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EDITORIAL

The Election in Halton
The liquor policy advanced by Premier Ferguson promises to make a very unusual election fight in Halton County on December 1, for while Halton for many years has been a traditional stronghold, it is also a strong temperance county, as was evidenced in the vote of 1924, when the Ontario Temperance Act was sustained by an overwhelming majority, every rural and urban municipality recording a dry majority which emmassed totalled in all 2928 votes. Judging by street talk, a most unusual precedent will be established, when men and women, forgetting party affiliations, will vote according to the dictates of their own minds on the liquor question. Leading Tories admit that many will desert their party on this issue—Oakville Record.

Some Who Oppose the Proposed Government Sale of Liquor
Some of the opposition against Government sale of intoxicating liquor comes from many of the most intelligent working men, who are thankful that the Ontario Temperance Act has made it possible for them to own their own homes, to ride in their own motor cars, and to be engaged at steady employment three hundred days a year. Other opposition comes from grateful employers, who bear testimony from one end of the province to the other, of the increased efficiency and regularity of labor, the larger amount of production in their shops, the lessened amount of injured material and broken machinery that results from sober workmen. Further opposition comes from the banks and financial institutions which appreciate that tremendous increase in the savings of the people, which has resulted from the Ontario Temperance Act. Many oppose free Government sale because they believe the O. T. A. has saved their lives. They mean by this that in our forty-mile-an-hour age, in an automobile world, if given free liquor again, many a man at the wheel would be so intoxicated as to be a menace to all other drivers, and accidents would be tragically multiplied. The liquor traffic belongs to a lower, slower period of human history than ours of to-day.

Where is Perfection?
The following very logical argument respecting the influence of the Ontario Temperance Act, and the measure of success accomplished in its operation, appeared last week in the columns of the Almonte Gazette. This view is quite in accord with that held by the Free Press, and is commended to our readers for careful perusal and thoughtful consideration: "Unthinking people have confessed to themselves and complained to others that the Ontario Temperance Act has been a failure because bootlegging is still going on, and because occasionally an intoxicated person may still be seen upon the street. Concluding that the O. T. A. on that account has been a failure they would do away with it and capitulate themselves to the liquor interests. Has the O. T. A. been a failure? Will any man with a memory of previous conditions in his own locality say that there is so much drinking as there used to be? Will he try to claim that so much unhappiness and poverty and crime exists as there was under the open sale of liquor? Surely not. There is no doubt about it at all. We live in a far better age. Every employer of labor, every banker, every storekeeper, every doctor, will at once say that things are better than they used to be. We don't point to-day to the drunkard's home and pity the drunkard's children. The old phraseology even has gone. The cases are so rare that we have come to view them with horror rather than with pity. Occasionally a man may be errant, but the steady, downward progress of the winebibber of the saloon is gone. The O. T. A. has done that. It has not been an absolute cure. There were bootleggers before the O. T. A. came into force, and there will always be bootleggers. They have more of them to-day in 'wet' Quebec than we have in 'dry' Ontario. In the old days we called them 'smugglers,' and the crime did not seem so bad because the name was not so obnoxious. The politician and the man on the street who try to argue that the O. T. A. has been a failure is killing for a purpose. He is a propagandist and is running a 'campaign.' Have the laws against stealing eliminated, theft? No, but would you therefore abolish these laws? Has the law against speeding by motor cars eliminated speeding? No, would you therefore abolish the speed laws? With the proposed abolition of the Ontario Temperance Act and the substitution of the drinking parlor, the home is in danger. We all know it. Unless we are able to retain the Ontario Temperance Act, we shall retain the Ontario Temperance Act.

Cabinet Ministers by Acclamation
It is evidently quite satisfactory to the people of Canada generally that fifteen of the seventeen Cabinet ministers of the Dominion Government were elected last week by acclamation. In most cases through Canada the constituencies represented by Cabinet ministers esteemed it an honor to be so represented, and are unwilling to have any part in putting the minister to the turmoil of re-election. These ministers can now proceed to administer their respective departments, and thereby advance the business of the country. The other two ministers were also elected by acclamation on Tuesday.

Church Courts Strong for O. T. A.
From all sections of the province come reports of resolutions passed unanimously for the retention and strengthening of the Ontario Temperance Act. These Boards are composed of members of the Conservative, the Liberal, the Progressive and the Labor parties. Irrespective of their political inclinations these Christian workers put principle before party, and for the benefit of the community unite in voting to reduce rather than increase the sale of intoxicating liquor. It surely requires little observation to ascertain that the people of Ontario generally, who are most active in promulgating Christian activities, are now most active in their opposition to the proposal to make the sale of strong beer and spirituous liquors more general and easily obtainable.

