

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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PREMIER FERGUSON AND TEMPERANCE

Before and during the election campaign last June, a not inconsiderable number of electors did not support the Conservative party candidates owing to their alleged doubt as to the genuineness of Premier Ferguson's attitude towards the Ontario Temperance. Both during the election campaign and since Ontario's first officer had stated that the Ontario Temperance Act would be enforced and that the people of Ontario were the ones who would decide as to whether or not it would remain on the statute books. These excuses, however, did not carry much weight. As a general rule the electors using them were those who found it difficult to vote Tory, or for some other petty cause held a grievance against Premier Ferguson's party. It must have been gratifying to these Doubting Thomases to read the accounts of Premier Ferguson's address in Toronto last week at the annual meeting of the Ontario Conservative Association. As it affected temperance and the Ontario Temperance Act, he said, after making it clear that his government would fulfil its election pledges to the letter:

"I propose while I am in public life to do as I have done in private life, and keep my word. I intend to keep every pledge I made to the general public. We made our position on the O.T.A. perfectly clear during the election campaign. The Province of Ontario by a popular vote placed this law on the statute books, and I say it would be autocratic and arbitrary for any government to attempt to override the will of the people as expressed at the polls. I said at the time, and it has been said over and over again since, that when a sufficient volume of public opinion desires that the question be submitted again, I think it is only their due that the Government should accede to such a request—and this government will do that. But we are going to retain to ourselves the right to decide when public opinion demands that. I desire to learn the opinion of the public from all sides. There are always in such questions two extremes, but it is in between where the largest volume of thinking people are, and that is the public opinion which counts in matters of this kind—that is where you find the deliberate, sane, thinking citizen who thinks not only of himself and his own comfort, but also of the advantage of the Province of Ontario. And when the government decides that the public should have an opportunity to express again its opinion with regard to this law, you will have that opportunity."

Temperance people who saw the Conservative party go into power and, with fear and trembling felt that the temperance movement was done for, should take heart at once from the statement of Mr. Ferguson at his Toronto meeting. A policy of fair play to all is all any government can promise in matters of this kind, and, even in the temperance question, the minority have to be considered—even though some people think differently. The speech in Toronto last week should settle once and for all the Conservative party's policy as it regards the Ontario Temperance Act.

RADICALISM IN CANADA

Where does "liberty" end and "license" begin? A perusal of some of the literature allowed to be published, and the statements made by some of our public meetings, especially in the west and the cities of the east, and the statements made by some of our public speakers oftentimes causes one to wonder. The latest of this Radicalism literature appeared in a recent issue of The Worker, a Toronto publication edited by Malcolm Bruce which claims to be the official organ of the Workers' party of Canada. Under the heading, "Armistice Day" is a vile slander on the women of the whole Dominion, of which the following excerpt is a sample:

Even the kept women of the bourgeoisie will indulge in the nasty slobberfest. They will "do their bit" by bumming money on street corners to feed those who were so unfortunate as to come back from the European catastrophe to face the greater catastrophe—Peace. These women, who taunted workers for not shooting other workers at the bidding of their exploiters, living in idleness on the unpaid labor of the workers, amuse themselves by holding tag days, where they get vicarious thrills by accosting strange men and making themselves believe they are doing something noble and self-sacrificing. The Governments which promised so much to the soldiers now show their gratitude by leaving them to starve or to depend upon charity under various guises. The depth to which humanity has descended is shown by the cowardice, and fear of public opinion, shown by the average man. This degeneracy is exploited by those in charge of such campaigns. They know the reluctance of the moron to not being of the crowd, hence their success in wheedling the dime out of him with the mere expenditure of a prostitute smile—a tag.

The Labor party, or at least the Radical end of it, may agree with the sentiment expressed above, but we doubt very much if the laboring man generally in this country will care to line himself up with a man or

party who can use such filthy language against his womanhood or his community. Such stuff may go in certain localities, but not in rural Ontario.

And at that, the Labor party is sixty per cent. all right. Its big trouble is that the agitators at the present apparently control the policies of the company, and a paper like The Worker spreads the discontent. Radicalism may prosper in the big cities or other places where there is a big foreign population, but amongst the saner population of the country it will have little influence. Anyway, the Radicals might say what they think about conditions in general without dragging the women into the fray with suggestive allusions such as is contained in the paper referred to. While it must be admitted that the Radicals are controlled to a great extent from Moscow, the leaders in Canada should be informed in no uncertain tone that what goes in Russia won't do in Canada. Big Bill Haywood, an I.W.W. fugitive from the United States, Leon Trotsky and Nicolai Lenin should have no hand in running this country and any of their disciples here should be made to toe the mark.

