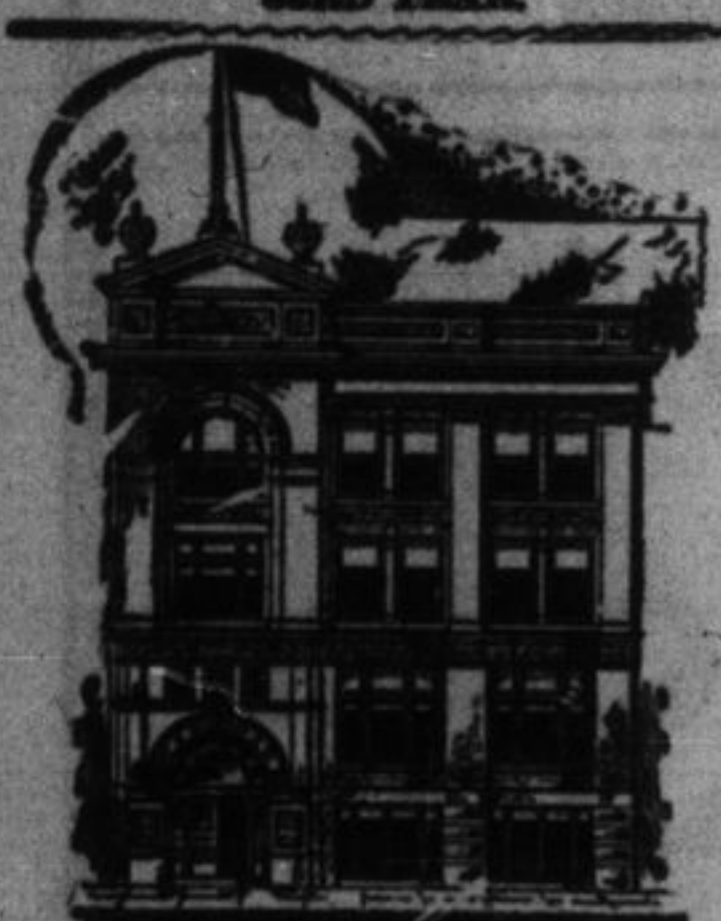


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TRUMPET NOT COMPLETE.

The temperance parliament for Ontario will assemble in Toronto on Tuesday, and its sessions must, all through, be of a congratulatory character. Heretofore temperance conventions have been occupied in the building of prohibition platforms which have not endured.

All the while, however—and this is the main point, and the point for which they have to be thanked—they have kept up a wholesome agitation and one that was fruitful of good. Indeed, it was this preparation, spasmodic and indirect as it may have been, which cleared the way for a remarkable demonstration of public opinion through the Committee of One Hundred.

This committee did not do anything very remarkable, in a way. True, it put into circulation the petitions that called for many thousands of signatures, but in advance of that service the people were made ready for what has happened. It only required some unusual circumstance to stir up the masses and incite them to decisive action.

Now the temperance men have an easy path to follow. It is to supplement the efforts of the government in enforcing the law, when, in September next, it becomes operative. They have won a signal triumph in securing prohibition for a season. That triumph will be complete when they have, through a referendum, banished the trade for good.

Hon. Mr. Hanna poses as a temperance man. In April, 1915, he led the forces in the legislature when they voted down ten different motions which aimed at lessening the sale of liquor in Ontario. Some of the government supporters now want to resist prohibition and they are afraid.

TRIALS OF STRENGTH.

New York had on Saturday night a trial of strength. It corresponded with those trials of strength which, prior to the war, were common enough in England, and quite fashionable. Men and women, in the Motherland, have left their dinner tables, in evening dress, paid high prices for special seats, and watched and applauded too, the men who boxed each other until one or the other collapsed.

These bouts, involving endurance, strength, skill, are not now called prize fights. They are athletic exhibitions for which the bravest and the brawniest are fitted out with the approval of the very best people. It was a mistake, therefore, to call the event of Saturday a prize fight, for that was impossible under the law which governed it.

Willard, who wrestled the championship from a very unworthy opponent, boxed Moran, who had great nerve to cast his weight against a much heavier man. Moran succeeded as well as he expected, and that he held out for eight rounds, in which force and science were used to his hurt, is a tribute to his physical fitness.

There was an absence of the brutality which too often disgraces the ring, and this was due, perhaps, to two circumstances: (1) the necessity of care in order to guard against the violation of prevailing law, and (2)

the limitation of the boxing to time and terms which prevented a degrading exhibition. Willard is the champion athlete of his class, but it is a giant's class, and Moran has no business in it.

AVOID ALL REPROACHES.

The Whig has no sympathy with those who grouch about the recruiting. It regrets that this is not regulated by some plan by which the men who are wanted, and can be spared for military purposes, cannot be "persuaded" when they will not volunteer, while those who are wanted in Canada, for duty quite as important in its way as soldiering, cannot be selected and set apart for their work.

Britain long since discovered that it would not do to depend upon the impulses of the people. At the outset of the war the best men, patriotically and physically, offered their services, and as one might easily assume these have been giving a grand record of themselves. They have been supplying the heroes of whom the country is most proud. Now comes the time when the enthusiasm of the first contingents is lacking, and it must be supplemented by the serum which public necessities suggest.

