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EDITORIAL

Much Less Liquor Now Exported

It is quite evident that real progress is being made in curtailing the unlawful transportation of liquor from Ontario to the United States border points. A number of circumstances are contributing to a gradual, and by now well-defined change in the system employed by international rum-runners between these two countries. In the first place United States authorities have increased the fine from \$500 to \$5,000 imposed upon the person caught, unloading contraband cargoes of whiskey in American territory. Then the Federal Government of Canada has closed two Ontario ports for liquor export, Kingsville, near Windsor and Chippewa, on the Niagara River. Therefor with the actual rum-runners discouraged, with increased competition at home, a once flourishing and prosperous, but iniquitous industry is disappearing.

The Mail Carriers on the Rural Routes

Very general sympathy is felt for the rural mail carriers in their effort to secure from the Dominion Government fair remuneration for the onerous and very exacting services they render to their large constituency throughout the Dominion. They are again presenting their case to the Government and the public. In the main, what they want is abolition of the contract system with competition, and the placing of this public service on a basis of permanent salary and a living wage. There seems to be no reason why competition should prevail in this particular branch of the service. Contracting for great public works is a different matter. The big tenderers are usually experienced men, or men who can afford to hire experts to prepare the estimates required so as to make the tender as low as possible with the minimum of risk of loss. The person who applies for a mail route has no such experience, and may easily underbid his rival in such a way as to injure both. A good man loses his job, and an inexperienced man takes his place, and possibly suffers loss. It is said that the average mail route is twenty miles, and the average income \$732, while the expenses very generally run over this amount. This is compared by the applicants with salaries of \$1,400 to \$1,600 paid to city letter carriers and \$2,400 to \$2,800 to railway mail clerks. It is stated also that in the United States the rural mail carriers are engaged on an permanent salary basis of \$75 per mile, and are given free uniforms and equipment with two weeks' holidays in addition to statutory holidays. The Canadian rural mail contractors are asking only \$70 per mile and the statutory holidays. The request is surely reasonable, and the arguments against the contract system are strong.

Safeguarding the Sale of the New 4.4 Beer

Premier Ferguson declares that the Government intends to do everything possible to safeguard the sale of the new 4.4 beer. In an interview the other day he said: "The members of the House who passed the legislation are vitally interested in the enforcement of the law. They have been told that its sale will not be a matter of patronage and that it will be useless to recommend that undesirable should be appointed to sell the new beer. They have also been told that their views will be considered by the Government just as they were in the House, not necessarily for the purpose of being accepted or rejected by us, but simply that the Government may exhaust every means of information in order to see that the proper people get permits. The Government is determined to administer this law," the Premier said, "in such a way that it will have an opportunity of proving that the Government was right in its contention that the 4.4 per cent beer was not intoxicating and would reduce drunkenness. There will be no sale after 11 o'clock at night and no sale on Sunday, except with meals. All hotels and all restaurants are not going to have permits. Each application is going to be treated on its merits. There must be a demand to be met in the district from which the application comes. The Government is not going to fly in the face of local sentiment. If a district does not want the beverage the administration is not going to place it under its nose. We intend to make a special effort to see that the people handling the new beverage are not permitted to disturb the public or violate the public sentiment of a community." This supervision is commendable, and, if carried out, will do much to avoid the great harm which would naturally otherwise ensue. The Premier emphasizes the determination that only persons of good character will be granted permits for sale of the new beer. The interpretation of suitable persons of good character will of course exclude persons who have already been convicted for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act.

How To Run A Town Successfully

Either run a town with vim or just sell out and leave it. One or two things must be done; run your town for all it is worth, or quit the whole thing—slide out, and let nature take her course. Do you want trade? Bid for it. Do you want business to come to your town? Encourage that which does come. Do you want a prosperous community where people will feel disposed to make a home? Then bury from sight all spite, work no more for a few individuals or for selfish ends, but pull together for the common wealth and mutual benefit.—Mitchell Advocate.

