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THE WOMEN'S INFLUENCE.

The women can count for a whole lot in this election, even without votes. They can thank Sir James Whitney that they remain disfranchised.

The Toronto correspondent of the London Times suggests that Mr. Rowell would do well to do nothing at all for Great Britain, if the British people are to prevail against the British lords.

GOOD ONE ON DUFF.

Arthur Hawkes tells a good story about Hon. "Jimmy" Duff, the minister of agriculture. He is supposed to direct his department, but, like the minister of education, he is a figure head.

The conservative candidate in North Oxford, and in opposition to Mr. Rowell, claims the support of the electors on the ground that he has contributed to the support of the local baseball team.

A VERY STRONG APPEAL.

Mr. Rowell has made his promised visit to Kingston and made a speech that has never been surpassed for its intense earnestness.

The liberal leader supplemented the observations of Ald. Harrison and Mr. Lindsay, of Toronto, in several respects, enlarging on two questions—the necessity for greater economy in the financial affairs of the province, and greater devotion to the social tasks of the day.

The erection of a castle in Toronto for the lieutenant-governor, to mark more distinctly the contrast between the rich and the poor, and the gulf that lay between them, was disapproved, as it ought to be, by every right-thinking man.

The call to social service was one that affected Mr. Rowell, and he told how he had tried, and in vain, to secure a commission that would study the labour problems and provide, as far as possible, against unemployment.

his temperance policy. It was not ideal, perhaps, but it was advanced and it was what the people could have at once. All he had promised had been redeemed. He had moved in the legislature for the abolition of the bar, which the church and state demanded, and it was for the electors to express by their votes their mind upon the matter.

This issue, this profound issue, lay now entirely with the electors, and it never was more courageously and earnestly presented. Again and again the audience cheered the speaker, and when he closed, with a magnificent peroration, depicting the duty of the hour, and the manner in which it appeared to the patriotism of every man, there was a perfect storm of applause. It was a great effort.

Mr. Rowell says that heretofore the candidate for whom he has spoken in Kingston won. Let us hope that the regard for success will not be broken, and that his appearance will mean the closing of the bars.

A USELESS MEMBER.

The minister of education has been scored by Arthur Hawkes as a useless member of the government. "When did you read of him," said Mr. Hawkes, "saying or doing anything about education? How many times has he addressed educational meetings?"

The Women's Clubs of Chicago are moving to banish sex novels from the public libraries. Banish love stories? The women doing this? They must be old maids, whose day has passed, or gone through the divorce court and had all their sweet sentiment ground out of them.

UNION NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

The Whig does not share the pessimism of those who think that church union is dead, and that all the thought and labour spent upon them have gone for naught. There was adverse criticism at the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, and criticism that can be accounted for, in some measure, by a little reflection.

Some of the commissioners surprised the church with their persistent hostility, especially when it was remembered that they were the substitutes of men who could not attend and of men who had entirely different views. These men may disappear from the scene of action, now that their attitude and sentiment have become known, and in another vote upon the subject the result may be very much different.

At all events there was no apparent occasion for the conclusion to which the leaders of the Methodist church came suddenly and for the depressing views which Drs. Chown and Sparling expressed in Montreal. These are representative men—the one the Associate General Superintendent of the church, and the other the President of the Montreal Conference.

Surely the Methodist church is not to be easily discouraged. It stands for great purposes. It has favoured union because it is the proper thing, because it is seemly, because it means the saving of money in religious work, and the saving of that which is worth more than money, namely, the time and talent and the life of its consecrated ministers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The people are preparing for a landslide in the west. Question—What is to become of Hanna?

The resolution of a member of the Montreal Conference, and in favour of abandoning the basis of union, is a mistake. The church cannot afford to act in a precipitate manner upon this subject.

The pastor of the Belleville Methodist church, a conservative, announced, on Sunday, that he was out as a supporter of Rowell's on the bar question. And no one rose to protest, or leave the church.

The liberals and temperance workers of Addington are co-operating in the local campaign and its dollars to doughnuts that W. D. Black will disappear from the legislature. Come to think of it, what has he ever done for the county?

Reducing the licenses does not, apparently, reduce the consumption of liquor. It simply adds to the length of the counters in the bars that remain. Abolishing the bar means the abolition of the counter and all that belongs to it.

A good many who heard Mr. Rowell last night were not prohibitionists. They went to hear and see the man who has led in the demand for the abolition of the bar, and they went home satisfied. They will be heard from when the ballots are handed out.

The women represented a large and attentive section of Mr. Rowell's audience in the City Hall. One could see at a glance what a difference they would make in any election in which they had votes, as well as influence. And if Mr. Rowell succeeds they will have the franchise.

