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\$109,506 Spent on County Roads in 1926

Fourteen miles of county roads have been constructed with gravel during the past year according to the report of the County Roads Superintendent Johnson read at the Grey County Council in session on Wednesday afternoon last. Between Jan. 1st and Nov. 1st the sum of money expended on County roads for building and maintenance is \$109,506.36, which shows the great work the council is doing to improve the county road system and have it as good as any other system in the province. Three large bridges are now under construction Neustadt, Durham and Thornbury, and these will cost a great deal of money.

When People Like These Endorse Government Control

—justifying their stand by such sound reasons, the proposal must possess real merit. They cannot all be wrong. Let their judgments help you in forming yours!

Sir John Aird, President Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto:

"Stress has been laid by prohibitionists upon the evil effect of liquor upon young people, and the claim is made that they will consume more liquor under the conditions proposed by Mr. Ferguson than under the O.T.A. If the aim of the prohibitionists is to strengthen the moral fibre of our youth, then in my opinion they are defeating their own object. Most of the young people whom I have had under me have occupied positions of trust, and have naturally been subjected to temptation. I have always found that to train a man to resist temptation worked out much more satisfactorily for all concerned than to try to devise elaborate means to remove the temptation from him."

Sir Alan Aylesworth, Toronto:

"I have been voting now for more than fifty years in parliamentary elections, and I have never given a Conservative vote, but I am going to do so this year, because I think that any measure of prohibition by law as opposed to prohibition by education is the very reverse of what I have always considered the true principles of Liberalism. As well might one try to advance the interest of religion or of Christianity by legislation that would compel the people to go to church."

Professor Alfred Baker, University of Toronto:

"The O.T.A. has proved a failure, conceived though it was with the best intentions and administered by Attorneys-General who earnestly desired its success. It has not stopped the use of liquor; there has grown a contempt for the law; it has created a class of bootleggers who have been engaged beyond the dreams of avarice. Surely it is time to make a change!"

Hon. R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., Ex-Minister of Finance, Calgary, Alberta:

"Not only has the Alberta Act been declared to be legally valid, but in practice it has proved unenforceable even under two such dry Attorneys-General as Mr. Nickle and Mr. Raney, and where they have failed no one else will succeed. We are facing facts, not theories. I think Government Control should be given a fair trial in Ontario, as it has been in the West, and I believe the result will be equally satisfactory."

Lt.-Col. Arthur L. Bishop, St. Catharines, Ont.:

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Col. Herbert A. Bruce, M.D., L.R.C.P., Toronto:

"It is not a question of 'dry' or 'wet'; it is a question of another Temperance Act against one that has been tried and found wanting. I consider Mr. Ferguson's proposal reasonable and enforceable, and therefore a great advance on the old Act. As such it should have the support of every one sincerely interested in furthering the Temperance cause and reducing the evils of drunkenness."

Police Magistrate C. H. Burgess, Peel County:

"My view of the matter is that the sale of liquor is out of control and is running wild (under the O.T.A.), and it is necessary to try to bring it under control again."

Rev. Father J. E. Burke, C.S.P., St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto:

"It (the O.T.A.) has been no blessing. During the years it has been on our Statute Books the youth of Ontario, with singular and beautiful exceptions, has been tried and found wanting. The O.T.A. has proved unenforceable even under two such dry Attorneys-General as Mr. Nickle and Mr. Raney, and where they have failed no one else will succeed. We are facing facts, not theories. I think Government Control should be given a fair trial in Ontario, as it has been in the West, and I believe the result will be equally satisfactory."

Mr. L. N. Byrns, former Treasurer Sarnia Prohibition Union, Sarnia, Ont.:

"There are two questions before the electors in this campaign: (1) will we continue Government control under the Ontario Temperance Act, as we have had it for the last few years, whereby any person wanting liquor can buy all he likes from the bootlegger, or (2) will we have it controlled so that a person can only buy it through a Government ment commission house, where a person has got to have a permit to buy it, and then only a certain quantity at a time? I am not a staunch Conservative; I have voted Liberal when I deemed it wise, but will not this time."

Col. R. H. A. Carnan, Belleville, Ont.:

"I am convinced the people have seen enough to lead them to decide they would rather have the distribution of liquor by Government regulation than by the unscrupulous bootlegger."

