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EDITORIAL

Women on an Equality with Men on the 1923 Voters' List

Recent amendments to the Assessment and Voters List Act of Ontario placed women on an equality with men on and after January 1, 1923. The changes will give the wives of property owners and tenants the privilege of voting, and in cases where the wives are registered owners or tenants their husbands will have like privileges.

Making the Removal of the British Embargo Effective

Plans for securing the best results from the removal of the British embargo on Canadian store cattle are now being made. The problems connected with shipping Canadian cattle overseas have been engaging the attention of Government officials since the embargo was removed, with the result that Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and Federal Live Stock Commissioner H. S. Arkell arranged to get the live stock men together for a general conference. Effective results of undoubted advantage to stock raisers will shortly follow.

A Farmer's Marked Success as a Newspaper Publisher

A fine example is given in the town of Pictou of the versatility and business capacity of a man who had the good fortune to spend his young manhood and early middle life on the farm. Ten years ago Mr. A. E. Galan left his farm and purchased the Pictou Gazette. During the decade he has made a signal success of the Gazette, editorially as a successful newsgatherer, and from a mechanical standpoint. The Gazette is one of the leading weeklies of Ontario, and its editor and publisher stands high among the members of his chosen profession.

For Advancement of Empire Prosperity

Ontario's Agent-General, Mr. William C. Nixon, is taking real practical methods for improving conditions in Great Britain, and at the same time working advantageously in the matter of empire trade. Speaking at Bristol, Eng., one day last week, he advocated Britain sending money and men to the dominions to develop the sources of food supplies and raw materials. He said Europe would recover some day, but the recovery would be a slow and uncertain process. Britain should not wait for a European recovery, for her own trade and prosperity, but should develop empire trade. He advocated also, as another means to this end, that standard history and geography school text books be used in all schools of the empire.

Abolish the Exemption

The exemption of native wines from the general Provincial law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes may, or may not, have the effect of rendering invalid Dominion legislation prohibiting the importation of intoxicating liquor into Ontario. Aside altogether from this aspect of the case, however, the exemption is wholly unjustifiable and should be abolished. There is no more reason why the Ontario Temperance Act should be weakened as a concession to grape-growers than that beer should be given exemption as a concession to barley growers. Regardless of the outcome of the case now in the courts, the exemption in favor of native wines should be abolished. —Farmers' Sun.

The Conservative Party Not in Favor of Less Stringent Liquor Laws

Replying to the statement of the Port Hope Times which suggests that the Conservative party will appeal to the people in the coming election with a liquor policy favoring Government control, the Orillia Packet, one of the leading Conservative papers of the Province, says: "It is scarcely conceivable that the Conservative party in Ontario will be guilty of the folly of succumbing to the efforts to have it take up the cause of which the Moderation League has made so conspicuous a failure. As far as the Packet is concerned, while we are far from enamoured with the manner in which the Drury Government has administered the affairs of the Province during the past three years, we are not going to grow enthusiastic over any leader or any candidate who attempts to straddle the fence on the temperance issue. If the Conservative party should enter into a flirtation with the Moderation League, or any other pro-liquor organization, we shall have to ask to be excused. Prohibition of the liquor traffic is the greatest material gain and moral advance achieved by the present generation. The fight to obtain it was too strenuous to expect those who engaged in the struggle to jeopardize the fruits of victory for the sake of any apparent temporary political advantage."

Do Not Carry Firearms

In committing for trial at Gravenhurst a young man charged with shooting, Magistrate George H. Clarke gave but a bit of wholesome advice to young men prone to the carrying of firearms. "Do not carry firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind," said Mr. Clarke, "as the convenient use of such instruments will often bring you face to face with trouble which could have been avoided, had they been left alone."

Graduate Nurses Must Register

The legislation of last session which provided for the registration of nurses in Ontario became operative January 1. This simply means that each graduate nurse fills in an application form, signed by the superintendent of her school, pays a small fee, and when her claims are investigated and verified, she may hold the distinctive title "Registered Nurse." Any persons posing as such without having properly qualified are made liable to a fine of \$100. This form of registration is the one used in every State of the United States, and Ontario is the last Province in the Dominion to pass such legislation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our good Canadian dollar will now buy 24,000 German marks. It would only take about 545 to become a millionaire in Germany's currency. That we'll stand by the Canadian forty-five dollars though, in preference.

The German government is getting down on its knees these days to Great Britain, praying them to mediate between them and France for a settlement. The arrogance of nine or ten years ago has evidently been completely annihilated.

The Provincial Government is to be commended for its effort to stamp out, or lessen, the evils of venereal diseases. Contributions toward the establishment of clinics for the treatment of venereal disease has been authorized by Order-in-Council and officially gazetted.

The ramifications of the liquor traffic are almost past finding out. Federal officers of the United States seized a complete printing plant at Toledo, Ohio, last week, used to counterfeit Canadian whiskey labels, stamped corks, and inland revenue stamps. Verify.

Mr. Wellington Hay's secretary has made the public statement that the Liberals will win the next Provincial elections. He ought to be discharged, comments the Kincardine Review. What business has he to give away secrets he learned in his secretarial capacity?

