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Whosoever 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 truth. -WATSON.

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GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Premier Ferguson and the Conservative Government has received its mandate from the people to so amend the Ontario Temperance Act as to take away from the physicians of the province the privilege of issuing prescripitions for liquor and substitute therefor a system of Governmene Control. With seventyfive Conservatives elected out of a total of one hundred and twelve seats, the Conservatives have sufficient majority to carry out their program and if it is a failure will have nobody but themselves to blame.

As it stood, there has been a feeling that the Ontario Temperance Act was slipping. Its good effects were being lost through the general apathy of the people towards the measure, and the vote throughout the province Wednesday of last week shows that despite the assertions of many platform orators who wanted no change, not all of these "dissenters" were

The policy of Government control as compared with the Ontario Temperance Act in its present form is not so much of a change as it first seems. The only difference is that instead of physicians prescribing of an election contest and have always held to the liquor for "medicinal" purposes, ninety per cent of opinion that a good loser is more desirable than a which prescriptions were frauds, the public will be poor one. The electors of South Grey said with no required to take out a license and order the liquor | uncertain sound that they wanted nothing to do with from a Government dispensary. Each order will be the Ferguson Government Control policy. This, in checked against his permit card and any abuse of the our opinion is the only thing that defeated the Con-

success, we do not know. We hope it is, as we voted | Government is weakened considerably by his removal for it in the sincere desire that it would be for the | from public life, and the electors of South Grey have betterment of the country. It it is not a success, or is | lost one of the outstanding men of the province as the worse than the Ontario Temperance Act, then it can be | representative of the riding. repealed and something else instituted. That it will do away entirely with bootlegging is almost too good to believe, but if it does away with only a small part of it then it will be a success, as, on the other hand liquor, which will be sold anyway can be purchased legally from Government dispensaries, in an honest,

above-board manner. In our opinion, the drinking of liquor was not the worst feature of the O.T.A. in its present form. It was the fact that all society, from the highest to the lowest, in too many instances purchased liquor illegally. Everybody knew they were doing it, but without proof, prosecutions were futile. The younger generation, knowing that the Ontario Temperance Act was being openly broken almost daily, lost its respect, not only for the O.T.A., but for all other laws. This naturally created a spirit of lawlessness that was rapidly getting out of hand, was becoming worse, and something had to be done.

We are not prepared to say how much better government control will prove than the prohibition law of the past ten years, but cannot see where it will become much worse. Premier Ferguson and the Conservative administration have promised us something that is going to be better than anything yet in force throughout Canada and we hope they will be success-

It is up to citizens in all walks of life who have the good of the country at heart to give the new measure a fair trial, not to expect too much out of it for a year or two, and not to express too decided an opinion on the matter until it has been well tried There are none of us who know it all, and there is at least an even chance that government control will not be any worse than that which we have discarded. In the meantime, we are assured that the main points of the Ontario Temperance Act are being carried into the new measure, and swift and sure retribution will follow for any breaches of the liquor law in the future as in the past.

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL

Though nomination day this year falls on the 27th of this month, with the election, if necessary, on the 3rd of January, we have so far heard very little talk around town regarding the selection of a 1927 Council. Evidently the people are satisfied with the work of the town fathers last year; at least we have heard no

Personally, we think the Council of 1926 functioned not too badly and it might not be a bad policy to induce them to hang onto the reins and do the driving for next year. It is true that no very large issues were at stake during the year just past, but it is just as true that very little criticism can be registered against the men who guided the town's business affairs for the past twelve months.

We learn, however, that Mayor Murdock has stated that he will not be a candidate for next year, and that Councillors Nobie and Henry have also signified their intention of retiring. Whether or not they

could be induced to remain, we do not know. There is one thing sure, and that is that the matter should soon be settled. We are not in favor of quickly selecting the men who are to run our town affairs; rather, we are inclined to the thought that the selection of a Council Board is a serious matter and that before nomination day rolls around some definite knowledge of the men intending to run should be available. It is a well-known fact that service on a Council Board is a thankless task, but it is a service that every citizen should shoulder, not for any emoluments that may be obtained, but for the betterment of the community.