Hon. and Reverend H. J. Cody, LL.D., D.D., Toronto:

"The great achievements of the control plan, in my estimation, consist of the following: In the first place, people were no longer thinking and talking incessantly about getting a drink; in the second place, there was an overwhelming public opinion behind the enforcement of the Act where in the past public opinion had been strongly in favor of the bootlegger. In the third place, bootlegging on a large scale was enormously diminished."

Draper Dobie, Toronto:

"Having voted Liberal in the last general election, and dry in the first two referendums, why have I decided to vote for Premier Ferguson's Government and policy? It is because Ontario wants more business and less taxes, more honesty and less deceitfulness, more breadth of education and less narrowness of partialism, more self-respect and less fear."

W. J. Fair, Kingston, Ont.:

"When the late Principal Grant was at Queen's University he convinced me as probably no other man could of the pernicious evils of prohibition. Those like myself, who remember Principal Grant, will agree with me when I speak of his far-seeing vision, his profound scholarship, and his true appreciation of human values. I believe prohibition is the blackest spot on the whole history of the Province of Ontario."

Clara C. Field, Cobourg, Ont.:

"Speaking from a woman's standpoint, I fear very much the result of our present system of controlling the liquor question will have on the character of our young people, who are growing up in an atmosphere of reckless law-breaking and deceitful living. Will it be possible for them to have those feelings of patriotism they should have if they feel a contempt for the laws of their country? I feel I can certainly endorse Mr. Ferguson's policy as a sincere endeavor to solve a perplexing problem."

Sir Joseph Flavelle, Bart., Toronto:

"If the responsibility were mine I would not choose Government control as now stated as a reform for existing liquor. I believe, however, there is a weight of public opinion which demands a change in the existing law, and which will not be set aside by the present hesitating attitude of public opinion for its enforcement. Therefore, with the aim of the public opinion for its enforcement. Therefore, with the aim of the public opinion for its enforcement. Therefore, with the aim of the public opinion for its enforcement."

Rev. T. W. Goodwill, Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, Ont.:

"I believe the O.T.A. to be a failure, but in this election campaign I regard the Act not as a political issue, but a moral issue; not a question of lack of enforcement but rather of impossibility of enforcement. I find conditions under the Ontario Temperance Act to be much worse than they were before. I believe that Premier Ferguson is making a sincere and studied effort to secure a law that will be observed and one that can be enforced."

Principal W. L. Grant, Upper Canada College, Toronto:

"As a total abstainer of twenty-five years' standing, as one who loves the young men of Canada and whose life is spent in doing his best for them, I am glad to sign myself with Canon Cody, Sir Thomas White and Sir John Willison in support of the Prime Minister in his fight against the evils of intemperance and lawlessness."

David Griffith, Greening Wire Works, Hamilton:

"I travel twice every year through the whole of Canada. I know the extent of the bootlegging evil in Hamilton. I do not know that it can be worse in any other part of the Province. In the West you cannot hear any complaint with present conditions. In Ontario it is impossible to get away from expressed ridicule and disrespect for the O.T.A."

Mr. F. Barry Hayes, Pres., Toronto Carpet Mfg. Co., Toronto:

"My impression of prohibition is that whereas the country generally thought it would be very much to its interest, it has only resulted in making many of our citizens hypocrites and law-breakers. This is having a very bad effect generally. Drinking in our cities and larger towns has certainly increased to an alarming extent. I am not a 'wet', but I am not in favor of repressive legislation. The idea of making people good by statute is a delusion."

Rev. Father C. J. Kilken, Belleville, Ont.:

"I view with a great deal of concern the increase in lawlessness and crime that prohibition has engendered. It leads to a spirit of distrust. It is no use saying to the people 'You cannot have liquor.' Those who want it will get it. Fifty-one per cent. of the people cannot impose their will on the other forty-nine per cent."

Rev. John Lyons, M.A., Church of England Rector:

"After studying the situation I have become convinced that Premier Ferguson's policy is the best solution yet placed before the people of Ontario to adequately deal with the liquor problem."

Ven. Archdeacon Mackintosh, Dundas, Ont.:

"I have never heard of the Prohibitionists of the Provinces which have Government Control asking for a change to what we call a prohibition law. It shows that they are satisfied with the law, and feel that it is useless to ask for a change."

J. C. Makins, K.C., Stratford, Ont.:

"In a very large percentage of the cases in my experience contested in court in these districts (Windsor County and Windsor Border), perjury has been committed. This is one feature that our so-called 'temperance' friends seem to overlook. In this respect the cure seems worse than the disease."

