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EDITORIAL

The Duty of the Hour

The duty of the hour is to give the Ontario Temperance Act a fair chance under a far more effective system of enforcement than has yet been adopted. It will not do to say that the enforcement of the law by previous governments was not effective. The question is what can be done now, by the Ferguson Government, which ordered the Plebiscite and promise to abide by the result. The present and urgent duty of the Government is to enforce the law in such a manner as to strike terror into the hearts of the evildoers.—The Globe.

Reaction of the Western Provinces

A forecast of the reaction of the Western Provinces to the result of the Ontario Plebiscite has been given by W. B. Bayley, independent Labor member of the Manitoba legislature. "The Western provinces, now thoroughly disgusted with their experiment in Government-sold sealed alcohol, will be greatly relieved by the verdict given in Ontario, he says. The duty of the dry advocates, having escaped defeat by a reduced margin, is to continue their activity with the object of securing fulfilment of the Government's promises of better enforcement of the endorsed legislation. The next step is certainly agitation to secure Dominion legislation against manufacture, importation and exportation of alcoholic beverages."

Ontario's Decisive Verdict

The people of Ontario have spoken, and spoken decisively. By a majority of between 40,000 and 50,000 they have expressed their desire to retain the Ontario Temperance Act, and reject the proposed measure known as Government Control, but whose provisions were never formulated in a concrete bill. The Government of the day requested the people to give expression to their preference. This has been done. It now rests with the Government to implement the pledges made by Premier Ferguson before the election on the Plebiscite. These pledges were simply: 1. To strengthen the Act, where weak places have been found by experience to exist, and 2. To provide for the strict enforcement of the provisions of the law. The mandate of the people was invited, and if the Government is definitely authorized to strengthen the law, and enforce it. The latter will, perhaps, be somewhat difficult, but the power to do it is available, and we have every confidence that the Premier and his Government will honestly endeavor to fulfil their pledges. They will be greatly assisted to accomplish this if the citizens of Ontario will cooperate in all reasonable ways. By this course lawbreakers will promptly and effectively be taught that British law must be respected, and its provisions observed.

Revenues from Summer Tourists

The tourist traffic into Canada is year after year becoming a growingly important factor in financial benefits. It is a matter of common knowledge that the number of tourists, especially from the United States, who make Canada a summer holiday resort, has been steadily increasing; but few will be prepared to learn that in one province of the Dominion—that of New Brunswick—the estimated revenue from these tourists amounts to nearly three million dollars, a sum nearly equal to the total provincial revenue. The estimate of the Tourist Association is that 70,000 tourists came to New Brunswick during the summer. If these spent on an average of forty dollars—and many of them would spend more than twice that amount—the total would realize the estimate named. But New Brunswick is only one small section of the Dominion, though a very attractive summer resort. The other Maritime Provinces are becoming equally known abroad for their charming scenery, salubrious climate and facilities for healthful enjoyment; while Quebec and Ontario and the great Pacific province cater on a still larger scale attractions for a travelling public. Now that our highways are sufficiently advanced to attract tourists, Acton may reasonably expect a fair quota. In view of this reasonable proposition should be made for the comfort and convenience of those who desire to make this an objective point for tourist camping. Our park is admirably adapted for this, and if the customary conveniences are available will no doubt attract numbers who would otherwise pass us by, and locate at some other point on the highway. Our park is so centrally adjacent to the centre of the town—within a block of the highway—that it should be especially desirable to touring motorists, and no doubt will if proper means are taken to direct traffic thereto and provide the conveniences. It is not too soon to plan for next season's influx of visitors.

A Very Creditable Campaign

Considering the momentous issue at stake, and the thoroughness with which both parties were prepared for the campaign, it is to the credit of the community that the contest was carried on with a minimum of friction. Liquor legislation is a matter over which men differ sharply, yet they were able to discuss the problem and arrive at a conclusion with personal abuse almost entirely eliminated.—London Advertiser.

Canada Has One Law for All

It is a commendible feature of our national life that Canada has one law for rich and poor alike. Peter Smith, the trusted Treasurer of Ontario for three years, and Aemelius Jarvis, Sr., head of the Jarvis firm of millionaire bond dealers, were tried for conspiracy to defraud the province, were found guilty, and were given severe sentences in the Criminal Assize Court at Toronto last week. Naturally there is much pity for the offending financiers; at the same time there is general satisfaction that their prominent positions did not influence the administration of justice towards leniency in any way.