Reeve Bell will, we understand, be again a candidate for the Reeveship, and on his past record should be returned. He has only served one term in the capacity of Reeve, but in that one year has fully justified himself as a good man for the position. Popular with the members of the County Council, he has also shown capacity for business, and during his term has been a good representative for Durham. His securing of the town's rights in the matter of the High School grant overlooked by former Councils, and his recent stand in the matter of payment of a town case at the local hospital, stamps him as one who has given his position some study. The hospital case referred to was a bill presented to the Durham Council for payment of some \$200 for services for a town inmate unable to pay himself. Reeve Bell objected to the Council paying the bill and though he could not fully explain his reasons, said that he felt sure that there was something in the law whereby Durham would not have to pay the full bill. At the last session of the County Council he brought the matter up with the result that the County pays the bill and charges back 50 per cent. of it to Durham. These two cases alone should be sufficient to secure his re-election, but the principal one in our mind at time of writing is that he will be able to do even better work this year, if the experience of last counts for anything. Reeve Bell station.—Brandon Sun. contested the election last year and won. He is en-

titled to an acclamation this year. be perfectly content to see all this year's Council re- Border Cities Star. turned by acclamation, though we are also of the opinion that too many "acclamations" are not the best thing for a municipality. As there was an election last year, it might be well to forego that pleasure out each other.—Brantford Expositor.

this year, though we hope it will not be brought about by a last minute hunt for some one to fill the positions.

THE ELECTION RESULTS

Though the Toronto Star can find no fault with the result of last week's provincial election, the people's verdict being most emphatic in favor of Government Control of the liquor question, it still has some complaint to make because such men as Hon. Dr. Jamieson, Hon. W. F. Nickle, and others were defeated. No matter what the Ferguson Government ed away on the 21st ult., had died satisfied because certain Conservative members were Pine Falls, near Winnipeg, Manitoba. J. McGirr, a former well-known resdefeated. It becomes more difficult every day to Below we give a report of the burial ident of this town, who dropped tabula Ohio who were proved to the state of fathom the policies of The Star, which, above all other Toronto papers, used most questionable and ex- Ste. Marie Star, and which makes aggerated statements in its effort to defeat the Fer- the necessary corrections that will guson Government and all its followers. Now that the be of interest to all old friends of the Government has been returned to power it regrets family here. The Star says: that certain other Conservative members were defeated.

In last Thursday's issue The Star says editorially, among other things, "In his (Ferguson's) stand on the liquor question he is not only strengthened by having a mandate from the province to do what he wants to do, and parliamentary following of 75 to do it with, but he also has five Liberals and one Labor member elected to support him in this matter.'

Continuing, The Star says: "For this purpose, too, he is strengthened by the disappearance from the legislature of Hon. W. F. Nickle, and such men as Adam Sweet, C. R. McKeown, Dr. Jamieson and John Joynt, who, as prohibitionist followers of his in the legislature, might have endeavored to hamper him in

the framing of his now liquor law." Evidently The Star has had a change of heart and is on the verge of being ashamed of itself for the Baron Munchausen campaign it conducted. This is the first time on record that we have ever heard the Toronto Star have anything complimentary to say

privilege will result in the permit being cancelled. | servative candidate. But the defeat of the Hon. Dr. Whether or not Government Control will be a Jamieson does not alter the fact that the Ferguson

A POOR LOSER

Just wait until Signor Mussolini hears about Ontario's strong man The strong man of course will keep a check on

those "men of reputation. Those Knights are terribly influential fellows, it via A. C. R. Wednesday night from

Will the Premier provide sprigs of holly with his

first deliveries? Is the old custom of "painting the town red" to be resumed? Yesterday's vote looks like an encourage-

Comments taken from different issues of The Toronto Harbottle, George and Blanche hunting trip in Algoma on Nov. 4. Globe since the general Provincial election, and are Harbottle, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Har- This action has been taken followa fair sample of the kind of stuff that "Canada's Na- bottle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harbottle, ing the representations made by tional Paper" has been passing out noth during and Mr. and Mrs. E. Harbottle and fam- Benjamin Elder, the dead man's after the campaign. The Globe has at least two rea- ily. The Falkinghams, Durham, father, who resides on a farm sons for being "sore". It wanted the O.T.A. retained, City Water and Light Employees, about two miles west of Allenford, and it wanted the Conservative party beaten. That neighbors and friends, Mrs. J. Gunn in Bruce County. does not altert the fact, however, that its narrow and and Wesley, Scottish Rite Bodies, At the time of the funeral it was vindicative campaign possibly helped rather than Flora Rebekah Lodge No. 21, Em-thought that the unfortunate young hindered Ferguson and the Conservative party in re- ployees Manitoba Paper Co., Mr. and hunter had slipped on a rock and taining power, and the repetition of this kind of Mrs. S. S. Irvine, Winnipeg, J. P. fallen, and that his rifle had explodjournalism now that the election is over, will in time | Mertz, Winnipeg, R. L. Dennison, ed accidentally. Since an investihave its effect in other ways.

