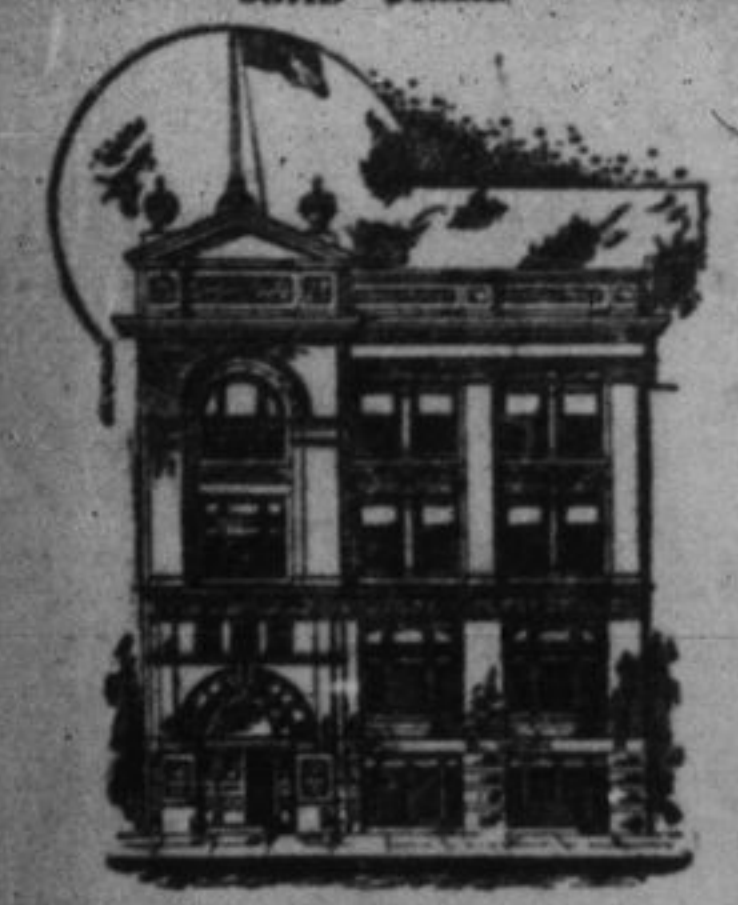


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WHERE ARE THE DISREPUTABLE MEN TO GET THEIR LIQUOR?

The more one tries to follow Mr. Howard Ferguson's changing views on so-called government control, the more confused, one becomes. One day he is talking about not wanting to be Premier if the O.T.A. is to remain on the statute book of Ontario and the next he blandly assures the public that the changes he proposes are by way of amendments to the O.T.A.

The most naive observation so far, however, is that to the effect that the new government control scheme will do away with the bootlegger. Experience has taught that government control in other provinces has not done away with bootlegging, but despite this Mr. Ferguson still persists in telling the electors that his method will eliminate this evil.

Mr. Ferguson states that only reputable people will be given licenses to purchase liquor. Where, then, are the disreputable people to get their liquor?

There is only one answer. From the bootlegger, of course.

Mr. Ferguson knows quite well that people who want liquor will get it somehow. If they can't get it honestly, they will get it dishonestly. It will be ever thus.

Should the Province of Ontario be unfortunate enough to have the legalized sale of liquor forced on it after the manner proposed by Mr. Ferguson, it will undoubtedly increase bootlegging rather than decrease it.

CONFLICTING POLICIES.

The Ottawa Citizen calls attention to the fact that all Hon. Mr. Ferguson's theorizing will not do away with the solid fact that his proposed law would increase the sale of intoxicants and the number of consumers of intoxicants. Brewers and distillers are well aware of this fact. They are putting forward the possibility of the new law coming into force as an inducement to buy their stock. When the referendum was taken in Quebec the price of certain brewery shares advanced from \$80 to \$200. A Toronto company is ready to expand its operations when the new modified liquor legislation passes. In British Columbia a brewing company selling stock described the inducements in this way:

Do You Know that a well-known British Columbia brewery paid its shareholders \$90 per cent. on their investment?

Do You Know that the annual report of a Quebec brewery last year showed a surplus of over \$3,000,000 and paid a profit for that year amounting to over \$1,250,000, selling beer at \$8 a barrel less than the price received by the breweries here?

Do You Know that there is more profit made from a brewery in British Columbia with a sale of 200 barrels a day than from a flowing oil well with a production of 2,000 barrels a day?

The brewers and distillers recognize Mr. Ferguson's proposed legislation for what it really is, namely legislation for increasing the consumption of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Ferguson dreams, continues the Citizen, that he can offset this by education. "What we are going to do is merely to take away this poisonous, nefarious traffic and put in its place a legitimate source of supply. Then we are going to sit back and educate the youth of the province against the evils of alcohol." It is wonderful that his mind

BIBLE THOUGHT NOW SET YOUR HEART and your soul to seek the Lord your God.—1 Chron. 22-19.

can harbor these two absolutely contradictory ideas without perceiving the conflict.

