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THE FALLACY OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

Did anyone ever hear of any government really controlling the liquor traffic? Can any person or any body of persons control it? Experience is the greatest teacher of all, and experience long ago taught those who thought the liquor traffic could be controlled that they were wrong.

In the old days the Provincial government licensed the man who sold the liquor. Mr. Ferguson now proposes to license the man who buys the liquor. He is bringing the liquor traffic back into the life of this Province in a new disguise, but don't let us lose sight of the fact that he is bringing it back. And once it gets back, no matter in what form, it will never rest contentedly until it has spread its poisonous tentacles all over this fair province.

When the man who sold liquor was licensed was the government able to control the traffic? Absolutely not. The law was broken with impunity. Liquor was sold after hours either in the public bar or in a back room. Liquor was sold to minors although it was against the law. Liquor was sold to men who were already drunk although that was against the law.

Government control has been tried in various forms in other provinces. Nowhere has it been a success. From the standpoint of temperance and sobriety the Ontario Temperance Act has been the best legislation that has ever been enacted in this province. No one claims that it is perfect, but it has brought joy to thousands of homes, and carefully amended by a sympathetic government could be made much more effective. Let us not be lured into voting away the substance of the Ontario Temperance Act for the shadow of Government Control.

WHAT IS MR. FERGUSON REALLY TRYING TO DO?

It is a bit hard to determine just what Mr. Ferguson really is trying to do. At a meeting in the interests of Ald. Kidd, the official conservative candidate, an out and out supporter of Ferguson, Dr. A. E. Ross, M.P., said, according to the report of his speech in a local paper: "Ferguson is not trying to throw out temperance. He is simply amending the Ontario Temperance Act, for as it is it is unworkable."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Brantford Expositor insists that it is bethering a whole lot of men as to who will be first on December first.

The kindly word, the ready smile, and the willingness to oblige, are assets in business as well as in social life. They never come amiss.

The Kitchener Record thinks the electors will soon be calling the Ontario premier's twist-and-jump on his election policy, the Ferguson Charleston.

Canada's exports to China can be estimated for in a few years they have grown from \$400,000 to \$24,473,000. Canada has knowledge of China's prosperity.

Mr. Nickle's candidacy is a challenge to Kingstonians to show their confidence in him and to show the province their estimate of the sincere and purposeful attitude Mr. Nickle has taken.

Modern scientists are able to make metal foils a millionth of an

VOTES ARE VALUABLE.

Some citizens excuse themselves from voting at civic elections because they do not know anything about any or all of the candidates or the issues. They assert they cannot conscientiously cast a ballot. It is a good citizen's business to inform himself or herself about both, says the Brandon, Man., Sun. Intelligent interest in civic issues and municipal candidates enforces better work by a city council. A mayor and a board of aldermen cannot gauge the feeling of the people unless the people express it at the polls. An old slogan was "let the people rule," now it has to be "make the people rule."

In a civic or any other election some one must be elected. There must be one candidate better than another even in some small way. It is better for every voter to express an opinion and every expression of opinion counts. No one man among civic leaders can ever know it all. They cannot always be right. The men who are always right are most prolific in mental hospitals. It is the duty of the people, comments the paper, to show the candidates that they are wrong when they are wrong. One vote is added to every expression of opinion until a majority is made. There can be no government by default to benefit our condition.

The only thing candidates are afraid of is voters. The only way to get good candidates is for good voters to keep on voting for the best in sight. The real boss of the town is the ordinary voter, with his ordinary vote. If he wants a clean and orderly community in which to live and rear his children, he can get it by voting for it. If he wants his sons and daughters to enjoy the graces of living in a prosperous home city he can help that desire by voting intelligently. If he wishes that his children shall find business openings, professional opportunities and home employment with opportunities ahead he can vote for wide-awake, progressive and common-sense civic candidates.

