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**EDITORIAL**

**Co-operation and the Community Spirit**

Acton Chamber of Commerce is already proving the value of the cultivation of the community spirit. Co-operation in matters having for their object the welfare of the community will accomplish results which could never be achieved by individual effort. The cultivation of an esprit de corps among our citizens is bound to mean much in growth and success. This spirit of co-operation is sure to achieve desirable results, and if the membership of this new and important organization stand together, when issues vital to our town's best interests are under discussion, or are referred to the people for action, a powerful influence will be exerted on behalf of public welfare. It is encouraging that already over sixty members have been enrolled, and these are all citizens who desire to co-operate in the avowed object of the organization: "To promote the economic and civic welfare of Acton and vicinity." The Chamber of Commerce has been an acknowledged force in two matters of interest since its formation in September—the restoring of the Canadian National Railway running train going east, and the embargo on the section of a building on Mill Street, which failed to comply with the fire by-law of the corporation in the materials used in its construction, and which citizens did not conform with the character of the building desirable in Acton's business section. In the plan taken in the latter matter the Municipal Council was admittedly assisted in taking strong grounds against the construction of such a building. Acton Chamber of Commerce has a programme of activities which are intended for the betterment of the community, and the members are quite prepared to put forth individual and united effort, and spend their means, to accomplish matters for community protection and betterment.

**Prohibition and Personal Liberty**

The plea of personal liberty is being overworked by the Moderationists, in their canvass against the Ontario Temperance Act. But the truth is this, the weakest and silliest argument that was ever used against the prohibition of intoxicating liquor, is one who gives any honest thought to the matter will be self-evident that there is no such thing as absolute personal liberty in any organized condition of society. Our liberty of action and even of speech is limited and restricted in every relationship of life. A social order such as ours—no man liveth to himself. We are dependent upon others and consequently responsible to others in a thousand ways. The domain of our liberty extends no further than the rights of others. The anti-prohibitionist protests against the action of the State in depriving him of the liberty of buying alcoholic liquor, taking it into his home and drinking it when he chooses to do so. "This is a personal matter with me, and no man has a right to dictate to me what I shall or shall not eat or drink." At first thought this may seem reasonable and right. But it is not so simple as it looks. Every man is bound up in a whole circle of relationships with others who have rights as sacred as his and who are affected by his actions—even by his personal habits, which he thinks are nobody's business but his own. For example, the man who claims his right to drink intoxicating liquor may give a wife and children. His wife has a right to the love and protection of her husband, the comforts of a home, so that all that was pledged to her on the day he stood at the altar beside the man to whom she gave her heart and hand in sacred wedlock. But he will dare to say that this right of a woman is infringed upon in thousands of cases by drink. The story of ruined homes, of want and sorrow and shame are the commonplace of the drink record. The children of the man who claims his right to drink have a right to nourishing food and warm clothing and to educational advantages, all of which are interfered with by drink. The grocer and the baker and the tailor and the coal merchant, and all those who supply the needs of a modern family have a right to the money in payment of their bills, which is so often sent into the till of the liquor seller or the pocket of the bootlegger. We all have a right to peaceful and orderly community life, to the privilege of quietness, to security from harm on our streets. But we can these things be guaranteed where men under the influence of liquor obtrude themselves, and drunk drivers speed their cars through our streets regardless of the peril they are creating to young and old. So that there are others who have rights as sacred as the drinker. The fact is that the man who claims his personal liberty argument in connection with the drink traffic is talking absolute nonsense, and no one should be influenced by so shallow a plea as going to the polls on October 23.—Presbyterian

**Preferential Trade with Australia**

The new preferential trade agreement between Australia and Canada should be of mutual advantage to both. Canada has now much the best of trade with her sister Dominion, sending some nineteen million dollars worth of goods to that country against a little over one million dollars received. The Canadian automobile trade with Australia is particularly good. It is figured out that under the new arrangement newspaper exports from this country will be increased by probably thirty thousand tons per year. This would greatly reduce the Scandinavian export, which now shares the Australian market with Britain.

