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EDITORIAL

Violating the Liquor Law

Bills have been presented by Hon. R. W. Craig, K.C., Attorney-General for Manitoba, which call for the amendment of the existing liquor laws. He stated that 75 per cent. of the troubles of liquor law enforcement were due to the illicit sale of beer mainly by brewers who abused the privileges granted by the Government Liquor Control Act. He stressed the necessity of establishing disciplinary machinery in order to meet the situation. Brewers have been violating all laws in all provinces, with impunity, and will continue to do so. Liquor men will not observe laws which they can avoid, to enlarge their gains.

The Smith Property Secured for High School Purposes

All citizens of Acton who are interested in the education of the rising generation and of generations to come are gratified at the wisdom of the Board of School Trustees in securing the beautiful Fairview Place, the ancestral home of the Sidney Smith family, as the site and the initial building for Acton High School. THE FREE PRESS is particularly gratified that its suggestion, made immediately when it was known that this fine property was put upon the market, has been carried into effect by the Trustee Board.

Numerous arguments may be advanced to prove that the action of the Board is most advisable and timely. Foremost among these is the fact that Acton's present accommodations are inadequate, and two proposals—one at least of which was imperative, the erection of a new High School, or the enlargement, at once of the present building to provide accommodation for the Public School. The cost of a new High School, for site and building, would, on a conservative estimate, entail an expenditure of at least $80,000 to $100,000. It cost Milton, for a similar building, $115,000, and it is located on a bare lot between two noisy lines of railway.

Fairview Place, as a site for a High School, is admirable. It has an extent of several acres. It is wooded with beautiful spruce, pine, maples and numerous other trees of rare varieties. It has a never-running stream of pure spring water, which here is about a mile from its source. This stream is susceptible to landscape treatment similar to the one along the highway at the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, and which the alert and helpful Acton Improvement Society will, no doubt, offer to undertake to beautify with floral banks, pretty cascades, picturesque windings, and attractive waterfalls in due time.

This property, which runs down to the foot of Willow Street, will afford a new entrance to both High and Public Schools from the centre of the town, direct from the Government Building, Post Office, Town Hall and business section, a feature of considerable advantage, and shortening the distance to the schools for three-fourth of the scholars by a considerable distance, a matter well worthy of consideration, especially for the little folk in the primary divisions of the Public School.

With reference to the fine stone building of Fairview Place, it lends itself very well to the purposes required. With a few alterations entailing the expenditure of a comparitively small sum, it will make an ideal High School, which will accommodate the registration of students for years to come. And this conclusion has been reached after the inspection of architects and officials of the Department of Education of Ontario. The necessary changes can readily be made between now and the conclusion of the summer holidays. Thus the High School will be able to re-open in September in the fine new enlarged premises, and its removal from the other building will ensure ample accommodation for the Public School for a generation and more. This will be a great relief from present crowded conditions, with the primary department inadequately housed in the Town Hall, and the pupils there on the half-time system.

Verily, the Board of Trustees has acted wisely and well in the purchase of Fairview Place for school purposes, at the very favorable price at which it was secured. Their action will save the ratepayers tens of thousands of dollars. It provides one of the finest school sites and surroundings, with a beautiful and extensive campus, to be found in the province. It relieves congestion in the schools at the end of the present term, without waiting for one or two or more years for the securing of a new site and the erection of a new High School building; and it affords a new entrance from the centre of the town to Acton's fine school properties.

Legalizing What is Now Unlawful

There is a Bill before the Ontario Legislature to increase the speed limit in the Province, outside of the towns and cities, from 25 to 35 miles perhour. It is asserted the average speed by automobiles for a long time has been easily 35 miles per hour. It is, perhaps, a good thing to see that the Government is providing less work for the traffic officer, and incidentally respectable citizens, who are in a hurry, will not feel that they are law breakers. The Bill also provides that every horse-drawn vehicle at night must carry a light.

The Government's Majority on Passing the Budget

The Robb Budget carried in the House of Commons by a majority of 23, the vote being 111 to 88 on the main motion. It was the first serious division of this session, and, while there never was any expectation that the Government would be out-voted, the Liberals expressed their jubilation by hearty desk-thumping when the final verdict was announced. One of the notable features about the vote was that the whole body of Liberal-Progressives, sitting on Government benches, who had threatened to bolt failing a low-tariff statement from the administration, voted with the Government.

