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Liquor Interests in New Propaganda

Endeavoring to Secure Signatures to Petition for Sale of Beer and Wine in Groceries

The past week canvassers have been busy in Acton and throughout the County securing names to a petition to present to the Legislature favoring the sale of beer and wine in the grocery stores. A former Actonian, now a resident of Georgetown, acted as the guide and worker for the petition in Acton. It is said that any names were permissible and we were quoted one instance where a group of young lads, who were at play, put their signatures to the petition.

The following letter from A. J. Irwin, General Secretary of the Ontario Temperance Union, outlined the scheme:

The beer interests are again on the warpath. In the County of Halton, a petition to the Government of Ontario to be circulated to authorize the sale of beer and light wines by the bottle or case in produce food stores, to be sold by vendors authorized by the Government to merchandise the same. The petition contains the signatures of voters and residents, the latter covering persons under 21 years of age. It is on printed forms and is being circulated by paid agents. The promoter in Halton is a stranger who has recently taken up residence in the County. Offers of ten dollars a day have been made to workers and the promoter states that five cents per name in town and ten cents in the country is paid to canvassers. Plenty of money is in evidence, and the workers are promptly paid.

Enquiry as to who is responsible for the movement brought forth, the statement that it is the Moderation League. It is rumored that a province-wide effort is under way with representatives in the various counties. The origin of the matter is said to go back to an interview of the beer-by-the-glass interests with the Government under the former Premier. Mr. Ferguson is said to have challenged his interviewees to show that the country wanted freer sale of beer. This is the reply. The movement is to be pushed through quickly before the people are aroused. It is understood that the plan is to cover Ontario in a month. While the promoters in their arguments urge the Quebec law, the petition itself seems to avoid two things, beer-by-the-glass is not mentioned and the fixed opposition to sale of liquor in hotels is not challenged. It goes back to the practice of two generations ago, in urging the sale of liquor in licensed grocery stores and without permits.

The stranger-promoter is plotted about by a local host. Made wise as to the attitude of those approached, he uses a variety of arguments. With the more sympathetic, he urges that it will mean more beer; with the more temperate, he urges that it will lessen drunkenness through the competition with hard liquor. He boasts the attachment to the petition of the names of good temperance people, members of the W. C. T. U. and others. When asked how these could be secured, he replied: "All it needs is the right kind of a story."

Three things stand out in this effort. The avoidance or concealment in the petition of the phrase "beer-by-the-glass," and the plea for liquor in hotels, against which public opinion is fairly pronounced, and the revelation to an old but equally objectionable method of widening the sale of beer.

The second suspicious thing is the looming up again of the Moderation League—that stalking horse of the liquor interest, with plenty of money.

At the time of the customs probe, Mr. H. C. Hatch, according to the Toronto Star, acknowledged that the Gooderham and Worts Company had given \$25,000 to the Moderation League in the plebiscite campaign of 1924, to defeat O. C. T. U. Who is furnishing the money now? It is not the hotel-keepers. It is scarcely the private individuals whose names are conspicuously displayed when the League wishes to put on a good front. The people who will profit, if by any chance some such scheme goes through, are the brewers. Where does the money come from?

The third thing is, the varying arguments of the irresponsible and probably soon-to-disappear strangers "with the right kind of story." Many will sign the petition without careful scrutiny of reflection and the canvassers will swear that the names are bona fide people of Ontario. By such means public opinion (?) is made and manifested in Ontario in the liquor interests. But what other way to test any matter is open to either wets or drys?

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

A lady soliciting for a charity fund, approached a Scotsman and handed him a card with the inscription: "Charity Fund—Give Till It Hurts."

The Scotsman read it, then, with a look of grief in his eyes, handed it back to the fair solicitor.

"Lady," he said brokenly, "the wretches, idea hurts!"

The collection at the Legion Service on Sunday will be for the Poppy Fund to assist the local Legion in their relief work.

Various Items of Local Interest

Building Being Torn Down

An old, unused section of the yard at the plant of Boardman Leathers Ltd. is being dismantled and torn down. On Friday one of the workmen engaged in wrecking the building fell from the roof into one of the old vats, which was filled with water. He was uninjured, except for his immersion in the stagnant water. The building being torn down is at the south side of the light leather plant.

Special Missionary Day at the United Church

The services in the United Church next Sunday will have a special interest. In the morning Rev. G. A. Williams, of Toronto, and in the evening Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick, of Toronto, will give an illustrated address. The theme for the day will be the mission of the Church and the special workers will present their subject in a most interesting manner.

Fined and Gun Confiscated

When the case against a resident of Boardman Crescent, Acton, charged with having in his possession an offensive weapon, was called at a session of the Police Court, in the Court House, Milton, last Friday, he pleaded guilty to the charge, through his counsel, A. Leroy Dale, barrister. Magistrate Moore said that inasmuch as no harm had resulted from the action, and the accused had already spent eleven days in jail, he would favorably consider the appeal for clemency, and impose a fine of \$10.00 and costs, or thirty days in jail, and the confiscation of the weapon. The fine and costs were paid, and the prisoner was liberated.

