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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, November 18, 1926

A PLEA FOR OLIVER

We have before us a copy of a resolution passed by the executive of the South Grey Temperance Society at a meeting held in Durham Monday in the Queen Street United Church. Beyond the wording of the resolution, which is given below, we know nothing. The meeting was evidently of a private nature, and we were not informed that it was being held, otherwise we would have had a representative present. The resolution reads:

Moved by T. R. McKenzie, Artemesia, seconded by Dr. F. Martin, Dundalk:

"Whereas this executive meeting of South Grey Prohibition Union meeting in Durham this 16th day of November, 1926, have learned from Premier Ferguson's manifesto that he has adopted on his platform the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act, and the substitution therefor the sale of intoxicants under so-called Government Control;

"Therefore this organization wishes to register an emphatic protest against this proposed change and express our unalterable allegiance to the Ontario Temperance Act, believing that it has been of inestimable value in repressing the traffic in strong drink.

"We would therefore call upon all our citizens who have the sobriety and welfare of our Province at heart to sink their party allegiance at the coming Provincial Election, and support and use their influence to elect the candidate, F. R. Oliver, who is pledged to support the O.T.A., and any other temperance legislation that may be introduced in line with it."

The copy handed to us states that the resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

It is not the desire of The Chronicle for one minute to attempt to coerce any of the voters of South Grey. We recognize that they are far too intelligent to calmly submit to such action, but we certainly do object to the insinuation in the resolution of the South Grey Prohibition Union that "all who have the sobriety and welfare of our Province at heart" must vote for F. R. Oliver.

In some quarters there is only one temperance legislation, the O.T.A. We have no fault to find with the O.T.A. as it is intended that it should be, but certainly do criticize it as it is. We would not insinuate that there was any intentional falsifying of the intentions of the Ferguson Government, but when the South Grey Prohibition Union makes the statement that "all who have the sobriety and welfare of our Province at heart" must vote for F. R. Oliver, we are certainly not surprised.

It is hardly fair to blame the Town Council for this state of affairs, as they no doubt feel that they do not care to spend the money to put the roads in the proper repair. This must come sooner or later, however, and in our opinion it is false economy to delay much longer.

Some two or three years ago there was a plan broached to pave a 20-foot strip in the centre of Garafraxa street, but this is hardly wise at the present as the time is soon coming when Durham will have to decide on putting in a waterworks system. To lay pavement and then lay it up to put in waterworks would certainly not appeal to many, and as the waterworks bylaw was snowed under by the electors it seems that all we can do is await the time when the Government steps in and orders a proper water system installed.

It is our humble opinion that the Durham streets can be put in good condition for a very small amount of money as compared with the cost of paving. We are the centre of a natural gravel bed, have one of the finest crushed stone plants in Ontario at our doors, and plenty of the very best of material to work with.

As a start, the streets would have to be lowered, in some cases a foot or more, and a proper drainage system put in. This latter is the most important of the whole work of construction. Properly trained, even a mediocre roadway can be kept in fair condition; without proper drainage, the best of material and workmanship goes for nothing.

The Sauguen River running through the town offers a perfect

solutions in condemnation of the Ferguson Government. The present issue is a much larger one than merely the defeat or election of any particular party. The temperance question is a big one, and no matter who is returned to power, will require expert handling. We have little sympathy for those who can not or will not see the shortcomings of the O.T.A. We have just as little for those who cry that it has been an absolute failure.

The Ontario Temperance Act has done a whole lot of good in this Province, but that is no reason why some further advanced legislation should not do more good. Personally, we think the O.T.A. in its present form is not working for the best interests of the Province. We have thought this for some time, and here we analyze it the more we are convinced that we are right. The amendments proposed by the Ferguson Government appeal to us as much better, fairer and more capable of enforcement than the drastic methods of the O.T.A. One need go no further than the license inspectors appointed to enforce the law. They can, if they will, tell some funny things about the O.T.A. enforcement, the difficulty of getting witnesses to prove charges, and the collapse of numerous cases where prosecutions have been made for no other reason than that the informants will not get into the witness box and swear to the information they handed to the inspectors. This is not theory, but actual fact, and we have little doubt that our own inspector, M. G. Beckett, whom no one can accuse of not trying to enforce the law, would, if he cared, corroborate us in this statement.

