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EDITORIAL

Fewer Deaths from Alcoholism

In the seven years of "full" license, from 1910 to 1916, inclusive, there was a total of 4,437 deaths from alcoholism, wood alcohol and "alcohol poisoning" in New York city, an average of approximately 634 per year. In 1920 and 1921, when Prohibition was more or less enforced, there was a total of 268 deaths, or an average of 134 per year, as against 634 in former years—a decrease of some 500 per annum.

Proportional Representation Coming

The plan of proportional representation is likely to have a trial. The party leaders, Premier King and Hon. T. A. Crerar spoke in favor of the following resolution in the House of Commons last week: "That in the opinion of this House the alternative vote method should be adopted for use in future elections for this House in all single-member constituencies where more than two candidates are running for election."

The People See Through the Agitation

The liquor propaganda which tells us every week or so that Ontario is contemplating the adoption of Quebec's futile plan of handling liquor is becoming rather silly. The people of Ontario do not want any such scheme of debauching its citizens for the sake of the millions of profits which Quebec's premier boasts about, and the Government of Ontario has no thought of going into the liquor business for revenue purposes. The reverse is the Government's intention because all amendments of the present session are in the direction of tightening up the law and making "control" more effective.

Sneering at Christian Statesmen

Mr. J. Walter Curry, the member for the Legislature for South East Toronto, has done the Province of Ontario a real service, in rebuking some members for what he termed as "sneers at Christianity." There is too much of that kind of thing altogether. If a Parliamentarian makes any open confession of Christianity or takes an active part in connection with the work of the church or social and moral reform he is referred to as an "uplifter," and other cheap jibes and sneers are aimed at him. Mr. N. W. Rowell had to endure these attacks throughout his political career, and they no doubt influenced his decision to retire from public life. Now Attorney-General Raney is continually attacked in the same manner. Surely, because a man openly identifies himself with church life, and social welfare movements, it does not unfit him for the halls of Parliament. We feel sure that it does not disqualify him in the eyes of the majority of the electorate. Mr. Raney may have his faults and his foibles. Who hasn't? But no one will doubt his sincerity and if a man has that, many other things can be overlooked. It is to a man's credit, rather than his discredit, if he has "Christian proclivities," and such men should be encouraged rather than discouraged to public life. —Renfrew Mercury.

Howard Ferguson Not Spokesman for the Conservatives

The Daily Standard, the Conservative paper of Kingston, said editorially the other day, under the caption, "Hon. Mr. Ferguson and Liquor:" "The Standard confesses that it has read with not a little surprise, as well as with some disquietude, the declaration of Hon. Howard Ferguson, that he will shortly announce, presumably on behalf of the Conservative party, a new liquor policy for Ontario. In our opinion, Mr. Ferguson will not be warranted in making any such pronouncement until the responsible men of the party generally have been consulted, and by these we mean not merely the Conservative members of the Legislature, but also those Conservatives outside whose influence and weight have much to do with putting the members where they are, and whose opinions are not the less valuable merely, because they are not sitting in the seats of the mighty. Quite apart from this, it would be unfortunate if this temperance problem—and it is a problem—were to become a political issue in the narrow sense of the word. It is too vital a matter, too serious in its effect upon the life of the community as a whole, that it should ever again be made a political football." As THE FREE PRESS remarked some time ago, no political leader has any right to assume that the Conservative people desire any loosening of the law prohibiting the sale and importation of liquor. The Conservatives generally are just as strongly in favor of prohibition as the members of any other party.

Cutting Down Naval Expense

The Minister of Defence in announcing the naval policy of the Dominion Government, states that five warships are to be put out of commission. This is in line with the idea of economy which the last election so forcefully impressed on the Parliament of to-day. This will mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to our country, and Canada will be served just as well in every respect.