**Doesn't Express an Opinion**

In last issue of a local paper in a neighboring county the advertisements of the Prohibition Committee, and of the Moderation League appeared side by side. The editor evidently had a twinge of conscience about it and apologized to his readers in this manner: "What you read in these ads. are the arguments advanced by either side to support their cause. Neither is necessarily the opinion of the editor of this paper. Please bear this in mind." A diligent search of the editorial and news columns failed to reveal what the opinion of the editor really is. Perhaps he'll express it before the election comes off next week.

**Personal Liberty in Actual Experience**

In thinking of personal liberty we all ought to remember that the organization of human society cannot begin, even in simplest forms, without limiting the liberty of the individual where necessary for the welfare of others. Every step in the progress of social relations is marked by further restrictions of this kind. All laws impose these limitations. We could not have organized society without them. The only reason we are unaware of so many of them is that we do so many things right. But let any man do things wrong, wear his clothes indecently, or speak unadvisedly with his lips, or let his house become filthy, or if he commit any other thing that is a nuisance and he will quickly find that there is a law all ready to interfere with his liberty to do that very thing.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Guelph Mercury suggests that "the 23rd of the month may be significant for the opponents of the O. T. A.—Skidoo."

The way to Scotch the bootlegger is to give the Government a mandate to "continue and strengthen" and to "actively and vigorously enforce" the Ontario Temperance Act.

When the Plebiscite on importation of liquor from other provinces was taken several years ago, Kingston gave a large majority on the "wet" side. Now one actually hears that Kingston this time may vote "dry."—Kingston-Whig.

Is the day of the farmer returning? Let us hope so. With wheat now up to \$1.62½, the highest price since war days, it looks as if the tiller of the soil may have another innings. If he does everyone will benefit.—Pembroke Observer.

Saskatchewan now has Government Control, although only about one-third of the qualified electors voted in favor of it. Many temperance people neglected to go to the polls. It is not opinions but votes that count. Be sure to vote.

The truth is out at last. J. A. Currie, M. P. P., the champion of Government Control in the Provincial Legislature, now admits that he is president of the Highland Scotch Distilleries Limited. Of course he wants Government Control. It would help to make him rich.

This Plebiscite campaign is a challenge to all prohibitionists. Ontario, being the banner Province of Canada, must always lead—not follow. Such a thing as adopting Government sale, which has proven a failure in each province where tried, is not to be thought of.

Prime Minister MacDonald and his Government suffered defeat in the British House of Commons on a relatively unimportant amendment on Wednesday evening. Parliament was dissolved on Thursday, and a general election has been proclaimed for Wednesday, October 29. Great Britain is consequently now embarked on the shortest and what promises to be the most hectic electoral campaign in history.

Opponents of the O. T. A. are continually talking about the "sane" system of dealing with the liquor business that our compatriots in the Province of Quebec have adopted. The proof of the law, is in the results of its working. No higher praise could be given the Ontario Temperance Act than the antagonism and abuse of those who prefer Quebec's "sane" law.

It is a delusion for any one to suppose that the movement toward total prohibition of the liquor traffic can be turned back. It is a pretty safe prophecy that at no very distant day Canada will have dominion-wide prohibition. But this can only be attained by constant effort on the part of those who believe the traffic in intoxicating liquors is a curse to the country.

Premier Ferguson said the other day, his personal view is that bootleggers should be sent to jail without the option of a fine. He also said that if the people of Ontario vote to retain the Ontario Temperance Act it will be strengthened and energetically enforced. This undoubtedly means that if the Act is sustained bootleggers will be given short shrift and will go to jail for the first offence. That takes away all the force of the Moderation Leaguers talk about bootleggers under the Ontario Temperance Act.

The retirement of Mr. R. E. Mills from the position of editor and publisher of the Elora Express is a distinct loss to journalism in this district. For twenty-one years Mr. Mills has conducted the Express with ability and success and at the same time with loyalty to his constituency. Few towns in Ontario have been better served from a newspaper standpoint. Mr. W. D. Samson, of Almonte, is the new proprietor. He has come into possession of a splendid business and plant and has excellent foundations upon which to build a successful future.