The statement of Premier Ferguson at Hamilton on Tuesday that the people did not regard the O.T.A. seriously is one that no one will attempt to deny. There is no doubt that there are temperance workers who regard the situation with alarm but it is known generally that a breach of the O.T.A. is not considered even as a minor offense in a good many communities. So far as we can see the only difference in the Ontario Temperance Act now and as it will be under the Conservative Government is that instead of the doctors handling the "scrips" the Government will have to assume the responsibility and will know where the liquor goes to and be able to keep a better tab on affairs than they do now. To all intents and purposes, all we have now is Government Control, and the proposed amendment to the O.T.A. will be a better way of handling the situation. To insinuate that men like Premier Ferguson and his Cabinet and the Conservative members of Parliament are intent on the debauching of the country is too silly for serious consideration and we are of the opinion that it will take a good many resolutions of the nature of the one appearing above to change the political complexion of this riding or of the province.

drainage scheme, Garafraxa street south could be drained down Saddle street into the river, while the Lambton street water could be run off to the north along Garafraxa street and dumped into the river near the bridge. Another storm sewer could be run into the river at the Lambton street bridge. These are only suggestions, but we are confident they could be worked out, and at comparatively little expense. It would certainly cost some money, but there is very little nowadays to be procured for nothing. There is one thing certain and that is that something must be done. With the gravel and crushed stone at our very doors, we doubt if there is one engineer who would recommend the town to go to the expense of paving. On the other hand, with the raw material so near at hand, it is a crime that our streets are allowed to continue in their present condition.

A FALSE IMPRESSION The O. T. A. vs. G. C. arguments bring out some funny ideas. Here is one from The Whitty Gazette: "Is there any responsible citizen of the Town of Whitty who will publicly make the claim, and support it with facts, that conditions in this town are not better under the O.T.A. than they were prior to its enactment?"

The inference is, of course, that the bringing in of Government Control is to bring back the conditions that pertained previous to 1916. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and we have no hesitation in saying that there is nobody knows any better than the editor of The Gazette. Government Control is an honest effort to control the liquor traffic which, in the past, has been anything but a success under the Ontario Temperance Act as it now stands.

Previous amendments to the O.T.A. have strengthened it and there is no reason why the proposed new amendment will not do the same. A good many people make the mistake of blaming the O.T.A. for the increase in bootlegging. Our opinion is that the O.T.A. has fallen down for the simple reason that the prohibitionists who favor it will do little or nothing to enforce it, the temperance people who are not prohibitionists do even less, and 49 per cent of the population are openly in revolt against it.

Under any Government, however, it is safe to assume that Ontario will never again revert to the conditions that obtained previous to 1916 and the comparison of The Whitty Gazette is, to say the least, hardly fair. It is also interesting to know that while The Gazette is listed as independent in politics, the editor is a pronounced Liberal. Just one more reason why the Ferguson Government should not be returned to power and their policies discounted is found when you dig deep enough. There is more "polli-

ties" in a lot of anti-Ferguson talk than some people would like to admit.

CRISP COMMENT A man can lose \$10 in a poker game and forget it, but if the grocer happened to slip over an old egg on him, he'll remember it for weeks.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

It's a good thing that the child doesn't know that he is father of the man; he might get discouraged and quit.—Exchange.

All of the King Cabinet members have now been elected by acclamation and must feel that they are politically acclimated.—Brantford Expositor.

It takes a hard girl to sit in a porch swing these nights with nothing around her except a thin arm.—Amrion Chronicle.

Someone tells us why a woman will debate for days over a new gown, and decide on a husband in a minute.—Prince Albert Record.

There is not a hero in the Bible who was called from idleness. They were elected from one form of activity to another.—Kingston Whig.

She admitted she had reached the stage when she no longer wished to marry the movie star actor that fascinated her, she wanted to adopt him.—Galt Reporter.

Another popular mystery is why the civilized world should go hunting new continents when it is having so much trouble with the old ones.—Montreal Star.

Efforts to make Canada dry seem to be more successful with fountain pens than anything else.—Toronto Telegram.

Current styles make it hard to tell whether the suggestion Christmas gift is a necktie for father or an evening dress for daughter.—Border Cities Star.

And we suppose that the fact that the Canadian McIntosh won first prize for apples at the recent British fruit show is more evidence of Slottish ascendancy.—Hamilton Herald.

Wonder why the self-made man never blows about it to his wife?—Lebanon, Mo., Reporter.

DISTRICT GRAND SUPT. PAID OFFICIAL VISIT Local Chapter Royal Arch Masons Met Here Monday Night.