Over $100,000,000 for Autos Imported into Canada

Our Canadian people evidently have money to spend for automobiles and their accessories. In the last five fiscal years 46,484 passenger automobiles and 7,404 freight automobiles were imported into Canada. The total value of the passenger cars was $45,740,115, and the duty collected thereon $15,060,121.96; the value of the freight automobiles was $12,407,714, and the duty collected thereon $4,253,438.20. Another $47,979,170 was spent for accessories and further duties of 14,808,359.16. Evidently Canadians have money galore.

Much Good Will Finally Result

The Genoa conference will not be fruitless after all. A truce while Russia's future and European frontiers are settled. A truce perhaps for six months while a commission appointed by Genoa examines credits, debts and private property in Russia. A truce which everybody will sign and which will be a foot inside the door of Russia and prevent its being closed again. This is the revivifying thought which has been worked out by Premier Lloyd George with the help of Foreign Minister Schanzer, of Italy. It looks as if the idea of a truce will go through and prevent what it was feared might be a complete failure. Premier Lloyd George, with the necessary buoyancy which characterizes his statesmanlike efforts, placed a new hope before the conference.

A Leading Weekly Newspaper Man Retires

Canadian weekly journalism loses one of its most prominent and successful members by the retirement of Mr. Hal B. Donly, editor and publisher of the Simcoe Reformer. Mr. Donly entered the newspaper office of his father, the late A. J. Donly, one of the pioneers of Ontario's newspaper men, forty-three years ago this month. He has for many years published one of the brightest weekly newspapers in Canada, and has been a leader in the journalistic and newspaper organizations of this country. He was President of the Canadian Press Association in 1913. Mr. Donly will devote his energies to other business interests, Mr. Donly is practical, enterprising and public spirited. He has given much of his time to the advancement of the material and social interests of his native town and county.

Should Canada Debar Oriental Settlers

The question which has vexed Parliaments over since the settlement of the British Columbia coast became general is now before the House of Commons in an acute form. Exclusion of the Orientals occupied a day's debate in the House last week. Most of the fight, naturally, came from British Columbia, the members from that Province deserting party lines to plead for exclusion. The Government asked that the resolution before it request "effective restriction" rather than exclusion, and it was supported in that stand. Premier King urged that more could be done by negotiation without the word "exclusion" appearing in the resolution and informed the House that the Government was already negotiating with China to reduce the number of immigrants from that country. The objection from the West is just as strong against Japanese and Hindus as against Chinamen. Hindus being British subjects the matter of exclusion is a delicate one.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Federal budget has been brought down by Finance Minister Fielding, and still there are a lot of people not satisfied.

There is one uplifter whom the sneering member of the Legislature cannot affect—the mother who raises her children properly.—Renfrew Mercury.

Mr. Rockefeller must have been making another donation to some public benefaction. Gasoline prices have advanced another cent or two this week.

As usual, behind hand in international affairs, like they were in the Great War, the United States is now negotiating to have a hand in the Genoa conference.

Canada's total trade for the fiscal year of 1921 was $2,450,587,001; three times that of 1911 and seven times that of 1901. Our country is expanding with gratifying rapidity.

Senator David's ungallant proposal, that unmarried women must be at least thirty years of age before being entitled to vote, was defeated in the Senate, as it richly deserved to be.

The increase of population of Canada during the past ten years was relatively twenty per cent. higher than that of the United States. But you won't see this statement of fact in America's new school books.

It's all settled. Milton special correspondents, and Milton papers say Acton is to celebrate her fiftieth anniversary of incorporation by becoming a town. THE FREE PRESS suggested this, but the Council has not yet acted upon the suggestion.

According to the report of the Bureau of Municipal Affairs the statutory and other exemptions of land and buildings in Halton totals $1,070,005. At the nominal rate of 25 mills these exemptons would mean $26,772.00 more to the municipalities in taxes.

A propaganda dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., says that the million dollars profits from the Government sale of liquor in that Province will relieve the municipal taxation of the Province. The liquor sales from which the profits were derived will not, however, relieve the homes which have been debauched through these Government sales of liquor.

