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EDITORIAL

A Flourishing Liquor Business

The "prosperity" reported by the Ontario Liquor Board in its review of its first complete twelve months of operation cannot be a source of satisfaction to the people of the Province. The sales of intoxicants during the only comparable period of the previous year showed business increasing at the rate of 14 million dollars per year or 34.5 per cent. The promotion of the liquor business under the alleged system of "control" is not altogether what was in the minds of those who voted for the new system. Increasing sales of liquor do not help legitimate business nor the morals of the community.—Toronto Star.

The Mother Town is Growing Rapidly

That the mother town in England, of which Acton, Canada, is the prototype, is not a staid old country town, without progress or development is amply verified by the new voters' list for the parliamentary and municipal elections. This list contains the names of 42,117 voters, an increase of 7,445 over the list of last year. Acton has become a modern progressive manufacturing town, a credit to the County of Middlesex, and one of the most prosperous municipalities of the Kingdom. It is a real pleasure to peruse the Acton Gazette and Express from week to week and learn of the enterprising manufacturers and the wide-awake business concerns operating within this growing town.

Is This All?

Premier Ferguson is finding how hard it is to disassociate his party from the influences and pay of the liquor interests when the party has once allied itself in the business. The explanations that had to be given to the funds contributed to the finance committee of the Toronto Association by the liquor interests were very weak. These funds were solicited by a branch of the party that has sent many representatives to Mr. Ferguson's aid in the Legislature. The funds have been returned on the advice of the Premier, who is reported in the daily press as saying to Mr. Starr: "Just think what a fine story could be made if this letter gets into the hands of those who desire to injure the Government." If there had been no danger of the letter getting into the hands of those who desired to reprimand the Government would Mr. Ferguson have demanded the return of the funds? Mr. Ferguson is a very smooth politician but he has linked himself and party up with an unscrupulous business when they adopted Government Control. He will find that the cost is more than he reckoned. The Premier will have his hands full if he endeavors to personally supervise all branches of the party who are willing to accept funds from the liquor interests. Credit is due that these funds were returned, but suspicion lies in the public mind if other funds at present unknown of have not been received and not returned.

Polley of the New President

The New York World, westmost newspaper in the United States and a supporter of Al Smith in the recent campaign, in speaking of Superintendent McBride and other dry leaders, asserting the result of the election is proof that the majority of the American people are opposed to a liberal modification of prohibition, believes the dries are entitled to make such claim. The World says: "Mr. Hoover has declared that he is opposed to the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. He has declared that he is opposed to the liberalization of the Volstead Act. He has declared that they are an experiment 'noble in motive.' Mr. Borah, his western spokesman, called the maintenance of prohibition the paramount issue of the campaign. Mr. Hughes, his eastern spokesman, declared that the proposal to modify Volsteadism was a sham issue. Mr. Hoover has been elected President by a decisive majority. He will have a decisive majority in both Houses of Congress. Let it then be set fairly and squarely on the record that the experiment is now to be conducted by its real friends armed with all the power which they could possibly ask. They have a President who wishes prohibition to succeed. He is a great administrator. Let him then appoint men to enforce the law whose zeal not even the Anti-Saloon League can question. He has a party majority and he can count on very considerable Democratic support in Congress. Let Mr. Hoover then obtain the money and the power he needs to make the experiment a success. The Republican party has accepted the responsibility. It has full power. There can be no excuse if it fails. We shall see what we shall see."

Protecting Canada's Forest Wealth

Greater appreciation of the value of the abundant forest wealth of Ontario is indicated by the precautions that are being taken by the Provincial Government to prevent fire, which has in past years done more damage than any other agency. One hundred million acres of forests in the Province are under daily supervision by airplane patrols and 25 million acres under hourly observation from watch-towers. In 1923 2,100,000 acres of timber were destroyed by forest fires. In 1927 owing to greater precaution and care only 35,000 acres were claimed by flames.

