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

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GOVERNMENT CONTROL BETTER THAN O.T.A. If there is one thing above all others that stands out in the discussion of temperance, or prohibition, or whatever you want to call it, it is the usual narrow

views entertained by people who should know better. It is said that it is the man with the one-track mind, he who is, to tell it bluntly, just plainly stubborn, who gets what he wants, but at that these kind of people never succeed in settling anything except to their own satisfaction and along the line they themselves have laid out.

and like subjects more narrow-minded people can be found taking part than in almost any other argument. It is the fanatics that are heard loudest, and fanatical arguments have never yet settled anything. Both sides have them, and after reviewing the situation from a good many angles we have come to the con- anything but temperate. The only real, honest to clusion that it is the "middle" class of voters who will have to settle the question that seems to be he issue so far as South Grey is concerned.

We believe that in the discussion of temperance

There are those amongst us who are not only opposed to looking upon the wine when it is red; they would put it where we cannot see it at all. There are those who are not satisfied with a reasonable liquor law who would if they dared openly demand return to the old bar and the conditions of twentyfive years ago. Kipling must have been thinking of Ontario and its prohibition squabbles when he wrote: "For East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet", for if there are two classes in this province who cannot be brought together, or who can not settle anything themselves, it is the prohibitionists and the liquor interests. It therefore seems that the settling of the matter will have to be taken out of their hands and finally disposed of by those who can see that for the present, at least, prohibition is not the thing so far as this province is concerned.

Some of the opponents of Government Control are making quite a fuss over a few bottles that were picked up a grandson of J. G. Lethbridge on one of our main travelled highways. What of it? Were there no bottles under the O.T.A.? Will the opponents of | promising almost anything in their desire for power. Government Control say that there was less drunkenness under the O.T.A.? They have made charges | electorate what to do. We have the experience of the that there is more drinking now than previously. We Ontario Temperance Act with its bootlegging and don't know. And neither do they. What of it if there is. Is there any more drunkenness? That is | slightly over two years of Government Control. Those the question.

Is the liquor question a moral one? The Ministerial Association thinks it is. There are others who think it is not. We always understood that it was no sin, no crime, and not immoral to take a drink; the sin came in when one let himself become a slave to it. away with an industry of such proportions in so short That there are always a few of this class cannot be | a period of time? At that there is not half the bootdenied, but what are we to do about it? It is a nice | legging now that there was a few years ago. Another the other fellow are few and far between.

last two or three weeks we believe the rank and file of the country is becoming more broad-minded. We believe the idea is growing that instead of being our brother's keeper we should keep our nose out of his business and do him the honor of admitting he has intelligence like the rest of us and brains enough to | weak points are discovered. Premier Ferguson and use it. The old-fashioned idea that we shall be held | the Conservative party have promised this and from personally liable for the other fellow has been pretty | their record of the past six years we have every conwell exploded; nowadays a man is kept busy looking | fidence they will do what they promise—and more. after his own affairs.

Not all the supporters of Government Control are "wets", notwithstanding the stand taken by some orators and some newspapers. Not many of them are interested in the liquor business at all and to combine them with the "liquor interests" is hardly correct and rather unworthy of a man or a newspaper which claims to be the mouthpiece of morality. The majority of the supporters of Government Control are taking this stand for the simple reason that they believe it to be the best temperance measure yet adopted, and one which should not be expected to correct conditions in three years that had taken thirteen to create.

General Edward Higgins, commander of the Salvation Army, and now on a visit to Canada, said recently in an interview:

"Temperance based upon conviction is more to be commended than temperance based upon legislation. Despite the fact that England has not adopted prohibitory laws the consumption of liquor in that country at present is 25 per cent less than the total consumption ten years ago. Some districts have adopted local option, but the tremendous decrease in liquor consumption is due primarily to temperance education in the schools."

In an interview with the London Free Press, General Higgins referred to the national trait of every true Briton, which causes him to chafe under edicts which begin "thou shalt not", is a great stumbling block to prohibition and the chief reason, cording to the General, why England has not adopted tal in that city Wednesday morning of the Volstead laws. The Free Press further reports him as stating that no one would be more glad than he if England were to adopt such legislation, which he thought most unlikely and expressed a wish that he could believe that prohibition would do away with the desire for drink. "Prohibition has done much good," he said to the Free Press, "but it has never destroyed the desire for liquor."

