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EDITORIAL

Secretary Morrison undertook more than he could accomplish when he presumed to dictate the details of the policy of Premier Drury's government.

Acton's waterworks by-law is to validated by a special act of Parliament. This will give bond holders an added assurance. Acton's bonds are gilt-edged.

It is a salutary condition of affairs for the country when the Premiers of nearly all the provinces of Canada support prohibitory legislation, and favor strenuous measures for enforcement.

All forecasts of the session of the House of Commons, which is to open early next month, agree that it will be one essentially devoted to the tariff. Besides the budget and the estimates legislation will be meagre.

It is encouraging that evidences are already pointing to a revival of trade. At the annual meeting of the furniture manufacturers of Canada at Kitchener last week the opinion was freely expressed that there are bright indication of early revival of business.

The Board of Education is taking up in earnest the matter of regular school attendance by all children in town of school age. This is commendible. Accommodation and teachers are provided for all at public expense. The law makes attendance imperative.

The Farmers for Prohibition

The farmers generally in all the provinces are strongly in favor of prohibition. At the convention of the United Farmers of Alberta at Edmonton last week request for more strict enforcement of the temperance laws and a reiteration of the stand of the farmers for total prohibition marked the afternoon session. The delegates pledged themselves to support the Provincial authorities in their enforcement of the legislation voted last October.

Premier Drury Solid in Halton

Premier Drury's broadening-out policy, which he explained here last Friday evening, has been denounced by the U. F. O. executive, headed by Dictator J. J. Morrison, but he is in no immediate danger of recall. It has been endorsed by his U. F. O. and Labor supporters in the Legislature and the rank and file of his party in the province will stand by him. Marshall Campbell, ex-President of the Halton Farmers' Association, is thus quoted on behalf of his Halton constituents: "Halton strongly upholds Hon. Mr. Drury, who has been with us time after time without making one enemy that I am aware of, but has made friends without number—something which cannot be said about Mr. Morrison in this county."—Milton Champion.

Business Confidence is Returning

It is surely gratifying to the general public, and especially to employees of manufacturing industries, that from all parts of Canada come reports on business conditions that are to some degree at least encouraging. Confidence seems to be returning even where it is not said that an actual improvement is noticeable, and many business men say that they look for a return of general activity by March or April, at the latest. Even now, from some centres come reports that wholesale and retail trade is increasing. In any case the fact that there is a change in sentiment coming about is most noteworthy. It has been frequently contended that the present depression was the result of sentiment and not of any poverty or lack of money on the part of the public. There is a good bit in this, and the fact that the public attitude is changing is an earnest of good things in the near future. Cautious buyers who waited in the hope of lower prices and who are really short of many articles are even now going into the market, and buying from these will make improbable a sudden dip into hard times such as has been seen in other parts of the continent, and will hasten a return of real "good times."

Making the Man Equally Responsible Legally

A bill will come before the session of the Legislature which opened this week which must commend itself to the members of Parliament because of its aim to place responsibility fairly where it belongs. The new bill as drafted will make fathers of illegitimate children jointly responsible for their support. A deputation of social workers called upon Attorney-General Raney last week to emphasize the need on the ground of equity in responsibility that such a bill should be enacted. The principle underlying their recommendation was to eliminate the double standard of morality, which leaves the burden of caring for illegitimate children upon the unfortunate mother or on the public. Other recommendations suggested, "That it shall be the duty of the state to initiate proceedings looking towards the establishment of the paternity of every child of unmarried parents. Should the case be adjusted by private settlement or agreement the terms of such settlement or agreement must be subject to the approval of the Provincial official responsible, and shall be subject to court record. That the child should be permitted use of the father's name." Such a law will surely be regarded as eminently commendible. Too long, indeed, have men who have been the cause of the downfall and ruin of young women cowardly shirked the responsibilities of their acts, been permitted to go "Scott free," and even allowed to enter what is called good society. The time has come when the man should be forced to assume his just responsibilities, if he is too contemptible to acknowledge and share them without legal action.

Making for World Democracy

One of the most effective steps ever taken to ensure a democracy that is real and effective was the action of the Cunard Liner, which left Liverpool for New York on her maiden trip last week. For the first time in history a transatlantic liner sailed from England for America with no distinction of class in its passengers. There are no first, second or third class berths. The Albania is described as a "one-class boat," all passengers having their own cabins and the run of the entire ship. This is surely true democracy. The outcome will be regarded with keen interest. If the plan is generally adopted much of the "snobbery" of past days will be eliminated and a man's real worth will not be computed in dollars and cents.