The sale of intoxicants as a beverage is to be taken out of the category of crime, and made legitimate and respectable. It is to become one of the government services, like the delivery of the mails. Then the Ontario government as part of another service is to educate the youth of the land against the evils of the stuff thus supplied by the government itself.

The teacher will have a hard task. He or she tells the class that alcohol is a very dangerous thing, having certain bad effects on body and mind, and in excess likely to cause moral weakness and crime. A pupil very naturally asks, "Then why does the government sell it? Why will the government give me a permit to buy it when I am 21 years of age?" No answer can be framed that would satisfy a boy or girl whose mind is not confused by political exigencies.

WHAT GOVERNMENT CONTROL MEANS.

That vastly more liquor will be sold—three or four or perhaps ten times as much.

That there will be more drunkenness.

That the small bootlegger will find an easy source of supply.

That crime, poverty, and domestic unhappiness, and all the accompaniments of the legalized liquor traffic will return.

That the brewers and distillers will make more millions.

That the clock of temperance reform will be turned back for twenty years.

That the ground lost will take years of effort.

TO SMASH THE O. T. A.

At the meeting of sewing groups in London, Ont., Ladies Aid the women discussed the likely prospect of greater distress of the kind they are trying to relieve if the easy buying of liquor methods displaces the O. T. A.

Mr. Ferguson evidently foresaw this effort of his proposed policy when he conceived the idea of a Wives' Complaint Committee. He says in effect that when a wife knows that her husband is spending home-needed money on drink or that when she foresees the destruction of her home or the wreck of domestic happiness through the grip of the drink appetite she may make a complaint to a police officer or some such official who will forward it to Toronto to his Complaint Committee who will look into it and maybe do something about it. It is well-known that in the years preceding the adoption of the O. T. A. sensitive women died of a broken heart rather than seek protection through the similar and simpler Indian-listing of their dear ones.

If the women of Ontario would only just pause and consider for a few minutes the significance of Mr. Ferguson's own proposed Wives' Complaint Committee they would weep and pray that he may never have the opportunity to form it. Mr. Ferguson says that he wishes a decisive verdict and no doubt he does wish it for his own sake and that of the liquor interests, but let the women remember that on the previous day he had declared that he would smash the O.T.A. if he had one of a majority in parliament even if there were a majority against him in the province.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the protection of their best interests.

Indifference of the business men of Vancouver is charged as the reason that the city is rated fourth class for fire insurance purposes.

"You don't mind if I step in here ahead of you, do you?" is Hon. Mr. McKillop's polite suggestion to his old-time friend, Ald. T. A. Kidd.

The issue is: Shall the O. T. A. be retained and improved, or shall Ontario go back to pre-war conditions?

Plenty of green in the house has a soothing effect, says an interior decorator. This is particularly true of the long green, quoth the Kitchen Record.

There is a shortage of deer in the Adirondacks. Many believe that if the season were closed for a year or two or even shortened, the balance would be restored.

"Premier Ferguson's liquor policy seems to shrink a little in the wash," is the mild way in which the "wet" Montreal Standard puts it.

Alcohol, in drums, shipped from Quebec, was discovered to have turned into water en route. Must have got in touch with the car springs!

As an instance of the increasing use of electricity for motive power it is interesting to read in the Geneva correspondence of the London

Times that 627 miles of the Swiss Federal railways have been electrified.

Being unmarried is the way to die quickest, statistics show. Evidently being married is a more lingering and painful method, comments the Brockville Recorder-Times.

Hon. Robert Forke is planning a visit to Britain and the Continent early next summer in connection with a scheme, on which he is now engaged, to bring more and better settlers to Canada.

Statistics show that in Montreal fully twenty-three per cent of the children placed in institutions are deserted by their fathers. In forty-five per cent the mother was left destitute. A tragic showing.

Miss Macphail thinks that marriage should not end a woman's career. There are a lot of old-fashioned people who still think, says the Ottawa Journal, that it is the beginning of her real career.

The Washington Post bears that the treaty between Canada and the United States may be qualified to permit the United States Government to have a fleet of destroyers and gun chasers on the Great Lakes. The paper thinks the change might lead to serious trouble, for armed vessels in the hands of indiscreet officials may easily embroil friendly nations.

Quebec Viewpoint

La Patrie is apprehensive over a reported invasion of America by an army of Scottish immigrants.

"According to a Glasgow newspaper, there are at the present time 40,000 Scotsmen ready to leave Scotland for America. Is this not an extraordinary number? Only 6,000, however, may enter the United States this year under the quota law. Is Canada in a position to absorb this veritable army of settlers who desire to come to this continent? It is hardly probable. For the moment the people of Scotland seem to prefer to seek asylum with Uncle Sam rather than in Canada. But Scotch immigration is very desirable. Scotsmen are vigorous, economic and they make good farmers. But can we place them on our land under conditions certain of success, or provide for them, either in the cities or in the rural districts, all the work they will require? Unless the Government give more protection to our big industries there is small chance that business will become active enough to cope with intensive immigration."

