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NO ALTERNATIVE.

The conservative party is making strong objection to the policy of N. W. Rowell on the liquor question. They object to him proposing to abolish all licenses, and to leave the shops to be cared for by local option with a straight majority. However, the conservatives offer no alternative, but insist that both the bars and shops must be maintained. This is an illogical position if they believe the shops should go with the bars, under Mr. Rowell's proposal. If the conservative party were sincere they would offer a platform for the wiping out of all liquor selling. If they did this there would be thousands of liberals and conservatives, now supporting Mr. Rowell's policy, who would be with them; in fact, Mr. Rowell himself would likely be one of the strongest supporters of such a platform.

The Whitney government claims credit for reducing the number of liquor licenses in Ontario. It added the three-fifths clause to the act, a distinct handicap, and it has been the means of continuing 900 licenses which the majority voted to cancel. Electors, are you grateful for that?

THE CALL TO HARRISON.

Ald. Harrison is in this campaign as a champion of certain principles. Circumstances marked him out for honour and responsibility. He is a successful business man, public spirited, zealous and capable; he has given evidence of his progressiveness in every position he has occupied; he is in the closest touch with the people, and is willing to serve them; and, finally, as an adherent he has been qualifying in one office for service in a higher.

The call to political activity came suddenly, and with a demonstration of favour he could not resist. Having accepted he stands for a clean campaign, for an exalted and honorable public service, for efficiency and economy of government, for a protection of local labour and local trade, and for any reform which is calculated to make the condition of the people better.

Nothing can be gained by misrepresentation. Ald. Harrison's record is pretty well known. There is nothing hidden or mysterious about it. He stands out before the electors, in the limelight, as one of high intelligence and integrity, and with a desire to make himself useful, if elected, as a member of the legislature.

Read the number of labour reforms, tax reforms, and temperance reforms which the Whitney government rejected, and then decide whether it is entitled to your vote.

TALK ON THE TAXES.

The dissatisfaction over the taxes continues. It is growing from day to day. Business men, bankers, workmen, clerks, are feeling the increased rating, and feeling it very keenly. Now it is apparent that while the advance in the assessment was justified, in consequence of the sharp advance in real estate values and rentals, the situation has been embarrassing through the dullness that set in immediately and still continues.

Property values have been falling. This is the inevitable consequence of the collapse of the boom. Rentals are falling. They could not be kept up under the circumstances. Will the assessments also fall? That is the question, and it is being asked on every hand. The assessor is about to undertake his annual pilgrimage and inspection. Will he reduce his valuations for assessment purposes?

Is it too late to suggest to the council the advisability of appointing a second assessor, as it proposed a year ago, in order that there may be a complete revision of the assessment?

The competency and the fairness of Mr. Gordon are not questioned. It may be, however, that if he had some one whom he could consult, as the work occasioned, some one of sound judgment and knowledge as to house and land values, it would be better.

A financier suggests, as an alternative, the publication of the assessment, and to the end that the rate-payers may have an opportunity to compare values. This was tried once, many years ago, during the regime of the "Big Four," and with doubtful results. Which is not saying, of course, that it is not a good scheme, and may not have its results.

A sight of the day, and a pitiable one, was that of the man who was very tipsy, on Princess street, pleading with a friend that it would be a mistake to have partial and not total prohibition. So he was against the abolition of the bar.

SIR JAMES AROUSED

The aged premier, though still weak from his long and severe illness, is being forced into the election campaign, and not without some reason. The defections for the party are alarming. They exceed all expectations. To be sure there are liberal defections, as there were in the reciprocity campaign, but they are not to be compared with the movement of conservatives who are out in support of Rowell's temperance policy.

Sir James Whitney will address a meeting which will be quoted in the other constituencies. It is intended to stem the tide of political desertions. The situation is desperate—even in Toronto. Some evidence of this is seen in the political meetings and in the press.

J. T. Thompson, a conservative, said that he was supporting Mr. Rowell because he believed in the abolition of the bar. He said a prominent conservative lawyer told him a few days ago that the Whitney administration had done all they intended to do along the lines of advanced temperance legislation, and that the people need not expect any more assistance along such lines. That must be answered.

