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WILL MR. STEVENS STOP RUM-RUNNING?

H. H. Stevens, speaking in Toronto on July 8th, on the subject of the Customs Scandal, with particular reference to rum-running, according to the Mail and Empire, said: "You cannot enforce the law without hurting someone, but if you allow these things there is only one result, and that is the general breakdown of the law. For this reason, he would never allow the Customs department to be used as a medium for the bootlegging of liquor into the United States."

From this definite statement everybody inferred that there would be an immediate tightening-up of the regulations regarding the export of liquor to the United States, more particularly as Mr. Stevens insisted and most observers agreed that looseness in regard to the transportation of liquor across the border had been a large factor in the growth of smuggling into Canada which resulted in the Customs investigation last session.

What is the situation respecting liquor exports at the present moment? To find out The Toronto Star sent two staff men to Windsor frontier last week. They found that in some places there are to-day practically no limitations on the export of liquor. They found that in certain places it was easy to get whiskey and beer in direct contravention to all existing laws, both provincial and federal, without any questions.

Mr. Stevens said that he would not issue any bogus clearance papers. At some ports clearance papers are being issued just as before. It is true that at other ports he is not issuing any clearance papers, but if you ask for at least five cases of beer or one case of whiskey, you are given them without a question as to whether they are for export or home consumption, provided you come in off the river in a motor boat.

One of The Star staff men who has visited—upon an investigating assignment—the liquor export docks in the vicinity of Windsor practically every year since 1919 has no hesitation in affirming that he never saw beer and whiskey any easier to obtain even in the most notorious periods of the rum-running activity, and never so easy to ship in large quantities from exporting docks without a single question about its destination or the subject of clearance papers. In direct contravention to provincial law, beer, port wine, whiskey and champagne were flowing freely in the roadhouses for anybody who asked. At their mid-day lunch at one roadhouse, The Star observed two men ask for strong beer. They received it. They next asked for cherry. "We've only port," the waiter said. This was served.

We never expected for a minute that Mr. Stevens was going to be able to stop rum-running. It is one thing to criticize but it is quite another thing to act, particularly where political friends are concerned. From what The Star men say it looks as if there is room for considerable improvement around Windsor, not only regarding rum-running but in regard to the enforcement of the Provincial law.

Mr. J. A. Robb is receiving a warm welcome everywhere he speaks. Undoubtedly people generally were pleased with his last budget. And that is good enough reason to give him opportunity to frame another in 1927.

BIBLE THOUGHT

THE CONTRAST—"For their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. 32:15.

KEEPS HIS HAT ON; NOT AGITATED.

Mr. James Halliday, the Liberal candidate in Kingston, keeps his hat on. And he purposed keeping it on until he lifts it in the legislative chamber at Ottawa. A man with his hat on, his faculties alert, his brain clear, is much more dependable than a man with his hat off, his eyes bulging, his face perspiring and a generally dishevelled appearance as if all was not well with him. Mr. Halliday goes into the campaign with assurance of success. The policies he stands for are the policies the people will support for they have already been helpful in reducing the taxes imposed. And better times and better economies will follow in the next Parliament under Liberal auspices.

MR. HUBBS GOT SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Tory candidates are already finding themselves in strange predicaments, through following the mysterious windings of the new Finance Minister, Hon. R. B. Bennett. A typical case is that of John Hubbs, Tory member in the last House for Prince Edward-Lennox, and again Tory candidate in the same constituency. It may be presumed that Mr. Hubbs made no specific enquiries himself, but blindly followed the glib-tongued gentleman who happens for the moment to be Minister of Finance.

On August 10th, a big meeting was held in Picton, Ont., in the interests of Mr. Hubbs. On the platform was Mr. Bennett. Evidently Mr. Hubbs thought he could pay no more graceful tribute to Mr. Bennett than by stealing a portion of Mr. Bennett's speech in the House last session, and working it over on the audience as his very own. Among other things, Mr. Hubbs, is reported to have stated:

"Manufacturers in this country are afraid at present to put their capital in buildings, etc., as they know not when their heads will be cut off through tariff changes. Referring to the Massey-Harris people, Mr. Hubbs stated that before the Liberals took control of the Ship of State, this concern employed some 4,000 men in Toronto, and but a few hundred in their plant at Batavia, New York. Now things are reversed, 3,000 are employed at Batavia and 800 in Toronto."