THE AFFIXING OF WAR TAX STAMPS

Every man issuing a cheque is supposed to affix a stamp as provided by law—two cents for each \$50.00 or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of \$1.00. To satisfy the law this stamp must be paid for and affixed by the person issuing the cheque. To add this amount to the face of the cheque serves the same purpose but does not satisfy the legal requirements. What we wish to make plain is the fact that the stamp is a tax growing out of the war, and each man is supposed to pay his own war debt.

It often happens that a cheque is passed without a stamp until it comes to be presented at the bank, when the person presenting it has to pay for the necessary stamps. This is simply paying part of the other fellow's war debt, a thing he has no right to do, nor will any reasonable man expect him to do it.

Excise stamps must now be used. Ordinary postage stamps will not pass. This is better, too, inasmuch as all stamps used for other purposes formerly went to swell the revenue of the post office department and left no means of telling how much went towards the war debt.

SAFETY FOR ALL

"Safety for all" appears to be a most desirable slogan in this day and generation when too many chances are taken by the average individual. Increased safety is a demand that should be made by modern industry, as accidents reported to our Provincial Compensation Board have shown a very large increase in 1923 over the same period in 1922; in fact, each month in 1923 so far has averaged nearly 1,000 more accidents than in 1922. This must give considerable food for thought to management and men, for both employer and employee stand to lose time and money by the preventable accidents occurring in industry to-day. It has been truly said "accidents do not happen, they are caused," and in many cases it must be apparent that certain conditions or practices are bound to lead to accidents. For this reason those vitally interested in industry in Canada, and that means all of us in the country, should take a share in securing greater safety for all.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Christmas is less than a month away. Shop early! The Red Cross bazaar last Saturday was a success. Durham always rises to the occasion when necessary.

Anyway, the midnight oil burned by the average young man at the modern dance, will bulge his feet more than his pockets.

November 29, and not enough snow for sleighing! If some people were as good at using their own advice as they are at giving it, what a change there would be.

There is such a thing as a man being too cheerful. Cheerfulness is all right in its place, but business is business. A business that is worth having at all is worth looking after. When a business gets that there is nobody worrying about it, its end is near.

We have devoted considerable time and space this week to the County Council and also to a report of the year's work at the Children's Shelter. Both of these institutions should be of interest to the ratepayers and our readers generally. County business strikes the pocket book and the children's welfare strikes at the morals of the next generation.

CRISP COMMENT

Apparently the safest place to commit highway robbery is on Broadway, New York.—Buffalo Express.

If this is not Indian Summer it is a first-rate imitation.—Hamilton Herald.

There is not much talk of tranquility in the present British election campaign.—Peterborough Examiner.

If you want to be comfortable in this world you've got to believe some things that you don't understand.—Acheson County Mail.

Forty-seven co-eds, supping in a Chicago opera company, have agreed to don tights. Reformers, your duty is clear!—Buffalo Express.

A flapper understands home vaguely as a place where she parks herself between dance engagements.—Detroit News.

Peace, labor and content—three very good words, and summing up, perhaps, the goal of all mankind.—Hilaire Belloc.

Two doctors have discovered the microbe which causes measles. Now's their chance to knock the spots off it.—Liverpool Weekly Post.

Maybe there's not much use in passing many more laws until a bunch of old ones, the Ten Commandments, are working better.—Manitoba Free Press.

American pioneers were brave, but they never had to cross any crowded boulevards on their way to the great open spaces.—Chicago News.

Do and say what he will in debate on life, the scientist has to leave the floor in the possession of the super-naturalist.—Boston Transcript.

LOCKHART OF DUNDALK ELECTED BY TUXIS BOYS

Voting For Third Provincial Parliament Took Place Last Saturday.

The third Provincial Parliament of the older Tuxis boys will be held in Toronto on the 27th, 28th and 29th of December in the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Parliament Buildings, and at the same time similar gatherings will meet in the Province of Manitoba. In each province regularly representative Tuxis boys between the ages of 16 and 20, have been chosen by ballot from the different constituencies to consider the problem of work with boys.

The County of Grey has been actively interested in the work. The boys are divided into two parties, the Advance party and the Ahmek party. The former party in this county is championed by Mr. Wilfred Lockhart of Dundalk, and the latter by Mr. Norman E. Carr of Thornbury. The different parties selected their respective candidates some time ago and as in the ordinary parliamentary elections, the organizations in the different localities have been visited by the candidates who submitted their platforms to the electors and presented their claims for support.

