

PLAIN TALK.

The temperance deputation who recently waited upon the Ontario Government relative to changes in the license system got poor satisfaction. The deputation asked that the Government forthwith introduce such legislation as will abolish the bar-room, the treating system, and drinking in clubs, also that the three-fifths clause in local option contests be repealed, this being considered contrary to justice and fair play.

Neither Sir James Whitney nor Hon. Mr. Hanna, who replied on behalf of the Government, said they would, nor they would not, act on any of the suggestions of the deputation. The Premier, however, reminded the deputation that in regard to the three-fifths clauses "on a former occasion an audience of 2,000 people had told the Government what they might expect if they did not take the course they dictated." "Well," said the Premier, we did not do it, and in the election which followed not one word of criticism of the Government's course had been heard from Rat Portage to Cornwall, showing that our action had the endorsement of the people of Ontario as a whole."

Evidently Sir James Whitney regards the threats of the temperance party as mere bluster.

Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Premier of Alberta, won a splendid victory on Monday when he practically swept the Province. In a house of 40 the conservatives have only carried 3 seats.

There has been an amicable ending to the controversy between Rev. George Jackson and Rev. Dr. Carman. At a meeting on Tuesday the question was taken up in a spirit of peace, and Mr. Jackson was confirmed in his appointment to the recently created English Bible chair at Victoria College. One clause in the resolution which was unanimously carried contained these words "It is considered desirable that whatever has been written of a personal character calculated to wound the feelings of brethren or interfere with their work be withdrawn."

News Notes.

Harry Darrell who left his wife and family in Toronto on the 15th of Jan., and was supposed to have been drowned in the Bay, has turned up in Detroit.

Willie Whitlaw, the boy who was kidnapped from Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, was returned to his father in an hotel at Cleveland Monday night. The father willingly paid the \$10,000 ransom which was demanded for his son's return.

The Standard Mutual Fire Insurance Company, formed in Markham Village a number of years ago, has been forced out of business by disastrous losses. In the report for the year 1907 the total assets are given as \$239,849.23, and total liabilities as \$165,554.14.

Banwell, the young Toronto bank clerk who 3 years ago stole \$40,000 of the funds of the Crown Bank, was released on parole from Kingston Penitentiary a few weeks ago. Banwell had been sentenced to four years imprisonment in March, 1906, but was liberated before the expiration of his term. He told the judge that he had taken the money in order to carry out the engagement with the young lady to whom he was betrothed.

A striking feature of the April number of McClure's Magazine is the third of George F. Parker's papers on Grover Cleveland, which contains the ex-president's opinions of some of his great contemporaries—J. Pierpont Morgan, Theodore Roosevelt, James J. Hill, Senator Foraker and others. Giulio Ferrero, the great Italian historian contributes a remarkable paper on Nero and the Christian persecution. The number also contains another instalment of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's great novel "Marriage à la Mode," and four other short stories.

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The Rittenhouse farm was surveyed and the drainage system for it planned by the Department of Physics at the Ontario Agricultural College. Any farmer in Ontario who is contemplating underdraining may on application have his farm surveyed, the dains planned, and the grades determined. A finished map containing this information and also the size of tile advisable is sent to the owner as soon as completed. The only outlay connected with the survey is the traveling expenses of one man from Guelph to the farm, consisting of railway fare, meals and cartage of instruments. The railway fare is only one cent a mile each way for this work. At the conclusion of each survey a drainage demonstration is held in the field, and simple, practical methods of surveying a drain, determining its grade and securing a true bottom are demonstrated, and the benefits of drainage discussed.

Anyone desiring a survey and plan should apply to Prof. Wm. H. Day, Department of Physics, O. A. C., Guelph. A large number of applications are already in for this season.

Maple.

While working at Mr. W. T. Robinson's store Mr. Percy Robinson had the misfortune to have his foot crushed by a heavy counter falling on it.

Mr. Austin Robinson left on Saturday evening for a two weeks' holiday at Collingwood.

Miss Dorothy Rupert entertained a number of friends at a delightful Shamrock party on the evening of the 17th. The evening was spent with games and music. The prize-winners were Miss Jennie Jackson, Miss Annie Keffer, and Mr. Elmo Keffer. Dainty refreshments were served at midnight. Besides those from the village, there were present Miss Annie and Miss Beth Allen of Toronto, Mr. C. Malloy of Teston, Mr. and Mrs. J. and Mr. Weir McMurray of Purpleville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Keys spent last Thursday visiting friends at Concord.

Mrs. W. Camp and Master George spent last week visiting in Toronto. On Sunday evening Rev. J. F. Reycraft of Victoria College preached to young men from Prov. 20; 20. The sermon was very impressive, and full of practical advice, and was listened to with great attention by a large congregation.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. T. Cousins. The members are making arrangements for a tea and lecture to be given on Easter Monday evening.