The 146th Regiment has not been recruiting as quickly as its commander desired, and, to make up for the fervor among the young and eligible men, which is unfortunately absent, resort has been made to expedients of which some people do not approve. Well, every act or announcement or experiment is not the result of serious deliberation. Primarily, in the name of the King, an appeal is made to the available young men, and they do not respond. One prefers the dignified policy in any case, and for the reason that something like the Spartan spirit should possess all Canadians, and it is not wise to hint that it is missing.

Col. Low will be the safer to eschew every act or appeal which carries a reproach with it. As a Kingstonian, entrusted with a responsible task, he must look to the people for the support he needs. If he and his regiment get their due recruiting will go on with every assurance of an early and complete success.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Manitoba women are advised that they can now vote in federal elections. They certainly can if the provincial lists are used. Their names cannot be removed from them.

The demand is strong upon the Ontario government to give women the franchise. The government hesitates. Why? What is it afraid of?

Hon. Mr. Scott's health is very bad. He is still in the south. He may have to retire from public life, and if he does it will be with a record that has never been tarnished.

What are the Germans doing in Mexico? They have designs upon the oil supply. Some of Britain's men of war use oil for fuel, and there was one shipment recently of 30,000 barrels for naval purposes.

The temperance men will do well not to spend too much time in cheering at their convention in Toronto this week. Their work is not complete. The legislation is but the beginning of the final struggle.

The federal government has \$600,000 in its estimates for immigration during the current year. The opposition says, "Cut it down by one half or cut it out." Immigration cannot be got from Europe either now or after the war.

The legislature took a day off and its members went to Guelph in order to see the prisoners, who are reformed at the cost of \$3,500 each, and the experts at the Experimental Farm who are practising wizardry in poultry and in grain production. Now they all want to be farmers, which is what some of them have been all along.

The Borden government has performed another remarkable somersault upon the St. Peter's Indian land deal. Its members kicked when they were in opposition. They said the land, sold at \$5 per acre, was worth at least \$15. Now they confirm the sale of \$1 per acre higher and put through the deal without consulting the Indians. This is treating the red men in a very frowzy fashion.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. W. W. Carson and family left to-day for Detroit. Edward Ross will be a delegate from the Kingston Bicycle Club to the Canadian Wheelmen's Association which meets in Toronto. A beautiful memorial has been placed in St. James' Church, by Rev. J. K. McMorine, in memory of his late son, John McMorine. It is a window very fine in design and execution. Two other German raiders, who tried to run British blockade when the Greif was sunk, were driven back to Holland.

WORK AMONG INDIANS/BREAK A CHILD'S COLD BY GIVING SYRUP OF FIGS

GOSEPEL IS NOT LOSING ITS HOLD AMONG THEM.

Bishop Lucas Has An Interesting Story To Tell About His Diocese In Mackenzie River District—Gave Three Addresses.

That the gospel is not losing its hold among the Indians in the Mackenzie River is the story that Right Reverend J. R. Lucas, D.D., Bishop of Mackenzie River, had to tell in Kingston on Sunday.

Bishop Lucas, preached, at St. James' Church in the morning, at St. George's Cathedral in the evening, and in the afternoon addressed the scholars at St. James' Church Sunday school. At all three gatherings he was listened to by large audiences, and his discourses, which for the most part dealt with the work in his diocese, were very interesting, and much appreciated.

At the service in St. James' Church in the morning Bishop Lucas preached from the text, Philippians iv. 22: "And all the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household."

The speaker has spent twenty-five years in the Mackenzie River diocese, and he related some of the conditions which prevail there. The diocese, he explained, had some 600,000 square miles, while the population was 6,000. Good work was being done among the Indians in his diocese. Many of God's saints were to be found among these Indians.

The Bishop referred to one occasion when his work required him to be away from home for seven months. During the time he was away his wife was called upon to conduct services for the Indians, and had also to conduct a burial service for an Indian woman, who was a devout Christian, and whose last words were: "Take me, Lord Jesus, I am so tired."

Bishop Lucas spoke of the great love the Indians had for the house of God. He cited the case of one woman who came three hundred miles from the west trading post to Port Simpson, in order that she might attend holy communion. She made the trip once every year for this purpose. The woman and her husband had to make this journey of three hundred miles in a canoe.

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Rippling Rhymes

TROUBLE

Old Trouble hid, inside a tree, and muttered, "Now, dad blind me, I think that men won't bother me, they won't know where to find me!" But men and women everywhere, from Tampa to Toronto, exclaimed, the while they pawed the air, "Oh, where has Trouble gone to? When Trouble is no more about, we shed the tears unbidden; let us go forth and hunt him out, wherever he is hidden." They got search warrants at the court, and lanterns trimmed with bunting, and every dame and every sport forth into the woods went hunting. They let all other business slide—naught else was so important, and through the forest dark and wide, they scrambled, where they ortn't. And oh, the rapture and the glee, when through a glade repairing, they found poor Trouble in his tree, and dragged him from it, swearing. Triumphantly they homeward went, their tears and cares were over, for they had found the long-lost gent; henceforth they'd live in clover.

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