Rev. W. C. Martin, Pilgrim United Church, Brantford, Ont.:

"No man, unless he is blind, can say with sincerity that the O.T.A. as a prohibition measure has been the success we hoped and believed it would be, when it became law. The more I consider the larger and more convinced I am that it is bringing about prohibition, an ideal towards which we are all striving, and to which we are committed as men and women, eager for the best moral interest of the community and of the state, is a process of education. It is the responsibility of the home, the school, and the church."

D. L. McCarthy, K.C., Toronto:

"The Ontario Temperance Act has undoubtedly abolished the bar, but unfortunately, instead of the having one bar in a hotel, we now have rooms in hotels converted into private bars."

C. C. McGhie, Vice-President, Welland Vale Mfg. Co., St. Catharines, Ont.:

"Not only labor, but the country as a whole, will be better under Government control. I strongly endorse the Ferguson policy."

Major-General the Hon. S. C. McBurnham, Hamilton, Ont.:

"I unhesitatingly state that in my opinion the policy of the Government in regard to liquor, as it is now stated by the Prime Minister, is sound and in the best interest of all the people of the Province. I have sound and in the best interest of all the people of the Province. I have sound and in the best interest of all the people of the Province. I have sound and in the best interest of all the people of the Province."

Controller William Morrison, Hamilton, Ont.:

"There is more alcohol drunk in Hamilton now than at any time in the city's history."

William Mulock, K.C., Toronto:

"I have no hesitation in telling the people of Ontario that I favor Government control in preference to the O.T.A., and that I will support the policy of the Ferguson Government."

Mrs. Emily Murphy (Janey Canuck), Police Magistrate, Edmonton, Alberta:

"Before Government control became the law of Alberta I opposed it vigorously, both on the part of women and by my pen. I was fearful that our last state would be worse than our first. I have seen and know that no living person could persuade me to the contrary. After a period of several years in which I have been called upon to enforce the present Liquor Control Act, both as a city and provincial magistrate, I am bound to acknowledge that my fears were largely unfounded. There was not even a rush of inebriety as I had predicted. The people showing a remarkable degree of restraint. The condition of the people improved—again I say, not from any degree of spiritual enlightenment on the part of our people—but because the law was well conceived and is being well enforced."

Dr. C. J. Musgrove, Temperance Candidate in 1919, Niagara Falls, Ont.:

"Before 1916 we had 15 bars and liquor stores in Niagara Falls; now we have double that number of bootleggers. The Provincial Police and the License Inspectors have been very active in endeavoring to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act, but it is really impossible to do so, enforce the Ontario Temperance Act, but it is really impossible to do so, enforce the Ontario Temperance Act, but it is really impossible to do so."

Mr. Paul J. Myler, Pres. Canadian Westinghouse Co., Hamilton, Ont.:

"As a large employer of labor I see no possibility of room for complaint in Ontario when a man shall be allowed a bottle of beer in his own house. Long experience with our men in this company is good enough for me on this point."

J. G. Notman, Vice-President McKinnon Industries, St. Catharines, Ont.:

"We have as much trouble now with our labor as we had before prohibition came into effect. There are the same Monday and Tuesday difficulties, but now they are due to poisoned alcohol. Our men would be much better if they could have good beer when they want it. Government control as they have it in the West is what we should have in Ontario."

Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Belleville:

"As a lawyer I know that the sad fact cannot be controverted, that in liquor cases under the repressive O.T.A. truth has been lost its ancient power. The administration of justice has been honeycombed by perjury and the oath has lost its sanctity, despite the conscientious and able efforts of magistrates, Crown attorneys and police officers who have done their best to stem the tide of revolt. Where the law ends, tyranny begins. The O.T.A. is despotic, arbitrary and against the will of the citizens of Canada. A wise law is 'the State's collected will'. The O.T.A. never was. Under the O.T.A. we are all treated as children and weaklings and criminals."

Dr. A. Primrose, Dean of Medicine, Toronto University:

"They (the medical doctors) are legally permitted to issue a definite number of prescriptions each month, the inference being that the number of sick folk requiring alcohol should not exceed that number, and the doctor, if he keeps within that limit is safe from adverse criticism. The present situation is intolerable. The medical profession must be released from such undignified servitude."

P. D. Ross, Publisher Ottawa Journal, Ottawa:

"Government Control has operated in several of the Provinces of the Dominion, and apparently without grave evil—at all events without such palpable evil as to suggest that prohibition is a necessity; certainly without such evil as is palpable under prohibition in the United States. It seems to me that the amount of public or private harm which the proposed Government control leaves possible need not compel any of us to interfere with the personal freedom of other people."

