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THE REFERENDUM.

Wednesday last Premier G. W. Ross brought down to the House and to the country the expected Prohibition Bill on the lines of the Manitoba Act with which most people are familiar.

The Act will be enacted in the House, but will not come into force until it receives the sanction of the people by a vote to be taken on the 14th of October next when they will vote "yes" or "no" on the question "are you in favor of bringing into force the Ontario Liquor Act of 1902." This is the referendum and if carried the restrictions contained in the Act come into force in May 1904.

All kinds of suggestions had been previously made as to what vote should be required to bring it into force. Some said a majority, some 60 per cent, some two-thirds, some half of the eligible votes on the list and the shrewd premier has struck on a method never suggested, but which is bound to commend itself to all moderate men, and the best evidence of its fairness is found in that extreme men on both sides are not satisfied.

The unique vote required is "more than one half of the vote polled at the preceding general elections." This being accomplished and the opponent scoring less, the law is carried.

To illustrate:—Suppose the total vote at the general elections to be 400,000, then there must be for the referendum 200,001 at least, even should its opponents have only 20 votes. Of course if the opponents score any number more than the "others" the bill is lost.

Nearly all recognize that a sumptuary law is different from ordinary legislative or municipal votes and this gave rise to the many suggestions we have noted. Some held in horror the idea of 50 p. c. not passing a law however small the vote and to these and to all Premier Ross in effect says "a majority will carry, but the country must show an interest equal to that taken in parliamentary elections if it wishes to enjoy the majority privilege that rules there."

There has been an unfortunate suggestion made by a temperance advocate, (we hope in jest) that 100,000 temperance voters should stay at home in the coming general elections, and thus make a smaller total; then in October poll their whole strength, and reach the minimum. This would be a dishonest catch verdict which no true friend of the cause would desire.

The temperance people are put upon their mettle they must show by the October vote that they mean business, for if their interest will not bring them out to vote for a law, they would form no strength to the public opinion required to enforce it.

This Act of course only prohibits selling in the province. Provision is made to secure it in medical practices, in mechanical arts, &c., but it aims a blow at selling, at the treating system at bar rooms, &c.

That steps and tricks will be made to evade this law if passed, is very likely just as in many cases violations of the present law occur, but the general law abiding character of our people will not be injured and we think it is certain as anything human can be, that 10 years of successful enforcement, even approximately successful, will commend itself to all that a return to the present order of things would not be thought of.

The so called un-British Referendum will likely be bitterly attacked by political opponents and very likely divisions in the Temperance forces over the measure will be exhibited.

However the whole summer is before us and we will revert to various features from time to time. The duty before all is to exercise moderation in discussion and be willing to admit the honesty of others who cannot see eye to eye with them.

—If the present rate of progress is maintained, says the Globe, Canada's total trade will show the unprecedented total of \$416,000,000 or \$30,000,000 more than in 1901. It is certainly the growing time, and we wish some Statistician, who has the time to spare, would make comparisons with the States when they had our population.

The Grand Trunk Railway got a bonus of \$45,000 from the Tp. of Bentinck, Grey County. This debt bore interest at 6 per cent and was payable in 20 years. The Tp. carried out its agreement to the letter, putting aside every year a certain sum as a sinking fund to meet the principal and accrued interest. At the expiration of 20 years the whole debt was wiped off. Did the Grand Trunk Railway carry out its part of the agreement? No. It was stipulated in the agreement that Bentinck Tp. was to have a freight and passenger station at Hanover and Elmwood. Within the last year the Grand Trunk officials have broken the agreement by having the 10 m. train going south pass through Elmwood without stopping. Mr. Hays, you have broken your agreement with the Tp. of Bentinck. What have you to say to this impeachment?—Enterprising.

MARRIED.

GIBSON—SKENE—On Feb. 5th at the residence of Mr. J. Graham, 146 James St., north Hamilton, by the Rev. James Skene, Hillsdale, brother of the bride, Thomas Randall Gibson, of Kendana, New York, to Isabella Catherine youngest daughter of George Skene, Esq., Dornoch, Ont.



THE WAR.

Perhaps the operations in Africa can hardly be dignified by that name now, but the number of the forces still in the field and the expense to Britain are still large enough to arouse interest. We give herewith some rambling notes on the matter.

The army estimates in Britain show a decrease of over £23,000,000 as compared with last year, which goes to show that an end is being reached.

Bishop Hartzell has been preaching with great zeal to both Dutch and English urging the boers to admit defeat and rest their laurels on the brave defence they had made. He is an American Bishop and predicts reunion of the warring races.