Compensation and Accidents

During January there were 6,188 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario, including 37 fatalities. In the same month, the total benefits awarded amounted to \$73,770.22, of which \$106,309.62 was for medical aid. In January of 1928 there were 5,056 accidents reported and, of these, 58 were fatalities, and \$568,612.70 was awarded in total benefits, of which \$91,445.40 was for medical aid. The figures for January of this year are lower than the average for each of the twelve months in 1928 and the decrease in death cases is distinctly encouraging. Commenting on these figures, R. B. Morley, General Manager, seems to have the feeling that in 1929 proper attention to the human side of accident prevention is going to produce definite results in the industries included in the Association.

Our Country's Envyable Financial Position

The position of Canada among the leading commercial nations of the world in international trade continues to rank very high, and it is desirable that our people everywhere should be impressed with this fact. Canada occupies fifth position in import and export trade, second position in exports and total trade per capita, third position in favorable trade balance, and first position in favorable trade balance per capita. Inasmuch as Canada's total trade for 1928 shows an increase of \$270,548,000, imports \$135,200,000, and exports \$135,348,000, her position in international trade in 1928 was obviously well maintained. During the calendar year 1928 total trade amounted to \$2,596,448,000, compared with a similar trade of \$2,325,000,000 for the same period in 1927. This increase was greater than Canada's total trade thirty years ago. The outstanding feature in the trade of Canada in 1928 was the enormous increase in her wheat exports. For the calendar year 1928 she exported 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$433,707,578, the largest on record. Canada is the largest exporter of wheat among the countries of the world.

The Western Women Lead the Men

It is refreshing to have the information that in the West at least the men have no monopoly of directing large and successful farmers' co-operative marketing operations. The Saskatchewan Egg and Poultry Producers Ltd., with a total membership of over 10,000, and doing a gross annual turnover of approximately \$600,000, was organized by a number of farmers' wives less than three years ago. The first President was Mrs. John Holmes, of Asquith, Saskatchewan, and she still holds the office by popular choice. Only two of the six members of the Board of Directors are men. They were elected probably to prove that there is no sex superiority complex held by the overwhelmingly large number of women in the membership of the Pool. The Saskatchewan Egg and Poultry Pool was organized because the farmers' wives regarded the system of individual selling as inefficient and under it the full measure of profits was not going to the producer. Last year the Pool marketed 18,000,000 eggs and over half a million pounds of dressed poultry, most of which went to Eastern Canada and the United States. It is an interesting fact that Mrs. Holmes came to Western Canada in 1905 from the Village of Orlerton, Nottinghamshire, England, with her husband. They settled at Asquith, Sask., in 1907, where they still live.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The year 1929 will go down in history in a number of cities as the year the act governing municipal elections was discovered.

Once again this year as last the hockey games have brought the Guelph Mercury and the Elora Express to a wordy argument. The Elora editor expresses his opinions in no uncertain terms on the sportsmanship of the city daily's sporting writer.

The value of our forests to Canada, to both manufacturers and the labor interests may be better appreciated when it is known from official sources that the annual revenue is approximately \$475,000,000, of which \$450,000,000 is distributed for labor, equipment and supplies.

Toronto will erect its own memorial to the late Sir Adam Beck. Fifteen thousand dollars has been placed in the estimates for that purpose and the Toronto Hydro Commission will be asked to contribute \$10,000. Toronto is evidently willing to pay a large proportion of its share towards securing the memorial erected there.

The people of Canada are the largest consumers of butter in the world. The per capita consumption has been put-down at 27 pounds yearly, approximately 10 pounds more per head than the people of the United States, which holds second place on the list. It is gratifying that our people are sufficiently well-off financially to enjoy a liberal supply of this beautiful product.

The suggestion that the municipalities would pay a portion of the Provincial Government's share of the old age pension has met with disapproval from all quarters. The municipalities are already paying all the taxation they can bear and assuming their full share of duties. If the Government desires to inaugurate the scheme provision for their full share of payment should be made.

The demand for intoxicating liquor comes from the people who drink. If men and women who still buy alcoholic beverages will refrain therefrom, rum-running and smuggling, liquor warehouse business, manufacturing and importation will automatically cease. Hall Caine says: "I believe that if strong drink could be wiped out of the earth, to-night, humanity would wake in the morning with more than half its sins and sorrows gone."