If a voter fails to vote, or votes from prejudice or emotion instead of by reason, he is not supporting order and decency and unity in his home town. If a citizen doesn't vote at all or votes unintelligently he has to take the sort of government he gets. Far-sighted, up-grade candidates, mayors and counsels push a city ahead, increase home business, make more industrial opportunities, increase employment, widen openings for better business and keep ambitious youngsters in their home city.

WHERE ONTARIO FALLS DOWN.

Discussing what it terms the hardy perennial question of why Ontario has lost the Prairie market, the Nor'West Farmer makes some frank criticism that will bear repeating in this Province. It says: "The Ontario apple sent to this country is inferior to the British Columbia apple in appearance and in quality and is marketed in containers that are unsuitable for the Western trade, generally speaking," says his paper. "One has only to compare the uniform, clean, graded and boxed apples of the Coast with the uneven, often green-looking, frequently wormy product from Ontario, delivered in barrels that are generally faced with apples of a better quality than the run of the barrel to know why the Western consumer favors the British Columbia apple."

Until Ontario producers get away from the out-of-date idea that the top layer of apples in a barrel will blind the buyer to the fact that the remainder of the contents of the barrel are scrawny and ill-sorted and pack their fruit honestly, grade carefully and market in containers better suited to Western requirements this problem of why Ontario has lost the Prairie fruit market will remain a hardy perennial. The simple truth is that British Columbia apple growers are giving Prairie consumers the quality of fruit they want, in the form they want it and under the brand name or grade designation that can be relied upon, Ontario apple growers are not.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Bug Whose Bite Carries Poison. BY AUSTIN H. CLARK. Smithsonian Institution. Back in 1899 many people were bitten on the face and especially about the lips by a rather large dark-colored insect that became generally known as the "kissing-bug."

The "kissing-bug" has not attracted much attention since that time, but it is still with us, and every year a few people suffer from its very poisonous and painful bite. The "kissing-bug" is quite "infectious" and will not bother you if you do not bother it. But let it

inch thick. But some people are able to spin out an argument, comments the Brantford Expositor, so fine that it has neither breadth nor depth but only length.

A returned missionary from China reports that he did not see a white woman for sixteen years. He can understand the feelings of the black brethren in Africa, millions of whom never see one at all, is a Toronto Mail and Empire belle.

Emma McMahon, Kansas City, born in 1821, is a very modern woman. In her 105th year she is self-supporting, as she appears to have been for almost a century. "All women should earn their own living," she says.

Hon. W. F. Nickle is of opinion that Mr. Ferguson has jeopardized the future of the Conservative party in Ontario by making liquor a Government issue rather than by introducing legislation as the result of a plebiscite vote.

"Ignorance of the law excuses no man. In view of that all-controlling maxim," says the Brooklyn Eagle, "Elihu Root's assertion that the state legislatures have enacted 60,000 laws in the past five years sounds slightly discouraging."

Hanging for car stealing is the solution of the problem of how best to cure the car stealer offered by R. L. Calder, K.C., in an address before the Crime Commission of the State of New York. "Car theft is the basis of organized crime," said Mr. Calder. "In other days horse thieves were hanged."

The Port of St. John has benefited from increased shipping, recording the best season in years. The Cape Breton miners are working steadily, following the settlement of the coal strike; while a bumper potato crop, in the face of a world reduction in output, is bringing substantial profits to the farmer.

All over the world the devastating effect of alcohol on the human system and the economic waste it entails are being recognized, and enlightened convictions are demanding legislation for its suppression. The elections of Kingston have a chance to make legislation effective by returning Hon. W. F. Nickle to the legislature.

When a man acts on principle he is entitled to the respect and esteem even of his enemies, if they themselves are men of principle, suggests the Oshawa Reformer. Fortunately, Mr. Nickle does not need to depend on the ravings of fanatics for his reputation. For many years he has served his fellow-citizens well and one may hope that he will still do so in a public way, the paper remarks.

