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EDITORIAL

Government Control Again Proven a Failure

The so-called Government control of the liquor traffic advocated successively with a large measure of vehemence by the Citizens' League, Liberty League and Moderation League, has proven a bane to British Columbia, as it did in Saskatchewan, and as it has wherever it has been introduced. At the great world's convention at Toronto during the week A. E. Cooke, of Vancouver, said: "Government control is turning British Columbia into the moral sink-hole of the Dominion of Canada and the sump of the continent." Government control, he continued, had been heralded as the harbinger of moderation in all things; instead it has brought in its train debauchery, moral degeneracy, contempt for the law and an influx of the "whiskey soaks," crooks, gamblers and their associates of half a hemisphere. He warned Ontario against the result that would follow should she ever fall under "the spell of the siren song of the modernist, when they begin their chant of beer and wine," concluded the speaker.

How to Treat the County Warden

In this county, from time immemorial, it has been the custom for the Warden to entertain the members of the County Council, the county officials, and prominent men of the county, at a big dinner. This has been expected year after year, and to omit it the Warden for the year would seriously lose prestige. It is surely an imposition on the Warden, however. He, above all other members of the Council, has borne responsibilities and sacrificed his time in the interests of the county's affairs during his term of office. The plan might justly be reversed. It would be a sane and reasonable thing for the members to entertain the Warden, out of respect for his patient, courteous conduct of the duties of the office during the year. In some counties this plan is followed in the holding of this function, which seems to be a necessary feature of the closing of the year's business of the Council's term. In York county last week the County Council entertained the Warden, and presented him with a gold-headed cane. Isn't it time that Halton lifted the burden from the shoulders of the Warden?

The Thomson Motor Supplies' By-law

The meeting of citizens held last Thursday evening was a very gratifying one. By the large attendance of the people of Acton, and their keen interest in the proposal before them, the meeting was a record in the annals of the town. The desire for the location of additional industries was clearly manifest. The proposal of the Council, as set forth in the by-law, a synopsis of which has been published in these columns, to guarantee the bonds of Thomson Motor Sales Limited, of Toronto, to the amount of \$10,000, to induce them to erect and occupy their proposed new factory in Acton, was under discussion. Mr. Thomson, the President, in clear, frank and concise statements, explained their proposition, gave statements showing the financial standing of the company, explained the purpose of the new industry, and submitted figures manifesting the progress and growth of the company and the prospects for largely increasing their wholesale business in automobile parts and accessories. The statements of the bankers of the firm, the reports of the financial agencies, and the balance sheets showing their assets and liabilities, presented by Mr. Thomson, gave satisfactory assurance that ample security is available to safeguard the interests of the town in guaranteeing the bonds of the company to the amount requested. To those who have looked into the matter the proposal is one of the most favorable ever presented to the town. The business is a going concern; has a turnover this year of nearly, if not quite, \$300,000.00; has built up a wide connection; is managed by young men of business vim and prescience, who have already won gratifying success through their energy and application to the interests in hand, and who undertake this new proposition with a view to manufacturing a number of the automobile parts and accessories they handle, thus eliminating one step between the manufacturer and the consumer, and materially enhancing their business interests. A new industry of this character is always of value to the town. Additional employment is assured to our citizens; new homes are built, assessment values are increased, and with the natural increase in population all businesses and professions in town are benefited. Those who have looked most closely and critically into the proposition feel that it will be greatly to Acton's advantage to give their support to the scheme and vote for the by-law next Monday. Judging from the manifest spirit of the public meeting of citizens last Thursday evening the by-law will be supported by a large majority.

Editorial and Advertising Column Clash

The excellence of the Carleton Place Canadian as an advertising medium is so manifest that the supporters of David Findlay, Liberal candidate, in the by-election in Lanark county, use its conservative advertising columns generously to advance his candidature. That's all right, but the apology of the editor for the appearance of this campaign stuff in its columns, in opposition to its Tory candidate, Dr. Preston, is rather amusing.

