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EDITORIAL

There is no uncertain sound as to the position of Ontario's new Premier on the question of prohibition. He said in an interview just Friday: "One of our first administrative duties must be to earnestly and effectively to enforce the will of the people as expressed in the recent prohibition referendum. With that mandate I am personally in thorough accord and sympathy. I must see to it that it has effective enforcement. It may be that it will be found that there are loopholes or defects in the law which render it difficult to enforce. If so, it will be our duty to correct them."

The almost unanimous endorsement of the action of the Council in transferring the shoe factory agreement from the Reliance Shoe Co., of Toronto, to the Gourlay Co., of Kitchener, by the ratepayers at the polls last Friday was a wise action. This fine community spirit will give the new company very kindly feelings toward the town and will naturally inspire them to do their utmost to make the new business a marked success from the outset. By the action on Friday Acton secures a company experienced in the manufacture of fine grades of shoes; reputed to be in healthy financial circumstances, and who have agreed to have the new factory in operation by the opening of the New Year. Let us all give the members of the new company and their employees a cordial welcome to the town and make them feel glad to become fellow-citizens with all of us.

The United Farmers of Ontario, who won first place in the general elections on October 20, are fortunate indeed in having among their number a man of the type of E. C. Drury, of Crown Hill, Simcoe County, upon whom to call to be Prime Minister of the province. The Independent Labor Party have joined the U. F. O. in the selection of Mr. Drury, the new Premier is a real farmer who farms, and farms only, for a living. He is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and a son of the first Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Drury is a young man of forty, a fluent speaker, a clean man and highly esteemed. The union of the farmers and the labor representatives in a government will be of great value to both parties, and no doubt to the country at large. There will be greater consideration for each other's position, and eventually a closer understanding of the demands of justice and equity in relation to each. There appears to be a disposition on the part of the new Premier and his advisers to treat fairly all parties in the formation of the new cabinet.

Statistics furnished by the Finance Department at Ottawa for the six months ending September 30, 1919 show a most encouraging state of affairs, even though there has been a decrease in Canada's total trade as compared with the same six months of 1918. The total value of Canadian trade, export and import from April 1, to September 30, 1918 was \$1,087,232,880; and for the same period in the present year \$1,054,657,402 or \$32,575,478, less. But the chief drop was in the value of imports. Exports fell only \$11,320,805 as compared with the 1918 totals. When it is remembered that last year the war was still in progress and Canada was exporting munitions that ceased to be made so soon as the armistice was signed, the decrease in exports is surprisingly low. It is clear that our exports of a permanent character, both agricultural and of manufactured commodities, must have risen above even those of the war period. Canada therefore has maintained a great overseas market for something more than war supplies, which she has an opportunity of permanently holding. But this market was only rendered possible by the credits furnished to Great Britain and European countries. Unless the Canadian people by a generous oversubscription to the 1919 Victory Loan, furnish the capital whereby these credits and this vast export trade can be maintained the same period of 1920 will show a shrinkage that cannot be restored.

The carrying of the Waterworks By-law last Friday by a four-fifths majority indicates very clearly that the citizens of Acton are very strongly in favor of this most desirable public utility. The spirit of progress is abroad and this town is intelligently interested in providing improvements that will be for the benefit of the community from the standpoint of public health, sanitary conditions, protection against fire, family convenience and with all that will make for general material prosperity. The work now before the Council is of great importance. It will be necessary to give the work of installation of the waterworks system into the hands of contractors only who have had experience, have the capital necessary to finance such an undertaking and who enjoy a reputation such an undertaking and who enjoy a reputation to live up to the plans and specifications of the engineers without cavil, or effort to avoid carrying them out to the last detail. Fortunately the Council secured reliable engineers at the outset, men who have had wide experience in the planning and installation of just such a system as Acton requires. Their services will be invaluable and the Council should determine at the outset that their commands must be punctiliously obeyed by the contractors whose tenders for the work are accepted. It is also a helpful provision that municipal work of this nature must have the approval and to some extent the supervision of the Municipal Board of the Provincial Legislature, with a view to the protection of ratepayers and debenture holders. But the cordial co-operation of the Council, the engineers and the contractors in the mutual effort to provide a system first-class and adequate will be necessary from the first-outset.

The question of the form of gratuity to returned soldiers is still a most perplexing one. The special committee of the House of Commons considering soldiers' re-establishment will not recommend the gratuity scheme presented by the G. W. V. A. The committee will recommend an increase in the pensions paid to incapacitated veterans and to the widows and dependents of soldiers killed during the war. The committee will also recommend that the Government should assist veterans to obtain life insurance by paying the extra premium charged by the companies in the case of men who have been gassed or otherwise disabled on active service. Some provision may also be made to help returned men over the winter who are unable to find employment. This may be done by the Government insuring the veterans against unemployment during the five months' period, commencing December 1.