Globe would be to accept the situaion in a sports- low, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicholson, Mr. Sound has instructed . Provincial manlike manner and if it is as anxious for the wel- and Mrs. W. W. Marks; sprays, Mr. Constable L. A. Denton to dig up the fare of Ontario as it professes, to help rather than and Mrs. E Hanelt, Mr and Mrs. M. facts, which will be presented at hinder the Ferguson administration in its endeavor Gerhart, Fred Powers, Mr. and Mrs. the inquest, the date and place of to better conditions in the Province. The election of J. A. Donaghue, Mr. and Mrs. B. Farquhar R. Oliver over the Hon. Dr. Jamieson did not | Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. D. Neill, Val Mcsuit The Chronicle, but it has not been our custom, Namara, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McBride and never will be, to whine, and think that those of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Turner, Mrs. H. the electorate of Ontario who did not see eye to eye | White, Mr. and Mrs. S. Biggings with us are wrong. It appears that even "Canada's and family, Mr and Mrs. C. E. Dunn, National Newspaper" has yet to learn that there is Miss McCauley's Circle, Westminster nothing to gain by vitriolic comment over a lost cause. Church, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sutherland.

PUSSYFOOT POLITICS

There is only one answer we can give to a recent Mrs. Lawlor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Donagreference in the Owen Sound Sun-Times that while hue, Mr. and Mrs. R. McBurney, Mr. we were the only newspaper in the County to openly support a Conservative candidate, we gave Hon. Dr. Jamieson only "half-hearted" support on his Govern- Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Atkinson, Mr. ment Control policy. Unlike a small town daily newspaper we have heard of, we didn't have to import somebody from the outside to write our thunder for us. Anything in supert of Dr. Jamieson or the Conser- M. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunt, vative Government that appeared in The Chronicle Mr. and Mrs. R. Foster. was written right in this office, and the editorial column was at all times under our supervision and not farmed out to an outsider.

The last two campaigns have shown where some of the so-called "independent" newspapers stood. Against the Conservative party in Ontario, The Sun-Times was more than enthusiastic in its declaration that it stood behind the O.T.A. and against the Conservatives. In the last Dominion election it was noticeably silent in its discussion of the customs scandal at Montreal whereby millions of dollars worth of excise-free whiskey was allowed to come into Ontario for the use of those engaged in the bootlegging trade. We find no fault with any newspaper for hav- week from a trip West, taken to see ing Liberal or U.F.O. leanings. That is its privilege. his brother Robert, seriously ill in But why pussyfoot ?

In our opinion what the world needs today pol- a time thought to be beyond recovitically, is honesty, and there is no honesty in any ery man who tries to appear one thing to the public and loses no opportunity to appear in his true colors when he can cleak his stand behind a question like the On- the west in 1907 and, with his tario Temperance Act. Hew would the Owen Sound brother William conducting a Sun-Times have stood had Leader Sinclair headed the farming business at Elbow. Toward Government Control policy? In all probability, it the end of October he was seized would have hauled out its "independence" cloak and, with some inward trouble following

like last September, remained silent. The Chronicle supported Government Control be- rushed to the hospital, where it was cause it thought it was the right policy. We may be said he simply could not get better. wrong, but only time can tell. We have supported the O.T.A. in the past, but we are not so set in our opin- Mr. Lennox of Egremont left for the ions and blind in our travels about the country that west, where he spent a month, and we cannot see the faults of the O.T.A. We do not is pleased to announce that his brothink for a minute that any Government Control pol- ther is now recovering nicely and icy yet formulated can curb entirely the drink will likely be all right in the course evil, but we do say, and say it with considerable know- of a few weeks. ledge that there is little chance that it will be any worse than the late lamented O.T.A. as it stands today on the statute books. Government Conrol is at least entitled to a reasonable trial.

Higher freight rates would be the inevitable result trip, when he ran into a pair of them of higher wage rates on the railways .- Hamilton Her- in the Union Station at Toronto.

A corner on wheat is all right but it looks to us versity is today in danger of falling as if the best thing to have on a corner is a filling victim to either of two dangers:

ed to an acclamation this year.

So far as The Chronicle is concerned, we would it's a sure sign you are nearing a railroad crossing.—

The Chicago police having failed to accomplish

IN SAULT CEMETERY

His Own Home, and Not at Residence of Son, As at First Reported

The Chronicle was in error in that Mr. John Harbottle, who pass- of the death at Peachland, B.C. on dence will be disclosed at the in-"The funeral of Mr. John Har-

sidence, 82 Hamilton Avenue, No- and besides conducting a fruit farm mirrors and still see no bright side vember 21, in his 68th year was held during the summer months worked of life. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in town during the winter season. and the services were conducted by He was a man of about 70 years of Rev. S. J. Macarthur of Westminster age, and much respected in his local-Presbyterian Church. Interment was ity, as was evidenced by his funera made in Greenwood Cemetery. The held on the 21st ult. pallbearers were: Messrs. Neil Turner, Fred Powers, John Donahue, Captain of the old No. 4 Company in William Wood, George Harbottle, the 31st Battalion and for years was Norman McIver.

