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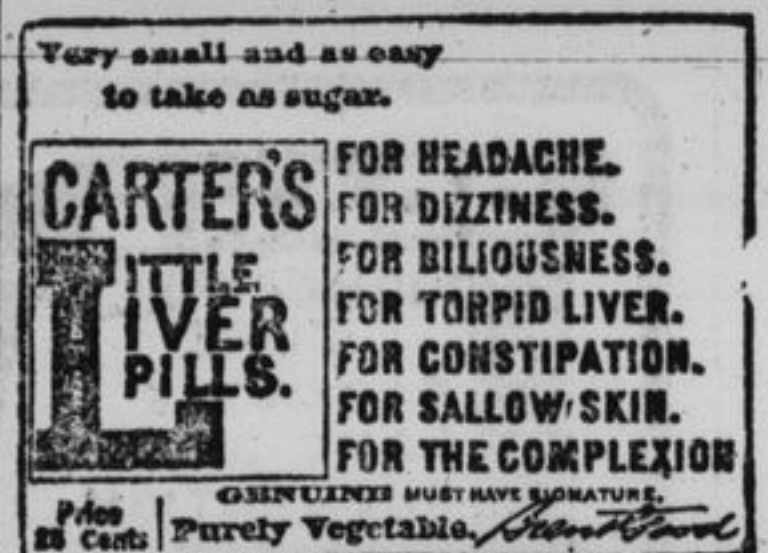
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With new wells gushing in Ontario, the coal oil men say prices have been advanced because there is a scarcity of the crude article. That talk is more oily than rational.

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**THE DAILY WHIG.**  
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**A NEED OF CAUTION.**  
 H. F. Wyatt, who recently visited the city, in the interest of the Navy League, appears to have left the impression at Ottawa that Canada needs education upon the defence of the empire. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked in parliament, on the eve of his departure for England, what he thought on the question, he said that Canada was not inclined, and not in a position, to indulge in a spirit of militarism.

A contemporary has inferred that the Navy League has been dissatisfied with the attitude of the Canadian government and the views of its members while in England. Hence the necessity of that educational campaign which Mr. Wyatt has inaugurated and the end of which will be reached through the Canadian branches of the Navy League. The minister of militia at Ottawa seems to have been reading between the lines and declared that Canada, as at present governed, would support, financially, only the schemes over which it had control. Canada had intimated that it would, when convenient, begin the organization of its own navy, and it would be glad, when occasion arose, to contribute its aid in ships and men to the necessities of the empire. He didn't anticipate any crisis in the life of Canada, as a nation, and so did not feel the effect of Mr. Wyatt's pessimistic preaching.

This country has a right to hear, patiently, all that any representative man from England has to say, but it should not be put into a panicky condition by rash and indiscreet talk. The cost of the South African war, too, is too recent to expect that, in contempt of it, parliament or the government should be committed to heavy expenditures such as the Navy League would like.

**MONEY WITHOUT STINT.**

The conservative member for Lennox, in the local house, is a man of easy mind. He is selected for political honors, and at once money commences to flow in upon him. He has no communication with any one, solicits no personal help, looks to no one for monetary aid, and yet he is presented with cheques to the amount of \$700, and pockets them without expressing any wonder and surprise.

An ordinary individual would have been curious to know why he was the subject of all this kindness. An ordinary person, being a candidate for office, would have suspected that the party and the money had a connection, but Mr. Carscadden would have the people believe that he suspected nothing, that he had no concern about the transaction, that he accepted of everything that came his way as a matter of course. Business man as he is alleged to be, and familiar with debits and credits, it would appear that he did not think this \$700 was entitled to record on his books. He paid out some of it in legitimate expenses, \$100 or \$200, but he had a large balance which he lost sight of completely. It got into his pocket; from there, he thinks, it got into his business; and then it disappeared. What became of it he did not know, and he did not want to know. The judges looked at him, and they had a right to do so.

Mr. Carscadden's experience in Lennox is a repetition of another's experience in North Norfolk. The money came to them, without explanation, and they kept it. "The money," said one man, "went into my pocket. It is mine." It is safe to infer that most of the conservative candidates fared as well. They were made handsome presents, and they were possessed of the same indifference as to the origin of it, and the same ingratitude towards its contributors. Who were these persons anyway? There is a story about the American lumbermen and their desires which has a special interest at this time. The Buffalo detectives who came, presumably to spy out the election offenders could make a sensation if they would.