Re-organizing Customs Department in Interests of Efficiency

Those who know Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Customs and Excise best, expected of him just what he is accomplishing in his department. He is re-organizing the department in the interests of efficiency and honesty. The findings of the Parliamentary Committee of investigation gave him plenty of material for thought and action, and when the work of the Commission is completed he will probably have opportunity for extending his administrative abilities in other directions. In making new appointments to fill vacancies created by retirement of officials Mr. Euler did not consider political expediency, and asserted his independence with commendable statesmanship. In this attitude of the Minister toward both politics and duty lies the hope of those who are looking forward to a complete clean-up of the customs service for the good of the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the Highways Department of Ontario is going to allow a higher rate of speed, then they must insist that the fellow who "steps on it" must stay on his own side of the road. It isn't speed so much as recklessness that kills people.—Farmers' Advocate.

When people are honoring those who bring Canada before the world in a favorable light they should not overlook Jack Miner, the naturalist. His love for wild life, and particularly his friendship for wild geese, has made him known all over America and, indeed, in all parts of the globe.

The Department of Education is of the opinion that many towns and villages besides that of Fergus forget to bother about the formality of taking the oath of office. Few of them, however, were put in the predicament in which Fergus found herself the other day, to the distress of the teachers, especially.

Negotiations for a treaty with Canada on the St. Lawrence waterway project will be begun shortly, according to reports in what are regarded as responsible quarters at Washington. It is now reported that the administration will endeavor to get the treaty through in time for presentation at the next session of Congress.

The Chesley Enterprise, of which William McDonald, ex-M. P. P., is the able editor, entered its fifty-first year last week. Mr. McDonald is a virile and interesting writer, and he keeps the Enterprise up-to-date in its advocacy of the best interests of the community. The Enterprise is just a year the junior of THE FREE PRESS.

Sir Arthur Balfour, a leader in commerce and the British Government's adviser in trade and economic problems, told the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce the other day, that prohibition was giving the United States 20 per cent. advantage in production over them in the competition for the trade of the world. Drink reduces the quantity, impairs the quality and increases the cost of production.

The following appeared in the last issue of the Acton, England, Gazette: "The late Warren G. Harding, when President of the United States, declared: 'The Liquor Traffic was destructive of much that was precious in American life. In the face of so much evidence on this point, what conscientious man would want to let his own selfish desires influence him to vote to bring it back? In another generation, I believe that liquor will have disappeared from our memories.'"

The long-deferred decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in defining the boundary between Canada and Newfoundland in the Labrador Peninsula is regarded by the public and Government officials as victory unsurpassed in the history of Newfoundland. The territory allotted includes some 60,000 square miles of spruce forest, valued at $250,000,000, and a cataract, known as Grand Falls, compared with which the mighty Niagara is said to take second place.

At a meeting of the directors of the Ontario Hotel Association in the King Edward Hotel last week, the following statement was made: "The Association desires to make it realized that hotels are something more than places for the dispensing of liquor, and points out that during the ten years of prohibition in Ontario not one bona fide hotel has been put out of business through its absence. The sale of liquor is not of concern to hotel-men is their assertion, complete control of their houses is their concern."

It was indeed the birth of a nation which this year being sixty years old and having been at Versailles admitted to nationhood and at London granted its charter of nationhood, it proposes with becoming circumstance Confederation. Canadians are aware, half-unconsciously, that Confederation was a great achievement and may have been the result of more than one deadlock in the old provincial conditions; but of these it was a statesmanlike solution. It was a great forward step in Canada's history, in the evolution of a greater Empire, and in the knowledge of good government for all the world.—Witness.

"Say Dad"

A COMPOSITION TO WRITE

"In the next two months I, Dad, I've got to hand in six compositions. And, what's, worse, to-morrow I must hand in the titles of all six—and I can't think what to write about!"

"May you write about anything you please, Dick?"

"Anything except religion and politics."

"Didn't your teacher make any suggestions?"

"Yes. She said if we couldn't think up original subjects, we might use any six on this list. I'll read it:

George Washington,
Courage,
Sacrifice,
Battle of Bull Run,
The Slave Question,
True Nobility,
The Dred Scott Decision,
Abraham Lincoln,
Brotherhood of Man,
Education."