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**MILTON**

Anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, Milton, will be held on Sunday, the 27th inst., when the Rev. McArthur, of Brimpton, will occupy the pulpit. Miss Kathleen Gorrie, soprano, of Toronto, will sing at both services.

George Kenney, of the Toronto Beavers, is in trouble with the Toronto Amateur Baseball Association on account of pitching for Campbellville in the tournament, which opened on September 12, without permission and under the name of Graham. His case was left over on Tuesday evening for two weeks for further information.

Last Friday, John, aged about ten years, son of P. D. Shroyer, Principal of the Public School, had his lower lip badly bitten by a hound bitch. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

Dr. K. D. Pantou, of Vancouver, B. C., left for home last Saturday evening, to stop off on route at Rochester, Minn., to spend a few days at the Mayo Hospital.

George Chisholm, of Beauséjour, was at the County Fair here on September 27. He had not missed doing so during the preceding sixty-eight years. He is seventy-five years of age. The tender of Messrs. Goodson Bros. of Hamilton, for the installation of a steam plant in Grace Church, has been accepted, and the work will begin early in the fall.

The Milton Golf and Country Club has decided to apply for incorporation. It has bought land for a new course, the fifty acres of the Hough farm next the creek and to the rear of Rowse's Church.

Both by-laws for the construction of sanitary and storm sewers were carried last week. The vote stood 171 to 109.—Champion.

**BURLINGTON**

During the winter months the price of milk in Burlington will be as follows—Quarts, 12c; pints, 10c; table cream, 15c; whipped cream, 25c.

While Mrs. R. Macdonald, of Brantford, was down town on Tuesday afternoon, she was accosted by a man who stole \$15.00 in cash. They left no clue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleetham left on Thursday on a two months' trip to the West and Vancouver. On the journey out they will visit relatives at Brandon and Redwood.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Wednesday night. It was decided to hold a banquet in the near future, and make a drive for membership.

Muriel Hiscock, one of the contestants at the field sports at the High School grounds on Friday afternoon, had the misfortune to fall and fracture her collar bone during one of the races.

Joseph Smith, the well-known hardware man, is making arrangements to hold a five mile bicycle race on Saturday afternoon, October 18, which will be open to bicyclists of Burlington and district.

The vocational classes met for the first time of the year at the High School on Monday. The committee was very pleased to find that there was a marked increase in attendance over the first night of last year, when there was an attendance of 51, and this year 69.

The awards have been announced in connection with the Potato Field Competition, conducted under the auspices of the Nelson and Burlington Agricultural Society. A. G. Richmond, of Perth, was the judge. The prize winners are: James Clark, 84 points; Jas. Wilson, 82½ points; W. E. Bush, 81½ points; John Hetherington, 75½ points; John Heslop, 73½ points; Jas. McKerr, 71 points; Edward Colling, 70 points.—Daily Star.

**OAKVILLE**

Police Magistrate Shields held court on Friday morning when a large number of motorists were charged with speeding on the Dundas highway, and fined.

Weasley Leaver sustained fractures of the arm and leg, and his face is severely cut and bruised, on Saturday morning when the tannery truck, on the back of which he was sitting, swung around the corner of Dunn Street past the Methodist Church, and threw him to the pavement.

About 200 visitors and brethren of the local lodge, No. 400 met at the banquet held in the newly completed Statistician's room on Tuesday evening, it being the occasion of the official dedication ceremonies held in connection with the opening of the office.

While driving south on the seventh line, on the new pavement, T. Robinson, of Georgetown, did not notice the barrier soon enough, and in an effort to avoid hitting it turned his Overland car into the ditch, smashing off his front right and rear right wheels. Luckily no one was hurt.—Record.

**GEORGETOWN**

At last meeting of the Council it was moved by Ashenburt, and seconded by Long, that Chief Jackson be appointed to a new evening for himself, price not to exceed \$55.

The new cement sidewalk on Guelph Street, is making completion, and will be a decided improvement to the street.

Mr. Albert Toat, Jr., who recently met with an accident in Toronto, is unable to be around again and is visiting at his home here.