After a long debate, marked by a notable speech by Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, in which he reviewed and defended the whole roads system and programme of the Government, the Legislature gave the second reading to his bill to amend the Highways Improvements Act, the most important clause of which provides for the capitalization of the revenue from motor licenses.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES

A stirring poem, "Coats Off," recently appeared in an English periodical and has been reprinted in this country. The author makes his appeal to the loyal English for patriotic service, no less necessary than when the war was at its height. In two lines he paints the situation thus:

"Four hundred million starving? A world of bankrupt states?
Europe a debtor's prison? Red ruin at the gates."

And then with splendid optimism, he goes on to picture piling the quays with plenty and breaking the back of Hunger, as the Prussian power was broken. And the poem ends with a line like a trumpet call:

"Coats off, sleeves up, and steady, for the sake of all mankind."

That clarion call should find response in many a heart here in America. For although our situation is far better than that of any country in Europe, it is anything but satisfactory. High prices, scarcity of the necessities of life, and general unrest present many serious problems. And though they cannot all be solved in a single word, there is one word that comes near solving them, and that is Production. More wheat and corn, more eggs and butter, more beef and pork, more wool and cotton, more homes and factories. And this programme means more work on the part of everybody.

When Harold Beglie challenged English patriotism with his "Coats off, sleeves up," he was talking to men. But part of it is equally good advice to girls. It is time for the American girl to roll up her sleeves. During the war, the public was astonished to find what girls could do. The farmers who eyed them incredulously and set them to pitching hay for a tryout, were soon ready to acknowledge their mistake. No work staggered them. They blistered their hands and all but broke their backs over unfamiliar tasks and proved anew for all the mettle of the American and Canadian girl. In the munition factories, too, she showed herself capable of performing not merely hard work, but dangerous work as well.

The need is as great as ever it was. The forces under General Famine are more dangerous than those under General Hindenburg. The loyal should rally now as they did in 1914. Without uniforms or training camps, every patriot should be a soldier.

There have been foolish people in past times who thought manual work discreditable in the cultured and educated. But when manual work becomes necessary work, it is honorable. The world needs, as it always has, music and art and poetry and beauty and peace, but the crying need just now is for fuel and clothing and food and shelter, primitive needs of human beings. The girl worthy of the time we live in, is the girl who helps in the farm work, or who by making the home life pleasant and comfortable, keeps the boys on the farm; the girl who hardens her hands in real labor, who asks herself concerning a task, not, "What will people think if they see me doing that?" but, "Does it need to be done?" Girls, the work is waiting. Roll up your sleeves.—Elmer C. Blackman.

REACHING YOUR LIMIT

All the time we are seeing people who have reached their limit. A young man goes into a bank, does well, and is promoted again and again. But after a time that bank needs a new cashier, and the directors instead of promoting the young man to the vacancy, go outside to fill it. Their employee has been a conscientious and satisfactory worker, but he is not big enough for the position of cashier. He has reached his limit.

Perseverance will not help you. Resolution is an admirable thing, but it does no good for you to set your teeth and say to yourself, "I am going to be big enough for a bigger place." The only solution for your perplexity is growth. No one has reached his limit who is still growing.

Physically the limit of growth is decided for us. Many a youth would give a great deal for an extra inch or two, and some keep on growing after they would be glad to stop. But in the intellectual life, growth is a matter of choice. One who stops studying after he leaves school, whose nearest approach to solid reading is the daily paper, who intellectually falls into ruts and grooves, and closes his mind against new ideas and new impressions, is bound to stop growing. And this means that he will be one of those who early reach the limit of their advancement.