"Pardon me, my boy, if I give vent to several deep groans of anguish! There—now I feel better. I had hoped that modern teaching methods had sunk those poor old subjects in a sea of oblivion. For at least a century they've done duty as last-resort topics for vacant-minded children. Tens of thousands of wild-eyed students have tried to put 'in their own words,' the lofty expressions found in histories, biographies and books of essays, on those same subjects, any one of which is so broad in scope as to frighten most of the mature trained writers. What, for example, is 'George' coming some one day? Or 'Courage'? Or 'Education'? Honestly, Dick!"

"Well—er—without it you're not much good!"

"That ends that. And 'The Brotherhood of Man'?"

"Er—we ought to act more like brothers."

"And 'Abraham Lincoln'?"

"He preserved the Union and freed the slaves."

"There! Three of your compositions are done, so far as original thought is concerned."

"But, Dad, each one has to be four pages of writing!"

"I know it. So, what is the sense in trying to develop your reflective and imaginative thought by writing upon subjects you know nothing about, but have to dope out of books?"

"I see that, Dad; but what can I write?"

"Write always of something you personally know about. Of course, you can learn of Washington and Lincoln only through books—my point is, that examinations ought to show how well you remember what you've studied; compositions should prove how well you can express your own ideas. Now, this brings us to the question, What do you know?"

"Well, if you put it that way, Dad, I don't suppose I know anything."

"Commendably modest, and all that, Dick, but you do. For instance, by practice and observation you know a good deal about the game of marbles. The other day I heard you telling a younger boy the names of the differing marbles, which are the best shooters, and exactly how to hold them, and so on. That ought to make a composition at once original and interesting."

"Gee! Will my teacher stand for that sort of composition, Dad? Just about what I've found out on my own hook?"

"If she doesn't sigh with relief when she reads it, and congratulate you for leaving the beaten path, I shall be most disappointed in her. Then, why not write about the boys' books you've read that you don't think amount to much—and tell why you didn't like them. Following that with another on those you like best, and why. We made a visit to the aquarium a while ago, and I saw you taking notes of some of the queer fish there. That trip can easily be turned into a very readable four pages."

"And, Dad, I can easily do another about what radio has taught me! And how I built my set."

"Very good, indeed. And how will it do to give your ideas concerning this writing of compositions—that they ought to be something better than rewritten thought and discoveries of other men—that they should reflect the personal ideas and ideals and experiences of the writer? All right, then, here are your six subjects, ready to be handed in to-morrow:

"The Game of Marbles.
Boys' Books I Like.
Boys' Books I Don't Like.
Some Queer Fish.
What Radio Has Taught Me.
My Idea of a Good Composition."

"Thank you, Dad! I sure was dreading all that work, and now I know it's going to be great fun."

AGAINST HIS INCLINATION

Dad tried his best, when I was young,
To fix it in my mind
That 'as the tiny twig is bent
So is the tree inclined;'
And when he'd lay me 'cross his knee
On punishment intent,
I used to cry, 'Say, Dad, look out—
Or I'll grow up all bent!'

And when he'd say, "Come on, young man,
And weed this onion bed;"
Just when I'd planned a fishing trip
With Jimmie Jones, instead,
I used to scowl until my face
Was black as black could be,
And mutter, 'When I do grow up—
I'll be unhitched—you'll see!'

But years have come and years have gone,
With many a care and trouble,
With many a load that for a time
Has bent me nearly double;
For, though he made me bend a bit
Before it was too late,
But always I've sprung back again
—'Twas Dad who made me straight!

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 13

General Lesson Title.—Making the World Christian.

Scripture Lesson.—Matt. 28, 16-20; Acts 16, 6-15.

Golden Text.—Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.—Matt. 28, 19a.

Devotional Reading.—John 13: 34, 35; 1 John 2, 7-10.