Over in the Riverdale division of Toronto, Mr. Doughty, a civic official, was forced to give up the nomination because he had come out against the bar. But an independent conservative candidate, Ald. Hiltz, has been put in the field. In accepting of the nomination he said he was an admirer of the premier, but he had not gone far enough. The bar had to go.

On top of all this, and a great deal more—each day bringing its news of conservative defections—Mr. Flaxell, the millionaire financier, the man who once owned the Toronto News, and a leading conservative, contributes several thousand dollars to the expenses of the campaign against the bar.

Something has to be done to stay this wholesale slump of conservative votes to the Rowell side. Can Sir James Whitney say or do anything to effect it? Time will tell.

AMERICANS VERSUS BRITISHERS

In sporting events nothing has given such profound satisfaction as the success of the British polo team. It came to New York and lifted the International Polo Cup. This was not expected. The Whig read the comments of the English press at the time Lord Wimborne undertook the task of organizing for the matches.

He was encouraged and applauded in his work, and came to the United States with the good wishes of the British polo players, but with really very little idea that the team would win. The New York Herald pays tribute to the British team and in a kindly, friendly, and happy spirit.

"The Britons," it remarks, "had everything against them, even the sentiment of their own countrymen, who felt they come on a wild goose chase. The victory, therefore, should be doubly sweet, especially to Lord Wimborne, through whose efforts the team was gotten together." And it added, to a touching farewell: "England may well be proud of the men who came as a forlorn hope, with only a sporting chance," as Lord Wimborne said when he arrived. They took the chance, and they won. They were good sportsmen all the way through, and America feels glad that it had the pleasure of meeting them.

England is getting its lessons from America, in sporting events. Its representative men have been moved to make many sacrifices for the cause they espoused, but they will see how necessary it is to work together in the carrying out and accomplishment of great plans.

The Americans, many years ago, crossed the ocean and picked up the yachting challenge cup. They have retained it, because they have combined their wealth and wisdom in producing boats that have won out in succeeding contests.

Sir Thomas Lipton has done his best and striven to revive and restore the supremacy of Britain in yachting, and so far in vain. Once more he makes the attempt to recover the challenge cup with a boat that is undoubtedly speedy. It is a case, however, of one boat against three.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Montreal Methodists think it indelicate to discuss whether a millionaire can be a Christian. The average man cannot know and express the millionaire's point of view.

Hon. Mr. Beck will appear in Toronto next week with Sir James Whitney. But, although nominated in London he has not yet accepted. Must make up his mind before Monday. Some friction in the party.

Rev. J. R. Bell, a life-long conservative, has been nominated in Dufferin against Mr. McKeown, the sitting member. Mr. Bell is prepared to "fight the tory machine, the brewers and the influence of the gambling dens."

Mark Irish, Toronto, who jockeyed Mr. McNaught into political oblivion, suggests that if the conservatives are returned to power they may shorten the hours of selling liquor and close the bars on Saturday afternoons and on all holidays.

The Victoria-Vancouver papers condemn the stealthy and incomplete manner in which the two government officials undertook to investigate the high cost of living at the coast. They acted, says the Victoria Times, like fugitives from justice.

The Toronto Mail is exercised because Mr. Rowell does not say what he is going to do with Regulation 17 and the bilingual schools. What is Whitney and Pyne going to do? They passed the regulation and they know they deceived the people.

The income from customs and inland revenue is falling away by millions. If this keeps on for the balance of the year—and the depression is lifting so slowly as to be imperceptible—it will be a glorious deficit. Mr. White's two hundred odd million budget is already terrifying.

The Mexican conference at Niagara Falls may be a failure. If it is the cause will be known. It is that Huerta's representatives are contending that the head of the provisional government shall be a "neutral." The government of the day decides the elections practically. That is the great issue.