Says Dirty Windshield Pleured in Fatality

ROY H. JENKINSON, head of the agricultural department of the C. N. E., met his death as a result of a collision on the Toronto-Jamilton highway early Saturday morning, caused by a car driven by A. J. Weatherhead, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, sidestepping the car in which Jenkinson was a passenger, according to the verdict of the jury at the inquest at Cooksville Tuesday afternoon. J. P. Clarke, lecturer in horticulture for the Provincial Government, who was driving Jenkinson, swore that he was on the right side of the pavement at the time of the impact. Police witnesses testified that the windshield of Weatherhead's car was dirty, obscuring his vision. Coroner A. B. Sutton presided.

The Legion Church Service Sunday

The Canadian Legion church service planned to be held in Acton on Sunday next, June 28, will undoubtedly be an important gathering. The members of the Legion from the zone will gather in the Park and parade to the Soldiers' Monument, where a wreath will be placed. The parade will form at the Arena and be headed by Acton Citizens' Band. This zone of the Legion has a membership of about 700. The service will be held in the Arena, and the local clergy will have charge of the service. This singing will be led by the combined choirs of the various churches, accompanied by Acton Citizens' Band. The collection will be in aid of the Poppy Fund, which is used for the relief of veterans in distress in the community. The Arena has accommodation for about sixteen and everyone is cordially invited to take part in this service on Sunday afternoon. The parade will leave the Park at 3:30 p. m., daylight saving time.

Costly Penalty for Reckless Driving on Highway

Last Friday night about midnight a young man from Georgetown, while on the No. 7 Highway with his companions from the same place, made matters very uncomfortable for a couple from Toronto, as they were proceeding homeward from Clough. The quartette jockeyed them on the road, ran in front of them, and stopped their car so they could not proceed, and made insulting remarks to them. The Toronto driver returned to Acton and secured the services of Chief McPherson, who accompanied them to Georgetown. The way appearing clear there the Chief returned home, feeling there would be no further molestation. He was hardly out of town when the car with its occupants appeared again and employed similar annoying tactics. By this time the Torontonians were naturally exasperated and considerably alarmed. Chief Marshall was called and he ordered the quartette to their homes. The Toronto people then proceeded on their way. The case had a sequel. Two of the young men proceeded to Brampton, and there were apprehended by Chief Herkes, and Saturday morning appeared before Magistrate Hull who found guilty of being intoxicated, and the fines and costs amounted to \$28.50 each. Yesterday the same pair were summoned to appear before Magistrate Moore. The driver was found guilty of reckless driving, was fined \$50.00 and costs of \$17.00; his driver's license suspended, and a public apology required to be made to the wronged couple. The other young fellow pleaded guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct and his fine and costs amounted to \$15.00.

Acton Loses Again To Georgetown

Game Called at End of Sixth Innings with Score of 5-3

In a game that was cut short by three innings, owing to the rain on Saturday, Acton nine were defeated in their return game with Georgetown by a score of 5-3. With Nell Gibbons losing up his left-hand doovers for the Acton lads, it was a different outfit that battled to regain the lost laurels on the neighboring campus on Saturday afternoon. They aver that a nine-innings fixture would have resulted in a different story, but that is all in the game.

For Acton, Kaley and Walters were the outstanding men at the bat. Kaley had three hits in his three times up and got two runs to his credit. Walters had two hits and one run. The game only went six innings and had to be called on account of the rain. In view of the fact that Georgetown delayed the starting forty minutes a protest to have the game re-played is being considered. The following is the box score:

ACTON		GEOURGETOWN	
AB	R	AB	R
Kaley, 2b	3	3	0
Walters, 2b	3	1	2
Terry, ss	1	0	3
Molloway, 1b	2	0	4
Waterhouse, cf	3	0	2
Tyler, rf	3	0	2
N. Gibbons, p	3	0	0
M. Gibbons, p	2	0	4
Crispin, if	2	0	1
Chalmers, if	1	0	0
23 3 5 18 5 3		23 3 5 18 5 3	

Summary—3 base hits, L. Walters; Woods; sacrifice hits, Terry, Molloway; Beaman; stolen bases, L. Walters; Terry; struck out, by Gibbons, 5; by Walters 3; hits on Gibbons, 8, on Walters 5; hit by pitcher, by Gibbons, Wilton; left on bases, Acton 5, Georgetown 6. Umpire—Morning, Hamilton.

Other games played in the League on Saturday resulted in Milton defeating Kildride by 11-2 and Oakville defeating Bronte to the tune of 25-8. The protest of Oakville against the twilight game played with Georgetown was sustained and the game will have to be re-played. Acton is to play their postponed game with Milton to-night.

