henceforth be taught the fundamentals of a useful citizen's life and conduct. Among these are: honesty, uprightiness, industry, justice, thrift, fire prevention, in addition to an ordinary curriculum prepared to meet the duties of every-day life. Present conditions demand that such things as should be taught in the schools, and are included in a citizen's full duty.

Nearly everybody one meets now-a-days is a prohibitionist. The election last week made it popular to be on the side of those who worked so strenuously to keep the liquor traffic out. The Mail and Empire says: "Distillers announce that they are satisfied with the result of the referendum; and it seems equally probable that Ludendorff was rather pleased with the result when the polls closed on November 11, 1918."

The result of the magnificent majority secured last week for the continued prohibition of the liquor traffic, has been far-reaching. It is said that the result has knocked on the head a movement which had taken shape in Manitoba to demand the sale of light beer and wines in that province. Petitions to the government were in circulation, but have been withdrawn. Both Great Britain and France have been encouraged in their campaign for prohibition by Ontario's splendid majority.

Canada requires both the farm and the town, and never more than at the present time. Each is dependent upon the other for the prosperity of all. Just now when Great Britain asks for a credit to buy our surplus food stuffs we should stand all together and aim to assure the success of the effort to provide for the credit through the Victory Loan. A direct responsibility rests upon the man on the farm and also the man in the town. Each must shoulder his share of the responsibility by lending to the utmost.

"We must have courage, and determination and must summon the necessary unanimity," said a distinguished British statesman the other day, in counselling his countrymen on the necessity of maintaining her trade. These words might just as well have been uttered by a Canadian statesman, for the qualities named are all essential to this country at the present juncture. Canada is now offering the 1919 Victory Loan and it must be pushed through to success with courage, determination and absolute unanimity, if Canada is to prove worthy of her opportunity.

The success of the farmers in the political campaign last week places our friends of the farm in a new position in relation to public affairs. The practical, hard-headed common sense of the farmers elected to the Legislature and their leaders who are at the head of the organization, will lead them to promptly realize that this country needs a well-balanced government, with equal consideration for all. The dethronement of the old parties may eventually be found of incalculable benefit. The patronage system will at once be annihilated. This will be the result even more completely if a coalition government be formed.

Great opportunities for trade lie within the grasp of Canada if her farmers, wage-earners, merchants and manufacturers forego foresight enough to reach for them. On the maintenance of our great overseas trade built up during the war rests our ability to carry on. One of the great objects of the Victory Loan, apart from the rehabilitation of the returned soldier, is the raising of the capital necessary to enable the Government of Canada to continue its system of credits to Great Britain, France, Belgium and other countries, and at the same time pay cash to the Canadian producer. On these credits our present and future trade depends and all Canadians must unite to ensure an ample subscription to the 1919 Loan which alone will render them possible.

The vote on the shoe factory by-law for the formal ratification of the new agreement between the corporation and Courty & Co., of Kitchener, takes place to-morrow. Inasmuch as the money has already been borrowed and the town is responsible for it, there will be no object in anyone casting an adverse vote. The exhibit of the shoes to be manufactured by the firm who will operate the new premises, now on display in the window of Messrs. McLean & Mills, will give our citizens a good idea of the splendid styles and qualities of the output of Acton Shoe Factory. Any town might well have pride in the establishment of a business by men of experience which will produce goods of this character. Acton electors will act the part of wisdom by giving the shoe factory by-law unanimous concurrence.

It is the consensus of opinion of Canadian officials who have visited Europe that the future of the export trade in dairy products is assured. In England butter is everywhere at a premium and Canadian cheese continues to hold its good reputation. Mr. H. S. Arkell, Live Stock Commissioner, who has recently returned from overseas, states that the shortage of milk and dairy products in Great Britain is unprecedented. The same is true of other European countries. The scarcity and high price of concentrated feed is to some extent responsible for this. The condition is so general as not quickly to be remedied. It is further responsible for retarding the increase of swine production and the restoring of the normal requirements of fat. This statement from the Live Stock Commissioner should give confidence not only to dairy farmers but to those who are able to raise hogs.

Waterworks for Acton. With this purpose in view the property-owners of Acton will go to the polls to-morrow. Why are waterworks desirable for Acton? A waterworks system affords the people of the home the great convenience of running water, the boon of lavatories, a convenience which assures comfort and sanitation, and is especially valuable during times of sickness; provides adequate fire protection; lower insurance rates; will increase the values of property in the municipality, and will give Acton a prestige in the eyes of prospective residents and manufacturing industries which is now lacking. The question has been asked over and over again the past week or two, "Why are the citizens who already possess private waterworks systems affording them all the usual conveniences, so anxious to see waterworks installed in Acton?" Frankly, the interest is wholly unselfish. In each case these citizens realize so fully the great advantages and comfort of waterworks in their homes that they are anxious that every other citizen should enjoy these advantages as well. By the installation of a public waterworks system the cost to the average citizen will be but a tithe of the expense incurred by those who have installed private systems. No person who has ever enjoyed the privileges afforded by waterworks fails to appreciate their worth or would not eagerly embrace the opportunity of securing such privileges when the cost in Acton will only reach an average of thirty cents per week.

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The church stands for the religious basis of all life, and must never lose sight in details. Nothing is more repulsive than philanthropic work carried on without the tender human sympathy and the spiritual insight which enables the worker to heal the wounds of society. Social reform, if it is to be successful, must be based on sound principles. Each proposal must contribute to some thought-out achievement. The question of the driving power in the movement which has so largely curtailed the liquor evil has been an aggressive humanity inspired by the thought of Jesus. Economic, political and social considerations have influenced the appeal of the church, but the main power after all has been the conscience created, informed and sustained by religion.

The actual churches are as human as are the men and women who come to them from the clubs, boards of trade, and trade unions, where they meet for other purposes. It is not to be considered for a moment what society would be like, if the quiet sabbid influence of the churches were removed, to decide that despite certain ineffectiveness, the church is an indispensable factor in the movement for the nation.

McNab's adjustments of the social arrangements carried on without the insight born of reverence for God and man will be disappointing. Can the force of religion be made more effective? Can religion itself stand forth more distinctly than ever, the tangled web of mischievous associations with questionable science, history and politics, to sustain the inward life of social progress? No question is more urgent and the fact that all the churches have awakened, to face it is full of encouragement.

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