Crop estimates just issued at Ottawa are disappointing. They are, with the exception of wheat, considerably below the 1918 yield and bespeak a big drop in agricultural returns as compared with early estimates. The wheat yield is practically 50,000,000 bushels below the estimates of a month or so ago. The figures now stand at 103, 688,800 bushels as compared with 248,002,000 bushels a few weeks since. This big decline in the estimates is based largely on the damage done by rains during the harvest season. This drop spells a loss of approximately \$130,000,000 to the country. For the three western provinces the yield is given as: wheat 161,410,000, oats 246,856,000, barley 46,412,000 and rye 5,054,000 bushels. While these figures are disappointing there is little pessimism in Western Canada. It is said that the yield runs in cycles and that 1920 is the year for the big crop. Producers are looking optimistically toward the returns for their next season's labor.

Everyone with anything at stake in Canada annually watches the prospects of the wheat crop, and the prices it is likely to yield. He knows that on the returns of this commodity alone depend a great deal of the country's prosperity. If Canada's surplus wheat is sold at good prices the returns flow into every channel of enterprise and industry. A fortnight or so ago Sir Thomas White threw an important light on what the Victory Loans of the past two years had accomplished in connection with this single item of national prosperity. Great Britain was and is Canada's greatest market for wheat; but by reason of the pressure exerted on her finances during the war, the motherland had been unable to find the ready money to purchase her surplus. The alternative was that Canada should lend her cash, which returned to the pockets of the Canadian producer by the sale of the wheat surplus at high prices. The enormous importance of this item was shown by Sir Thomas when he said that in addition to other credits \$170,000,000 had been loaned to Great Britain in connection with the single commodity of wheat, last year. Of course this would have been impossible if the Victory Loan of 1918 had not been a great success. The circulation of this great sum meant prosperity to vast numbers of Canada's citizens and if the same system is to be continued Canadians must tend of the profits and savings with equal enthusiasm this year.

Now that Acton is taking the status of a real town, with all the necessary utilities and improvements to make it a desirable and attractive place for residents seeking homes here, and manufacturers looking for suitable locations for their factories, it is very necessary that our citizens take steps to look after the best interests of the municipality. To this end some permanent organization of citizens, in the form of a Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Community Club or whatever it may be called, should be organized at once. The Municipal Council, it is true, has the legal government of the corporation entrusted to it, but, unfortunately, as our laws exist, there is no continuity to the membership of this body. All the men who are in office this year and who inaugurate such important matters as are now before us, may be left out of office at next election. As a result municipal utilities are apt to suffer. If our citizens who are interested in the town's welfare will band themselves together and be prepared at all times to advise with the Council on public matters, much permanent good would result. Any Council of reasonable men would gladly welcome the co-operation and suggestion of citizens thus organized. All the wisdom of the community is never centered in the half-dozen men who are elected to look after the details of the corporation, whoever they may be, and a regularly organized active body of citizens would be an invaluable adjunct to any Municipal Council. Let's have a Chamber of Commerce without delay.

The average man, who has always been identified, more or less, with one or other of the old political parties, is at a good deal of a loss just now as to his political whereabouts. He does not quite know where his political party is just now or where it is likely to be a month or year hence. He never got anything out of politics for himself; never asked for nor expected anything, beyond the satisfaction a man could get out of voting occasionally for leaders who advocated certain principles of which he approved and voting against other leaders in whom he had little confidence. But he always did get a certain amount of satisfaction out of his politics—something to argue about, and occasionally something to cheer for. Just now, however, the average party man, no matter which party he used to belong to, is wondering what will happen next and where he is going to fetch up politically. All the fences are down and all the guide posts gone. If he is a Conservative he finds that there is not a Conservative party in office in any Province of Canada, while the Federal Government at Ottawa is a coalition. He learns that it is probable that the Conservative party may disappear and be succeeded by the Unionist Party. If he is a Reformist, he finds that there are at least four political parties in the field, all advocating reforms—the same ones, similar ones, or different ones. When he discusses the future of the old political parties with people he meets, he finds that while some say that the Conservative party will drop out and be succeeded by the Unionist party, others say the Liberal party will drop out and be succeeded by the Farmer-Labor party. One thing the average party man can see very plainly, neither his own old party nor the other one is what it was. Both have split clean across, diagonally, and are now in two, three or half a dozen pieces. Politically there will be a lot of assembling to do, and parties will take on new shapes and forms.—The Daily Star.

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