	W	L	PC
Milton	4	0	1.000
Georgetown	3	0	1.000
Acton	2	2	.500
Oakville	2	2	.500
Kildride	0	4	.000
Bronte	0	3	.000

Acton and District

Sent to Trial

C. A. Moyse, Winewa-Avenue, Toronto, was, on Tuesday, committed for trial by Magistrate W. E. McIlwain at Oakville on a charge of manslaughter. Moyse is alleged to have driven a car which struck and killed Leonardo "Lillo" Wilton, of Bronte, two weeks ago. Moyse was granted bail of \$15,000 by Mr. Justice Orde at Toronto, later.

Judge Moore's Busy Itinerary

Judge Moore had an unusually busy day to-day. In the forenoon he heard twelve charges against men who had broken into school houses in Trafalgar and Nelson and stolen clocks and other movable furnishings as well as committing other depredations. In the afternoon he drove to Oakville and heard several charges in the Juvenile Court. The day before he had a heavy court here and in the evening gave an historical address at Churchill covering incidents of interest in connection with the church and cemetery there for a period of 112 years.

Other Acton's Town Hall

While we are in the throes of the town hall controversy, The Acton Free Press, Ontario, Canada, recalls that our Canadian namesake provided itself with a town hall fifty years ago. It honors the memory of "the far-seeing citizens who provided us with a building in the early days of Acton's history, and which has, through all the years, served so well the needs of the community." It is only fair to add that the cost of site and building did not, at that time, exceed six thousand dollars. It is described as being of brick, 40 feet by 70 feet, of suitable height, with tower and bell, and Council room, lock-up, engine-room, wood-house, etc., on the ground floor. They did things cheaply in Canada in those early days, but the local newspaper says that the "new town hall," which has good acoustic properties, is still adequately serving the needs of the community.—Acton, England, Gazette.

SIR HARRY VISITS THE OTHER ACTON

"It Is a Picturesque Little Town, in Glorious Rolling Country, as Charming a Spot as I Ever Visited"

The Acton Gazette, Acton, England, in last issue, said:

Reference was made last week to Sir Harry Littlejohn's successful visit to Acton, York, Ontario, Washington, and other American cities in the cause of international aviation, and it is interesting to add that he found time to go to Acton, Ontario, where, in his own words, he received a "perfectly wonderful welcome."

When he arrived in New York he received a message from Acton saying that the townspeople had read that he was attending the International Chamber of Commerce at Washington, and that they greatly wanted to welcome him themselves. He sent them a reply to the effect that, whatever else he did, he would assuredly include Acton in his tour.

After leaving Washington, Sir Harry was the guest of various cities in "wonderfully hospitable land," traveling by aeroplane as a guest of the American Airlines from point to point. On leaving Detroit, he made his way to Toronto. Then a Government car took him the forty-five miles to Acton.

"It is a picturesque little town," writes Sir Harry, "in a most glorious rolling country, which is at the moment just a blaze of apple blossoms. It is as charming a spot as I have ever visited. I cannot describe the enthusiasm with which these dear people met me. We had a great foregathering at the home of Friday and Mrs. Moore, attended by representatives of every section of Acton life, and we spent a very happy evening. I was officially welcomed by the Reeve and Judge Moore, and in reply told our friends how much Acton at home valued this link with Canada. The following morning I was taken around the factories, and escorted to the Town Hall, where the Acton coat of arms I presented some years ago is being taken to the school, where I was asked to address the children. The remainder of my short stay was taken up in drives around the district."

Sir Harry returned to New York, where he stayed for another six days. On Tuesday last week he was a guest of West Point, the American Military Academy, which has a loving cup he presented to the Army and Navy officers on Wednesday. The Pilgrims entertained him at luncheon, and on Thursday he had a national broadcast and had a send-off dinner from a series of American organizations. He sailed for home on Saturday on the "Britannic."

PEEL WARDEN'S PICNIC

Warden A. Mason and Ex-Wardens of Halton County join in this event

Last Friday Warden and Mrs. A. Mason, ex-Wardens and Mrs. Theophilus and Reeve Cleave, of Equestrian, and Reeve W. Morden, of Trafalgar, joined from Halton in the Annual Warden's Picnic of Peel County, held at Fernside. There were about 500 attending the event. The game of refreshment was played heartily all afternoon. Luncheon Warden, headed by John McBride, Warden of Peel in 1911, engaging in this fascinating pastime, surrounded Mr. McBride at one time were Nelson Lindsay, W. D. Bowles, E. A. Orr, Thomas Elliott, Robert M. Parkinson, J. J. Jamieson, L. E. Pallett, all of Peel; T. A. Leslie and W. H. Morden, Halton; while Warden Amos Mason and Edward Watson, present Wardens of Halton and Dufferin, respectively, assisted Warden Willis holding up his end. Football, horseshoes and races occupied the time until supper, J. C. Shearer and Gordon Graydon being leaders and managers of this end of the party. 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