Start at the Beginning for Success

Much of the trouble and failure in the world to-day is due to the general reluctance of young people to begin at the beginning. The beginning seems the proper place to start, yet many young folks object to starting there. The son of a contractor who began as a day-laborer, now expects to start in a high-salaried, white collar position, irrespective of his fitness or training for such a situation. Many young people who marry want a home quite as fine and well-furnished and convenient as the home their parents are enjoying after thirty or forty years of hard work and economical administration. Young people of to-day will enjoy the future years immeasurably more if they commence life reasonably on a par with that of their parents, and at least if they start within their means.

Compelling Men to Work

The art, or accomplishment, or acquired habit, or whatever it is, of "loafing" seem to have been well and efficiently learned by a number of men whose only trouble seems to be to put in time from breakfast till bed time. If their minds are no more active than their bodies, they are just putting in time and waiting for death to remove the burden of living. Some day the State will compel every man to work whether he wants to or not. The State already regulates hours of work and minimum wages paid, but it won't be long before it will take the loafer in hand and make a useful citizen out of him. This may not be a purely local topic, but it is suggested by local observation.—Winchester Press. Such a law would be incomparably better than the law in the British Isles providing for the "Dole System." The one makes paupers of men; the other encourages independence and self-support.

No Clamor For General Election

All this talk of a Federal General Election this year is in the face of various indications that the King Government is apparently making no plans for an election before 1926. One evidence is in the fact that a conference has been called for the latter part of June of the representatives of the various British West Indies with the Dominion Government, with a view to laying the basis for a new trade pact. Then, again, there is to be the conference between the Provincial and the Federal Governments on the question of amendments to the British North America Act, as announced in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the session, for the purpose, particularly, of effecting some reform of the Senate. Neither of these moves would conceivably be made if the Government had in mind rushing into a general election at the conclusion of the present session. Again, as was pointed out in the House last week by George M. Kye, Chief Government Whip, it does not look like a pre-election session when the Conservatives have omitted to call a single sitting of the Public Accounts Committee to investigate any of the expenditures of the present Government since it came into power nearly four years ago. Despite protestations of various Conservative speakers in the Budget debate, nothing is more certain than that the official Opposition does not want an election this year. And it is doubtful if any section of the country wants the expense and turmoil of an election until the expiry of the regular constitutional time in the autumn of next year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Bob" Rogers is casting an eye toward Toronto for a safe Conservative seat. Wonder if he thinks that would be safer than in his own home district—Guelph-Mercery.

A measure before the Legislature of Quebec will provide for the presentation of works of Canadian authors as school prizes instead of other works as has been the custom. The other provinces of the Dominion might well emulate Quebec's example in this respect.

Many members of the Legislature urge that only standard hotels in dry counties be given permits to sell 4.4 beer, and the Prime Minister has to some extent endorsed it, says the Toronto Telegram. Halton, being a dry County, may therefore expect the sale to be confined to standard hotels.

For the first time in ten years the British pound sterling has reached par. On Saturday it was quoted at \$4.81 1/2 in New York, and the presentation of the British Budget yesterday was the signal for the resumption of the gold standard. This will render it necessary to import gold further from the United States.

An organization called "The Order of the Mystic Union," has been formed in an attempt to deal with the divorce evil. The new order is for pastors only, and is open only to such members of the ministry as will engage to refuse to marry any divorced person, no matter for what reason divorced. Good results should attend such an organization.

"Eat More Fruit" is the slogan throughout Britain. This has brought the Canadian apple into prominence, and they are being sold in the groceries and fruit shops and from push carts on the streets of London.—Orillia Times. And we in Ontario where Canada's best apples are grown are just now buying winesaps grown in Washington, U.S., at the prices paid for oranges.

Upon the determination of the intoxicating qualities of the new 4.4 beer, depends the prospect of its sale in the town of Parry Sound. When the original town site was sold by the late William Beatty, it was stipulated that no intoxicating liquor should ever be sold within its borders. Now, of course, some anxious prospective vendors of the new beverage in Parry Sound are most anxious to be assured that Raney is wrong and Mr. Nickle right about its intoxicating qualities.—Huntsville Forrester.

