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MR. ROWELL IN POLITICS.

It may be that some of the men in this province who have in the past co-operated with the liberal party on all measures may not find it possible to co-operate with us on this measure. If this is so, I shall regret it, but we believe the resolution to be right, we believe it to be in the interests of the country, and believing that we can do nought else than press it upon the attention of the house and the country will adopt it.

About 1,500 pupils of Toronto were promoted without an examination. Why should there be these vexatious and fearsome tests anywhere? So few of the scholars do their best under the strain.

MR. TARTE AND PRAYER.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Toronto called upon its members to pray for the success of the cause in this election. Rev. John McNeill, the great Scotch evangelist, now a central power in Toronto, as the pastor of one of the evangelical churches, remarks: "Prayer should be made for definite persons, definite things, definite movements. 'Pray for the abolition of the bar. With God all things are possible. Make it a definite prayer. Don't be afraid; Don't be ashamed.'"

Mr. Best, for many years the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Hamilton, was reported to be against Rowell and his "abolition of the bar" policy. Mr. Best puts personality and principle above party interests and votes for the liberal candidate and policy. Best has suffered from the interview.

OUR MEN IN CAMP.

It is necessary, in order to comply with military regulations, that the 14th P.W.O. Rifles shall go to camp at Petawawa this week, and, all things being well, will take its departure on Sunday. The officers and men will be absent until Thursday of next week, and they should be in the city early enough to participate in the activities of the day.

since its organization. For its efficiency officers and men, loyal, devoted, self-sacrificing, have laboured year after year, and with results, in the upbuilding of our young manhood, which have been highly commended.

It may be inconvenient to spare some of the non-commissioned officers and men from their offices, the stores and the shops in which they are engaged, but the employers generally will realize that the cause is one which appeals most strongly to their favour.

In view of all that is going on Sir James Whitney may be sorry that he did not take the advice of the liquor men and by law prohibit treating. Too late now. The die is cast.

THE BILINGUAL SCHOOLS.

The government fears the French-Canadian electors, on account of its trimming on the bi-lingual school question. Its friends in the press also expect serious results when polling day arrives. And not without a cause.

When Mr. Rowell made inquiries in the legislature Mr. Foy said bi-lingual schools were illegal, and Sir James Whitney said that there weren't any bi-lingual schools. But when Dr. Merchant was appointed he found them, and his report, though received before the last election, was kept back until the election was over.

The Orange Sentinel is completely dissatisfied with the policy of the government, and with Dr. Foy's tampering and dickered with Regulation No. 17. The Hamilton Herald and the Toronto News admit that the French-Canadians are after the government, but what, they ask, about Mr. Rowell? Oh, he has been straight on the subject. He has not wobbled or twisted since the controversy began.

Mr. Rowell said there were about 250,000 French-Canadians in Ontario—a tenth of the population. The teaching of these children in the bi-lingual schools was not satisfactory. There were too divergent views—one that only English should be taught and the other that only French should be taught.

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Rene Viviani is once more trying what he can do at cabinet making in France. He can form a government but without the popular support how can he run it? Socialism is at the bottom of all the troubles in France, and socialism will lead to the downfall of the president unless he changes his views on militarism.

The 65th Regiment of Montreal, its members armed as usual, turned out in connection with the Corpus Christi procession. Col. Hughes ordered that the arms should be left in the armouries. Who is in command of the militia? The question is asked because the minister of militia had so much to say upon the subject.

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THE CHURCH MILITANT.

The Christian church is being censured, you cursed, by the politicians because it is dabbling in politics. The Christian church which, through its administrative or governing bodies, has favoured the abolition of the bar, is calling upon its members to be up and doing now that they have an opportunity to strike an effective blow at the giant evil, the liquor traffic.

The Roman Catholic church, through the First Canadian Plenary Council, in 1909, denounced alcohol as a poison which attacked body and soul, and declared that the traffic in it should be suppressed. The Church of England, in its general synod in 1905, insisted that the bar was a public nuisance and should be abolished. The Methodist church said "its leaders stand for the abolition of the bar."