Britain is receiving noble help in a quiet way from the Germans of Natal, who have held large meetings to protest against the "Horrible Libels" which the German press in Europe have been making against Britain. They have been citing evidence to prove that some of the charges are "devilish lies" and condemn the "conspiracy" against the British whom they honored for their attitude in the war. They may well do so: what nation ever before fed and guarded the women and children of the enemy!

De Wet is certainly the greatest personality the war has produced. Over and over again he has been surrounded, cornered, ambushed "certain to be caught," &c., but every time escapes, and it is a unique feature of the war a present that Kitchener's every effort is to catch De Wet whose success in escaping has compelled even British admiration. His wife the other day said he would never surrender and she would sooner see him die than submit.

Three of the Boer delegates in Europe took ship for the United States a few days ago under assumed names. They were very anxious to have their going kept secret, but did not succeed.

A company of mounted infantry, "not long out" and therefore "unacquainted with Boer methods," chased a solitary Boer up a kopje last Wednesday and found themselves in a trap. They fought bravely, of course, but lost 50 men in killed and wounded before they got under cover of the block houses. Stupidity! Why should they be unacquainted with Boer methods?

New Zealand has just sent its ninth contingent to Africa, in all 5000 men. In the same proportion Canada would have sent 35000. If needed their premier says they will send their twentieth.

A rebel force in Cape Colony was defeated lately, the commandant killed and two rebels and 31 horses captured without British loss.

The recent attempt or offer of Holland to mediate has, by the chance it gave for a courteous refusal, strengthened the British side and no nation now has the remotest intention of interfering. The pro-Boers in Britain seem to be less blatant than formerly also. The Irish leaders of course still vomit forth treason.

The desire to have the war over before the Coronation is deep, but not likely to be gratified, unless De Wet is speedily captured and possibly Steyn and Botha. The government is firm that complete surrender must take place. To show favors to rebels would be gross injustice to the loyalists.

ALLAN PARK PIE-SOCIAL.

Last Friday night the annual Pie-Social was held at Allan Park. In spite of the cold weather and bad roads by eight o'clock a large crowd were assembled in the school room. Mr. Howard Tyreman was appointed chairman a position he filled very creditably. After a short programme the boxes were sold by Mr. Robert Brigham, who acted as auctioneer.

After the boxes had been sold and the young men assisted by their fair companions had demolished their contents. The remainder of the programme was carried out and the young men took their ladies home hoping there would soon be another box social.

Mr. Lou Flanagan and Mr. W. Purves furnished the programme. Lou's songs were much appreciated, as they deserved and also were the selections on the violin by Mr. W. Purves accompanied by Mr. Sydney Willis. The proceeds amounted to \$23.

BORN

SEARCH.—In Durham, on Friday, Feb. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Search, a son.

RADBURN.—In Fergus, on Monday 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Radburn, (nee Maggie Watt), a daughter.

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BOOTHVILLE.

Boothville, like many other places, has been stormed in so no one could get either in or out; it has been a hospital for many who were travelling. Some of those who were storm staid were: Mrs. G. Lawrence, of Glenelg, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, of Singhampton, Mr. T. and Miss S. Brughton and Mr. Jacob Parslow, of Proton, were compelled to stay over till the middle of the week.

Miss Annie Campbell of Owen Sound, spent two weeks visiting her cousin Mrs. J. McQueen.

Mr. James McCannel, of Collingwood, who was visiting at Mr. D. McCannel's returned home last Monday after a visit of about three weeks. We all enjoyed Mr. McCannel's call very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillan and family of Swinton Park, visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark. Mr. Clark is not improving in health as we would like.

Noble Wilson and Jno. Hill attended Salem church Sunday evening and got home in good time.

Mr. Joe Eccles was a caller on W. J. Wilson last week and took a contract of building the stone work under his L. Mr. Eccles is a good builder and Mr. Wilson knows it as he has built the stonework under all his buildings.

Mr. D. McCannel has bought another horse from G. Haw, of Brownsville. Horses are the rage around here, no trouble in selling a good horse for a high figure.

Messrs Tom and Wm. Wilson called in Varney en route for Durham. T. wanted to see Mr. Little, the blacksmith of that place as he intends going West in the spring. We are sorry to lose Mr. Wilson as a blacksmith, but he wants to make a trip to the West to seek his fortune there. There will be an opening here for a good blacksmith it is well known as a good stand.

We are pleased to welcome back again Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall and family, they are comfortably settled in their own home again. Mr. Marshall has the Post Office now and will undoubtedly give entire satisfaction to every one.