Neighborhood News-- Town and Country

MILTON
Motor bus will start to run from Milton to Hamilton, on Saturday, May 2.

A by-law regulating the rate of the speed of motor vehicles may be drawn up by the Town Council. Councilor George Smith has tendered his resignation as a member of the Council as he intends taking up his residence in Streetsville in the near future.

The people of Milton and all other outside points who attend will see one of the biggest days' celebration ever held in Milton on the King's birthday, June 3 next.

Rev. H. H. B. pastor of the Milton Methodist Church, has received, and accepted, a call to the Walkerton Methodist Church, which will, of course, be one of the United Churches of Canada after the 10th of June next.

There appears to be quite a boom in the brick business all over. We understand that every brick in Milton Pressed Brick Co's yard is sold, and that the mill is working every day that it can, and that the company is threatening to tax the capacity of the plants to fill.

Last Friday afternoon, about 3.30, as Bob Jones was treating the roof of Johnson's garage, on Martin Street, to a coat of tar, he slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet, landing on one foot, resulting in a badly sprained ankle.

The Milton High School Board has awarded a contract for building a new addition to the school to Mr. Henderson, of this town. The cost of the addition, two rooms, is not to exceed \$12,000 and with that understood, the by-law was submitted to the ratepayers and carried last January.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dickson and family moved last week to Mr. Preston's farm near Marville, having been there for some time.

Messrs. Ronald Letch and Son expect to have the mill dam completed and be in a position to run the mill this week.

The citizens of Erin are organizing a musical band and have held several out-of-door practices already.

On Sunday evening, April 26, Rev. Burnside Russell, Unionist Presbyterian minister, of Milton, preached in the Erin Methodist Church.

OAKVILLE

A lot and shoe manufacturer at Aylmer has written the Mayor indicating that Oakville is a place which appeals to him as the location for his business, which he proposes removing from Aylmer.

The local post office will adopt Daylight Saving time on May 3, but the mails will still be in accordance with the Railway Time Table.

Inspector Herliogoff of the S. P. C. A. has been making some official calls among the rural districts of the county. Warnings have been issued in some cases of unsatisfactory surroundings, and there has been at least one prosecution for cruelty to animals.

Mr. J. B. Mackenzie has donated a silver cup to a father and daughter competition on the Georgetown Golf Links.

Mr. Peter Stuart, of Guelph, was in town last week attending a directors' meeting of the Georgetown Golf Club.

The Library tea on Saturday afternoon commemorating St. George's Day was one of the most successful as well as the most enjoyable of the season.

An interesting debate took place in Knox Church on Monday evening between representatives of North York People and members of Knox Church Guild. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time spent.

Rev. P. M. rector, Messrs. H. Coke and J. B. Wallace, wardens, and Messrs. D. L. Herbert and S. Kirk, lay delegates, met with Mr. A. Beaumont, warden of St. Alban's Church, were in Hamilton on Wednesday attending the funeral of the late Bishop of Niagara as representatives of St. George's Church and Parish.—Herald.

"WE UNS" AND "YOU UNS"
Northerners who visit certain parts of the Southwest are sometimes amused by what they call Southern "we uns" and "you uns." As a matter of fact, the expressions are not strictly Southern, but are used by those who speak with a drawl in the Allegheny region. The mountain population seems to be largely homogeneous, as if descended from a common stock.

The mountaineers have mingled little with the people of the lower country, and being isolated, have preserved some of the peculiarities of speech and custom brought from the mother country, which the rest of us have abandoned. In fact, there is no such thing as a true Americanism; it is common even now in Scotland, whence it was doubtless imported to our mountains by the early Scotch immigrants.

The phrase is an ancient one. It may be found in Tyndale's New Testament in Matthew 23. It may be read: "And see that ye do not think to be as ye are." The phrase is not found in the Bible, but it is found in the language of our ancestors.

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