The Presbyterian church, through its general assembly, has demanded the abolition of both the bar and the treating system. The Congregational and Baptist churches have called for total prohibition and favour every movement that leads to that result.

And when the churches, through its clerical representatives, reflect the mind of the governing bodies, and suggest that the time is ripe for an expression of men's faith and sincerity, there is weeping and wailing, and other signs of ardent hypocrisy. Granted that some conservative preachers are proclaiming themselves as followers of Mr. Rowell. They have a reason for it. Sir James Whitney, whom they served politically, has dismissed them. Taking his cue from

Hon. Samuel Blake, who favoured the abolition of treating in place of the abolition of the bar, the premier in 1912 announced a new policy. "Today," said he, speaking in the legislature, on April 26th, "I say without fear of successful contradiction, if a poll were taken, there would surely be a practically unanimous vote in favour of destroying the treating system. If the two questions were put up, abolish the bar, and abolish the treating habit, an infinitely larger number would choose abolition of the treating habit."

And Sir James moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Foy, that legislation should be passed to stop the treating. It had gone on with his scheme the clergy-men would have had less reason to desert him. He failed them, however, and his representatives on the platform and in the press have no occasion to abuse them or the churches to which they belong.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The independent men—the genuinely independent—are active in this election. And there's a good many of them.

A regrettable feature of the present political campaign is the disposition of correspondents and critics to misrepresent the attitude and views of others. Interviews are dangerous things—in an election.

Did you notice that all the alleged independent papers—the papers that go off at a tangent and say brave things when nothing is at stake—manage to get behind the government and excuse and defend it when an election is on?

How many apples or oranges are you willing to bet or pledge on the success of the Shamrock IV with which Sir Thomas Lipton hopes this time, sure, to lift the America's cup? The Shamrock appears to be a beauty, and she is very fast.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Is That It? Toronto Globe. Not one cent for Farmers' bank depositors—millions for Mackenzie and Mann.

Admit it. Toronto Star. Is it now about time for opponents of Mr. Rowell's policy to admit that club licenses are to be abolished along with bars?

Place for Style London Advertiser. A million dollar government house for society to play in. Last session the rural school grants were cut a quarter million. Great!

Shows up Good. Ottawa Journal. Public ownership has more pessimistic prophecies made about it and shows on the whole less loss than most kinds of private business.

A Proper Designation. Toronto Mail. Col. Henry Watterston is a southern gentleman of the old school. He refers to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst as "Old Hell's Delight."

Must Wait and See. Montreal Star. Parliament has had a real peaceful time this session; but—to quote the immortal Tarte—"wait till you see us next year."

Her Deserts. Hamilton Spectator. Sylvia Pankhurst has been arrested for the eighth time. If she had got her deserts, she would have been either in jail or the graveyard since the first.

Sir James a Reactionary. Toronto Saturday Night. Sir James Whitney is proving himself a reactionary. Ontario's premier has his head in the sand, his contails in the air, and refuses to budge.

POLITICAL INFLUENCE

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT SAID IT WOULD DO.

And How Has it Carried Out its Promises?—Let the Voice of the People Give the Story.

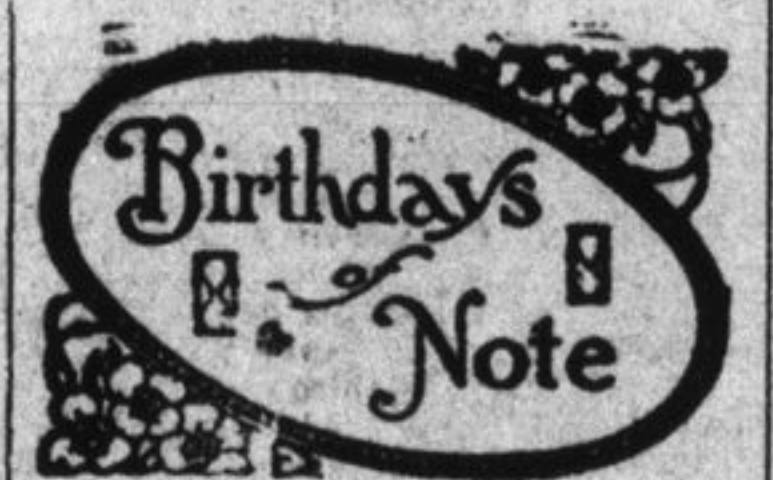
The Hon. Mr. Hanna also makes great claims that the government has carried out its pledges to the temperance people. If there was one pledge more emphasized than another by the members of the present government before they came into power, it was that they would remove political influence from the administration of the law. They started in by removing not only the existing license commissioners all over the province but all the license inspectors as well, no matter how efficient they were, and appointing conservative partisans in their stead.