And as for Mr. Bennett, in his wildfire oration during the Budget debate, he referred to the Massey-Harris Company by stating: "The manufacturing is carried on in the plant at Batavia, New York. The plant at Toronto has become more and more an assembling plant." Mr. Bennett was in error when he made that statement last May. His attention was drawn to the fact. Yet when he heard Mr. Hubbs, as he must have heard him, he made no reported attempt to correct what he knew must have been a falsehood. He allowed it to go, just as another bit of Tory propaganda.

Both Mr. Bennett's assertions and Mr. Hubbs' later utterance are capable of complete denial. No one knows better the number of men employed by the Massey-Harris Company than Thomas Bradshaw, the Company's General Manager. In response to an enquiry last May, Mr. Bradshaw wrote as follows:

"We appreciate the enquiry which you have made, and, recognizing that your object is to correct a wrong impression, and to have the facts known, we are pleased to advise you, that in our Canadian plant at the present time, we are employing about 4,000 workmen, while in our Batavia plant we are employing about 870. Moreover, these relative figures fairly represent the numbers in employed throughout the year in both countries."

"The Batavia works are engaged, it might almost be said, exclusively in the production of implements for the United States, and for export trade. There are only imported into Canada from the United States plant two types of machines, and neither of them are being manufactured by us in this country. Moreover the quality of machines of these two types, which is imported is exceedingly limited. It is our policy to keep our plants in this country employed to the fullest extent possible, and to import from the Batavia plant only such implements as we find it absolutely necessary to bring in."

Mr. Hubbs simply got the figures reversed. Consciously or unconsciously he got badly mixed up. Mr. Bennett, the Minister of Finance, who ought to have known better and did nothing, towards the correcting of him.

Just how the Liberals' tariff policy have affected Canadian manufacturers of agricultural implements may be judged by the total number of their employees. In June this year, the pay-roll of 37 of these manufacturers totalled 8,418. In April 1924 when the tariff changes on agricultural implements were made, the total number of such employees was 6,176. In other words, under the Liberal tariff more than 2,000 more employees are finding work, than under the former tariff. It is still questionable whether Mr. Hubbs will give the electors of Prince Edward-Lennox these facts.

Kingston has had Liberal representatives in parliament in other days. Let us elect one again! The Liberal policies are worth supporting.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON
WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I have nothing farther to relate." Use "further" to express that which is additional; "farther" to express distance.
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: daunt. The a as in "calm" is preferred to a as in "awl."
OFTEN MISPELLED: delirium.
SYNONYMS: desire, wish, longing, craving, coveting, appetite.
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: FORTIFY; to strengthen against attack. "The army was well fortified."

TORONTO'S BEAUTY DISPLAY.

The country is about surfeited with the slobbering of the Toronto press over its beauty contest. To the quiet sober citizen it is really repugnant to one's sense of good breeding to read of the parading and degrading of womankind. But, of course, Toronto must be in the limelight along with the cities of the United States. The Catholic Register rightly rebukes the unseemliness of this whole affair in saying: "Silly girls of sillier ambitions there are by the score who will compete for the unenviable notoriety of representing Toronto in this so-called 'national beauty pageant.' The girl of the day who walks our streets in semi-nudity is a law unto herself. She is above the conventions of decency that bound her old-fashioned mother, and has become a puzzle to the judicious and the sane. But how respectable parents can conscientiously permit—nay, encourage—their daughters to forget their modesty for the prize of a little ephemeral praise, a little free newspaper advertising decorated with questionable pictures, is beyond our comprehension."

And fifty thousand people of Toronto the Good, revelled, on Sunday, at Sunnyside, at the sights of young women showing off their comeliness, their figures and their coiffures. No wonder the old Globe looked askance on the whole proceedings and was able, in the face of the populace to remark that "if the only charm that the entrants in the contest can boast of is that of face and figure, they had much better for their own future happiness and peace of mind to stay at home and pray the prayer of the old pagan philosopher: 'Teach me to grow beautiful within.'"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Rally to the Liberal side.
Keep the Kingston Industrial Exhibition in mind. It promises to be a fine success this year.