We believe in temperance, but our understanding of the meaning of the word seems at variance with a good many on professedly the same side of the question. No one with fanatical views on any question is in our opinion "temperate" or capable of settling that question. No man who is not willing to allow the other fellow to express his opinions on any subject without hurling anathemas in his direction is "temperate." No man who is so imbued with the idea of his own correctness that he waxes sarcastic when referring to the other man's views is "temperate." Neither are these people capable of leading others along the lines of temperance. There are today a lot of people who most vigorously denounce the other fellow's views who by their own statements are goodness temperance man is he who tries to get at the bottom of both arguments, analyse them and then form his opinions with the idea of promoting that which will be of the most good to the country as a whole. There are fanatics on both sides of Ontario's liquor question today, and it is a foregone conclusion that neither side can settle the question otherwise than in line with their own narrow views. It is up to the average citizen to settle the question.

Dictatorial methods from either side will settle nothing. There is no argument between the Conservative party and the prohibitionists so far as the dangers of the intemperate use of liquor is concerned. Both recognize this phase of the situation and both must be given credit for attempting to give this country an advanced temperance law that will tend to decrease the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

So far, the campaign seems to have been one to "get" Ferguson. Those who know the man, and those who care to look back over the history of temperance in Ontario must admit, if they will admit anything, that anything that Ontario has received in the line of temperance has come from the Conservative party and not from those leaders who today are

It is not the intention of the Chronicle to tell the doctor's prescriptions. We have the experience of who want to be fair in the matter must admit that the present law is at least no worse than the O.T.A. Of course there is bootlegging. From 1916 to 1923 bootlegging was brought from nothing to one of the biggest businesses in the country; why expect to do argument, but one that will not be followed, to say | thing we would ask Government Control opponents to that we should willingly give up those pleasures that remember. Bootlegging received its greatest imare a temptation to others. The idea may be right, petus after 1920 when the importation of liquor was but, it won't work. Nowadays every man, woman and | prohibited, and being fully entrenched when Governchild wants what he wants when he wants it and | ment Control came into force it will take some time those who are willing to give up their pleasures for | to eliminate the evil. Whether its supporters like it or not (and we were one of them), the passing of the From the discussions we have heard during the Ontario Temperance Act in 1919 was the greatest incentive to intemperance this country ever put on its statute books. Government Control is not perfect by any means but it is fulfilling its intention as well or better than the O.T.A. and, being a Government measure, will be improved from time to time as its

> One reason for the increase in crime among the younger generation may be that there is too much time spent in polishing the car instead of the intellect. No boy, or girl either, can expect to lead a lazy, years, at Wheatly United church. Relackadaisical youth and develop into a useful, upright citizen. Employment during the idle hours is the Ridout street. best medicine we know of to keep young people out of trouble and the danger of future indiscretions. The were taken to A. C. Irvine's funeral training lies in the home and cannot be corrected by legislative enactments once bad habits are formed. A busy mind has no time to think of crime and waywardness. The home and the parents are the ones to whom youth looks for guidance, not Parliaments.

And even then they sometimes depart from the way they should go. Youth is naturally full of enthusiasm and this, like other traits, needs to be directed into proper channels.

# NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Toronto Globe is out to beat Ferguson atany price. And it will probably succeed in much the members in the last House for giving same manner as it trimmed Mackenzie King in the last Federal election.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times says it is independent in politics. Once more it is out against the Fer- lethargy on this question. Farmers are guson Government.

## **OBITUARY**

CAMERON M. FEBGUSON

Cameron MacGillivray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson of Owen Sound died in the General and Marine Hospilast week from the effects of a rifle bullet, accidentally discharged, when the young man and some companions were out hunting over six weeks ago. The rifle, a .22, belonging to one of his companions had become jammed and the unfortunate young man was trying to fix it when the accident occurred. Handing his own rifle to his chum, he when his own was discharge I, the bul- that decision we, have no particular let entering his head close behind the quarrel. Yet there was a decision made right ear and at the base of the skull, only a few weeks ago which spared the which was also fractured. The bullet continued downward, injuring the spine and though an operation was performed and blood transfusions given, the young patient, who was only 19 years of age, passed away from his injuries. The deceased was a most popular young man and was born in Owen Sound in December 1910. His mother

was formerly Miss Ethel MacGillivray of Glenelg and her friends in the vicinity will sympathize with her in her The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon to Greenwood cemetery, the services being taken by Rev. J. L. Mc- are more potent in some cases than in Innis of Division Street church, and others.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Rev. S. J. Farmer, pastor of the First

Baptist church, Evangelist J. H. Leon-

ard sang a solo. Gillivray, and Messrs. Thomas and Nassau Whitmore.