Mr. Harbottle was born June 20, 1858, near Clifford, Ont., and during his youth moved from Clifford to Durham, where he married Miss and much of the reputation was at-Jane Falkingham, five children tributable to the energy and effiblessing the union, Lottie (Mrs. M. ciency of Captain McGirr. McCoy) Sault; George, Pine Falls; Born on the farm in Glenelg now Durham to the Sault, and had been these parts nearly three decades ago employed by the Hesson Lumber will of necessity mean that those of Company the greater part of the the younger generations will scarcetime since coming here. On the first ly remember him. After moving to of November he left for a trip to Peachland Mr. McGirr was active in Pine Falls to visit his two sons and the life of the municipality and he while there had a slight attack of held many municipal positions. His heart trouble and left there on No- funeral was held with military honvember 18 to return home. On his arrival here Mr. Harbottle was in by the citizens of Peachland and apparent good health and continued vicinity. He leaves no brothers of so until the moment of his death, sisters, the only relatives being the Sunday November 21. He retired McGirr families of this neighborearly in the evening and shortly hood. after retiring he took an acute attack and passed away almost instantly. The funeral was delayed until Thursday, awaiting the arrival of George and Charlie who arrived Pine Falls, Man.

"Many beautiful floral offerings Attorney-General Orders Investigaexpressing the sympathy of a large | tion Into Shooting of James Elder. circle of friends were received by the bereaved family, as follows: Pillows, the family, Lottie and the death of James Elder, 25-year-Harry McCoy, Ida and Murdock Mc- old school teacher, who died from The above are just a few of the many Notes and Leod; wreaths, Charlie and Bertha bullet wounds received while on a Winnipeg, Fred Mastin, Pine Falls, gation has been ordered, County Nobody likes a poor loser, and our advice to The | The Hesson Lumber Company, (pil- Crown Attorney T. H. Dyre of Owen Mr. and Mrs. Chester Snow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross, A. W. Lomas and Mrs. Vaniese, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jenkins and and Mrs. Neil Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. F. Harten, Mr. and Mrs. E. McCauley, and Mrs. E. J. Kahle, Mr. A. G. Durgin R. G. Wilde, C. L. Guest, W. A. Thompson, J. A. Thomspon, Mrs. E.

RETURNED FRIDAY FROM TRIP TO THE WEST

Mr. Joseph Lennox of Egremont Spent Month at Elbow, Sask., and at Other Places.

Mr. Joseph Lennox of Egremont returned home Friday night of last hospital at Davidson, Sask., and for

The brother, who was born in Egan operation for appendicitis and On receipt of the alarming news

A notable thing we learned from Mr. Lennox was that in his whole month in the west, and in the trip to and from that country, he never saw a drunken man until the return

The student in the average unisuicidal smattering or suicidal specialization.-Glenn Frank.

Suicidl Young Lady. "Darling, you are the most beautiful-woman in the world." "Oh, Harold, how quick you are at noticing things!"-Sydney Bulletin.

SAMUEL J. McGIRR DEAD

Lived For Past Thirty Years in exhumed, but in view of certain in-West.—Buried With Military formation which has come into pos-Honors.

Word was received here last, week the 19th of November of Mr. Samuel ing party, including Dr. William

and located almost immediately at Peachland, where he has lived continuously ever since. He took up bottle, who died at the family re- land after locating in that country, midst burnished brass and gilded

When in Durham, Mr. McGirr was in command of this company at the annual camp at Niagara. In these

ors and his death is much regretted

HUNTING TRAGEDY

An inquest has been ordered into

It is expected, however, that pro-AT HOME IN B.C. bably Tara, or some other point in Bruce County, will be chosen. It bably Tara, or some other point in was thought, at first, that the re-Former Durham Resident Died at Former Resident of Durham Had mains of the dead man would be be necessary.

It is expected that sensational evi-Below we give a report of the burial ident of this town, who dropped tabula. Ohio, who were present on service as reported in The Sault dead while returning from his work. the trip and who dressed the Mr. McGirr left Durham in 1897 to wounds of young Elder, will, in all take up his residence in the West likelihood be summoned to testify.

Some people could be encased

DURHAM MARKET

	ected				
Hogs				8	10.50
Wheat		1	1.20	@	1.25
Oats			.40	@	.45
Barley			.55	(1)	.60
Buckwheat			.50	@	.55
Peas			1.10	(0)	1.15
Mixed Grain,	per c	wt !	1.15	(et/	1,60
· Hay					14.00
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