During the storm a little girl arrived at the home of Mr. Witters. All are well.

A few of the many friends and neighbors of Miss Eva Booth assembled at her home on Wednesday evening the 12th inst., previous to her departure. After a few hours of social enjoyment an address and a presentation of a beautiful ladies' companion was made. The address was as follows:

MISS EVA BOOTH, Dear Friend,

It is with feelings of deep regret that we learn of your departure from our midst and we hope it may be of short duration. We can not let you leave us without showing you in some way our esteem and respect for you. You have always been among us and you will be greatly missed in church work, Sunday school and Christian Endeavour; you have come heartily and willingly what you could. We also wish to express our appreciation of the kind and faithful manner in which you have treated the public in the discharge of your duty as Postmistress in the community of Boothville, your childhood home. We all sympathize with you in your trouble, the bereavement which lately befel you by being deprived of your loving mother to whose comfort in trouble you so faithfully devoted yourself. May her God be your God and wherever your lot may be cast on earth the good wishes of your Boothville friends follow you. Please accept this ladies' companion as a token of the esteem in which you are held among us.

Signed on behalf of friends & neighbors, MARY WILSON, WILLIE KINSMAN. Boothville, Feb. 12, 1902.

Miss Booth being overtaken by surprise, thanked her friends and asked her uncle Mr. Wm. J. Wilson to reply for her, which he did in a few well chosen words.

EGREMONT COUNCIL.

Council met Feb. 10th. Minutes approved.

Com. McFadden reported on Treasurer's securities which were satisfactory. Cash for search \$1.00.

Mickleborough—Durant—That foregoing report be adopted and order passed for \$1.00 search in Registry Office.—Carried.

McFadden—Durant—That acct from W. J. Petrie re-additional charge for use of Hall for receiving returns of municipal elections be not entertained.—Carried.

Mickleborough—McFadden—That petition presented by G. M. Reid and 23 others for improving 5th sidewalk between 12th and 13th cons be left in Coms care.—Carried.

By-law No 149 for appointing an assessor was filed in with the name of Walter Hastie as assessor, passed the usual readings, &c.

McFadden—McIntyre—That the clerk notify postmaster in beat 1, con 11-12 and 13 to borrow the sum of \$12.00 by way of municipal debentures for the purpose of erecting a school house in said section. Passed the usual readings, was signed, sealed, &c.

McIntyre—McFadden—That the auditors' report as now read, be received and adopted and said auditors receive \$8 each for their services and that M. B. Flynn print 200 copies of said report.—Carried.

Two of the members of the Board of Health presented a bill of \$46.75 which was honored by treasurer according to statute.

The letting of Holstein bridge was deferred until next session of council. Adjourned to meet Feb. 25th to appoint postmasters and other business.

D. ALLAN, Clerk.

Mulock.

Roads are nearly passable again especially on these parts that lie between certain young men and their lady friends.

Mr. James McEachern left last Tuesday to visit his sister and other friends in Toronto.

Last Wednesday evening there could be seen the trail of snow shoes over the snow banks. Some were thinking that there were Indians roaming the neighborhood, but later reports say it was a white man's tracks.

Miss Lizzie McDougall has arrived home, after spending a couple of weeks with Durham friends.

Our teacher, Miss McKenzie, has somewhat of a snap this last couple of weeks, half the time there being no school at all, and some days two or three pupils being present. However I believe Miss McKenzie would rather be teaching forty five youngsters than be closed up in her boarding house.

The recent storms have affected attendance at church services and prayer meetings.

Mr. Wm Fulton who had been on the sick list but was able to be around again, took a relapse and is now under the care of Dr. Jameson.

Quite a number of our young people were disappointed on not being able to attend the Allan Park pie-social. It would be well if the law was a little stricter on Postmasters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long visited at his sister's, Mrs. W. Fulton's, on Sunday.

Mr. Eddy McGullivray, of Chatsworth, paid a flying visit to his parental home.

Miss Sarah Caswell who has been engaged at Mr. George Henry's of this place for the past two or three months, has returned to her home, and some one is forlorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, of Walkerton, and her three sisters, Ruby, Jennie, and Addie Currie, Sundayed at Mr. R. Currie's of this place.

A young lad working west of here says there is no use dealing in cheap goods any longer; for he was at the Lamplam pie-social, and says that there was lots of cheap pie, but he bought the best, or what he thought was the best, at least he paid the handsome sum of 95 cents, but that was nothing as he happened on the right one. I think he should give thanks on being put on the right track.

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