Citizenship Responsibilities

Every citizen is under obligation to a police officer of the municipality, yet on many occasions when real service may be given it is not only withheld but obstructions put in the way of the officer doing his duty. Law is supreme and the law of the land must be respected, but it is little encouragement to an officer if he is abused and maligned for doing his duty. It is equally true that when a man is exalted to a public position that he has a right to demand the support and loyalty of every citizen who approves of his action. It is not so easy to get men to accept public office, and when we have men who are willing to act to the best of their ability in the performance of the duties of their office, they should be encouraged and not discouraged, which is too often the case.

It Isn't the Town, It's You

Walking along Main Street the other evening, as two young fellows were passing we caught the following remark, "This is a hole of a town." The lad in question is a native of this section, has not in all probability seen any large place, unless he has visited Ottawa. Just what his complaint against this "hole of a town" is we don't know, and he in all probability don't know himself. But he wanted to convey to his companion the impression that he was a little faster than the town. In all probability the same young man refers to his parents as "old man, or old woman" and, if in company a little better than he is used to, would be ashamed to notice or acknowledge his parents. What the Press desires to point out is, that history confirms the fact that most of the great men who have lived came from small communities. As a matter of fact small communities show the same varieties of human nature, of good and of evil, that you find in larger centres, and the use made of them depends on the individual and not on the place. It is not a difference in quality but a difference in quantity. Winchester has sent out from its home some very bright minds, young men who are making a name and a place for themselves in the larger communities. We are proud of them, and they are proud to acknowledge Winchester as their home town. The young man or young woman who runs down the home town condemn themselves, and have a very poor impression. Loyalty to parents, loyalty to your home town, is a trait of character that means much more than appears on the surface, and the lack of it shows a very miserable, if not contemptible spirit. The greatest man in England, Sir for that matter in the world, was brought up in a small community, and learned his lessons at the side of the shoe repair work bench of his uncle. Lloyd George was never ashamed to acknowledge his good old uncle, nor ever referred to his home town as a "hole of a town."—Winchester Press.

Did You Ever Stop to Think

That every town must grow, if it is to live at all, through industrial development. That when it ceases either to attract new industries or have its present industries grow into bigger or more efficient industries, it must cease growing itself, become stationary, or go backward. That the town without adequate thriving industries is always the town that must experience in fullest measure the ills of business depression, the heaviest losses through business failures. That the continuous industrial development of many towns has been held back for years by lack of effort or interest to point out their advantages to manufacturers. That factories are locating every week in towns not nearly so advantageously situated as Acton. That every citizen should have a better knowledge of the town and its possibilities. Every citizen should be a builder, not a drifter or a knocker, and strive to make Acton a more and more progressive business town, a friendly town, a town with a vision, a town that will go ahead and every year, through the co-operation of every citizen, become a bigger, better, brighter and busier town. An opportunity is now offered to add another thriving industry to our list of factories. Our property owners will vote next Monday on the proposal to have the Thomson Motor Supplies, Limited, of Toronto, build and operate their proposed new factory in Acton. The Council has investigated the concern and its standing in the business and financial world, and the majority of the members are satisfied that the institution is a desirable one and the securities offered for the fulfillment of its pledges ample to warrant the proposed negotiations with the town. Private citizens have also given the matter consideration, made enquiries of banking institutions and financial agencies, and are quite satisfied the Council has been acting in the interests of the town in making overtures to the Thomson Company to locate their new factory here. It now rests with our citizens to say by their votes that they desire to still further improve industrial conditions in Acton.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Additional industries in Acton will improve marketing conditions for the farming community. Happy, indeed, is the town which is spoken well of by the farmers who make it their market.

With potatoes selling at fifteen cents per peck, wheat at less than a dollar a bushel, and other agricultural products at correspondingly deflated prices, manufacturers and wholesalers need experience little difficulty in discovering the cause for a decrease in the demand for their comparatively high-priced commodities.—Simcoe Reformer.