The Menace of "One-Headlight" Cars
One of the factors that contribute to the increase of motor accidents which is frequently overlooked by both motorists and traffic regulators, is the prevalence of one-eyed cars. The next time you are motoring after dark, count the number of approaching cars that have but one lamp burning. The number will astonish you. Needless to assume, there are as many such cars travelling in your direction that you cannot see. This one-lamp practice is very confusing to drivers and frequently causes serious accidents and loss of life. Realizing this, Magistrate Douglas Davidson, Toronto-Hamilton Highway Magistrate, presiding in police court, recently fined six motorists \$7.50 and costs each for driving with one light. Police authorities throughout the Dominion should follow the example of this and impose stiff fines on all delinquents. The Highway Traffic Magistrate Act fixes penalties at from \$5.00 to \$20.00 and costs.

If You Wish to Vote, Help Yourself
At every election there are always those who complain that their names are not on the Voters' Lists, and to help out that situation, those who think their names are not on the list, and who wish to vote at the coming election, have it in their own hands to put on. If they are entitled to vote they must go to the Municipal Clerk's office on or before the date advertised and file their complaint with Mr. H. N. Farmer, the Town Clerk. If they do so and are entitled to vote there is no reason at all why they should not have their names on the list. It may require a little effort to go and find out, but by doing so, a great deal of annoyance may be prevented on election day, and a good deal of satisfaction felt that the opportunity to vote was given and exercised. The law provides all possible machinery to facilitate the recording of the vote of every man and woman who is a British subject, twenty-one years of age or over.

Total Prohibition is the Only Solution
This paper quite fully concurs in the following statement of the Orillia Packet and Times, and our conclusions have been reached after a similar experience of half a century's duration. "While we are not blind to the difficulties connected with the Ontario Temperance Act, and while we do not challenge the good faith of those who think otherwise, we should not be true to the convictions of a lifetime and to the journalistic traditions of half a century if we did not express regret that, after a long period of steady advance in temperance legislation, the Prime Minister should have decided on what we cannot but consider a retrograde step. That he should venture to repudiate the O. T. A. indicates his belief that the temperance sentiment of the Province is at a low ebb. Our own settled conviction is that prohibition forms the only final and permanent solution of the liquor problem, and we feel that any retrocession from that policy is only going to mean so much ground to be regained and the consequent prolonging of the struggle."

EDITORIAL NOTES
With the return of liquor stores and stronger beer the Provincial and County Highways will not be a bit too wide.—Chesley Enterprise. But will they be safe, think you, even at that?

Burlington
Hon. W. F. Nickle, late Attorney-General, sees defeat for the Ferguson liquor policy. In a letter to a friend, J. Moffat Ross, of Ottawa, he says, "If the electors of Ontario will rise above party politics and seriously consider the effect of the Ferguson liquor policy, there is no doubt of its defeat."
We see quite a few weekly newspapers and it appears from the tone of their editorials that if the voting in the coming election was left entirely in their hands, Premier Ferguson would not get enough followers to form a Cabinet. At "ordinary" elections, many of these editors are neutral and a large number of the weekly papers are independent in party politics. But in this case it seems to be different.—Fergus News-Record.

The proposal to adopt Government Control
is, in fact, to adopt a measure to make it just as easy to obtain a permit to purchase intoxicating liquor at any time and place, and in such quantities as the purchaser desires as it is now to obtain a license to run a motor car, and buy gasoline at any time and place, and in such quantity as the purchaser desires. The liquor and the gasoline would make a very dangerous combination.

Neighborhood News

CREWSON'S CORNERS
Mr. Alex. Cripps, who has been in poor health for several months, has decided to return to his home, and will hold a dispersion sale on Thursday, 25th inst. The farm is offered for sale, and if not sold previously, will be offered on day of sale.
The Township Council some weeks ago improved the roadway immediately under the Canadian National Railway subway here, but evidently forgot to allow for the fact that the hole at each end of the improvement. Half a dozen loads of gravel would complete the job satisfactorily.
A. Wilding has sold his farm, the well-known Dackray place, to Harold Smart.
Joseph Parker has sold his place on the town line to Mr. Wardlaw, of North.

LIMEHOUSE
A bazaar and pancake supper will be held at the parsonage, Limehouse, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the United Church, on Wednesday, November 10th.
Isaac Newton, aged 72 years, who spent his boyhood and young manhood here, one of the oldest active business men of Barreter was found dead in his store on Front Street of that town, on Saturday morning 10th inst. Having apparently been engaged in a leisure late Friday night when he had been working at the store. He had been business for 42 years, and was one of the founders of the Sarnia Woolen Mills store, which he started, at the time of his death, in conjunction with his nephews, Jack and James Newton, the former being the well-known former Queen's rugby coach. Mr. Newton was a bachelor. He was chairman of the City Parks Board, and only the week before his death officially turned over the new athletic grounds to the Imperial Club. He was also a member of the Board of Education, and very active in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools. Mr. Newton was born in Limehouse. A brother, John M. Newton, Sarnia, and a sister, Mrs. W. S. Nickell, Sarnia, survive.