#### PETER GLEN

Mr. Peter Glen, for the past seventeen years an almost continuous resident of Durham, passed away Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, of living than for hundreds of years Mrs. John Lloyd at Elmira. Mr. Glen previously. Today the mechanic enjoys had been ill about six weeks with what was diagnosed as bronchitis. Three not have a generation ago. What apweeks ago he went to Elmira to be with his daughter, at whose home he

land, near Glasgow, 55 years ago and street were among the important items came to Durham 17 years ago. With the to engage the attention of small town exception of a very short time spent in councils. Today the services required the Canadian West he has been a con- from the municipality with its various tinuous resident here all these years, boards and commissions is intricate and for the most part being employed by the expensive. But at that the increase in Durham Furniture Company. He was cost is not greater than the increase in a man of very quiet disposition, a the expense of the individual housegood citizen and competent workman.

The remains were brought to Durham on Tuesday and the funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church to Durham cemetery, the pastor, Rev. J. T. Priest,

#### JOSEPH H. LAUDER

having charge.

Word was received at this office on Tuesday of the death in Chicago of at his home in that city on Thursday of last week at the age of 59 years. We have not been informed of the nature of his illness other than his sister, Mrs. Frank Livingston of Toronto was called to his bedside last Wednesday and that he passed away on the day following his arrival. Interment took place in Chicago on Monday.

The late Mr. Lauder was born in Glenelg and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Lauder. pioneer residents of the township. He was an employee of the Fleischman Yeast Company for 37 years and had been living retired for the past five years.

Surviving him besides his widow are four sisters and one brother, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. F. A. Livingston of Toronto, Mrs. Webster of Painesville, Ohio, and a brother, Mr. John Lauder of Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. Livingston, who is spending a week in Chicago with her brother's family, intends paying a visit to her brother in Peoria before her return to Tor-

### MRS. A. C. TIFFIN

The death occurred in London or Monday of Minnie May Cosens, wife of Rev. A. C. Tiffin, 315 Ridout street south, well-known United church minister and a former pastor of Robinson Memorial church at London. She is survived by her husband, two stepsons, J. B. of Windsor, and R. W. of Chatham, one step-daughter, Greta, at home, and one brother, Rev. T. Wesley Cosens of Mount Forest, and three sisters, Miss Emma, Mfs. H. McCrae and Mrs. M. H. Knechtel, all of Durham.

Thirteen years ago she lived in London with her husband, who was then in charge at Robinson Memorial church. They moved for four years to Watford: for four years to Blyth, followed by four turning to London three months ago they took up their residence at 315

The remains were kept in the family home until yesterday when they home, from where the funeral was held at 2 o'clock to Woodland cemetery, London. Rev. G. N. Hazen officiated.

## HYDRO FOR THE FARM

Hydro for the farm is an issue in this ampaign. The Government have promised, if returned to power, to cut the service charge of Hydro practically in half. The Government are not promising drastic reductions in hydro for the farmer because of any great love they bear for the Agricultura! people. The Government are acting because public opinion forces them to, and full credit must be given to the Farmer the Hydro question its present status. rarmer members have consistently acvocated a more reasonable Hydro rate for farmers. They carried on the fight so vigorously that they have at last awakened the Government from their going to get Hydro cheaper and it would be in their interests to see that the

mbers who forced this issue to front are returned to the Floor of the House where they may continue fight for Hydro for the Farm at a price the farmer can afford to pay. F. R. OLIVER

The Death Penalty

A double execution in the jail yard victims. She was the mother of eight children and it had been decided after serious consideration at Ottawa not to interfere with the verdict of the cour: which found her guilty of death. With been convicted of murdering a woman. As in the case of the woman who was executed in Hull, this Toronto man had had a fair trial and the verdict guilty. The courts of justice arrived at the same conclusion in each case—that the death penalty should be inflicted Yet the judgment rendered against the woman was carried into effect and that against the Toronto man was set aside in favor of life imprisonment. It is not comforting to think that the influences which begin to work after a verdict has been arrived at and sentence passed

#### WHy Taxes Are Higher

Municipal taxes everywhere are high-Those in attendance at the service er than they were some years ago, but from Durham and vicinity included this does not necessarily mean that lo-Mrs. Don. McArthur, Dr. and Mrs. C.G. cal councils are profligate. While the McGillivray, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mc- Federal and Provincial authorities are able to disguise their demands unde direct levies such as tariff, gasoline tax and a hundred other sources of revenue practically every dollar is raised by municipality on a levy directly against real estate or business.