What to the finish on combines is now declared the policy of the Dominion Government. It is determined to break up or severely restrict the operations of all monopolies that restrain trade and unjustifiably increase the price of commodities, especially of life's necessities, to the consumer.

The "liberties" of the British public are slowly, but very surely being molested. (?) A London, England, dispatch says: "While it is probably a far cry to prohibit in England, reduction of the number of drinking places proceeds steadily, mainly by means of closing houses deemed redundant."

There will be a strong demand on the part of the Social Service Council of Canada upon the Dominion Government at the approaching session to put a legal ban on race track gambling. There has been ample evidence during the past year, in criminal annals, to warrant the Government in taking this desirable action.

While Canada has a heavy national debt, amounting to \$2,301,000,000, Australia has nearly double that, in fact, that country owes \$4,210,000,000. Furthermore that, Canada has nearly twice the population of the Australian Commonwealth, so that our burden on a per capita basis is gratifyingly lighter than that of Australia.

The Oakville Record has been publishing the names of citizens convicted of violations of the law, and these people and their friends have been "ragging" the editor for it. He retorts: "If anyone does not want his name published in the Record among the Police Court news, the best thing to do is to keep out of the police court."

Another Ontario newspaper has found it necessary to discontinue publication. Many will miss very keenly the Owen Sound Advertiser, which for over sixty years has faithfully represented that city to its readers. The announcement came last week, as a regretful surprise to the people. Owen Sound will now have but one paper, the Sun-Times.

Grand Trunk & C. N. R. employees paid a two-minute silent tribute to Hon. W. G. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, who died at Naples, Florida, last week, on Monday, the day of the funeral at Windsor. All operations throughout the system reverently paused. And this was a worthy act, in memory of one of Canada's leading men, who passed away while in office.

The sudden death of Hon. William C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways and Canals, in Florida; whether he had gone, it was hoped, to recuperate after undergoing a serious operation in Montreal, will occasion deep regret to all Canadians, irrespective of party affiliations. Coming at this time, with the great enterprise of developing Canada's National Railways System confronting the country, the loss of such clear-headed, businesslike and enthusiastic leadership as Mr. Kennedy was capable of supplying is essentially Dominion-wide.

One result of the recent conference between the United States and Canadian postal authorities is dispensing of the advice on money orders between the two countries. This will be a great convenience to those receiving these money orders, as it happens that the recipient has to wait many days after receiving the order before he can have it cashed, on account of the delay in the advice reaching the postmaster. Other changes were also made whereby there will be an increase in revenue for the Canadian post office department.

Neighborhood News-Town and Country

ERIN

Mr. George Wheeler, who has been treasurer of Erin Township for the past thirty-three years, died in his resignation to the Township Council at their annual meeting of that body. Mr. Wheeler was a man of great ability and never failed to have the treasurer's end of the township business in good order. It was only by his own request, that the resignation was accepted. Mr. Dan Gray has been appointed to the position in Mr. Wheeler's place.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. Robert Dodge was quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Croft, during the week.

The Hibbs, recently visited Rockwood last Saturday, and were entertained by Mr. John Osborne, who has been under the doctor's care the last week.

The Duke Yacht and the Durcas Club held a pleasure party on Saturday evening, and the party was in excellent condition. A very enjoyable evening was spent. After the skating was enjoyed, the party was invited to the home of Mr. R. H. Pratt, where a delicious meal was served.

MILTON

Miss M. E. Bastard has arranged to spend the winter months in Toronto. It looks as though she will make fitting use of her time in the city, as she is old enough to be independent.

The Sheldish Lumber Limited, Toronto, has closed its doors and gone into liquidation, and the firm is now known as Sheldish & Sons in Milton.

Miss Helen Pantin left last week for Toronto, en route to Whinnipeg, for a visit of about two months to her sister, Miss Pantin of the Manitoba Agricultural College—Reform.

GEORGETOWN

The new member of the Public Library Board for the ensuing two years is Mr. J. M. Moore.

The Canadian Forestry Commission Albert T. G. Clegg and wife Cleo and Angus Duncan, Deputy Chief.

Mr. Anderson, M.-L., attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Accountants and gave a fine address. J. M. Skelton was elected President, and George M. Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Arthur C. Smith, editor, and proprietor of the Oakville Star, was present at the funeral of his half brother, the late Clark W. Purdy.

On Saturday night, Miss Barbara, of the Primary Room of the Public School, will be absent for a month. Mrs. Elmer Thompson, a former teacher, will take charge of the room.

Twenty-four of the students of the High School held a sleighing party last week to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Black, Esquimalt. They were right royally entertained, and it was a most enjoyable evening.

The new skating rink has been sufficiently far advanced to permit of its use, and skating there is greatly enjoyed.

Thompson played Georgetown in the new rink, the first match. A keenly contested game resulted in victory for Brampton, on an overtime period.

BURLINGTON

A new street has been opened through the High School grounds.

Mr. W. D. Stuttin, & Son, Plumbers, have sold their business to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Patricar.

Mr. F. D. Denton, of Kitchener, City, has sold his residence to his son, Mrs. Wood Freeman, and renewing old acquaintances in town.

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