GEORGETOWN
A meeting in the interests of Temperance was held in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening.
Dr. C. W. Williams has been appointed Minister of the Church at a salary of one hundred dollars per annum.
All barber shops in town close now at 6 o'clock on Monday, 8 o'clock on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 11 o'clock on Wednesday and Saturday.
Mr. T. A. Young, of Chicago, attended the 10th anniversary of the Ontario Temperance Act, and spent a couple of days with his sisters in town.
Miss Heston attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women of Canada at St. Thomas last week.
The Ministerial Association of Kitchener, Galt and Guelph met on Monday, November 1st, in the Y. M. C. A. building. Rev. Dr. Dickie, Georgetown, presided. A scholarly paper on "Biblical Indemnitie."
On Wednesday evening of last week the Presbyterian Young People Guild met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Robinson to bid "farewell" to Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh, who were then leaving for their new home in Hamilton.—Herald.

ERIN
Hon. Dupont Marshall and Mrs. Marshall were week-end visitors with Dr. and Mrs. Abbott.
The Erin Constitution School held the annual commencement exercises in the Town Hall, Erin, last Friday evening, November 5th. A splendid program was presented.
The visiting officers will sit in Erin Village, and at Hillburg, for the Township of Erin, on the 11th of November to hear appeals and complete the lists. The list of 1926 whether as printed or already revised by the Judge will be used.
The opening of the new United Church at Hillburg will be held on Sunday, November 14th. Supper and concert will be given in the church on Monday evening.
The new road over the Caledon mountain was opened for traffic recently. Cars are now travelling over the cut on wheels, and a long commotion in 1925, instead of following the "J" curve of the old road, with which all motorists who had occasion to use that highway are so familiar.
The United Church was reopened after the recent renovation on the regular anniversary day always observed, Thanksgiving Day. Rev. Alfred Gander, D. D., principal of Knox College, Toronto, read and able anniversary sermon morning and evening. The usual food supper and concert were held on Thanksgiving evening.—Advocate.

Burlington
Rev. C. H. Lowery, of Bridgeburg, has received a call to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Tansey, and Knox Church, Sixteen.
Mrs. H. M. Swayne, of Los Angeles, has returned home after a two month visit with her daughter.
Geo. Doane, of the Government Air Service in Northern Ontario, was renews acquaintances in town last week.
The second of a series of sacred recitals will be rendered by the Burlington Citizens' Band on Sunday, November 21st, at 8:30, in Trinity United Church.
Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Speers and their daughter, Marjorie, have arrived home from an extended trip through the Rockies to British Columbia, Seattle and the most important places in California.
An organization meeting of the ladies of Burlington in the interests of H. M. Pettit, candidate for the Provincial election, will be held in the Oddfellows' hall on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.
J. H. Walker, H. A. Walker, Bill Platt, Norman Walker and Ross Prescott left on the 3rd inst. for a two weeks' hunting trip through the Davidson and Austin Tufford joined them on Saturday.
On Wednesday Mr. D. E. Blankhart presented the Gazette with an apple which measured 1 3/8 inches around one way, and 1 1/2 inches the other. It was of the Baxter variety, and a perfect specimen.
Messrs. Collin and Laurie Smith have moved to their new home in this district and Halton county as a fruiting section with their exhibit at the Imperial Exhibition, London, England. Word has been received by the Dominion Government that they have been successful in winning a gold medal for their display of Greening apples.—Gazette.

A NEW ELEMENT
The teacher was piloting a class in general science through one of the early lessons in the textbook. "What were the four elements," she asked, "into which the ancients divided all natural objects?" William, you may remember."

"Earth," beamed William, slowly. "Earth—and—and—air, let's see, there was earth and air and water—and—and—"

"Well, well," said the teacher, briskly. "What causes more accidents than anything else?"

"Automobiles," cried William, very grateful for the teacher's help.

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SECOND INSTALMENT --- NOVEMBER 16

The second instalment must be paid on or before that date. Failure to comply with this arrangement entails extra expense and trouble.

An addition of five per cent, will be made to every tax rate or assessment remaining unpaid fourteen days after the said 16th day of November for the second instalment, and it will be the duty of the collector immediately after the said several days appointed for payment, to collect at once, by distress or otherwise, under the provisions of the Statute in that behalf, all such taxes, or instalment of taxes.

R. J. McPHERSON, Collector

Ever Notice This?

Did you ever pause in a Post Office long enough to take a squint at the floor shortly after a number of people have received their mail? If you have you were probably struck by the number of circulars and hand bills that littered it up. In fact you doubtless were struck with the fact that many of them had been thrown in the basket as soon as they were removed from the envelope, the recipient never even taking the trouble to give them a second glance. But did you also notice that you didn't see anyone throwing the newspapers, and especially the home town newspapers in the waste basket or on the floor? Did you notice that newspapers are always carried away instead of tossed away? Well, right there is a mighty good argument in favor of advertising in the newspaper. The circular letter—a costly form of advertising—goes into the waste basket. The home town paper goes into your advertising money accordingly.

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Alma smiles broadly when she is told she is only a youngster, and says she immediately told it to respond to the wonderfully sympathetic heart and doctors who are trying to help her. She has brought the hard work of a year in training will assist the hospital. Alma and other contributors may be sent to Hon. W. O. Morrison, President, 323 College Street, Toronto 2, Ontario.

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