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EDITORIAL

And now the railways are after another increase of twenty per cent. in passenger fares. This constant increase in prices has a serious tendency of making the average man dizzy.

The Globe says "Liberty Leaguers are happy at the decision of the Government to allow liquor to be brought in for six months longer by postponement of the vote to make Ontario 'Bono Dry' from October 25th to April 15th.

"The postponement of the vote to make Ontario 'Bono Dry' is a gross injustice," says Dr. A. S. Grant, Secretary of the Ontario Referendum Committee. Ontario should not be treated differently from the other provinces which are to vote on the 25th October.

Has the Dominion Government been bought up "Body and Bones" by the liquor traffic? It looks very much like it, when another six months or more of prostitution of Ontario's citizenship, by continuing the iniquitous "short-circuiting" outrage, is arranged for by that body.

The County Council has reduced the rate for the present year from seven to six-and-a-half mills. If this spirit of retrenchment continues Halton may at some future date get down to the basis of the average county of the province in tax rates. For a number of years our rate has been abnormally high.

Premier Drury has more backing in the country over the Hydro radial question than possibly some of his opponents think. It's a good thing sometimes to stop a minute and ask whether we are drifting? A ship without a rudder or a wheelman usually misses the harbor and gets on the rocks.—Brussels Post.

Hon. W. E. Roney, the Attorney-General, and Hon. H. C. Nixon, the Provincial Secretary, are entitled to the respect and commendation of all law-abiding citizens of this Province for their prompt decision to take effective means to stamp out the run-running outlawry in Essex County.—The Globe.

Premier Drury has done wisely in issuing in the form of a blue book—even though it contains but twelve pages—the government's statement setting forth its attitude towards Hydro radials. The government's position is sound and cannot be successfully assailed. The premier's statement will no doubt be garbled and misinterpreted. With the whole government declaration of policy available as it is in blue book form there will be less likelihood of misinterpretation.

The suspension of many weekly newspapers has brought out many compliments for the local papers from high places, none of which have been more to the fact than this one from the Review of Reviews: Country weeklies are pre-eminently the home papers of newspaperdom. They are not hurriedly scanned while men travel to business, then left to brakemen to gather up. They go directly to the home, where their reading is a duty as well as a pleasure. Hence their peculiar value as a home paper and an advertising medium.

In accordance with an amendment to the Post Office Act passed during the recent session of Parliament, the department has abolished what have hitherto been known as provincial franking privileges. Postmasters are instructed not to accept matter franked by the members of provincial legislatures. Why not extend the prohibition to the members of the Dominion Parliament as well? They are no more entitled to frank letters and parcels, etc., to their friends than members of the Provincial Parliaments.

Will Cement Canada and the Empire
The sentiment of regard for Canada expressed during the week by members of the Imperial Press Conference, is surely gratifying. Speaking at a civic reception at Truro, N. S., Sir George Toulmin, of the Lancashire Post, said: "Because of the profound belief we have in the part which Canada will play in the triumphs of peace, we are glad to be here. We have come to see the country, but we are even more interested in the people. It is the human touch which will make our Empire stronger. Forms of Government must not and shall not divide us. We want to strengthen the bonds of Empire, but we seek not uniformity but unity between the British countries."

Canadian Law Must be Upheld
The wholesale defying of Canadian law by liquor exploiters of the United States, and their pals in Canada, which has to some extent prevailed in the border cities of Ontario, must be met with prompt and stern punishment. To hold Canadian law in contempt is a venture which Canadians will reprehend anywhere. It was only the action that was expected when authority to employ as many men as may be needed to cope with the situation at the Windsor border has been given by Hon. W. E. Roney, Attorney-General, to the Provincial License Board and the Provincial Police last week. Law-breakers no matter what their offence, must be given short shrift wherever they commit their illegal offences. Speaking editorially of the decision of the Provincial Government to put an end to the run-running outlawry on the Essex border, The Border Cities Star, from its close knowledge of the locality, says: "The forces of iniquity are strong, but they will eventually crumble before the onrushing arm of justice and public opinion."

These Arbitrary Government Taxes

The stamp tax on patent medicines, toilet preparations and numerous other articles has been removed. On the other hand Government taxes have recently been imposed on all manufactured goods. A manufacturer selling to another manufacturer is required to collect one per cent. A manufacturer selling to a consumer must collect two per cent. Thus, every job of printing executed in a printing office now carries with it a Government tax of two per cent. Way, pray, is the tax removed from one class and imposed on another class of business?

Appeal to Make Sugar Go Further

After all many of our wants in these days are by no means necessities. A very large proportion of the money expended by the average family nowadays is in the luxury class. Our forefathers had no trouble about sugar prices. In pioneer days a few pounds of sugar lasted many months. And plainer food produced a hardier race. Canada has the largest sugar consumption per capita in the world. Why not make one pound of sugar go as far as four used to? This would mean the same annual expenditure for this commodity as when it was around six cents per pound and would also if this plan was generally adopted bring prices down very quickly.—Picton Gazette.