The Durham Chapter Royal Arch Masons had the honor of entertaining Rt. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr of Guelph, District Grand Superintendent, last Monday night on his official visit to Durham Chapter. Comp. Marr was accompanied by District Grand Secretary Ex. Comp. Meir of Georgetown, Ex. Comp. Arnold, also of Georgetown, Ex. Comp. Cameron and Comp. R. Hughes of Guelph. Following the business session a banquet was held in which the visiting brethren and members of the Chapter joined.



When Raney went out as Attorney General the tiger had grown up and raised a family.

HALF HOUR SESSION OF COUNTY COUNCIL Committees Were Hard at Work on Tuesday Afternoon, However

It was a short session of the Grey County Council on Tuesday afternoon at the court house, Owen Sound, the meeting lasting only about half an hour. However the various committees spent a busy day following the meeting discussing matters which were brought to their attention through communications. All the members were present when the roll was called by the Clerk, Fred H. Rutherford and the meeting passed off quickly with no discussion on any matters.

Reports were presented by Printing Committee and the House of Refuge Committee and both were passed. Both reports recommended the paying of numerous accounts which had accumulated and were of little importance otherwise.

The session adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

A Terrible Test A negro's ingenuously is monumental. You get the perfect example of it in the Police Court scene where the magistrate, exasperated, but trying hard to be fair in an all too obvious case, says:

"Yes, but look here, Rastus; if you were not going to steal chickens what on earth were you doing in that coop?"

Of course, it is an unanswerable question, except to Rastus, who, without the flicker of an eyelid, says:

"Judge, Ah was just a-testin' my will-power!"

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EWEN & SON BUY McKECHNIE MILLS

Purchased Well-known Property From W. A. McGowan and Will Continue Chopping Mill and Flour and Feed Business.

A deal of interest to the residents of this vicinity was put through this week whereby J. W. Ewen & Son acquired from Mr. W. A. McGowan the property known as the McKechnie Mills on Saddle street. The Messrs. Ewen have had this property rented for the past couple of years, and have conducted a successful chopping and flour and feed business. This will be continued, and with the acquisition of the property there is every possibility that the business will be expanded. We have no particulars of the sale more than that the deal has gone through and that the Messrs. Ewen will continue in business as heretofore.

BONES, MILLION YEARS OLD DISCOVERED NEAR PETERBOROUGH, ENG.

The fossilized skeleton of a crocodile-like reptile, which lived in the waters which once covered England, has been found near Peterborough. The discovery was made in the Oxford clay in a brickyard at Fletton by workmen in a pit 50 feet below the surface.

Experts declare the bones to be those of a Pliosaurus ferox, a creature not unlike a crocodile. These reptiles have been placed by geologists and scientists in the mesozoic era, so that, although estimates vary largely, it is probably at least a million years since it died.

Whipping Cream A little gelatine added to the cream for whipping will make it whip faster and the finished product will have more volume.

The handsome man Doesn't get so far As the homely chap With the handsome car.



How They Organized At the outbreak of the August, 1914, cavalrymen were ordered to volunteer for overseas service as a dismounted and though they regretted their handsome horses, at least, the satisfaction of ward under their original did not lose their identity, many of the battalions organized later. In October a year after the first men were recruited, the C. M. R. sent a line from Boulogne and the first Armistice Day remains the thick of things. Its recruited strength was 65 when it went into the rear an infantry regiment, it was led to the authorized size of about 800 men, but in the years' interval that it spent front, 4500 men passed through the ranks. The number of men to be placed upon the roll of the C. M. R. to strength the part that it played in the fighting between 1915 when it experienced its death in action, and November the battalion had its last of three men wounded on the Mons.

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UNIQUE WAR HISTORY OF MOUNTED RE

The story of the work of the 4th Canadian Mounted Regiment during the Great War has been published in permanent form in a volume, bearing the title "The 4th Canadian Mounted Regiment: Its History and Achievements."

This epic of the deeds of the Canadians is now being read and among the most interesting and well-illustrated. And that task, being so easy one for the hand, it is that regimental history, edited for and wide circulation received their first issue on March, 1919—34th issue—and a great many of the men of the text consist of the Bennett, M.C., and the and beautifully illustrated book has been through more than a hundred editions remains a valuable part in the war that has probably the trend of the century.

A Unique Unit The Canadian Mounted Regiment had a history that is Canadian, registered in the D.S.O., says in his book, mysterious organization, R. non-existent in possession to life in war with associations stretching from lantic to the Pacific and ing men in every walk of untarily tending their during a national period to sacrifice their all to the try's service—the Canadian. And as they arrived in 800 years ago during the dark of the campaign where they material assistance and sent to their distressed comrades arrived in France bringing of hope and encouragement far-distant Canada.

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