New Marriage Laws Proposed

That the legal age of marriage in the case of men be raised from 18 to 21 years, and that the Government appoint a committee for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the advisability of restricting the issue of licenses for the marriage of the mentally defective and insane, are among the recommendations contained in a comprehensive interim report issued last week by the Public Service Commission on the subject of Marriage Licenses. The question as to whether both parties should be required to take an oath, similar to that used in New York State, to the effect that they are not suffering from any venereal disease, is stated by the commission to be one "worthy of consideration by the Legislature."

Why Good Citizens Refuse Municipal Positions

A St. Marys citizen being asked the other day why he didn't run for Councillor said, "He didn't know whether his great-grandfather was a chicken thief or not and he did not want to find out."—Journal. It appears to be the tendency when a citizen is proposed for an office in any municipality in which he is given an opportunity to serve the community to subject him to all sorts of criticism, and to delve into the characters of his progenitors for generations back. That, however, is not the primary reason for the hesitancy of interested and substantial citizens refusing to accept public office. Their refusal is generally owing to the fact that electors usually consider they are conferring a personal favor when they give a candidate the benefit of their franchise, and most independent people do not relish being put under this obligation. Then again, it is a regrettable fact that a citizen may spend years of his time in faithfully serving the people in a public capacity, often at a great personal sacrifice and self-denial, and after all this he is finally defeated in an election or allowed to retire without a word of gratitude or thanks for his years of service. Is it to be wondered that many citizens of standing decline to be placed in such a position?

League of Nations a Substitute for War

In the belief of Hon. N. W. Rowell, formerly President of the Privy Council of the Dominion of Canada, and more lately one of the Canadian delegates to the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, as he expressed that belief to the Canadian Club, at New York last Thursday night, a cardinal principle of Canadian policy is and should be, as follows: "That Canada, associated with Great Britain and geographically with the United States, the daughter of one and the sister of the other, and bound to both by ties of race, of language and of common ideals, should endeavor to assist in interpreting the one to the other and in promoting that cordial understanding and whole-hearted co-operation so urgently needed, in view of the present critical world situation so that the men of our race, in whatever land they may dwell, and under whichever flag they live, may march together to further those ideals of peace, justice and ordered liberty for the realization of which the world waits, and upon which the future of our present civilization depends. I do not believe statesmanship is bankrupt, or that civilization has failed, he asserted. Given an honest desire among men and nations for a better way, that better way can and will be found. After five weeks' experience at Geneva, I have returned convinced that the League of Nations is a most helpful and practical experiment, the most hopeful our humanity has yet tried for providing a substitute for war, and for saving civilization from the collapse which threatens it unless a substitute can be found." This statesmanlike presentation of Canada's relation with Great Britain and the United States must impress many leaders of the three countries of the far-reaching influence of the League of Nations for the future well-being of all countries.

Liquor's Last Resort

A despatch from Regina says the liquor forces will try to defy public opinion in the Prairie Provinces and secure a reprieve on a legal technicality. The Federal law forbidding the shipment of liquor into Provinces which have voted against importation goes into effect on February 1; but it is reported that the right of Parliament to enact such legislation will be challenged in the courts even up to the Privy Council. "The probability that the enforcement of the Act will be suspended while the legal processes are being carried out is suggested," says the despatch. Suggested by whom? If the Federal Government should stay the operation of the Act it would flout the will of the majority in order to serve the interest of the liquor traffic. The Government would be repudiating its own measure and its own interpretation of the constitution if it consented to wait on the law's delays. A year or more might elapse before the Privy Council gave its decision. In the meantime seven of the nine Provinces of the Dominion—for Ontario and New Brunswick will undoubtedly vote "bone-dry"—would be compelled, against their will, to put up with present abuses. There is nothing to prevent the liquor people from taking the question to the courts with cynical indifference to popular sentiment, but the Government must not be permitted to play into their hands and negative the recent plebiscite votes. The suggestion that no Province can rid itself of the liquor traffic is so repugnant to common sense and ordinary justice that if it should be sanctioned by the highest tribunal of the Empire the Canadian people would insist on one of two things—a nation-wide prohibition law so that no issue over interprovincial trade could arise, or a change in the constitution to permit the exercise of Provincial rights. —Globe. Verily this old whiskey outlaw dies hard.