The Hamilton Herald says a good word for the federal government when it can. But it cannot apologize for the minister of militia's work in the 65th Regiment. "Alas," it remarks, "for Col. Sam Hughes, 'that that warrior-hero should be obliged to resort to such a pitiful trick to 'save his face'!"

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, conservative candidate, is hot over bilingualism. It is, he thinks, a worse blot than liquor. If elected—and he is willing to admit that there is something in the "if"—he is going to see that the blot is removed! And in the house he was the most subservient supporter of the government and all it proposed.

The Montreal Mail catches the remark of a contributor to the Fleming, (New Brunswick), reptile fund of \$100,000, that he had been taxed in this way for many years to mitigate the heinousness of the business. The Mail is exhibiting its political bias since its publishers made martyrs of themselves in purifying the Quebec legislature. Only liberal iniquities need exposure.

The Hamilton Herald will not admit that Mr. Studholme is having opposition because he has not been a good man and satisfactory to labour. The conservatives of East Hamilton "wanted an election because they knew there is a big campaign fund to be distributed, and they want the spending of their share of it. That is the ugly, sordid truth." Now, what do you know about that?

PUBLIC OPINION

Latest Fad. Calgary Herald. The latest feminine fad, we are told, is to make pets of babies instead of animals. What next?

Not a New Thing. London Advertiser. Tango foot is a new and widespread complaint. Tango-foot is not new, but it is much more widespread.

Right to Date. Montreal Herald. Mr. Rowell is the most up-to-date politician in Canada. His policy is "Safety-First—from Liquor."

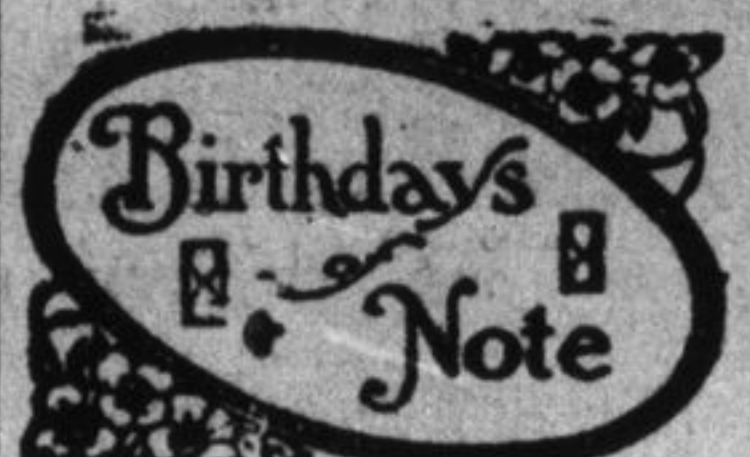
Always Generous. Toronto Mail. Whether times are good or bad in England, we believe that any public subscription to help the victims of a disaster is always generous.

Strong Arrangement. Rev. Fr. Minahan. The barroom is not the club of the honest workman; such surroundings are a gross insult to the working classes. It is such places that develop men of the type of Harry Thaw, but after a while the teaching of Mr.

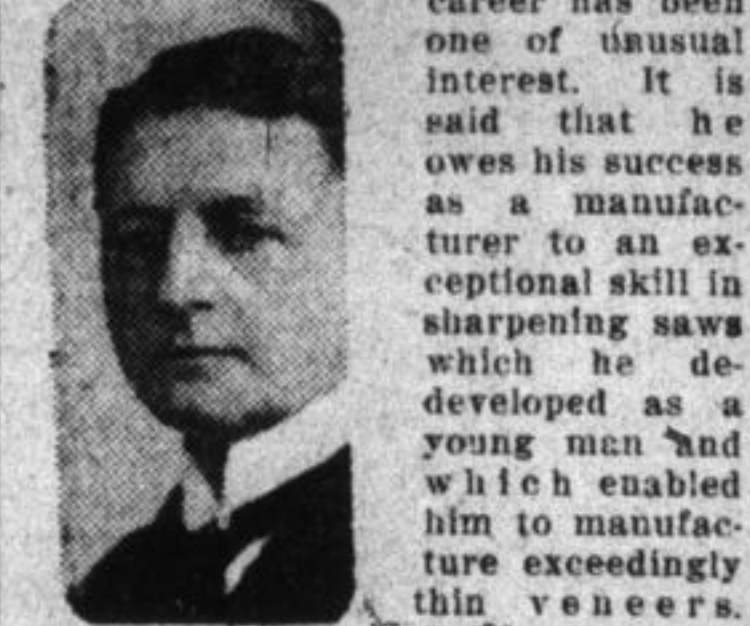
Rowell will be productive of reformers like Lloyd-George.