Rev. A. P. Braze, B.D., of Richmond Hill, will preach in Maple Circuit next Sunday as follows:—At Maple in the morning, at Hope in the afternoon, and at Carville in the evening—Subject, "Certainly enjoy Life." Rev. W. J. Rackham will preach at Maple in the evening.

Headford.

Last Sunday's Quarterly Review at the Sabbath School brought out a large attendance. Many visitors were present, and an interesting program was presented.

A joint stock company is being talked of to enlarge the skating rink for next season. Our hockey team expect to be very much in the game next winter.

The "Lost Heir" tournament is drawing to a close after a successful series of games. An oyster supper is now in sight.

Mr. Will Richards is off to Gowanda.

Miss Violet Hislop, after a very pleasant visit to her parents, has returned to Alberta.

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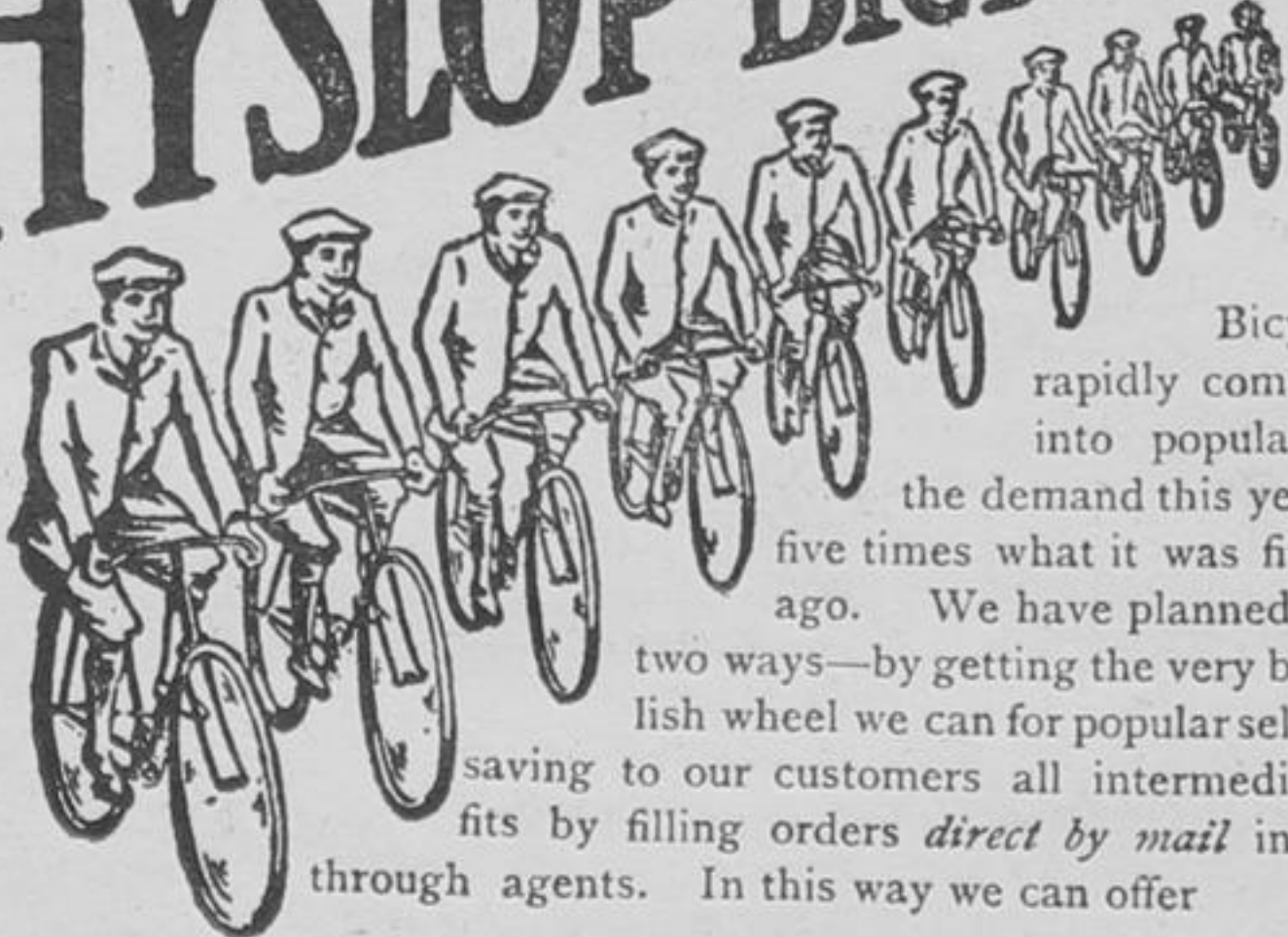
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