ALL TURNED TO ACCOUNT

During the days of childhood and youth, we often acquire some bits of knowledge or the ability to do certain things which seem of very little use to us at the time, and which we have no expectation of employing later in life. And yet frequently the time does come when we need that knowledge or ability, and when our chances for success are largely increased by the possession of it. Such was the case with a Canadian missionary in China, who writes as follows in the Presbyterian Record:

"I am thankful, extremely thankful for two things: First, that I was born on a farm; and second, that I have knocked about the world a great deal. It seems to me that everything I ever learned is likely to be of use to me here. For instance, I have taught the blacksmiths how to make drills—the blacksmiths here have no drills, taps, dies nor vises—I have taught a man to make his own white lead, and mix paint in good style. When I was small I used to watch my mother spin the wool that kept my toes warm. Well, I set the carpenter to work the other day, and we turned out a very decent spinning-wheel that spins fast and well. We have also built a turning lathe that turns out good chair and table legs, etc. I think a carpenter's shop, or a blacksmith's forge a grand missionary agency, second only to the hospital. I feel that the men do better work, and I think it is because they hear the gospel."

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A lady was anxiously looking for her husband and inquired of the housemaid:

"Do you happen to know anything of your master's whereabouts?"

"I'm not sure, mum," said the careful domestic, "but I think they are in the wash."

Here's a late story anent Christian Science. A Boston mother said to her little daughter:

"If you had my faith, darling, you would have no toothache."

The child replied: "Well, mother, if you had my toothache, you would not have any faith."

A Massachusetts jury after listening to the arguments of counsel retired and deliberated for a long time. Finally they reported that it would be impossible for them to reach an agreement.

When they filed in from the jury room the court was rather much displeased and proceeded to lecture them rather severely for their failure to agree.

"Why, your honor," explained the new juryman, "how in the world do you expect the members of the jury to agree when the lawyers in the case can't agree themselves?"

START RIGHT

In many homes of this broad land, the nestling is making ready to try its wings. Some of the girls are attending school in some distant town or city. Some are in business life for the first time. They look forward with mingled hope and apprehension to the unknown experiences awaiting them.

Much depends on your beginning. Start right. Do not wait a few days or a few weeks before showing your principles. You want to be counted with the clean, upright portion of your associates. Take your stand with them from the start. Do not indulge in a doubtful experiment, "just for once," for fear that your new acquaintances will think you unsocial. Do not let down your standards till you have made a place for yourself in your strange surroundings. The only way to succeed in life is to begin as you hope to continue—to start right. Take such a decided stand for that which is good and pure and uplifting that none of your new acquaintances will be in any doubt as to where you belong.

"I CAN'T AFFORD IT"

The young people who are ashamed to say, "I can't afford it," are to be pitied. No one thinks less of them for making this frank admission. If you try bluffing about the bush and make a pretense of not caring for the thing that you cannot afford, it is quite likely that some lips will curl scornfully, but no one whose good opinion is worth having will look down on you for admitting that certain things are beyond your means. Young people who learn to say, "I can't afford it," in the conclusive way, which ends the matter, are saved many a more bitter humiliation.

YET THE MAN MOVED UP

"Will the gentlemen please move forward a little?" called out the polite conductor of the trolley car as a dozen more passengers tried to scramble in.

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And notice is hereby further given that immediately after the said 5th day of June, 1922, the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, and she will not be responsible for any claim or claims of which she shall not have received notice at the time set forth for such distribution.

Dated this fourth day of May, A. D. 1922.

SARAH ANN MacDOUGALL, Administratrix.

By H. N. Farmer, Acton, Ontario, her Solicitor. 44-3

Notice to Creditors

OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN NICKLIN, DECEASED

The creditors of Helen Nicklin, late of the Township of Esquesing, Spinster, who died on or about the 5th day of March, 1922, at Vancouver, B. C., and all other persons having claims against her estate, are required on or before the 12th day of June, 1922, to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned solicitor for the Administratrix, 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 12th day of June, 1922, the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Estate among the parties entitled thereto, and she will not be responsible for any claims of which she shall not have received notice at the time set forth for such distribution.

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