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NOMINATION INTEREST KEEN.

The interest shown by the electors of the riding in the nomination addresses on Saturday afternoon was remarkable. Nearly 1,200 people gathered at the old Ontario hall in the city buildings to hear the issues of the day debated. Mr. Nickle was right when he said, last week, that the great liquor issue demanded thorough debate so that the people might know what was involved in the policy of government control of the sale of liquor by permit system. Mr. Nickle, on whom the eyes of the people of Ontario have been focused since he created such a sensation by resigning his position in the Ferguson Government, in protest against its decision to scrap the O.T.A., should it be successful at the polls, declared that the Act had been of great benefit to Ontario in making the people more sober and industrious and that it could be enforced.

Two things in Mr. Nickle's address impressed themselves upon the large audience. The first was that he objected to his former associates in the Ontario Cabinet throwing the question of government control of the sale of liquor into the vortex of party politics. Such a question should not be decided in a political election, for it could not be done properly under such conditions. No other government had thrown this moral issue into the political pot, but each made it the question of a plebiscite.

The other point that Mr. Nickle stressed was in reply to an interruption of a spectator who shouted "traitor" because he had deserted his political leader. The former attorney-general replied that he was no traitor, for he had taken the action he had done because a great principle was at stake. The Premier had broken the word of himself and his Cabinet associates when he introduced government control as his policy, as he was on record as declaring that the will of the people, as expressed by plebiscite, would stand until it was revoked by plebiscite. Some of the most noted Conservative leaders of the province had broken with their party on the same issue, and they were not traitors for standing for a principle.

Mr. Nickle made a great impression upon his hearers and his cause will grow in strength as the days pass. It will be a great fight in Kingston between Ald. Kidd representing the government control side and Mr. Nickle the O.T.A. Many who had intended voting for government control have changed their minds since Mr. Nickle has had the courage to take such a firm stand against the policy of Premier Ferguson and the other members of the Ontario Cabinet. They realize that when a man of Mr. Nickle's standing would break with his party on such a momentous question, it is their duty to stand with him if Ontario is to progress along moral lines.

Last year, according to some recent statistics, practically five billion dollars' worth of goods was bought on time in America. More than half of this amount was for automobiles only. There are conflicting views on this buying "on time" subject, among both economists who study the subject as experts and laymen who know what they want when they want it.

BIBLE THOUGHT
THE LORD SEARCHETH ALL HEARTS, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of Thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever.—1 Chron. 28:9.

THE TORTUOUS COURSE OF MR. HOWARD FERGUSON.

Mr. Ferguson has pursued rather a tortuous course in connection with the Ontario Temperance Act. Speaking at Spencerville on May 28th, 1923 he said:

"The people of Ontario by their votes declared for prohibition. Prohibition must prevail and be observed UNTIL THE PEOPLE BY THEIR VOTES DECLARE AGAINST IT."

A few days later at Sarnia, Mr. Ferguson stated that he would not change the Ontario Temperance Act one iota UNLESS THE PEOPLE DEMANDED BY PLEBISCITE THAT SUCH CHANGE BE MADE.

In 1924, before the vote was taken on the plebiscite, Mr. Ferguson assured the temperance people that if the law was maintained by the vote on the plebiscite, the Government would bend every energy to carry their wishes into effect, and after the vote he gave assurance in writing that the popular vote would be recognized and accepted, and that the act would remain of the statute book, adding that no self-respecting government could do otherwise.

By 1925, Mr. Ferguson had changed his mind somewhat, and before a convention of hotel men at Toronto earned their applause and made himself a big fellow by telling them that there would be no more direct votes of the people, no more plebiscites or referenda. For the future his government would take full responsibility of dealing with the liquor question.

He had forgotten all about the speech at Sarnia where he was not going to change the act till the people demanded by plebiscite that they wanted it changed.