Recovered This Smile. Montreal Mail. Sir Donald Mann has recovered his equanimity and wears once more his Mona Lisa smile. That isn't worth over \$40,000,000, but it's worth a lot.

A Needed Reform. Montreal Star. One measure of senate reform which could be enacted at once, would be to relieve that chamber of the task of trying to look like a court of justice every time anybody wants a divorce.



SATURDAY, JUNE TWENTIETH The Hon. Adam Beck, father of the Hydro-Electric system in Ontario, was born at Baden, Ont., fifty-seven years ago to-day. His career has been one of unusual interest. It is said that he owes his success as a manufacturer to an exceptional skill in sharpening saws which he developed as a young man and which enabled him to manufacture exceedingly thin veneers.



Politically he came to the front rapidly, though at first he was a most unlikely candidate for public honours. There is a story to the effect that when he was first tendered the nomination for London and was on his feet in the convention to accept, he completely lost his tongue and could not say a word. The silence was becoming painful when a man at the back of the hall called out, "Sprechen in Deutsch, Adam, sprechen in Deutsch." The future minister of power took the advice of the promoter and using his native tongue was soon at his ease. He entered the government of Sir James Whitney in 1905 and by reason of the unselfish service he has given in the cause of cheap power is reckoned as one of the best men in the government.

Also born to-day— Hon. James Duff, minister of agriculture for Ontario, born near Cookstown, 1856.

His Honor Judge Murphy, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, born 1870.

Hon. W. E. Perdue, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Manitoba, born Peel County, Ont., 1850.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Commissioner Gordon was to-day inspecting the sanitary conditions of cellars in the eastern part of the city. He was examining one cellar which was half full of water. Suddenly the stairs on which he was standing gave way and he was dashed into water up to his neck. He was rescued from his unpleasant position by a couple of ladies.

Twenty young men joined the Y.M.C.A. to-day. The school board will appoint teachers for the creche and kindergarten to be established here for poor people.

The brass moulders at the locomotive works, George Henderson and Richard Taylor cast two bronze bearings for the Ottawa waterworks which weighed seven hundred pounds each.

DRUNKS FOR ABOLITION.

Toronto, June 20.—"I will never come back; no, I'll never come back until they abolish the bar." In this lyrical strain did William Carey, whose career is alleged to be one consisting most frequently of holding up lamp-posts and polishing bars, declare his intention to Magistrate Ellis in the police court of leaving Toronto until all the black was off the map. Carey was charged about the hundredth time with drunkenness. The offender, whose father has paid over \$700 into the court at various times in the way of fines, according to the evidence of his son, was allowed to depart after he had promised to walk to Hamilton and never be seen in the city again.

Unbiased Tory Opinion.

On May 1st, 1913, the Ottawa Citizen (conservative) and a Southern organ, said: "Last Thursday was child labor day in the provincial legislature, and when the debate was finished, Ontario, under the direct leadership of her premier, took her place at the bottom of the list of those communities and countries that are trying to make the profits of commerce secondary to the rights of the child. In Ontario commerce is still first."

"All that day there was witnessed the strange spectacle of a government solidarity opposing its majority bulk against every attempt to emancipate the helpless child from the grasp of the competitive system which virtually forces employers into child labor. Every suggestion made by the lone representative of the working class, who was fighting for human betterment as against trade advantage, was swept aside, were dealt with on a partisan basis, which had no place for the claims of justice or altruism."

The above is the utterance of a conservative journal, which had the courage to denounce the callousness and

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