Heavier Fines for Speeding

The authorities are determined to discourage speeding as much as possible, and to this end are advising Magistrates to impose heavier fines. The statute gives the Magistrate wide discretionary powers, and the maximum penalties provided are high. A letter was sent out to Magistrates last week in which this instruction was given: "I have to ask your Worship to impose fines that will keep the motorists down to traffic regulations." During the past few days speeding motorists have been fined $15, $20 and $30. The casualities to children have been deplorably frequent, and it is felt that strong measures must be taken to reduce these accidents.

To Ensure Clean, Tidy Streets

If citizens generally will co-operate with the Council our streets will be kept more tidy and presentable. At the meeting of the Council last week a by-law was passed entitled, "A By-law to prevent the throwing or leaving of waste paper and refuse on the public thoroughfares." The by-law in its preamble says: "Whereas the Municipal Council has provided receptacles for the deposit of waste paper and other similar refuse at various places on the streets of the municipality; and whereas in the interest of the general appearance of the town it is desirable to prohibit throwing about of such waste paper and refuse on the streets, be it therefore enacted that no person or persons shall throw or leave anywhere, other than in the receptacles above mentioned, on the highways, streets or thoroughfares within the Municipality of Acton, any paper, fruit skins, bottles, glass or other refuse. Penalties and costs are provided for infraction. This effort of the Council to preserve tidy streets will be appreciated by citizens generally. All citizens should co-operate to accomplish the results desired.

A One-sided Sample of Liberty

The Moderation League has been preaching "liberty" but some of their fellows are not willing to let other people have their liberty. This week two Newmarket citizens, who have been active supporters of the O. T. A., have received threatening letters, signed with a skull and crossbones. They are Mr. J. E. Harvery, of the Express-Herald, and Rev. P. L. Graham, pastor of the Christian Church. If there had only been one letter we would have been inclined to take it as a joke, but under the circumstances we are led to believe that there must be one or two very evil-minded persons in this community who need watching. The penitentiary was built for such people. —Newmarket Era. Down in Almonte, in Lanark county, a similar type of 'liberty was manifested when the night of the election a fusilade of stones was thrown through twenty windows in the home of Mr. James Lindsay, Secretary of Almonte Plebiscite Committee, a quiet, inoffensive citizen. The Town Council have offered a reward for the apprehension of the party guilty of this dastardly action. It is this kind of "liberty" which will bring total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and transportation of intoxicating liquor the sooner into effect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Prohibitionists are already looking toward a general Federal law to ban the use of liquor all over the Dominion. It may take years, but they will never rest content without making a try at it some time in the not distant future.—Guelph Mercury.

Local pride is based upon a patriotic regard or affection for the town in which you live, and is almost as natural a sentiment as family pride. Like family pride, it may be useful and patriotic. That is one of the reasons why we naturally appreciate the erection of attractive stores and residences, and feel an interest in the tearing down or removal of shacks and unsightly structures generally.

An observant educationist, who has had practical experience for many years, makes the encouraging assertion that teachers never taught so well, school buildings were never so full adapted to their purposes and the public was never so appreciative as now. In no period in the past has there been so general a realization that education is the biggest job in all the world.

In the judging of exhibits at the Dairy Show at London, England, last week, held under the auspices of the British Farmers' Association, cheese, bacon and honey from Ontario were well to the fore in the classes open to the overseas Dominions. In butter, however, all prizes went to Australia, and all prizes for eggs were taken by South Africa. While Canadian producers excel in the lines named, there is evidently room for efforts to improve in the manufacture of butter, a most important dairy product.

Contrasts prove very effectively the advancement of scientific inventions and their adaptability to present surroundings and conditions. An illustration of how fast the world is moving is shown when it is remembered that when Stanley discovered Livingstone at Ujiji, in Central Africa, the letters handed to him [illegible] were in transit. A wireless [illegible] available at this point on Lake [illegible] can now be sent from

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

MILTON

A Hallowe'en Social will be held in Knox Church this evening. A night of wonder, mystery and fun. All costumed, if possible.

In town eggs are now 50 cents per dozen, and butter 40 cents per pound. Climbing up.