The following is an extract from the letter of the board to the Hon. Mr. Hanna, forwarding their resignations: "The commissioners accepted of us reluctantly as a public duty on the personal assurance of the premier and the written statement of the provincial secretary that the government desired a fair, fearless and non-partisan administration of the license act; and the after reviewing the cause which led to their resignation they state:—"

"The course followed seems to have been designed by men inflamed with passion for office or for dispensing patronage, who determined to get rid of commissioners who refused to play the part of hired men, subject to the dictation of party followers. The government by its actions has approved of this course, hence the usefulness of the present commissioners is at an end. They accepted at full value the statements made by the premier and his responsible minister, the provincial secretary, that they desired an honest, non-partisan enforcement of the license act, and as no other administration was possible while the office was held by the present board they step aside to permit the government to secure a board in accordance with its present policy."

What did the Toronto News, one of the strongest and most influential journalistic supporters of the government, say with reference to this action on the part of the government? "We venture to think that these proceedings change the whole relation of the government to the liquor trade in Toronto and throughout the province. There could be no clearer intimation that the enforcement of the law is held to be secondary to the interests of the Conservative party, and that the spoils faction, which, noisy as it is, does not constitute two per cent. of any political party, exercised a controlling influence over Mr. Whitney and his associates."

Conditions in Toronto have not improved, but have grown worse since the resignation of this board of license commissioners. And what is true of Toronto is undoubtedly true of other important centres of the province.



TUESDAY, JUNE SIXTEENTH

This is the natal day of the Hon. Arthur Meighen, Canada's solicitor-general, who is just thirty-eight years of age. His native place was St. Mary's Ont., where he obtained his preliminary education. When only fifteen he matriculated, obtaining his B.A. degree at Toronto before he was twenty. Then he went in for teaching and later for law and starting to practise at Portage la Prairie in 1902. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1908 and last year was appointed solicitor-general. He is a young man of a remarkably keen mind and is looked upon as one of the leading men in his party—a prospective premier in the days to come.

Also born to-day:—A. A. Allan, Montreal, born 1860. W. W. Cory, Ottawa, born Strathroy, 1865. Judge Patterson, New Glasgow, N.S., born 1844. William Saunders, Ottawa, born 1836.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

There are thirty members in the City Quoit Club. They have greatly improved their grounds in the cricket field. Dr. Fee says the council should decide whether it will grant \$1,500 for the purpose of enlarging Louise school. The locomotive works has just turned out one of the largest castings made in Canada. It is an 18,000 pound crank for the Ottawa water-works pumps. The company is building.

Advertisement for Peabody's Overalls and Bibbys. Features a man in a suit and text: \$10.00 Suit Sale, Two-piece Suits, Three-piece Suits, browns, greys, bronzes and khaki, chviots, neatly made, good style, good patterns. In this lot we have several sample Suits that were worth regularly \$15.00 and \$16.50. Sizes 34 to 44. Sale Wash Vests \$1.00 Hat Sale \$1.00 10 dozen Men's Sample Hats, Men's Straw Hats, Men's Soft Hats; blue, grey and brown; good shapes; regular \$2 values for \$1; sizes 65-8 to 71-4. Men's Panama Hats at Wholesale Prices.

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