Hon. Mr. Raney, Attorney-General, has issued an order to all magistrates that hereafter all offenders against the Ontario Temperance Act shall be treated alike, and no more creeping in by the back door, paying the fine, and having the matter hushed up. The general public will stand behind the Attorney-General in his ruling.—Collingwood Bulletin.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Callista brought the letter up from the mail-box—a long, official-looking envelope with "Executive Mansion" and the name of the state capital in the corner. It was addressed to "Mr. Joseph Baron, Harriscrest Farm."

"So there could be no mistake. Father was right. The Governor had remembered. It must be—oh, it must be that he was coming to Harriscrest!"

"Mark my words," father had said when the newspapers began to print items about the Governor's proposed tour of the state, "if he comes within twenty miles, he'll remember where his own seat is, and he'll come out to see us. Won't he, mother?" And Grandmother Baron had agreed that indeed likely he would.

The letter, when at last Mr. Baron had made time to read the Hon. Robert Laing's eccentric handwriting, confirmed these expectations.

"Dear Joe: This is to warn you that I'm going to slip away from my party at Harriscrest, and 'out across lots' out to your place to stay over night. My little girl is here and I'm bringing her along to see where her father had the best times of his boyhood. My love to Mother Baron. I hope I haven't forgotten how to make gingerbread for if she has it's a real gift. Write me, by the way, so I can know how.

Yours, "Bob."

Mr. Baron folded the letter and slipped it back into the envelope.

"How about it, mother?" said he, smiling.

The old lady's cheeks flushed pink with pleasure, but all she said was, "Maybe I can stir up a batch if I don't get over the age."

"Gee!" laughed her daughter-in-law. "Mother Baron! The Governor shall have his gingerbread if it takes every last egg in the place!"

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plied to the room prepared for him while Callista and Roberta made ready for the night before the little cherry dining table.

"What a dear room!" said Roberta, as she gave her half the "one hundred dollars" looking room with shining eyes to the four-poster, the chest of drawers and the bedded rug. "It looks—oh, it looks as though it was full of memories, happy ones! This furniture—was it your grandmother's?"

"My mother's mother. I'm named for her—Callista Ode."

"How you must love it!" Roberta's eyes filled with sudden tears. "I had some lovely old pieces that were my grandmother's, but her folks burned 'em two years ago, and—oh, I can't talk about it yet! We live in a hotel, you know, and my room is just like a hundred others; I feel like a stranger in it."

"But—had the Executive House—"

"—began Callista.

"It's just a great barracks of a house," concluded Roberta. "Father has an office there and it's always open to tourists, but there's nothing about it that even suggests a home. When daddy gets through being Governor, he says he'll buy a little place somewhere and let us try my hand at some-making. Our home won't have any family belongings in it—she struck the chest of drawers lovingly—"but I shall begin right off making it with happy memories."

When the Governor and his daughter had departed the next morning, Callista sought her grandmother, dropping down on a hassock beside the old lady's chair, who laid a patient hand on her black silk sleeve, saying:

"The worry about that gingerbread man, Granny. I was sure some. And I'm sorry about some other things. I dreaded to have Roberta come here—and she's the very sweetest girl I ever met. But says our old-fashioned house seems full of happy memories, and it is. But I was ashamed of it, ashamed even of my own dear room. I thought after the Executive Mansion, you know—I thought—"

Grandmother Baron nodded, knowing without being told what Callista thought. She smoothed the drooping head with one wrinkled hand.

"Grown' ladies, dear," she said; "grown' ladies. Folks have 'em in the mind as well as the body. You'll be happier for Roberta's all this. Cissy, even though it hurt a little to start with. And don't you fret about that. I let all go good and early this mornin' and made another batch—and there's two gingerbread men in their tinboxes this mornin'—very strange Taylor."

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