Mr. F. W. VanLaven, Hamilton, writes that very many people who are not particularly concerned about politics "would like to see Mr. Nickle head of the Government. He is known to be a man of strong convictions, ability and determination. If associated with men of like calibre we would have a Government to be proud of. Measures like the O.T.A. would be respected and enforced, but, if a Government is unsympathetic, enforcement is difficult."

At the Northwestern University Evanston, Ill., they are teaching history by movie films. A writer questions their usefulness. Doubtless students their usefulness. Doubtless students their usefulness. Doubtless students their usefulness.

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QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

It is a clumsy flier, and if in its bungling headlong flight it happens to strike your face it often bites at once.

There are in tropical America quite a number of feculent bugs more or less like the "kissing-bug." Some are very sociable, and are known as "big bug-bugs."

Don't think that all the large bugs more or less like this that you see are kissing-bugs. There are many other kinds of bugs of the same general type which are very common and quite harmless.

is vivid and colorful beyond that of any other nation known, says the Montreal Gazette. The list of great men, poets, artists, musicians, statesmen, philosophers, scientists and theologians the Hebrew race has given to humanity should effectually stop the mouth of the cynic or the slanderer. Dr. Max Reich affirms that no nation in proportion to its numbers has had a greater galaxy of personalities, gifted, original, and leaving their impress upon the imagination of mankind.

News and Views.

Taking Awful Chances. London Opinion: The latest hair-dressing fad is to hide one ear and leave the other exposed. We doubt if the style will be popular owing to the risk of a girl not hearing a proposal made on her deaf side.

Still a Task Ahead. Guelph Mercury: Every country is still talking about reconstruction, though it is eight years since the war ended. It will take many more years before the effects of that last war are obliterated from human remembrance in any country.

Legs Still Useful. Portland Oregonian: Viscount Grey is right about the need for preserving human legs. We may not walk as much as we used to but they are a great convenience in getting in and out of cars. The paradox is that we must walk a bit in order to make use of appliances made to obviate walking.

Case of Confusion. Ottawa Citizen: Premier Ferguson is obtaining the reputation of a man who does not know his own mind. His advances, his retreats, his explanations, his protests against alleged misrepresentation of his views give an impression of instability that injures his reputation for statesmanship. It is fair to ask whether the fault lies in the man or in the nature of the task he has undertaken.

How to Compose the Difficulty. Watertown, N.Y., Standard: The arbitrary control of working hours, regardless of anything but the question of time, meets with understandable opposition, when it is seen to interfere with one's right to make use of his full earning power. To compose the difficulty there must be an accommodation which will insure a maximum use of the power to earn and prevent any abuse of the duty to protect health and strength from overwork.

Quebec Viewpoint

Le Droit is inclined to commend the activities of the United Farmers.

"We must wait several years before we can pass definite judgment on the work of the United Farmers' party of Alberta, an organization created by Mr. Wood. Up to the present time, however, the administration of that province owes a great deal to the ability of Messrs. Greenfield and Brownlee. In the Federal domain the United Farmers' have been somewhat radical in some of their demands and in the legislative measures they have recommended. This is generally the way with all young and active organizations of a reactionary character. The passing of time will correct these exaggerations and give the party greater force and effect."

Attention is directed by Le Devoir to the old problem of the respective rights of pedestrians and of motor car drivers.

"The respective rights of pedestrians and automobilists are again under discussion. In the name of the Public Safety League someone has written to the newspapers reminding pedestrians that they are liable to arrest if they cross a street elsewhere than at an intersection or other point sanctioned by the chief of police; that they must cross a street at right angles and not diagonally; and that when alighting from a tram car they must pass to the nearest sidewalk before attempting to cross a street. All this is very excellent; and if pedestrians respect the law no doubt there will be fewer accidents. One other fact is certain. It is that seventy-five per cent. of automobile drivers have no more regard for a pedestrian who crosses the street at an intersection and at right angles than they have for a jay-walker. They continue to advance thinking to the last second that right of way will be conceded to them when that right properly belongs to the pedestrian."

Josef Hofmann, pianist, formerly of Poland, has become U.S. citizen.

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