Mr. Meighen says the Robb budget was "a sham." The people who know it's benefits say "Let's have more such shams!"

Bare legs have appeared on the boulevards of Montreal. Now watch Toronto follow the fashion set in Canada's metropolis!

The Boston Transcript suggests that Canada herself appears to be a formidable obstacle against her annexation to the United States. That's the truth, and well said.

There are enough Liberals in Kingston to win the election if every one will work and talk the party policy. The Robb budget has put money in the pockets of every consumer.

The Montreal Gazette would like to have the income tax, a barrier to business, wiped out. Hon. Mr. Robb is the first finance minister in recent years to make attempts at reducing the tax. Let him finish his work.

Professor W. R. Vance, of the Yale law school, addressing the Ithaca Rotary club a few days ago, declared that when the codding of the criminal ceases and he is treated not as a martyr, but as a public

enemy, then will the war against crime be won.

A contemporary speaks of the effort "to trot out the constitutional issue as a red herring across the trail." A red herring trotting would certainly be a novelty, suggests the Brantford Expositor.

A contemporary suggests that when a father gives his boy a car he must figure on depreciation in the boy as well as in the automobile. But the father can, if he will, establish a depreciation reserve. It is known as companionship.

Charles Bregulitch, naturalized Pole, who died in Milton last spring, is reported to have bequeathed \$20,000 to a dancing girl whom he met in Vienna in 1915. This good Canadian dough thus becomes a Vienna

That able and high-minded young Canadian, Hon. Vincent Massey, has taken the platform again for the Liberal party. It is to be hoped the country will have his services in the next parliament. Few men can bring so many gifts to the public life of the country.

SUNDAY THOUGHT.

- The Bridge You'll Never Cross
- It's what you think that makes the world
- Seem sad or gay to you;
- Your mind may color all things grey
- Or make them radiant hue.
- Be glad today, be true and wise,
- Distinguish gold from dross;
- Waste neither time nor thought about
- The bridge you'll never cross.
- There's useful work for you to do,
- For hand and brain and heart;
- There's urgent human service, too,
- In which to take your part.
- Make every opportunity
- A worth-while gain, not loss;
- The best is yours, so do not fear
- The bridge you'll never cross.
- If life seems drab and difficult,
- Just face it with a will;
- You do not have to work alone
- Since God is with you still.
- Press on with courage toward
- The goal,
- With Truth your shield embossed;
- Be strong, look up, and just ignore
- The bridge you'll never cross.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN

It is officially announced that brighter hats are to be turned out for the men. Hooray! Now we will be able to better compete with the lovely rouged faces of the ladies.

Inspector J. Russell Stuart, who has just returned from Brazil, has not told us about the nuts that have made that country famous. No doubt the school kids will be eager to have the inspector give them addresses on his South American travels.

With its roosters crowing when they are a month old, the Watchman

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Day Is Night to the Owl.
BY ARTHUR N. PACK.

President, American Nature Assn.
This night worker, with his bright staring eyes and his remarkable hearing, is not awake all night and asleep all day merely to fill us with suspicion about his mysterious hours and action.

He is the watchman whom nature has provided to keep down the gophers, rats, squirrels and mice who would otherwise completely overrun us. And, too, he will never fall asleep on the job, for each night prowler he catches is a delicious gulp for him.

He is unusually well equipped for his mission. His wide eyes, placed directly in the front of his head, are extremely sensitive, and his hearing is so sharp that he can detect the slightest sound. And, too, his neck is so flexible that if his keen ears

catch the faintest suspicion of a noise, he can turn his head directly to the back without another movement of his body.

His clothing is light and soft, enabling him to move without a sound, and catch the little ground animals in his strong, pointed claws before they have any warning of his nearness.

And the appetite of the owl is tremendous. He is not particular what he eats, but allows a fur, bones, and all, in unlimited quantities, later disgorging what his stomach cannot digest.

The calls of the different owls—the whimper of the screech owl, the hoot of the great horned owl, and the scream of the barn owl, doubtless sound uncanny to some. But that, perhaps, is because we live so much in the daylight that we are not accustomed to strange noises whose origin we cannot locate.

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Newington	Sept. 21-22
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Perth	Sept. 1-3
Picton	Sept. 7-9
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