Dr. F. N. G. Starr, Toronto:

"Some over-zealous people tell us that Government Control does not work in the Provinces where it is being tried, but such is not my interpretation as I have found it. I have visited each Province where there has been a change, both under prohibitory measures and under Government Control, and the odds, to my way of thinking, are all on the side of Government Control."

Mr. Edward Tallier, former Liberal Member for North Essex, Windsor, Ont.:

"I do not look upon this as a party fight. I think we must all take off our coats and put Government Control over. I am for Government Control first, last and all the time."

Dr. J. A. Temple, M.R.C.S., LL.D., Past President Ontario Medical Association, Toronto:

"There is one fact that is very prominent in my mind and which I think might well be emphasized—that is the great increase in the use of narcotics in the last three or four years. The man who was addicted to liquor has switched in many cases to drugs. While there is always hope for the drunkard, it is almost impossible to cure the drug addict. The O.T.A. was much too sweeping in its provisions."

Most Rev. C. Thorneley, D.D., D.C.L., Archbishop of Algoma, and Metropolitan of Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, 1915:

"There is in human nature a sense of freedom which must be respected. All these considerations have to be weighed by the Government. I have very great hope that the measures proposed by Premier Ferguson will be found, if carried out, to be a very great improvement on what we have been experiencing the past few years."

Sir Charles Tupper, Winnipeg:

"The reasons that convince me most firmly that Premier Ferguson's policy will prove a great boon for the people of Ontario are based on my observation of the great success of liquor control in Manitoba. Control in Manitoba has brought about the following three great improvements: there is less drinking by both young and old, particularly by the young; control has created a higher moral tone in the community at large; it has also brought about a decidedly higher respect for law."

L. A. Van Skiver, formerly Inspector Children's Aid Society, Picton, Ont.:

"I have been an ardent prohibitionist all my life. But in the discharge of my duties as Inspector for the Children's Aid Society, I came across conditions that impressed me with their seriousness. In almost every case of delinquency which came under my observation I found that the cause was the cause, I do not believe in changing my prohibition beliefs that I am taking a retrograde step. Prohibition means war."

Rev. Frank Vipond, Streetsville, Ont.:

"I am not afraid to express the conviction that the greatest enemies of Christian temperance, of sobriety, and of the upbuilding of strong Christian character have not been the brewers and distillers, but the official prohibitionists who have been willing to make of the Christian faith a lesser thing than that of the Mahometan."

H. S. White, K.C., President Ontario Bar Association, Toronto:

"I am satisfied that there is in the province no such thing as prohibition under it (the O.T.A.), for the simple reason that every person who wants liquor can get it without difficulty. The Premier and the Government have followed the only proper course open to them in asking the people for a mandate to remove our affliction from us."

Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas White, K.C.M.G., Toronto:

"That the Ontario Temperance Act is not capable of adequate enforcement, lacking as it does the strong support of public opinion, must by this time be clear to all who have given any study to the subject. The time has arrived to amend it as to prevent and limit, as far as possible, the evils of intemperance under a system of Government control, having a firmer support of public opinion, and under regulations which will not lead to the evils which for the past seven years have been inseparably connected with the administration of the O.T.A."

Col. Rev. Cecil C. Williams, Dominion Secretary, Navy League of Canada:

"Should I steal, commit forgery or break any other law in Canada except that of the O.T.A., I am punished and upon my release ignored, until I have rehabilitated myself, by those who know me, because they are sympathetic to and upholders of the law. But if I violate the O.T.A. I am punished for the same according to law. I have the sympathy of my friends, showing that they hold the law in contempt. Very different is the treatment extended in the two instances. The law should be the same from coast to coast for individuals and all classes, and until it is I cannot see the righteousness or the practicability of the O.T.A."

Most Rev. David Williams, Archbishop of Huron and Metropolitan of Ontario, London, Ont.:

"It (the O.T.A.) has done more to encourage deceit and subterfuge, more to demoralize the youth of the country and to create a general disrespect for law than all the other causes combined during the ten years of its existence. Government Control, with individual permits, is the only sane system."

Levi Williams, Police Magistrate, Picton, Ont.:

"All my life I have been a temperance advocate. But when I saw not only how the law itself was being disregarded by people who were not addicted to law-breaking but by the actual perversion of the process of justice, I felt there must be some changes. I have been magistrate in Picton for 18 years, and what has struck me recently is the limits that people will go to to perjure themselves when faced with charges of violating the Ontario Temperance Act."

