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The Election Issue

The date of the provincial election has been set for December the 1st and, whatever may be said to the contrary during the campaign, the main issue to be decided will be the liquor policy of the province. The O. T. A. has been in effect a little over ten years and during that time, has been the subject of more discussion than probably any other legislation ever enacted by the province. Just ten years ago on September the 16th, the Ontario Temeprance Act came into force. Undoubtedly it has many defects, no man-made legislation was ever perfect, but, when we look over the province and see the general distribution of prosperity, it seems that enforcement of temperance by legislation has had its good results. To-day the rich are not richer than they were ten years ago, but the poor are certainly in better circumstances. There are better homes, more comforts, more luxuries, more time devoted to recreation and amusement. The automobile has found its way into a great many homes, living conditions, on the whole, are better, and savings in the banks are growing rapidly. Temperance has certainly had some hand in all this and it cannot be denied that much of the money formerly squandered in drunkenness is to-day being invested in comforts and luxuries, and that the home life of Ontario as a whole is above what it was in the olden days.

On the other hand a large body of the electorate conscientously feel that the O. T. A. has had a fair trial and should be abolished. And such is the contention of the Ferguson Government. It is contended that there are evils in the present situation which counteract the benefits accruing from enforced temperance. Bootlegging with all the allied crimes a general scoffing at the law engendered by the impossibility of strict enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act, promiscuous drinking of vile substitutes for liquor and quite a toll of deaths from poison beverages flasks carried at youngsters' parties, are all complaints laid at the door of the O. T. A. After ten years of it, it is claimed that the situation seems to be getting worse instead of better and that all the forces of the law do not appear to be able

to cope with the evil.

The temperance question is the outstanding issue of the coming election. It is a question which must be interpreted by the individual in the light of his or her experience and in the light of present day conditions. It should be thought out calmly and deliberately by every voter and in order that the result may be in accordance with public opinion, every vote should be cast. Let us face the facts as presented to us and let us, at all times be considerate of the opinions of others. Let us give the other fellow, who differs with us, credit for being honest in his convictions.' The future of the liquor policy in the province of Ontario is again in the hands of the people and it remains for the people to decide. We believe you can safely trust the people.

Buy At Home

The following is taken from a well known Canadian Journal and is worthy of serious thought by all who are interested in the welfare of the home community. Read it carefully and if the "cap fits" ask yourself whether or not you're playing the game square with "the home town."

We publish in this issue, correspondence between the representatives of a number of citizens joined together in a country town to buy goods at wholesale prices, and a wholesale Grocery House. The wholesale firm refuses to send a catalougue or sell to a combination of consumers associated together for the purpose of buying goods at wholesale prices, and takes the ground that the retail merchant is necessary under the conditions of modern commutual life and that the consumer ordering goods from a distance, impairs the standing and usefulness of the local trade. The position taken by the firm is, in our opinion, sound, and we would like to impress it forcibly on our readers. If the foundation of community is really commutual or reciprocal, as the name implies, then the members should cary out the principles and conditions which bind them together as a community. The Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists, Clergymen and other professional men as well as mechanics and officials and those who may have retired into private life, get their incomes, as a rule, entirely from the locality in which they live. Should they not reciprocate by spending that income among the people of the community from which they receive it? Even the farmer, under advanced modern conditions, gets his revenue, if not all, certainly the most profitable part of it, from the community in or near where he lives. These are the parties that send away from home for their most expensive things, and in this way so impoverish their local merchant that he cannot afford to keep the best class of goods, and consequently the character and usefulness of his business is greatly impaired. There is certainly nothing commutual about this. When these same parties want a pound of nails or a spool of thread, or a pound of sugar, or perhaps a rake or hoe, what a panic there would be if there were no retail stores to go to! The retail merchant is, unquestionably, a necessity, and it is equally true that when he is put out of business the place goes to ruin. The heaviest tax payer ceases, and the municipal corporation will look in vain to the large stores where her wealthy citizens send their money for supplies.

Every community should take a pride in itself, and the members should loyally support those institutions that give character and stability to the place. The business activity of a town or village is the best evidence of its importance. Prosperous business means a prosperous place, surrounded by prosperous farmers, and establishes a standard of values that gives a conscious feeling of importance and satisfaction to every surrounding. In such a place the retired farmer,

or citizen of whatever class, would prefer.

"To husband out lifes taper to the close, And keep the flame from wasting by repose." instead of leaving as they do, a wretched looking town or village for the turmoil of a large city. The town or village where business is stagnant and where the citizens send away for the cream of their requirements, is dead. Dead socially, financially, intellectually. The citizens lack confidence and interest in each other. They do not co-operate. They

do not reciprocate. They cease to be enterprising; overlook the rights of their neighbors ,and neglect to look properly after their own; in short, become slovenly and careless and degenerate into conditions in which no person of taste, refinement, culture, enterprise or ambition would care to live. Who pays their taxes; keeps up their churches, manages the Sunday-schools; arranges their social entertainments; visits the sick; helps the needy or looks after the poor? Certainly not the big concern at a distance, to whom they send their money. No individual or institution can be healthy or prosperous if starved. Starve the retail trade and you weaken and destroy the most vital essential in the life of a community. Starvation does not necessarily mean the stoppage of all sustenance. The process can be carried on by degrees and by sending away for their most profitable goods, the citizens of a town or village can gradually starve to death the retail business, and destroy the life and prosperity of any community.

If there are any doubts as to the necessity of a live Board of Trade in this district, let us look around and see the plums other municipalities are picking up. Why a Board of Trade? Because it is an organization necessary for the proper advancement of any community. The Council, School Board, Board of Health all have specific duties to perform but such form of organized government is not enough. There is need for another organization, not limited by charter or statutes, that expresses and embodies the real spirit of the community. A successful Board of Trade brings the ability of business men to bear on all matters of interest to the district. A Board of Trade, worthy of the name is aggressive in furthering the industrial, social and business life of the community.

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Class 9-Geo. Brownlee.

members. Classes 5. 6, 7, 8, \$1.00, members free. 2. Time per acre in sod, 20 hours; in stubble and jointer plows, 14 hours. In class 9, 3 hours, from which no deviation will be allowed. Twenty minutes will be allowed for lunch.

3. Average depth of plowing, 6 inches. 4, No assistance will be given to any plowman, except in setting and removing stakes; leading of horses strictly forbidden. No person shall be

allowed to walk on the ground plowed, or to be plowed. No handling of furrows, except in first two rounds. Any person on whose behalf this rule is violated, shall forfeit his prize. 5. Plowmen shall be on the ground at 8 a.m. Entries to be taken at 9 a.m., in the field. Plowing to commence at 9.30 sharp. Tractor plowing

commences at 12.30 p.m., 4 hours per acre. 6. No person shall be allowed to interfere with judges in discharge of their duties. The decision of the judge to be final.

7. All lands shall be drawn by ballot. 8. All starts will be on the level in sod.

9. The Association will not be responsible for prizes not called for by Jan. 1, 1927.

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