Immigration to Canada Again in Large Volume

Recent statistics show that immigration is again resuming its old trend. During the war practically all the immigration to Canada was from the United States. Now, the tide from Europe has again set in and during the present season the numbers coming from the British Isles have been about double that from across the line. Immigration now averages about 18,000 per month, and of this number approximately 12,000 come from the British Isles and 6,000 from the States. It is sincerely to be hoped that with 4,000 or 5,000 new settlers coming to our shores every week, that the immigration authorities will exercise due care to keep out undesirable. Canada must be built up with a strong, virile citizenship, with healthy ideals of morality and patriotism.

The Business Outlook is Rather Encouraging

The looked-for slump in business is a long time in coming after all. While opinions differ as to the present outlook in the business world there seems to be a growing sentiment in many circles, which is becoming stronger and stronger as the season advances, that the coming fall and winter trade will be fairly active, owing largely to the improved agricultural situation. Press reports are showing more and more the improved feeling which now seems fairly evident in consequence of the prospects of a good yield, particularly in the West, where in spite of dry spots which have occurred it is hoped that the returns on the whole will be large. If these hopes are realized and due caution is shown, the future should be promising. There is still, however, a space of time to be passed over, and no one can prophesy with confidence what the final outcome may be. Meanwhile as long as caution is exercised there should be no need of great anxiety as to the outlook.

A Gross Injustice—An Outrage on Ontario

The decision of the Dominion Government to postpone until April 18, 1921, the referendum on the liquor question, which was set for October 25 next, will be a real disaster to the Province of Ontario. It means that for another six months the importation of liquor will be permitted and the evils that follow in its train will be aggravated. It is an unwarranted injustice upon the self-sacrificing forces of the people of Ontario, who have organized the work to secure at the earliest possible date immunity from the nefarious tricks at present permitted for the distribution of liquor throughout the province which has said already by majorities of votes up in the hundreds of thousands, "We do not want intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in our province." The excuse for delay which is a flimsy camouflage, is that certain organizations objected to the Provincial voters' lists used in the local elections of October, 1919, but the majority of those who voted against the liquor traffic on the Provincial referendum prefer to accept the same lists for the Dominion referendum rather than endure the importation of liquor for six months longer. These Provincial lists may not be as accurate as they ought to be, but they are sufficiently representative to insure an amplification of the verdict. The Dominion Government appeared to have acted in good faith in securing the passage in June of legislation for this referendum on October 25 to prohibit importation of liquor, and the odium of prolonging importation must lie at the door of that Government.

Being Fitted for Life's Future Years

The securing of an adequate education is vital to the future of our young people. Many boys and girls are tempted to leave school and go to work to earn money just as soon as the law will permit. So great is the demand for labor that they are now offered fairly good wages when they have not even passed the examination for entrance to High School. When boys and girls stand at the parting of the ways, trying to decide whether to go to work or to High School, they ought to remember, or their parents should impress upon them, that if they do not go to High School as soon as their public school course is completed, the chances are slight that they will ever go to school or to college later. Once a young person commences to work, unless that work be some educative employment, the probability is all against any further school for him. Some decisions may be changed later, but the decision to go or not to go to High School is almost always final and should be made with greatest consideration. If the boys and girls who are hesitating over this question will ask men and women over twenty-five years of age, who are graduates of the High School, if they are sorry they took this course, they will invariably be told that the decision to go on to High School was one for which they have always been glad. On the other hand, ask men and women over twenty-five who did not go to High School how they feel about it now. Nearly every one of these will say they regret having left school before their High School days. Simply from the view of dollars and cents the High School graduate has eventually made the advantage. But money is only one of the gains derived from acquiring an education. There are the widened intellectual horizons, which make one feel more at home in this great world, get far more out of life, and do more for the world because of the broader education.

DO NOT FORGET TO WRITE HOME

There is a lad who is away at school, working faithfully every day, but who yet finds time each week to send two letters home to father and mother. No matter how the studies may press, no matter what there may be on hand, the boy climbs up his room at just such a time, on just such a day, to talk with the folk at home. And those letters are looked for as regularly as the time comes around for their delivery. If they fall for any reason, the first thought is that something is wrong. The lad must be sick or the mails have not brought the letter as they should have done. Can you think of anything finer than that? And yet, how often the young folk forget to send the letter home. The father or mother working hard perhaps to keep the boy or girl in school, turns away from the window in the post office with a sigh when he or she learns that the dear one has neglected to write home. And when the days lengthen into weeks and still the letter does not come, how heavy the heart of the parent becomes. But what about you writers? All the little things you and father and mother would talk about if you were at home. These are the things that you work you are doing from day to day; how you are getting along with the studies; the little trials that come and how you meet them; the hopes and the joys—everything that takes place in your life as you go on to those back home. Simply to be told that you have a heart to remember home and its associates is worth a great deal to them. I often think of the old white horse, with the green blinkers, that I have known so many boys write. And you do not think just those few words from the depths of the heart of the parent becomes a response in the heart of those who read them? If that young man could have seen the tear in the eye of the mother, as she reads, he would have been sure that that mother rejoiced that her son cared enough about home to say that his memory often turned back to the spot he loved. The young man or woman who puts his or her heart into the letters he sends home will not be very apt to let anything come between him and the sweet influence of earlier days. It is the one who forgets to write home and lets the world crowd out the friends there, who wades the way of danger. Some day there will be a full heart, "I wish I had never forgotten to write to father and mother!"—Kearl L. Vincent.

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