A clergyman's letter read at a church meeting in Kingston a few days since, spoke of the uphill work in bringing a neglected congregation back into regular attendance and hearty spirit, owing to the damage done by "everlasting back-biting and gossip." How well founded this complaint can be requires no fervent attestation. Churchmen have seen too many congregations wrecked. But if the writer on this occasion would plead for a higher spiritual state of the clergy—a loftier example, a more godly deference to others, everlasting back-biting and gossip would be shamed out of sight.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
 The awakened conscience is being courted by many people. Once fully aroused there is no telling what it may do.

The absence of a couple of Pinkerton detectives from the election trial saved in Lennox a revelation as to the service they rendered to the conservative cause. The spotters were spotted.

The people are suffering from the smoke nuisance. Can they get relief? They deserve it. They have endured the affliction long enough. The fireman needs regulating quite as much as the furnace.

Ottawa is considering the school teachers' salaries. But a place which had an increase of \$7,000 in its revenue last year, and \$8,000 this year, should not hesitate very long upon the subject.

Scandal seems to be ripe enough in the old land, and among some representatives of high life. High life, indeed! Judging some people by their conduct life has been low enough and wants a little elevation.

Hon. Mr. Ross is persuaded that every elector should vote on December 4th. It should be settled, for the time being, how the people feel upon the liquor question. They can best express themselves through the ballot.

No, Mr. Citizen, soup kitchens did not disappear with the Mackenzie government. They were supposed to go as the national policy came, but they did not. They flourished most under a conservative government.

Frank C. Carpenter, the press correspondent and syndicate writer, has gone into New Ontario and is amazed at its development. He estimates that for the next few years the United States will supply a million settlers a year to Canada. He is a trifle optimistic.

The coal operators refused to compromise with the miners. The deal proceeded fairly until it became necessary for the barons to meet Mr. Mitchell and then they bolted. Why? Were they afraid of the miners' leader? It looks that way.

The board of health recommends the construction of a drain on sanitary grounds, and the council refused to endorse the same. Now should illness follow, and some of the electors suffer in consequence, the city is liable. That is the view of some people, and it is reasonable enough.

**WHAT PAPERS SAY.**

**Age And Wisdom.**  
 Montreal Herald.  
 By the time a man gets old enough to talk well he has learned the value of not talking at all.

**The Reform Needed.**  
 Oswego Palladium.  
 Football wouldn't be half a bad game if some of the assault and battery and homicide could be kicked out of it.

**It Cannot Be Done.**  
 Toronto News.  
 Mr. Wyatt, of the Navy League, seems ambitious to scare Canadians into the warship business. He can't do that.

**The Great Difficulty Ahead.**  
 Toronto Star.  
 The chief objection we see to this new transcontinental line is that M. P.'s, with passes won't be able to use both roads at once.

**Thanks For Something.**  
 Exchange.  
 Mr. Chamberlain says that the British preference repaired the evil done to their trade by the tory tariff, but did no more. Is not that a good deal?

**The Dream Interpreted.**  
 Hamilton Herald.  
 When the Hon. Mr. Blair dreamed his dreams about that government transcontinental railway, the railway of his dreams was probably the G. T. extension. There are often cases of mistaken identity in dreams.

**A Unique Friendship.**  
 A Stuttgart (Germany) despatch says: A Catholic priest and a Protestant pastor, who had been friends all their lives, and whose strong regard for each other was known all over Germany, have just died on the same day. The priest died in the morning, the pastor in the evening. When the news of his death was taken to the pastor, he expressed his last wish that he might be buried in the same grave. As his relatives had no objection, this was done. A Catholic priest conducted the service over his dead co-religionist, and a Protestant minister over the dead pastor.

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**ABLE REVIEW.**

**M. S. BURNETTE ON THE PROHIBITION QUESTION**

**Our Iniquitous License System—Liquor Traffic Should be Controlled by the State—Not a Moral, But an Economic Question.**

Kingston, Nov. 26.—(To the Editor): The agitation at the present time throughout this province on the subject of the so-called prohibition referendum, is instructive in many respects, ludicrous in many, and sensational in all.