During the past generation there has been a greater increase in the standard luxuries which even the millionaire did plies to the individual applies to the municipality. Not so many years ago such matters as repairing the plank The late Mr. Glen was born in Scot- sidewalks and keeping the cows off the hold. Rough and dusty main streets. Surviving are his widow in Scotland, along with coal cil lamps, are relics of and one daughter, Mrs. John Lloyd in the olden times. We are living in newer times.-Southampton Beacon.

#### Coroners' Juries

What good is an inquest? The question has been asked again and again in the past and it was asked in Fergust many times this week. There was an inquest here on Monday night and great deal of interest seemed to be taken. It was the aftermath of a fatal automobile accident which happened Mr. Joseph Hastings Lauder, who died north of Fergus almost two weeks ago. One man was killed and three others

When the inquest was held a large a-

mount of evidence was given. Crown Attorney Kearns and the Provincial Police had worked up a strong case Everything tended to show that fatal crash was not entirely accidental It is probable that nine out of ten who distened to the witnesses arrived

at a similar conclusion. In spite of all this, effort to find out the reason for the accident the inquest was a complete failure. The jury decided that the unfortunate man was that his brother was driving him in a That was all. They found out nothing that was not known the night of the accident.

Similar cases have been reported from other counties within the last few months. A coroner's jury never wants to take responsibility for anything it can get out of. This is particularly true where liquor is involved if it is so-called "good liquor" bought at a provincial government store.-Fergus News-Rec-

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# "The Life and Beheading of Mary, Queen of Scots"

or "THE VALE OF YESTERDAY"

### Canadian Greys I.O.D.E., Durham AND ARRANGED BY MRS. (DR.) FAREWELL, WALKERTON

PROLOGUE

1542.—Gypsy Meg's prophesy of the two babes born at Linlithgon on the selfsame day. The Stuart babe of Scotland shall place her foot on a Triple Throne and on the scaffold end beside the block "I have brought dawn the mighty from their seats and have

exalted them of low degree." ACT I-Year 1552 .- A Convent garden in Normandy. The child Mary and her companions. "The young Marys under the watchful

eyes of the mothers of Normandy. Visited by the uninvited guest, Nell, the beggar maid of Berwick. ACT II-1558.-The gay Court of Bourbon. Henry VIII of France

and his Royal Consort hold a State ball to celebrate the wedding of their son, Francis, Dauphin of France, and Queen Mary of Scotland. The Court in revelry.

ACT III-1566.-Holyrood Castle. The murder of David Rizzio. Mary's private secretary, by Lord Rathbin and followers at the instigation of Lord Darnley.

ACT IV-1567.-Castle of Lochleven. Mary taken prisoner and confined within the prison walls is forced to abdicate the throne of Scotland. ACT V-1587.-Fotheringay Castle, England. Execution of Mary.

Queen of Scots at signing of death warrant by Queen Elizabeth. Tableau, solos and chorus illustrating Mary's thoughts on the scaffold.

Tableau and chorus.—Entire cast

SOCIAL AND

Thursday, Oct

Mr. and Mrs. Will Toronto spent the latter's sister, Mr. an

Miss Florabel Nich

ited at her home he Miss Maud Kelsey at Woodstock Gener ed Tuesday after sp

holidays with her Mrs. F. W. Kelsey. Miss Ellen Marsha tion in the telephone The A.Y.P.A. of T serfied Mr. and Mrs. cently married, with On Thursday evening

kitchen shower is t bride at the Rectory Mr. George Arrow Mich., visited for a mother, Mrs. Arrows

ing to his home on HYME

CARR-I

The United churc had been beautiful autumn flowers and friends of the bride, very pretty wedding tember 28 at 2 o'clod Grace Fraser, B.A., and Mrs. Austin M. bride of Mr. Charl M.D., son of Mr. and Thornton, the cerem ed by Rev. G. C. R.

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