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EDITORIAL

Evidently prohibition is becoming more popular all the time with our neighbors to the south. In the recent elections in Ohio the dry majority increased from 42,000 to 725,000.

The politicians are still trying to figure out how it really happened in West Peterborough. Mackenzie King and Mr. Gordon, M.P., are quite satisfied with the outcome, however.

Look out for "The Ontario Temperance Memorial" of which Ernest Seaton is reputed to be secretary. It's only another liquor guise to head off the Ontario Temperance Act and the referendum.

The Chief of Police of Shanghai has issued an edict against the extreme styles now worn by Chinese women, warning them against采用 foreign styles with the display of ankles and bare arms. Poor health China!

It is significant that although several members of the Ontario Law Association urged that the right to appeal to a county judge in convictions under the Ontario Temperance Act be granted, at the meeting last week, the Association declined to take that view as a body.

As usual Superintendent J. Lockie Wilson, strongly urged the elimination of gambling from fall fairs at the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions last week. If Mr. Wilson could take time to visit some of the smaller fall fairs next autumn he might find that his strong urging was unheeded.

The recent brotherly interview of Premier Drury with J. J. Morrison, the U. F. O. Secretary, evidently broadened out the latter very effectively. In addressing a U. F. O. club in Huron County last week he said it was possible for professional men to be representatives of the organization providing they subscribed to U. F. O. principles.

Notice has been received from the Department of Public Highways that Halton is about to receive a cheque for \$73,120.35 grant for 1920. The most of this very considerable sum goes, not for good roads, but for that fancy high level bridge down in the south of the county, where a very small percentage of Halton's ratepayers ever have occasion to drive.

The Retirement of Hon. N. W. Rowell

In the retirement of Hon. N. W. Rowell as member of the House of Commons Canada will lose the services of one of her ablest public men and statesmen. His splendid services in the Unliver Government and his able efforts at the League of Nations conference place Canada under an everlasting debt to this worthy public citizen who has sacrificed personal interests for the public good for a full decade.

The Police Magistrates of Halton

The Milton Champion in commenting on the proposal of the Provincial Commission to have District Magistrates with salaries appointed, says: "Halton is well served by police magistrates, having four. Two of them try many highway cases and it is possible that if the fines from them were paid to the government they might be paid adequate salaries and give their whole attention to their duties. This would hardly be possible in the cases of the other two, but they are needed and should be retained, even though paid by fees." The fees system of remuneration for services is obnoxious to all magistrates. There is no sensible reason why any Police Magistrate whose services are necessary should not receive an adequate salary, without fees. One of the "other two" magistrates referred to by the Champion has imposed fines on convictions made during the past year aggregating over \$4,000 and the legal fees collected in costs amounted to some \$150 additional. No doubt the other one referred to has a similar record. It is sincerely to be hoped that whatever other action may be taken by the Legislature on the recommendation of the commission that the fees system of remunerating magistrates will be abolished.

"Render to Caesar the Things that are Caesar's"

More and more the citizens of Canada are learning their imperative duty to the state. In ordinary times, in all sorts, throughout history, in fact, taxes for the support of the community and the state have been due, and have been collected. Canada is no exception. But the great war aggravated the conditions of the necessity for taxes to a very much larger ratio. The costs incurred by our government in war expenditures were necessarily very great. The war is over. Peace has come. It is our imperative duty now to pay the costs. Some of us will be paying toward these war taxes as long as we live. As loyal Canadians let us do our duty cheerfully and honestly. The plan of income taxes is a wise and effective one. It has taken two or three years to perfect it. The government has gently felt its way in order to arrive at effective methods. During this period the people of this country have been permitted largely to present statements of their incomes in their own way. Now, despite methods have been prescribed, and to these every citizen of whatever vocation, whose total net income from all sources reaches \$1,000 and over, must make returns to the Commissioner of Taxation in his or her district. Income tax forms will be ready for distribution this week and must be returned, in March or April, according to the class to which they belong. A pamphlet containing instructions for income taxpayers will be ready for general distribution with the taxation forms. Heavy penalties are provided for those who neglect or refuse to make returns or who falsify the figures relating to their income.

Conservation of our Forests

It is to be hoped that Mr. R. R. Hall of Parry Sound, will continue to agitate for the better conservation of our forests. It is a crying shame that there are still many lumbermen who are indifferent to their trust. For these wastes of the public domain the most rigid laws should be made and enforced.

Helping the Fall Fair Through Wet Weather

The action of the Provincial Government eight or ten years ago in providing a small rain insurance to help out the small fairs where weather conditions on the day of the annual exhibition militate against the financial income, saved numbers of fairs from embarrassment and failure. The government may now increase the wet weather insurance at the request of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, which met in Toronto a week or so ago and considered this matter.

Horticultural Advantages and Attractions

The interest in Horticultural organizations is growing everywhere. People are more and more beginning to realize the advantages of membership. The Ontario Horticultural Association which met in Toronto last week emphasized the value of the Horticultural Society to the community. Their announcement is a promise of spring that will be fulfilled later on, not only in widening circles of gardens everywhere, but in helping to implant a flower-love in hearts that were barren before. It is gratifying that the membership committee of Acton Horticultural Society is meeting with great success in their canvas for members for 1921. Acton's gardens, lawns and home surroundings will be more beautiful than ever the coming summer.

The Free Library's Opportunities

A good many of our citizens are taking advantage of the privileges of the Free Library, as indicated by the report of the Librarian for the year. During 1920 there were 10,146 books issued to the 300 readers who patronize the library. Many others might be profiting from the advantages offered for good reading. There are now 4,041 volumes on the shelves and they cover all sections of the literary world included in religion, philosophy, sociology, philology, natural science, useful arts, fine arts, history, travel, biography and fiction. These embrace classes for both adults and children. While our library is popular and is supplying so largely interesting reading for the community, it will not reach its possibilities for usefulness until larger accommodations are secured.

Dated at Acton, Ontario, this 25th day of January, 1921.

HANNA, YAHUBUR & MCKINLEY,
32-3 Bidders for the Executors

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 54 of the Estate Act (1913), Chapter 121, that all Creditors and others having claims of debt against the Estate of James Newton, late of the Village of Limington, in the County of Halton, Gentleman, deceased:

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