It would be difficult to choose any subject upon which there would be a greater diversity of views, or concerning which there would be more antagonistic prophecies. It is asserted on the one hand that a drastic measure like this is needed on account of the enormity of the evil with which it is proposed to grapple; on the other hand it is asserted that all sumptuary legislation is unphilosophical and therefore wrong, or at least impracticable.

There is much truth and much error in all these assumptions. The temperance party assert that the traffic is a great moral wrong, and the liquor interests meet this charge by a flat admission. The point that I desire to make is one I think not usually dwelt upon, and that is, that the whole question is an economic, rather than a moral or a sentimental one. Morals, of course, may be involved in almost any discussion, but let us consider the agitation for a moment from an economic standpoint.

Why is there so much liquor consumed? Manifestly for many reasons, but principally on account of bad economic systems, which have brought the race to a nervous condition that seems to demand a stimulant, secondly, because there is so much money invested in the traffic; thirdly, and following as a corollary, the most iniquitous license system ever evolved from the brain of man. It has taken, at the least calculation, one hundred thousand years to perfect so outrageous a license system. We charge a man \$300 for a license, and expect him to buy stock, pay rent and support a family, and not be obliged to get every drunk who steps his foot upon his premises. The city and the state receive a revenue from the blood and bones and tears of mankind.

Now, who is to blame for this condition of things—the liquor seller? By no means only, for he would rather pay a less license, far likely. The Christian church of this province, which, to-day with mighty weeping and gnashing of teeth, is shouting for prohibition, is as much to blame as any other organized body because it has never raised its economic voice for a better license system.

But I have an idea that the church, after all, is doing the cause of temperance reform a great service, although it may be that the church is not conscious of it. If this province could have three or four years, more or less, of this prohibition measure, I think it might set everybody to thinking of a common sense way out of the difficulty.

And the problem is not so difficult of solution. Socialism, which is a remedy for all the ills that afflict society, will solve the liquor question; not prohibition. The government should own all the liquor, as it does in some states, and put a man behind the bar with the understanding that if he sells during the day on credit more compensation than he sells two hundred. In fact, the present process simply wants to be reversed, and instead of compelling the bar-tender to sell as many glasses as he can, in order to make a living, make it an inducement to him to sell as few glasses as possible. I think everyone should vote for this measure, not because it has any merits—because it has none—but because it would kick up such an infernal dust, once it got into operation, that it would set everybody to thinking, and if we had all the evil thinkers in the world all thinking at once, they could never get up anything half as bad as the present license system in vogue in Canada, the United States and England.

But all true reform costs something besides sentiment and emotionalism. Temperance reform will cost in dollars and cents in many ways; for instance, sums will have to be voted by states, counties, cities, towns, etc., for the establishment of public boarding houses, inns, etc., for in many localities these houses would not be self-supporting without the bar. There is a better day ahead, for King Mammon is not always to rule the earth. The liquor traffic is only an apartment in that great temple of Mammon, whereas the church and all other organizations presently worship.

Prohibition is a short cut to reform, but the cut is so short it won't work. I don't believe that prohibition was ever a success anywhere, or ever will be. I could never see but one argument, in its favour, and that is that it tends to rattle the money invested in the business at the fountain head. For this reason and this reason only, I voted for it for twenty years, and always would vote for it, if I had to choose between prohibition on the one hand and the present license system on the other. I don't believe the measure will carry, and do not think that the politicians of either party ever intended that it should become a law. There might be some arguments in favor of a Dominion act, but there are few in favor of a provincial enactment.

In the main drunkenness does not cause poverty, but the converse is true, that it is poverty that causes drunkenness. Permanent reforms in any department of human life or activity will not be achieved by plasters and balsams such as prohibition and the like, but when the conditions of life are made easier for the masses, then, and then only, will there be a less demand for stimulants.

As respects the legal aspects of the controversy the arguments are about balanced. While under any licensed system it may appear wrong to have the law lend a moral sanction to a traffic in intoxicating beverages, yet it must be remembered that any

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