Neighborhood News

GEORGETOWN
Mr. G. T. Coe and Mrs. Fox spent Sunday with friends in Toronto. Miss Della Thompson, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hill.
Miss Helen Armstrong, of Paris, visited with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Thompson, last week.
Mr. A. K. Webster, of Oakwood, spent the week-end at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hill.
Mr. Jan Stewart and Miss Annie Ingham, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Glatton, on Sunday.
Miss Mary Bayers, who has spent the past three years with her brother in Saskatchewan, returned home on Friday.
Mr. Elmer C. Thompson was in Toronto yesterday visiting his mother, who is quite seriously ill. She is in her 80th year.
Rev. Dr. A. Philip Bruce, Field Secretary of the Board of Temperance, addressed the Sunday School in town and spoke in the Baptist and United Churches last Sunday.
The firemen were called to a bad blaze on Sunday afternoon about six o'clock when the double house on John Street, belonging to Mrs. Myrtle and occupied by Mr. Henry Tost and Mr. George James, was discovered on fire. The fire started in the kitchen and spread rapidly. The building was badly damaged by smoke and the building was insured and Mr. James carried some insurance. The loss is not serious as he carried no insurance.—Herald.

BURLINGTON

Mr. John Belzer will assume his duties as District Commissioner next Monday. W. R. Leckie left on Sunday evening for a week's business trip to Eastern Pennsylvania.
Harry Allen, of Wainport, is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allen.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blesinger left on Thursday for Florida, where they will spend a few weeks.
The school children of Frank Virtue, who underwent a serious operation recently, will be pleased to hear that he is progressing satisfactorily.
Miss Frances Stout, who is attending Ontario Ladies' College at Whitby, spent the week-end with her parents, R. and Mrs. Stout, of Roseland Crescent.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and son, of Tonawanda, N.Y., spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allen.
Mr. Arthur Allen, who underwent an operation at the Hospital recently, returned home on Tuesday, and is progressing nicely.
Mr. W. H. Glatton, of Toronto, is expected to arrive in Burlington next week.

MILTON

Mrs. D. P. Ford, Omagh, has been visiting her brother, A. Inglehart, in Burlington.
Mrs. J. Devlin, Omagh, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Beattie, in Buffalo, N. Y.
Hulton County I. O. L. has decided to celebrate the coming 13th of July in Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Archie King of Hornby, are now comfortably settled in their new home.
E. Middleton and Mrs. E. Eyer were in Wyoming on Saturday last attending the funeral of their brother-in-law, the late George Garagant, who had been sick for some time.
The Rose-Excellor Products Limited, of Toronto, was adjudged bankrupt, and a receiving order made on February 27, according to an official document received by the Company's creditors here yesterday.
C. A. Dills, editor of The Acton Free Press, who, with Police Magistrate H. P. Moore and many other prominent citizens of Acton, attended the funeral of the late Inspector W. H. Glatton here on Thursday afternoon of last week, favored The Champion with a call.—Champion.

OAKVILLE

The skating rink is being well patronized this winter and the ice has been kept in good condition.
Mrs. James Turner and daughter, Miss Marie, left town this morning on a holiday trip to Manchester, England, to visit Mr. Turner's aged father.
A lot of some of the waterworks hydrants throughout town last Friday were brought out the fact that several of them were frozen solid. This would have been a serious matter had there been a fire, and the question naturally arises, whose duty is it to see that the hydrants are not allowed to become thus out of action. They have all been thawed out and are ready for any emergency.
Police Magistrate Melville had two wanderers before him on Friday morning, who had been arrested the night before and given a night's lodging in the cells. One gave his name as J. Kelly, and Toronto as his home; the other had no permanent address. They had been drinking rubbing alcohol and native wine in a public place. The fine imposed was \$10.00 or 30 days, and they took the alternative, so Chief Constable Brown took them to the county goal.—Record.

GREAT RELIEF

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And this notice being given in pursuance of Section 81 of the Trustee Act, R. S. O. 1927, Chapter 150, notice is hereby given that on and after the Eighth day of March, A. D. 1929, the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Albert Edward Nicklin among the parties legally entitled thereto; and they will not be responsible for any claims of which they have not then received notice.
Dated at Acton, Ont., this Fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1929.
MARGRYA DORA NICKLIN, and HAROLD STONEY NICKLIN, Executors.
By H. N. Farmer, Acton, Ont., 33-3 Solicitor.

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It's Value to the Public
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