Lesson Themes

Christian Missions.—A little more than a hundred years ago the first foreign missionaries were sent out from America. The object in sending these missionaries and those who have succeeded them, was to make converts to Christianity and to raise up a self-propagating, self-governing church. The task was at first largely one of evangelism, but it was discovered that in order to train men and women in the art of Christian living and to make them teachers among their own people, it was necessary to begin with the children, and schools were established which not only were free, but which furnished shoes as an extra inducement to children to attend. Also the orphans left in the wake of floods, famines and plagues were gathered in orphanages where they were brought up as Christians, many of them rising to places of distinction. But from year to year the missionaries have seen the desire for Western education grow until in many places their work has become self-supporting. In the Malay peninsula, also in Borneo and Java the entire expenses of the schools established by missionary teachers are borne by the patrons, sometimes assisted by the government. Christian thinkers are coming more and more to feel that salvation includes conditions of body and mind as well as of soul, and that the new converts can be better Christians under better living conditions. So the new missionaries who are being sent out to-day are, as a rule, trained specialists, prepared for specific tasks. Physicians who have made a special study of disease peculiar to the countries in which they are to labor and missionaries with agricultural and vocational training are among these. Sam Aggenbottom at Allahabad, India, is teaching his boys how to fertilize the soil and double the production of cotton, and they are learning the dignity of labor as well as Bible lessons and practical farming. Jos. Bailie, of Nanking, is teaching the Chinese to plant trees on the bare hills and prevent floods. His early experiments made such favorable impression that a National Arbor Day was established and is enthusiastically observed. Missionaries of unusual ability and training are being constantly sought because of the recognition of the fact that the real leaders in each land must be educated, trained natives. It is for the development of these leaders for whom the great masses of the people are waiting that the missionaries are putting forth their most heroic efforts.

Thinking in World Terms.—Ross was Paul's door to Europe—Rome and Spain lay on ahead. It was because Paul could think in the world terms of his time that the first great expansion of the Kingdom was made possible. Into the range of his thinking and sympathy had come his whole world. Have we Paul's grasp of facts? Can we like him, think in continents? Many of us have but begun to learn the first lesson for world citizenship—more expansiveness of sympathy. America has a greater challenge than any other nation to leave the provincial and to develop the international mind.

"One must make the start and live with it daily, for one does not pass from parochial to world thought over night. John Wesley had it when he spoke of the world as his parish. William Lloyd had it when he said, 'My country is the world; my countrymen the inhabitants of it.' The shoemaker, William Carey, had overcome provincialism when, in reading the life of David Brainerd, he could not but ask 'If God can do such things for the Indians of America, why not for the pagans of India?' Alexander Mackay became what he was to Uganda because a father knew how to trace the journeys of Livingstone on a map before the boy had, because a mother's heart had thrilled to tales of missionary heroism. To-day a band of twenty-five thousand American, British and continental missionaries are working at a world problem. Modern missions have caught the vision of the world-mind and are at work for mankind. Have you caught it? Are you growing more able day by day to pray 'Thy kingdom come' with new content not only in the quality but in the expansiveness of that conception? The modern mind and heart and conscience must not have frontiers."—Marks of a World Christian, Fleming.

For Study and Discussion

Where in the world to-day is the Christian church growing most rapidly? What is the principal hindrance to the growth of the Christian church in Oriental countries? Among the non-Christian people of our own country? What proportion of adults in your local church are praying regularly and definitely for missionary objects? Is there some worthwhile task for every man, either through the medium of the church he may make a definite contribution of his services in building the kingdom? Does your local church endeavor to help each man find his task? Have you found yours?

Daily Readings for Next Week

Monday, March 14—John 14: 1-10.
Tuesday, March 15—2 Cor. 5: 1-10.
Wednesday, March 16—Matt. 25: 31-46.
Thursday, March 17—John 10: 1-9.
Friday, March 18—Rev. 22: 1-7.
Saturday, March 19—Rev. 22: 10-17.
Sunday, March 20—Rev. 21: 1-7.

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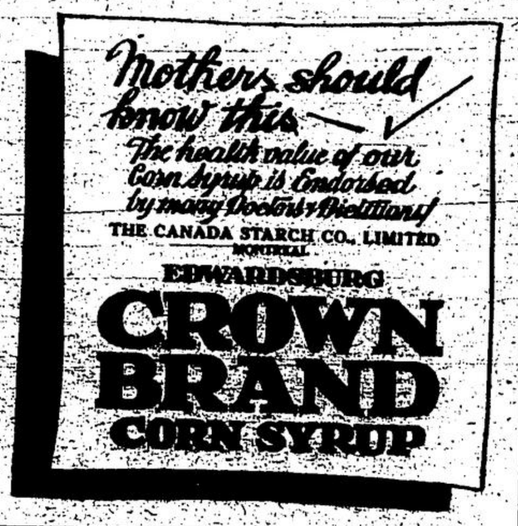

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