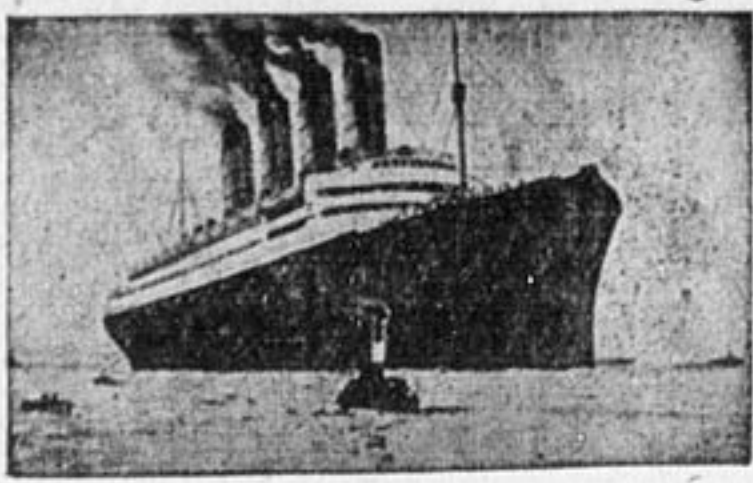


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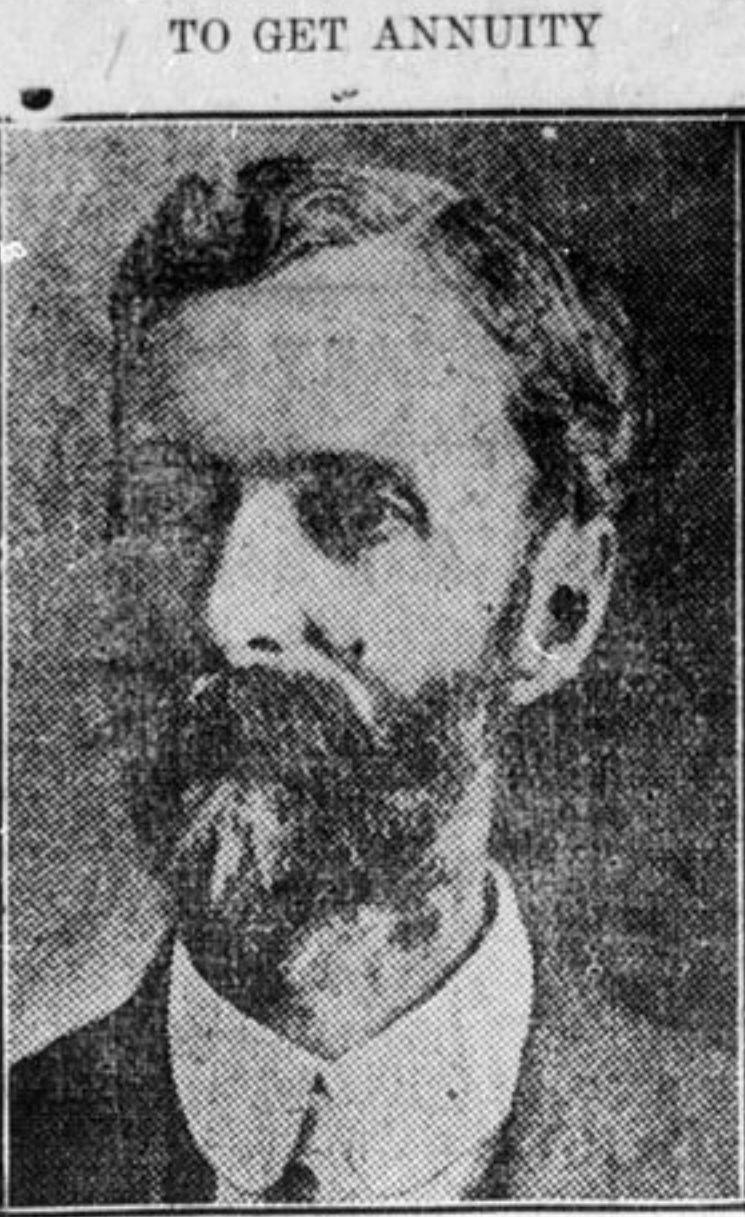
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IF 28 p.c. WINE IS RIGHT, WHY KICK AT 5 p.c. BEER.

At the time of the Plebiscite Vote, a Timmins reader of The Advance called special attention on several occasions to the situation in regard to the wine-producing districts of Ontario. "They voted strong for the tario Temperance Act, and why so?" he asked. Answering his own question he pointed out that the reason was that they wanted to continue the prejudiced situation now in force. They wished something like a monopoly of Ontario's booze business. This reader pointed out that native wines contained a comparatively high percentage of alcohol, and yet were freely sold. The whole situation in regard to the native wine business appeared to be interesting. Some of the people from the native wine areas are now holding up their hands in holy horror at the thought of increasing the strength of beer to five per cent. The Ottawa Journal in an editorial article last week places the case in effective way. The Journal says:—"It is, as Attorney General Nickle says, an anomaly that so much fuss should be made in Ontario about increasing to 4.4 per cent. the permissible alcoholic content of beer, when the sale annually of approximately \$1,000,000 worth of native wines with a permissible alcoholic content of 28 per cent. continues with little if any protest.