The Milton Golf Club have purchased the old Fallis farm, on the second line, Trafalgar, and will turn it into a golf course.

All the brick-making works, located near here, are now in full operation again, anticipating a great demand for their product next spring, when building operations begin in earnest all over the country.

Those are two real nice houses being built by Mr. McKenzie, on Woodward Avenue, and by Mr. Dunn over at the Bousfield survey. Not very large, but up-to-date and comfortable.—Reformer.

ERIN

Mr. Thos. McQuarrie has leased Mr. E. Crosby's farm on the 15th sideroad. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby intend moving to Erin village.

Mr. William Gray, Hillsburg, has returned from the West.

Mr. C. J. McMillan, Hillsburg, has returned home after visiting with his daughter in the West.

Hillsburg School re-opened last week after the two weeks' vacation taken for potato picking. The ideal weather allowed the potato harvest to be almost completed.

Revival services are being held at the Christian Church, under the leadership of Rev. S. M. Morley Smith, of West Lorne. They began on Friday evening, October 24, and will continue for two weeks.

The following is a list of officers elected for the year 1924-1925 by the Wellington County Junior Farmers Improvement Association: Hon. President, A. McLaren, Guelph; President, Henry Wheeler, Hillsburg; 1st Vice-President, Clarence Petty, Rockwood; 2nd Vice-President, Jas. Burnett, Elora; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Huxley, Hillsburg.

Mr. Fred Delaney left at this office a remarkable sample of potatoes grown on the farm which he recently sold to Mr. Stubbington. They were of the Lincoln variety—eighteen marketable potatoes weighing 9 pounds and all grown in one hill.

The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association held their annual event on Thursday, October 16, at the new Scout Headquarters, at the school. All officers were re-elected for the coming year.—Advocate.

BURLINGTON

The Town Council has a by-law to appoint a Police Commission.

Hon. and Rev. Dr. Cody, ex-Minister of Education, is to be the speaker at the High School Commencement on Friday, November 7.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gibbons returned home from a motor trip to British Columbia on Saturday last. They report an interesting and enjoyable outing.

The High School will hold their annual masquerade at the High School on Hallowe'en night. There will be prizes offered for the best costumes.

The annual poppy sale, under the auspices of the G. W. V. A., will be held on Monday, November 10.

Mr. Fred L. Booker, Principal of the East End School, tendered his resignation to the Public School Board to accept a position in Toronto. The Board held a meeting last Tuesday night and accepted the resignation.

An old-time concert entitled "A Hundred Years Ago," will be given by Knox Church Choir in the Town Hall about the middle of November. Further notice later.

The Clara E. Moore Mission Circle will hold a masquerade in the Sunday School Room on Thursday evening, October 30. A good programme is being arranged and games will be played.

Deputy Reeve Nicholson reported to the Council that he had been to Toronto in connection with the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce to have the Hydro property on the west side of Locust Street used as a tourists' camping ground, and the Hydro Commission had agreed to the plan.—Gazette.

GEORGETOWN

The Town Council has engaged Clarke, Houston & Cowan auditors for the corporation for the year at a cost of $225.

Mr. Willis Chapman, engineer, of Toronto, has been appointed waterworks engineer at a fee of $125 per year, at least four inspections per year to be made.

The officers for Georgetown Curling Club for the season have been elected as follows: Honorary Presidents, Major L. Grant, Wm. McKay; President, Col. G. O. Brown; 1st Vice-President, Ed. McWhirter; 2nd Vice-President, J. B. Wallace; Secretary, John D. Kelly; Treasurer, J. L. Thompson; Auditors, J. B. Mackenzie, W. Greenaward.

A rally of the Young People's Societies in town was held in Knox Church last Wednesday evening when a splendid programme was given by the young people of Norval and addresses delivered by Revs. Douglas, Norval, and Stewart, of Acton.

Major and Mrs. H. M. Kennedy were tendered a reception by friends and relatives at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy's last Friday evening.

Mr. D. B. Mackenzie returned home last week from a trip to the coast and accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, they are spending a holiday at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Lou Prentiss, of New York, and Mr. Miller Prentiss, of Toronto, were in town during the week visiting their mother, who has been quite ill but is slowly improving.

Mr. John Langan, our esteemed townsman, celebrated his 81st birthday a short time ago. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he still enjoys good health.

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