This is the man who today has the effrontery to ask people to have confidence in him and to give him power to deal as he sees fit with the liquor question. He has changed his position whenever a new idea struck him. He told the people he would do one thing and did another and yet this is the same gentleman who stood up in Toronto and striking a heroic attitude stated in ringing tones:

"I want to say to you that there is no gift, no office in the gift of the people, not even the prime minister's position of the Province of Ontario, great position as it is, that has sufficient attraction for me TO CAUSE ME TO VIOLATE AN OBLIGATION GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE."

Mr. Ferguson has faltered the people of this province and failed them miserably. He should be turned out of office and taught that prime ministers are expected to keep their promises.

SAFETY WITH THE BEVERAGE.

The educative value of the Ontario Temperance Act in weaning a whole generation away from the age-old custom of intemperance is what the commercialized liquor traffic fears, remarks an exchange. From their point of view Ontario has had ten years too much of Prohibition. Each passing year accustoms the people that much more to the fact that a people, with a few glaring exceptions, can get along comfortably, prosperously, and safely without the beverage use of alcohol.

ONE OBVIOUS RESULT.

The Brockville Recorder and Times is convinced that in spite of all the talk of temperance under the Ontario Temperance Act it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the consumption of liquor in Ontario will swell greatly in volume if the government sale policy is adopted. And as for the evils of law-breaking there is every reason to believe that vigorous enforcement of the law against those engaged in the illicit liquor traffic will in time result in curbing more fully this traffic and restore the respect for law and order now alleged to be wanting.

ABSOLVES HIS PARTY; EXPRESS A CANDID OPINION.

The Premier of Ontario wants the liquor control policy he has enunciated to be decided by the electors, every one registering his or her opinion at the polls, by voting for or against Conservative candidates who are pledged to support him. Let the word be passed along that party affiliations do not count in the election; it is the expressed opinion of the electors that is desired. Everyone is free to act according to his or her inclinations, at least this is the view taken from the premier's speech at Picton. Party predilections do not count in this election. The issue Premier Ferguson wants decided is: Whether the people approve liquor control as he has outlined or the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act. The Premier absolves his party supporters to give a free and frank opinion. Which side are you on?

The Toronto Globe says: Kingston has a real chance to say whether it believes in principle or party first. There is reasonable assurance that a united temperance vote for Nickle will win his election. The temperance people ought to put in two busy weeks to make certain of 100 per cent. support.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Think wrongly, if you please; but in all cases think for yourself.

Approximately 150,000 persons lost their lives during the last 20 years as a result of automobile accidents.

Economically, morally, and socially there has been marked advance in Ontario since the passing of the O.T.A.

The Women's Institute, born at Stoney Creek, Ont., had now become a worldwide organization with 3,609 branches organized alone in Great Britain.

An automobile manufacturer predicts that in fifteen years there will be 40,000,000 automobiles in the United States. Maybe they'll want some of Canada's waste areas for parking spaces.

Mr. H. W. Ackerman, dry candidate in West Hastings said to an audience: "I am as good or a better Conservative than Mr. Ireland, as I am standing by the true platform of the party as adopted in convention."

Canada is receiving many flattering compliments from the press of the United States, as a result of the visit to this province of American jurists who have come to study the methods of our criminal courts.

No contest in the Province will be watched with greater interest than that of Kingston, says the Toronto Globe, and perhaps none will be of greater importance to the province or to the Conservative party.

Does government control scotch bootlegging? An advertisement in a Montreal paper by the Liquor Commission sets forth the advantage of their liquors over the uncertain and dangerous brands of the bootleggers!

The Ferguson liquor policy is not a temperance alternative to the O.T.A. It is a retrogression in the march of temperance progress. Prohibition is the practical goal of that progress; it should be maintained and enforced. This is the view held by the Brockville Recorder-Times.

In the United States, the billboard is being banished from the rural highways and from vacant city lots alike; while more than one large billboard advertiser has voluntarily discontinued this form of publicity as a matter of good will service and public-spirited citizenship.

The Guelph Mercury says the consumption of alcohol declines as facilities are withdrawn. This is shown by the history not only of prohibition but of the licensing system. The fewer the bars, the less the drinking. Even if prohibition were regarded as too long a step to take, it would be very foolish now to retrace the step, after the initial difficulties have been largely overcome.