ENCOURAGING REPORT ON THE HYDRO POWER

T. G. Bishop, President of the Board of Trade, Very Optimistic on the Matter.

That a solution of the power question in Eastern Ontario would soon be solved, and that Kingston would come into her own, was the encouraging statement Mr. T. G. Bishop, president of the Board of Trade, gave to the members of the Board of Trade at a meeting held on Wednesday night.

Mr. Bishop recently returned from attending the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, and also the annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Hydro Union, as a representative of the local Board of Trade.

Mr. Bishop stated that the power question was well on the way to a satisfactory settlement, and that it depended on the efforts put forth by Kingston as to just how this city would fare.

The speaker predicted that inside of twenty years the progress of hydro in Eastern Ontario would be just as great as it had been in Western Ontario in the last twenty years.

Everybody welcome, Curling Club Bazaar. Admission free.

Wendell McL. Clarke, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Europe, is appointed secretary of the Federal Board of Trade.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Story Three Pairs of Feet Tell. By Arthur N. Pack. Here are three rather distinct types of bird feet.

The crow's foot first of all is a perching foot. Three toes in front well-clawed are opposed by a fourth equally well-furnished. A bird with such a foot may not only sit in comfort on a limb, but he may jump from branch to branch, grasping with sure grip his successive perches.

Miss Catherine Wright Gives Pleasing Recital

To have a voice of such exquisite sweetness and power as that of Catherine Wright and to be able to use it so skilful and to charm is a God-given blessing. This young Kingston girl, who has come back to us from New York, has been heard with pleasure many times since her return to her home, and on Wednesday evening she gave a recital on Convocation Hall which drew both old and new friends who love music. The recital was under the auspices of Queen's Arts and Lecture committee, which has other offerings in store for us this season.

Fresh and girlish is Catherine Wright's voice for all the beauty of technique shown in her manipulation. Her chest tones are rich and full, but she does not stress their beauty unduly so so many contraltos do, but lets the pure tones of her middle and higher register have full play. She has temperament too, and one feels that in a few years she will be one of our great singers. Her first group was composed of German songs, "Zuebnung" (Strauss), "Der Lotos Blume" (Schumann), "Der Tod und das Madchen" (Schubert) and "Standchen" (Brahms). She was given a double encore and sang a love song and a Brahms number with an splendid accompaniment by Mrs. A. R. B. Williamson whose work during the evening was fine.

A modern Russian group began with a song of the steppes by Gretchaninoff and her two following numbers were "L'Esca" and "At Night" by Rachmaninoff, both very beautiful songs, beautifully sung. There are few modern recital programs without an aria from the old Italian operas that demands such flexibility of voice and such technical skill. The one chosen by Miss Wright was "Voce di donna" angelo from La Gioconda (Ponchielli). The encore to this was another Italian song. But after all the general public likes English songs best and the last group of modern English songs gave very great pleasure to the audience. "The Green River" with the words by Lord Alfred Douglas and the music by Carpenter was a charming song. "The Feast of Lanterns" showing a Japanese scene by an English song writer, Bantock, "Do Not Go My Love," (Hagen) and what many people considered the gem of the evening "Hills" by La Fosse, a double encore was given here too and Miss Wright sang with a delightful song "The Water Boy." Her beautifully placed voice and the perfect ease of her enunciation as well as her clear enunciation was commented upon by many of the audience.

AT THE BOARD OF WORKS.

Routine Matters Were Dealt With at Meeting on Wednesday Afternoon. Business of a routine nature occupied the attention of the Board of Works on Wednesday afternoon, and the session was a very brief one.

The chairman, Ald. Price, presided, and also present were Aids, Boyd and Sargent.

A claim received for damages from Mr. Siles Grimshaw, on behalf of his wife, who fell on a walk and had an arm injured, was referred to the City Solicitor and the City Engineer.

Permission was given to A. E. Donnelly, King street, for the removal of a gasoline tank.

J. E. Singleton is making a claim for damages to his car on Sept. 18th. He claims that the driver of a civic wagon was responsible for the damage, when the fender of his auto was damaged. The City Solicitor and City Engineer will be asked to report on the claim.

Permission was granted the Shell Company for the transfer of a gasoline pump on Bagot street.

Canadian Business Grows. Ottawa Citizen: The facts as to railway traffic are convincing in their bearing on trade, since they are barometric. The railways cannot and do not create traffic. The ups and downs of their car-loadings are always and necessarily the direct result of the fluctuations of national commerce. Therefore, it is a logical assumption that when the railways are hauling more loaded cars, and earning more money that they did last year, such a condition means increased production and increased business.

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Visit the Sweater Booth at the Curling Club Bazaar.

Catherine Humble and a sixteen year old girl who attempted to escape from Chatham jail were allowed to go, the former on condition that she joins her husband in Toronto.

Harry Carter was re-elected Mayor of Brandon for a tenth term. His majority over Dr. H. D. McDiarmid was 500 votes.

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