Mr. Sodon, of Peterboro, does not want his name in the honour roll, the roll of men who will put principle before party. But he is against the bar and will vote for its abolition. He is not, then, in accord with his leader and his name ought to be on the list of the illustrious ones.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Effect of a Bribe. Ottawa Journal. Great Britain might offer bonuses to men who will marry suffragettes and keep them quiet. About a million pounds in each case, we should say.

Hard Saying. Hamilton Herald. It would be hard to recall any session of the Dominion parliament so barren in useful legislation as has been the session which ended yesterday.

Virtue in the Lash. Toronto Mail. Magistrate Denison is prescribing the lash for wife-beating. It might well be applied to ruffians generally, to thugs and hold-up men, and all terrorists.

Col. Hughes in Accord. Hamilton Herald. Hon. Col. Sam Hughes is probably in sympathy with Mr. Rowell's prohibition policy. At least he doesn't believe in local option at the Petawawa military camp.

The Secret Out. Montreal Star. No wonder that the commoners are eager to get into that Ontario election. Rowell threatens to "abolish the bar" in places where there is no senate "bar" to flee to.

The Same Effect. London Advertiser. A French scientist predicts that clothes will soon disappear, as the body can be sufficiently warmed by an electric shock. Some of the current fashions have the same effect.

The Oil Fever. Calgary Alberta. The man who buys any amount of stock in any company without making a careful study of the prospectus showing what he is going to get for his money shouldn't have money to spend.

Ho Sure Is. Bradford Expositor. Arthur Hawkes is out for the abolition of the bar. This is the gentleman who took such a prominent part in the anti-reciprocity campaign. He evidently believes in being on the winning side.

Party of the People. Guelph Mercury. To the liberal party is due the credit for the ballot. One man, one vote. Simultaneous polling. Manhood registration. It is essentially the party of the people.

Defying the Bullskin Board. Apropos of the war spirit, Representative Heflin, of Alabama, tells of a negro who, at the time of the Spanish war, was much afraid he might be sent to Cuba to fight.

He was told that if he went to work he would not be drafted, so he got a job ditching and kept at it faithfully. One day another negro came along and called:

"Hey, Jim, we-all mus' go to war." "Not me," said the ditcher, bending to his work.

"Yes, sub-you an' me an' all de res." It's up on them bullskin boards that we-all mus' go to war." "Not me," persisted the ditcher. "Ise got my wuk to do."

"But th' Maine's done bin blowed up." "I don't care if de mane an' de tail wuz blowed up—Ise not goin'!" Philadelphia Post.

CHURCH MEMBERS.

The Obligation That is Resting Upon Them.

Toronto Globe. The Presbyterian, which voices the opinion of the great mass of the Presbyterians of Ontario, in its issue of June 11th, makes very plain its conception of the obligation resting upon members of the Christian church, at the present moment. In a brief review of the inception of the abolition-of-the-bar policy the Presbyterian shows that it had its origin in a resolution moved in Toronto by the Rev. Dr. Carman, seconded by the Rev. Principal Caven, asking the government of the day "to abolish the public bar, the treating system, and drinking in clubs, and to impose such other restrictions on the liquor traffic as shall most effectively curtail its operations and remedy its evils."

Twelve years have passed in which public opinion has been ripening on the issue. Principal Caven is gone, but the spirit that inspired him to make war upon the drink traffic still animates the church of which he was a revered leader. Now that a political chief has declared that, when given power, he will abolish the bar and the drinking of liquor in clubs, and has challenged the churches of Ontario to come to his support if they really want the bar to go. The Presbyterian says there can be but one answer. Those who accept on moral issues the leadership of the Christian church are bound to vote only for candidates who can be relied upon to support such legislation as Mr. Rowell has pledged himself to enact.

The Presbyterian is not attempting to drag the people to whom it speaks. The business of "dragging" Presbyterians has not been popular since Drumlog. But the Presbyterian points out—and is entirely justified in pointing out—that the policy adopted by Mr. Rowell had its origin in a resolution moved jointly by the leaders of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Ontario more than a decade ago, and approved from time to time ever since by church courts and conferences. For that reason a very great and pressing obligation rests upon church members to redeem the pledges, made in their name and by their authority, to support any political leader of either party who would promise to abolish the bar.

Mr. Rowell has not sought to make a party issue of this great reform. For three sessions in succession he and his followers have offered their support to the government of Sir James Whitney for a non-partisan measure. The refusal of Sir James to move forward with public opinion has forced the issue into politics. There it is, and there it must remain till the sale of liquor over the bar in this province is ended, or until the people of Ontario have proved beyond peradventure that they are not prepared to vote as they pray, and that upon their lips the words "Thy Kingdom come" have no meaning and no relation to their daily lives.

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