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"Dry-clean" Ontario, is a suggested slogan for the present Referendum campaign. And it seems quite timely at that.

The responsibility for the rum-running that has prevailed along the border-line is placed where it belongs by the annual report of the Provincial License Board just issued, namely: upon the permission to import intoxicating liquor into Ontario.

The selling prices of iron and steel have begun to decrease; raw materials are gradually declining; wages are lower in many lines of manufacture.

Wage reductions affecting thousands of men are planned by nearly all the railways. The New York Central Railroad has announced that beginning on April 6 it will revise downward the wages of approximately 43,000 employees.

Truly, no man can live to himself alone. It is rather interesting, as well as surprising, to hear President Beattie of the C. P. R. say that the McAdoo administration of the railways of the United States during the two years of their war experience has reflected on us here in Canada, by forcing a raise in wages, in our railways, to the tune of quite a number of millions yearly.

For five years previous to the adoption of prohibition in Ontario the average arrests for drunkenness in Toronto ran over 13,000. During the war period before the special clause permitting importation was given effect this dropped to less than 4,000 yearly.

In the United States the eastern railroads have started their fight to cut wages in earnest from the war-time basis, and evidences are not lacking of a like movement in Canada.

It is being whispered about that the passing of the Referendum would make it impossible for invalids to secure liquor for medicinal purposes. This is absolutely absurd.

A daily newspaper item says: "So upset are the School Boards of Morrisburg at the frequenting of pool-rooms by pupils of the schools that a committee composed of the Chairman of the Public School Board and the Chairman of the Collegiate Institute Board will wait on the Town Council asking that a by-law be passed authorizing the cancellation of pool-room licenses if pupils are allowed to enter the rooms."

Getting Close to the Problem

That Boston mayor, who spent the night incognito at one of the city's refuge stations to see how the "out-of-work" were being treated, has the right idea. There would be less theorizing and a good deal more practical effort if other officials would take smaller courses instead of trying to run such matters from behind polished desks in municipal buildings.

An Unwarranted Rumor

As part of the "quiet" campaign which is, with a remarkable degree of cleverness being carried on by the opponents of prohibition, it is being whispered around that the passing of the Act on the 18th of April next will make it out of the question to secure liquor for medicinal purposes.

Cut Out the Favors to the Rich Man

Did you ever stop to think how unfair the present clause, permitting the import of liquor for private purposes is? With liquor at the prevailing price—and that price most of us can scarcely help knowing something about, since we have been bombarded with circulars and price lists for the past year and a half—the man in poor or average circumstances can't begin to afford to bring in the case or he must buy to ensure delivery.

A "Doing" Government

That was rather a naive comment of Mr. Howard Ferguson in the House the other day, and one which had more or less of the boomerang characteristic, when he complained that two or three men did the only talking that was done on the government side of the House. Mr. Ferguson is quite correct.

The Daylight Saving Problem

The vexed question of Daylight Saving bobs up week after week with increasing persistence. That it will never become generally popular varying opinions as to its utility have long since manifested. Daylight saving is one of those questions on which the town and city dwellers and the farmer inevitably disagree.

Improve the Home Surroundings

Neatly painted homes and tidily kept surroundings invariably attract public attention and win admiration. "Sadly in need of paint," is the verdict of the average tourist in an automobile trip as he passes through town streets and along country roads and views the unpainted houses and outbuildings so prevalent in many sections of the country.

Advanced Opportunities for Dental Surgery

One of the greatest advances in more than half a century in practical education in the Province of Ontario, comes with the announcement that the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario has now completed arrangements for a post-graduate course of studies, to commence in a few weeks. This movement, it is felt in educational circles, is one of the biggest things of a practical educational nature that has been undertaken in years, and means much more to the people of Canada than can be estimated.

An Interesting Experiment

That new town the Ontario Government is building up at Kapuskasing comes into being under very favorable auspices. According to the plans almost everything is being provided, even to parks. The experiment will be watched with a good deal of interest, since, if we are not mistaken, this is the first time this sort of thing has been done in Canada at least.

TWO GLASSES OF MILK

Icon-scented reporters are busy night and day in every city and town of the great country, hunting out the bitter tragedies and the shocking scenes of life to make big-type stories for the newspapers. We find you senseless times that the world is more bad than good, and that crime and sorrow are the rule of life rather than the exception. It is not so.

A prominent surgeon was riding one summer day through the country on his bicycle. The road was long and dusty; the afternoon heat was intense. The open gate of a farmstead invited him to turn in. An enticing glimpse of cool, green shade, and of a well sweep, with a stinging dipper hanging from a post, beckoned him to refreshment.

"Oh, thank you," replied the doctor, "that would be delightful, but I'm afraid I will not have time to stop on your kindness. The water will answer as well."

Preparations for the trip were hastily completed. The daughter arranged to go up to stay near the hospital at the home of an aunt. While packing her trunk, the card of the bicycle trail-er was found. The young lady decided at once that she would hunt him up as soon as she reached the city, before she reached the hospital.

"My child," said the mother, "I am so glad that you are all right again," he said, "and I hope your little sister with me has done very good that will last. I have put your bill in this envelope, which I will ask you not to open until you get home this evening. Then after you have finished supper you can take it out and talk it over."

Received payment in full by two glasses of milk given to a weary traveler. All the main facts of this story are true and it is only one illustration of the beautiful truth that giving pleasure is getting pleasure; doing good is receiving good.

Mark Twain's Beeftank. Distinguished literary men, contrary to popular belief, do not live continually in a cloud of inspiration. They are just like ordinary folk after all. Mark Twain once told a hysterical admirer that he had written a tramp early in his career. When asked what he took for it he answered: "Beeftank."

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Easy Walking. It is imperative for the man who passes the greater part of the time on his feet. Shoes built on the proper last, made of good leather that fits the foot should be taken care of. Have us fix up that comfortable old pair.

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THE MERCHANTS BANK. Head Office: Montreal. OF CANADA. Established 1884. ACTON BRANCH: GEORGETOWN BRANCH.

Don't Add Another Burden to the Taxpayer's Load. Ontario's Burden. Public Debt - \$1,153,000,000 (Federal, Provincial and Municipal). Annual Taxation - \$186,000,000 (Federal, Provincial and Municipal). Ontario's Drink Bill - \$36,000,000 (Year previous to Provincial Prohibition).

THE Importation of "Booze" is adding dead weight to the heavy burden of taxation now borne by the people of Ontario.

Importation of "Booze" is adding to the cost of law enforcement.

Importation of "Booze" is adding to the cost of jail maintenance.

Importation of "Booze" is adding to the cost of hospitals and asylums.

Importation of "Booze" is bedeviling the administration of the Ontario Temperance Act, and defying the temperance sentiment of the province.

Should the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquors into the Province be forbidden? YES X

VOTE -and vote- YES. This is no time to add another burden to the taxpayer's load. Ontario Referendum Committee.

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