Newly-wed, replying to the real estate salesman who is trying to sell her a home: "Why buy a home? I was born in a hospital ward, reared in a boarding-school, educated in a college, courted in an automobile, and married in a church; get my meals at a cafeteria, live in an apartment; spend my mornings playing golf, my afternoons playing bridge; in the evening we dance or go to the movies; when I'm sick I go to a hospital, and when I die I shall be buried from an undertaker's. Why should we buy a house, I ask you? All we need is a garage with bedroom."

News and Views.

Figures Exaggerated.
Brockville Recorder and Times: Ottawa bandits held up five persons, but their aggregate haul was less than \$20. They complain that the figures showing the per capita wealth of the Capital are exaggerated.

Where Poppy Money Goes.
Canadian Legionary: Out of every dollar contributed on Poppy Day, ninety cents goes directly to the benefit of the disabled and dependent, either in form of assistance or of wages. The other ten cents covers materials, shipping and the essential work of administering the distribution, also assisting adjustment service work.

Coughed It Up.
Los Angeles Times: A Chicago dishwasher stole a \$10 bill of his employer and indignantly declared his virtue. When taken to the police station and his clothes examined without giving evidence of his crime, he was suddenly seized with a fit and coughed up the cash. His conscience could not stomach the crime.

The Cat Out of the Bag.
New York World: Illinois has now transferred her claim to Great Lakes water from sanitary grounds to the ground of navigation needs. She and the associated States, from Missouri to Louisiana, are demanding water for a lakes-to-rail waterway. It is not a mere barge canal that they want, for army engineers have reported that a barge canal could handle the present commerce with



"I talked him out of it—"

"If I had only known this would happen! So suddenly! So unexpectedly! And when everything looked so promising!

"And to think that time after time he wanted to increase his life insurance and I talked him out of it. How hard I worked against myself and against my own interests. I wanted a bigger house. I wanted luxuries! I wanted everything except the protection he was urging me to accept.

"I got my own way, of course. The Life Insurance was not taken. I robbed the children of their education, of my care, perhaps of their future success in life. I robbed myself of the children's companionship. For now I must leave them to earn the money needed to keep our little family together—the money that Life Insurance would have given me if he had had his way—

—and I talked him out of it."

It has been truly said that, "If every wife knew what every widow knows, every man would carry adequate Life Insurance".

And too often it is the children who must pay the penalty of the wife's prejudice.



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QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

By Arthur N. Peck.
How would you like to have a pet that just fits in a water glass?
The marmoset monkey will. He is a very likable fellow and "smart for his size," as some folks say of children.
In Brazil "the woods are full of them." If you ever have the chance to take the famous railroad ride to the coffee plantations near Sao Paulo, you will have great fun watching the marmosets in the jungles along the way. The manner in which they scamper from limb to limb in the jungle and the chatter they keep up is astonishing.
The marmoset cannot stand the cold. As a rule this queer quirk of nature will have a body above six inches long while the tail will be eight and a half inches long. This makes the marmoset a gymnast of great ability.
Some people call the marmoset the squirrel monkey, and it is a good name. He has very large ears, and you can find them if you look in the odd, fan-like tufts of hair on the side of the head. The hair is silky, not quite an inch long and of a grayish tinge. Spread it back and it appears to be streaked black and reddish brown.

1,000 or 2,000 second-foot of water. Chicago has dreams of becoming an ocean port on a deep-waterway system.

The Important Point.
Calgary Alberian: The Liberals of Ontario in the coming election are definitely behind the Ontario Temperance Act. What seems even more important than that is that they are opposing a government which receives mandates from the people in the most definite fashion, possible, and then proceeds quite calmly to ignore them.

Quebec Viewpoint
L'Evenement discusses the question of colonization in the East. "The president of the Canadian Pacific Railway recently convened a meeting of the prime ministers of immigration and colonization

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