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The O.T.A. And Government Control

By Edwin H. Burgess.

ARTICLE NO. 1. Is the O.T.A. any good? On Oct. 22nd, speaking at Kempsville, Premier Ferguson said:

No one will argue for a moment that the Ontario Temperance Act has not done great good. We know what it has done in this little community. I know what it has done in many other places. It has removed distress from many a home...

for it is Premier Ferguson that has led a revolt against the real party platform, not Mr. Nickle. We have so many men in our legislative halls that crush down all convictions and blindly follow their leader...

All honor to men who are willing to sink Half their present reputes for the freedom to think. And when they have thought, be their cause strong or weak. Who will sink the other half for the freedom to speak?

Let us not forget that what these brewers and distillers want is not the sobriety of our people, but big dividends, even at the expense of sobriety, decency and the general prosperity of our country...

In my next article I shall deal with the reasons given by Premier Ferguson for seeking to scrap the O.T.A. in favor of government control.

PICTON

Pictou, Nov. 23.—Controller C. J. Tulley of Ottawa, who collapsed on Saturday night while attending a political meeting, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tulley, Elizabeth street, Pictou...

Light Shines on Scene. But in that picture, as in the Rembrandt paintings, a light shines from above. The Ontario Temperance Act comes on the scene. Speaking of this Act, Mr. Ferguson says it has "taken from the hotel door, step the inebriate and hanger-on, who was a nuisance as well as a menace to society."

Is not the law that does that a great thing, a blessed thing? Should we not hesitate before we do away with it?

Benefits Industry. But the Premier also says: "It has undoubtedly increased the efficiency and general output of industry."

What do we see here? Men have stopped drinking, and money that once went to enrich the liquor dealer is now going to provide groceries, meat, furniture, clothing, and so on. I see increased orders going in to the wholesale dealers, increased orders to the factoris. Some who once were drunks are now building homes of their own, and that helps the lumber merchants, the hardware merchants. And it all means increased employment for our workmen. As our people throw off the curse of drink the home market is enlarged; the wheels of industry are increased on all sides. The Premier is right when he says that the O.T.A. has increased the general output of industry.

But he also says it has "undoubtedly increased the efficiency of business." It is the picture of the sober, clear-headed workman doing more and better work than when he was befuddled by drink. It is a picture not only of a large home market but of a greatly increased export trade, because our manufacturers are in a better position to compete with those of other countries. A very competent authority, Irving Fisher, professor of economics in Yale University, tells us that at the lowest estimate prohibition, with all its shortcomings, has added yearly to the wealth of the United States six billions of dollars (\$6,000,000,000). The great majority of Canadian manufacturers are loud in the praises of the O.T.A. And Mr. Ferguson says "it has undoubtedly increased the efficiency and general output of industry."

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speakers put particular stress on living up to the Rotary principles in every day life. Mrs. Rotarians "Sandy" Burrows of Belleville, "Jack" Elder and "Duff" Evans of Kingston, the Belleville Rotary choir and J. G. Daly of Napanee, provided the entertainment.

ed a banquet of the Bay of Quinte Medical Association at the Gilbert House, Trenton, last week. Dr. Beaman of Montreal and Dr. Austin of Kingston gave papers.

PLENTY OF GAME Was the Fortunate Luck of the Kepler Hunters.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCaw were host and hostess on Nov. 10th at a dinner party given in honor of Mr. McCaw's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McCaw, on the occasion of her ninety-third birthday.

Mr. Prentice, Glenburnie, is moving on Mrs. Jane Lindsay's farm here. A number of the members of the W.M.S. attended the Woman's Missionary rally at Cataract on Thursday last. Kepler was also well represented at the Elginburg tea meeting, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cooper and little Dona spent a recent weekend in Napanee, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyatt.

O. V. Hansen, wife and daughter motored to Millbrook, on Wednesday, to visit friends. Mrs. A. Orser is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Keyes, Wolfe Island. John Wartman wife and daughter, Newburgh, were recent visitors at H. E. Johnston's. James Lindsay accompanied them home.

Mrs. Mills of Toronto has been a guest with her daughter, Mrs. J. de C. Hepburn and Mr. Hepburn, Main street east.

Wellington Orser and family spent a day with Mrs. Mary Young, Sydenham, recently. Ross Wartman and family, with H. Wartman and wife, motored to Newburgh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Earle left on Monday morning to spend the winter with their son, Charles Earle, in Victoria, B.C.

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A ROTARY CLUB IS FORMED IN NAPANEE George Gibbard is President—Club Formed by the Kingston Rotarians.

Napanee, Nov. 24.—A Rotary Club was formed here last night with Mr. George Gibbard as president. Rev. W. A. Tanton as vice-president and Mr. Charles Walters as secretary-treasurer. Representatives from the Kingston, Belleville, Smith's Falls and Trenton Rotary Clubs were present and about a hundred partook of the dinner provided at the Campbell House.



BESTS AMERICA'S BEST Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur felicitating Major Mario de Bernardi, Italian airman, after he set a new seaplane speed record of 246 miles an hour in defeating the Navy's foremost pilots in the Schneider Cup Race at Hampton Roads, Va. By de Bernardi's victory, Italy gained permanent possession of one of aviation's most cherished trophies. In the inset, the winning plane is shown banking around the home pylon.