"Apparently a man can get intoxicated on native wine just as cheaply as on beer, so the reason for the anomaly is not to be found in the price. Nor can it be said that native wines are harder to get. For a few dollars anybody can have a case of native wine delivered to his house from the manufacturer within a day or two.

"Probably the only excuse for legalizing the sale of 28 per cent. native wine is the fact that a large number of farmers who produce grapes would be deprived of their mainstay. But when the breweries and distilleries were put out of business in Ontario, nobody worried very much about what was to become of the thousands of men employed in these places: they were advised to change their occupation. The farmers who grow grapes are in a better position, because if necessary they can grow something else on the same farm.

"It does seem as if those who are so vigorously opposing 4.4 per cent. beer should—for the sake of consistency and for the sake of those who they believe are harmed by alcohol—start a systematic campaign against the legalized manufacture and sale in Ontario of 28 per cent. native wine."

Lawyer, cross examining: "Do you drink?"
 Witness, haughtily: "That's my business."
 Lawyer: "Have you any other?"
 —Mutual Mutterings

DATES OF PREVIOUS DOG RACES WITH TIMES MADE

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Recently there has been casual discussion as to the dates of the various Porcupine Dog Races. Discussion along this line shows how dangerous it is to depend on memory in a case like this, as one man was positive one of the races was as late as March 27th or 28th. As a matter of fact the latest date on which the Dog Race was ever held was March 25th, and that was the first year, 1916. The race had been set for an earlier date but owing to a big snow storm the date was changed some days previous to the first date set. The race has never been postponed on the date selected, but has been run on at least two stormy days. Postponements have been made on account of the weather in different years, but these changes have been decided on in advance of the selected date of the race. Below will be found a review of the dates for all the Porcupine Dog Races, together with the names of winners, times made, etc.,

March 25th, 1916—Jos. Brisson, winner; 1 hour, 32 minutes, 37 seconds. Second, L. S. Newton, 1 hour, 34 minutes, 51 seconds.

March 10th, 1917—Geo. Cousineau, 1 hour, 18 minutes, 35 seconds. Second, O. Laroque, 1 hour, 27 minutes.

March 16th, 1918—W. Martin, 1 hour, 33 minutes, 23 seconds. Second, F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 47 minutes.

February 22 nd, 1919—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 23 sec. Second, Jean Pare, 1 hr. 35 min.

March 20th, 1920—W. Martin, 1 hr. 28 min. 19 sec. Second F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 41 min. 2 sec.

March 19th, 1921—W. Martin, 1 hr. 26 min. 13 sec. Second, A. Belek, 1 hr. 35 min. Third, D. Goudis, 1 hr. 36 min.

March 4th, 1922—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 50 sec. Second, Walker, 1 hr. 45 min. 56 sec. Third, C. E. Myers, 1 hr. 48 min. 10 sec.

March 10th, 1923—W. Martin, 1 hr. 14 min. 45 sec. Second, John Landers, 1 hr. 21 min. 20 sec. Third, Victor Bissonette, 1 hr. 28 min. 25 sec. Fourth, Wm. LeClair, 1 hr. 28 min. 50 sec.

March 8th, 1924—1st W. Martin, 1 hr. 18 min. 55 sec. Second, St. Pierre, 1 hr. 19 min. 35 sec. Third, McLean (Cochrane), 1 hr. 20 min. 55 sec. Fourth, Bridges, 1 hr. 24 min. 5 sec. Fifth, MacMillan, 1 hr. 29 min. 10 sec. There were twelve entries in this race, but only nine of these turned up to make the actual start.

SAY ALL THIS AND SAY IT ALL OVER VERY QUICKLY.

This is from an exchange. It should be said quickly after drinks: If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot tot,

To tot, ere the tot could totter, Ought the Hottentot tot To be taught to say "ought," Or "naught," or what ought to be taught 'er?

FRIDAY IS "LADIES' NIGHT" AT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

Friday evening of the week Feb. 27th, is "Ladies' Night" at the Caledonian Society of Timmins, the event to be held in the Hollinger Recreation Hall, commencing at 8:00 o'clock. The Ladies' Committee are preparing to make this the biggest and best of all the "Ladies' Nights," and that is saying a lot for the previous "Ladies' Nights" stand out as among the long list of good nights at the Caledonian Society. The programme will include vocal and instrumental numbers, dancing, the best in refreshments, etc., and some novelties. Friday evening will be, w' out doot, a braw bright night. All Caledonians and their friends are welcome.

DOG RACE THIS YEAR TO BE HELD ON A FRIDAY.

Since its inauguration in 1916, when it was started with the chief purpose of assisting in the raising of money for the Patriotic Fund, the Porcupine Dog Race has always been held on a Saturday. This year the date selected is a Friday, though not "Friday the 13th." The date for 1925 is Friday the 6th. In case it has to be postponed a week, it would be the supposed unlucky date, all right. It has been necessary on several occasions to postpone the Race from the date first announced. Many will hope that a week's postponement will not be required this year. As it is now there are just two weeks to conclude arrangements and assure another success for this distinctive North Land event.

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