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The creditors of Emeline Jane Worden, late of the Village of Glen Williams, widow, who died at the City of Belleville, on or about the 29th day of March, A. D. 1920, are required on or before the thirteenth day of February, 1921, to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned solicitor for the Administrator, a statement of their accounts, the nature of the security, (if any,) held by them, and full particulars of their names, addresses and descriptions.

And notice is hereby further given that immediately after the said thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1921, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, and he will not be responsible for any claims of which he shall not have received notice at the time set forth for such distribution.

WILLIAM L. WORDEN,
Administrator.

By H. N. Farmer, his Solicitor. 29-3

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Pursuant to a judgment of the Supreme Court of Ontario, made in a cause of McCoombs V. Cripps, dated November 29, 1920, all persons having or claiming to have any claim as creditor or otherwise on the estate of Samuel Bydell Phillips or that of Alvira Coleman, late of the village of Rockwood in the County of Wellington, deceased, who died respectively on or about January 17, 1889, and January 20, 1900, including those having or claiming to have any general or specific lien, charge or encumbrance on such estates or on any part or share thereof or interest therein, and particularly on village lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block "A" in the Western Division of the said village of Rockwood, are on or before February 10, 1921, to send by post prepaid to H. N. Farmer, Esq., Solicitor for the said Plaintiff, Acton, Ont., their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their claims, liens or encumbrances, a statement of their accounts and of the nature of the security, if any held by them. Or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment.

Every such person, holding any security, is to produce the same before me at my Chambers, No. 16 Douglas Street in the City of Guelph, on the said day, (February 10, 1921) at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time and place appointed for adjudicating upon such claims.

WM. KINGSTON,
Local Master at Guelph.

Dated December 28, 1920.

H. N. FARMER, Acton,
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

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MISTAKES

When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it's just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected because chances are ten to one he never learned his trade.

When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on induction; nobody knows what that is.

When an editor makes a mistake—Good Night!

THE UNWELCOME GUEST

A neighbor knocked at the lazy man's door and told him of a position he could get by going after it.

"Um," said the man. "It appears that considerable effort will be involved."

"Oh, yes," said the neighbor, "you will pass many sleepless nights and toilsome days, but it is good pay and a chance for advancement."

"Um," said the man. "And who are you?"

"I am Opportunity."

"Um!—You call yourself Opportunity, but you look like Hard Work to me."

And he slammed the door.—New Success.

BIBLICAL NOTE

A bashful English curate found the young ladies in the parish too helpful. At last it became so embarrassing that he left.

Not long afterward he met the curate who succeeded him.

"Well," he asked, "how did you get on with the ladies?"

"Oh, very well indeed," said the other. "There is safety in numbers, you know."

"Indeed?" said the ex-curate. "I only found it in Exodus."

TWO NEW UNIVERSITY DEGREES

Johns Hopkins has established a new school of Hygiene and Health which confers the degrees of "Doctor of Public Health" and "Bachelor of Science in Hygiene." The graduates in this new field of education will be prepared to build up the health of a community by studying its peculiar sanitary needs and making use of preventive measures, as well as by helping to stamp out epidemics.

THE MAN HE WAS LOOKING FOR

The Sydney Sketch tells a new story of the shirker caught at his own game. It was a soldier, who said:

"Please, sergeant major, may I be excused from church parade? I am an agnostic."

"Don't you believe in the Ten Commandments, then?"

"No, I don't."

"Not even the one about keeping the Sabbath?"

"No."

"Well, you're the very man I've been looking for to scrub out the canteens."

NOT HER WAR

At the time when the blinds in the London street cars were first pulled down an old lady passenger showed some curiosity.

"Anything happened to some one belonging to the company?" she asked sympathetically of the conductor.

"No, ma'am," was the reply. "It's all done on account of the war!"

"Oh, is that all? I thought probably something important had occurred."

CLOSE RACES

An Englishman, a Scotchman and an Irishman were indulging in reminiscences of sporting occasions. "The closest race I ever saw was a yacht race," said the Englishman, "in which one of the boats that had been recently painted won by the breadth of the coat of paint."

"The closest race I ever saw," declared the Scotchman, "was one in which a horse, stung by a bee, won by the height of the swelling on his nose."

"The closest race I ever saw," said the Irishman, "is the Scotch race."

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