Sir John Willison, Toronto:

"I was wholly unprepared for the unanimity of opinion expressed in favor of Government Control. Again and again I was told by those who had opposed the system and voted for prohibition in plebiscites and referendums that conditions were better under control and that they would not vote to restore the prohibitory enactments. No one suggested that bootlegging had been wholly abolished or that there was no unlawful selling or illicit drinking. They did insist that bootlegging was less common and less profitable, that the law was generally respected and enforced, that there was far less drinking in hotel bedrooms and more undesirable places, and that there was a greater degree of social contentment and no such feeling as under prohibition that flasks must be carried and a secret store of liquor provided for dances, house parties and like events."

Albert Whitney, brother of the late Sir James Whitney, Prescott, Ont.:

"The facts stare us in the face. When the Government dispensaries of this province are in receipt of a yearly revenue of something like five million dollars, and the bootleggers are profiting to the extent of some twenty-five million, it seems to me that it is time to call a halt and ask ourselves in all seriousness if this whole business would not be in far better hands entrusted to a Government with the splendid business record of the present Provincial Government, of which the Hon. Howard Ferguson is head."

The above excerpts from letters, interviews and addresses are necessarily restricted, also limited in number, owing to lack of space.

NOTE FOR TRUE TEMPERANCE

Ontario Conservative Committee, 36 King Street East, Toronto.

The first, or inaugural meeting of the County Council which was previously taken place on the fourth Tuesday in January at 2 o'clock in the afternoon will henceforth take place on the same day but at 7.30 in the evening. The Council passed a by-law to this effect Wednesday. With the opening meeting at 2 o'clock, several of the members had to leave their homes the day before to be at the opening, so after giving the matter some consideration, this by-law was passed. The Council also passed a by-law, postponing the sale of land for tax arrears. The by-law read as follows: 1. That no Warrant shall issue for the sale of taxes of land situated in the County of Grey until the issue of the Warrant for the sale of land so situated and liable to be sold for taxes in the year 1927. 2. That no Lot shall be advertised for sale for taxes on said Lot until the amount of taxes shall have reached the sum of \$5. 3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on, from and after the passing thereof. Reeve Wm. Weir presented the report of the Road and Bridge Com., which recommended the paying of a number of accounts. The report of the House of Refuge Com. showed that at the House of Refuge in Markdale, there are now 62 inmates, of which only 4 pay their keep. 18 of these are from O. Sound and 44 from the county. Expenses at the House of Refuge for 3 mos. ending Sept. 30th, were \$713.11 and the present amount on hand is \$209.12. The receipts amounted to \$922.23. Of this total, \$109,506.86, the sum of \$28,082.08 was spent in maintenance work on roads, \$43,548.89 in Construction work, and \$30,556.44 in building bridges. The amount spent on Maintenance in South Grey was: Township Road Twp. Total Bentinck No. 24 740.53 Bentinck No. 65 1377.19 Bentinck No. 65 492.25 2610.98 (Deviation) Glenelg No. 27 804.28 804.28 Artemesia No. 29 1097.10 Artemesia No. 30 578.81 Artemesia No. 32 22.00 1697.91 Protton No. 42 294.65 294.65 Egremont No. 50 791.10 791.10 Normandy No. 53 102.27 Normandy No. 65 802.45 Normandy No. 65 422.45 (Deviation) Normandy No. 58 256.25 1740.52 Total Road Construction Work: E. Davenport, Road No. 1, Keppel, 4 1/2 miles cons., 11,432.85 Thos. Nichol, Road No. 29A Osprey, 4 1/2 miles cons., 15,153.37 Jos. Whitman, Road No. 24 Bentinck 521.30 Jos. Whitman, Road No. 42 Protton, 5 miles cons., 14,995.81 Land and fencing road 40 Collingwood 1,446.53 Total Bridges Constructed Hanover Bridge, Road 65, Bentinck 1,384.60 Watson Bridge, Road 46, Protton 963.14 Roseborough Bridge, Durham Road, 24, Bentinck 10,715.34 Neustadt Bridge, 58, Normandy 12,702.85 Thornbury Bridge 40, Collingwood 4,760.51

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Table with columns for Township, Road, Twp. Total, showing road construction work and bridge construction costs across various townships like Bentinck, Glenelg, Artemesia, etc.

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