Mr. Lockhart, the Advance candidate, was here on Friday night when a meeting was held in the Methodist Church. There was a goodly attendance of Tuxis boys and all listened with interest to the timely address of Mr. Lockhart and were quite impressed with the stand he took. The opposing candidate was not present, but his cause was ably presented by Irwin Sharp, who evidently favors the Ahmek.

Mr. Cecil McLean of town was chosen Deputy Returning Officer for the polling subdivision in Durham, and arrangements were completed for the election to take place the following day, the poll being open from 1 to 4 p.m. The voting resulted as follows:

	Carr	Lockhart
Dundalk	0	32
Durham	1	31
Flesherton	0	16
Maxwell	0	11
Thornbury	0	0
	1	90

Majority for Lockhart..... 89

Thornbury, the home town of Mr. Carr, did not vote, the reason given by Dr. Moore of that place being that they did not consider they had a chance to win and consequently did not have a poll.

The Tuxis movement is having a great influence for good among the boys. It has its moral as well as its physical and intellectual sides and if carried out as intended will make for a three-fold development. We are glad to see that so many here are taking hold of the work. Boys from 16 to 20 are eligible, and the younger boys from 12 to 16 are following are up as trail rangers. When they get old enough they will join the older group.

Successful Candidate Grateful.
In a letter to Dr. J. F. Grant, Mr. Lockhart, the successful candidate, sends the following message to his comrades in Durham and vicinity: Trail Rangers and Tuxis Boys:

Dear Fellow Workers,—I take this means to express my gratitude for the way you supported me at the poll on Saturday. I hope that your trust has not been misplaced and that I may live up to what I have said. I assure you that I will put forth my best efforts to obtain for the boys of Grey County all that I can, and hope with your support, to make Boys' Work boom in this county.

Could we not each choose this for our aim for the coming year?

"I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do and, by the grace of God, I will do."

Wishing you success in all your undertakings, believe me to be,
Sincerely yours,
WILFRED C. LOCKHART.
Dundalk, Ont., Nov. 26, 1923.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. William Wiggins is spending a month with friends in Fergus and Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess visited friends in Southampton Sunday.

Miss Urquhart of Listowel is visiting her friend, Mrs. C. C. Douglas.

Miss Winnie Blyth visited over the week end with Miss Ethel Willis at Allan Park.

Mr. W. Portice of Vafney spent a couple of days last week-end at his old home at Kincardine.

Mr. H. Haws of Meaford spent the latter part of the week with friends and relatives in Durham.

Mr. Edwin Allan, sporting editor of The Toronto Mail and Empire, spent Monday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan. He was accompanied by his son, Kenneth, and intended to have a day's hunting but the weather was unfavorable. They returned to the city Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Fletcher of the Social Service Department, spent the week-end with Mrs. Alex. McLachlan.

Mrs. Thomas Henderson and daughter Betty are in Toronto visiting Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Schillemore of Hanover visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stedman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lauder and daughter Betty spent Sunday at his parental home here.

Mr. David McKelvey of Durham, Ontario, announces the engagement of his fourth daughter, Alice May, to Mr. Victor Emanuel Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Noble of Durham, Ontario, the marriage to take place the first week in December.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Laybourne (nee Maud Banks) in the sudden death of their ten-month-old son, Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Laybourne live at Tugaska, Sask.

Mr. Philip Gagnon of Detroit spent from Friday to Monday with his brother, Mr. Peter Gagnon, and was accompanied home by his wife, who spent a week here.

Halton County refused to pay the Public Works Department \$88,802.27 on the Highway account, and demanded a detailed statement. The county saved \$10,000.

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MEN'S CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The opening meeting of the 1923-24 Men's Class in the Star Theatre last Sunday was well attended. Much interest was shown and officers elected for the season as follows: President, R. L. Saunders; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Lloyd.

The class this year will as in the past take up a variety of subjects under the able direction of Rev. Mr. Smith who has shown himself so untiring in the past.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected November 29, 1923.

Live hogs	\$7.75
Wheat	95 @ 1.00
Oats	35 @ 40
Barley	55 @ 60
Buckwheat	75 @ 85
Peas	1.25 @ 1.50
Hay	10.00 @ 12.00
Butter	.35
Eggs	.40
Potatoes	.85
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