The Oddfellows band, under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Meir, played a prominent part in making the Fall Fair enjoyable by rendering selections during the programme of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hulse announce the engagement of their second daughter, Miss Winifred, to Mr. Frank Smith, Ash Grove, wedding to take place later part of this month.

The prohibition mass meeting in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon was largely attended when a stirring address on the merits of prohibition was delivered by ex-Controller James Simpson, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Russell, "Cluny College, Toronto," announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Maria, to A. Nelson Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stark, Georgetown, marriage to take place the middle of October.—Lerald.

**ERIN**

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frankum and little daughter, of Harriston, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hull.

Mr. W. H. Macdonald, of Medicine Hat, Alta., visited with his brother, Rev. J. A. Evans, at the Parsonage during the week.

James Huron made a big clean-up in the poultry classes at Caladon—winning 17 first prizes in the various breeds.

Mr. H. J. Gibson left Erin this week to resume his studies at Wyllie College, Toronto. He will continue his week-end ministry in All Saints Church.

Mrs. Samuel Hurd, of Auburn, N. Y., and Mrs. Norman Hurd, of Jordan, N. Y., and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Auburn, N. Y., motored and have been visiting with Mrs. John MacLachlan and other friends.

Mr. H. C. Austin has returned home from Scotland, Black, where he spent the past few weeks looking after his interests in the crop on his farm. He is now in the city for the purpose of organizing a Fire Brigade.

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**Booze Must Not Come Back!**  
**Only By Voting Can Ontario Citizens Defeat the Desperate Liquor Interests**

THE lawless liquor traffic dies hard. But good citizenship is a patient executioner in Ontario. Again and again Ontario citizens have registered their determination that the moral and economic waste caused by booze must cease. On October 23rd the men and women of this Province must tell the self-seeking liquor interests still more emphatically that booze shall not come back. A half-million majority for continuance of The Ontario Temperance Act is language that brewers, distiller and bootlegger will understand.

**O.T.A. is Hated for Its Good Work**

Desperately because the O.T.A. has cut down drinking by 90%, the liquor trade seeks the death of the finest temperance measure Ontario has ever had. Distiller, brewer and bootlegger are arrayed against the forces of reform. The issue itself is sharply drawn, but John Barleycorn is using a new disguise. Only his desperation can explain his reckless effrontery and his astonishingly low estimate of the common sense of the people.

No good citizen, familiar with the miserable conditions before The Ontario Temperance Act brought sobriety to the homes and happiness to the women and children, would deliberately vote for a return to the bar-room. Yet today Ontario faces, as the only alternative to the O.T.A., a step that will lead to conditions in some respects even worse than the open bar produced.

**Rally to Its Defence!**

The same sordid story comes from every province where so-called government "control" has been blindly adopted. More drinking, more drunkenness, more crime, more accidents, more misery, more waste—and, above all, infinitely more of the curse of bootlegging. This prospect should send every earnest man and woman in Ontario to the polls on October 23rd to vote for the continuance, strengthening and vigorous enforcement of The Ontario Temperance Act.

To legalize the sale of booze for beverage purposes, though in sealed packages, is to re-establish the liquor shop without the former restrictions of the licensed bar-room, and bring back the treating system, the hip-pocket flask, and the drinking club. To vote for government sale is to bring back to old Ontario the free dispensing of that bottled misery which will blight and destroy the hopes, the character, the life of young and old in every community where liquor shops are permitted to exist.

**Your Ballot is Your Weapon**

You know that, but you must VOTE. Your weapon, the ballot, must be used. Vote yourself, and use your influence to have every qualified elector within your home and your place of work do likewise. The only votes counted will be those placed in the ballot box on October 23rd, 1924.

Apathy and over-confidence have lost many a good fight. The liquor traffic—bootlegger, brewer and distiller—are at work, night and day. Foul their efforts by polling an overwhelming majority for The Ontario Temperance Act. Mark your ballot thus:

1 Are you in favour of the continuance of The Ontario Temperance Act?

2 Are you in favour of the sale as a beverage of beer and spirituous liquor in sealed packages under Government control?

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