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## YOUNG PEOPLE REFUTE PREMIER'S STATEMENT

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ed to "do their stuff" long before the advent of the O.T.A., he said. At the Toronto University event he had not detected the least odor of liquor on the breath of anyone and the head of one of the leading fraternities had told him that twenty-five members of that fraternity were at the affair and not one of them had a drop of liquor. He thought this condition of affairs held true for practically all college functions.

At private parties he had seen flasks, but not displayed openly or with any show of pride; he had seen no intoxicated men or women; no women insulted; nor any hostess embarrassed. The parties were not attended by mollycoddles either, but by the foremost athletes and young men of Canada.

### Conditions Before O.T.A.

If the youth of the province had such a taste for liquor as Premier Ferguson believed, Mr. Edmondson said that he failed to see how the setting up of a store where it could be purchased legally would help matters in any way. The speaker said that in the days before the O.T.A. was passed, he was a newsboy on the streets of Toronto and he had seen drunken brawls on the streets and in homes and up side alleys but his younger brother who had been brought up under the O.T.A. knew nothing of affairs of that kind. While working in the north, lumbermen had told him of conditions as they prevailed before 1917, and present-day conditions were a vast improvement. At the Children's Shelter in Toronto very few cases were now known where the children had to be taken from drunken parents but the late superintendent had told Mr. Edmondson that before the Ontario Temperance Act came into force cases of that nature were all too common.

### Tribute to Modern Girl.

Youth was often judged by the standards of yesterday with disastrous results, he said. In paying a tribute to the young women of the present day, Mr. Edmondson said that they had changed because they had become emancipated and educated. Girls nowadays did not need a chaperone; they were quite capable of looking after themselves. He believed that due to this new spirit there was less prudishness and more downright decency; less professed virtue and more real virtue, than ever before. "Experience leads me on to discount and repudiate the charges made against us with all the power that in me lies," he concluded.

### Miss Beth Hiltz.

The yells of the three great Canadian Universities were given by the assembled young people at the conclusion of Mr. Edmondson's address and then Miss Beth Hiltz of Toronto, a Y.W.C.A. secretary and graduate of Varsity, spoke. Miss Hiltz stressed the point that a great moral issue was at stake and that it was for this moral issue, and not because of political or commercial affiliations, that the young people had staged the rally.

"History shows the decay of nations to be due to liquor," she said. "We say it is an evil and we must not only refuse to bring it back into our social life but we must pledge ourselves to entirely blot it out of our national life." Miss Hiltz urged her auditors to sustain the present temperance legislation for the benefit of those who would come after.

## Our parents gave it to us," she declared, "and we must make every effort to pass it on to our children."

### Charles Krug Speaks.

Toronto, stated that no matter which way the issue was decided on election day, the bootlegger would still be the greatest problem with which the Government in power would have to deal. Government control would not stop bootlegging. He would not deny that there was drinking going on among young people. Some young people were drinking heavily. Everyone knew of such cases but these cases were, after all, a very small minority of the young people. The majority of young people knew nothing of what a curse drinking in the home could be.

### Imperils Character.

The speaker challenged the statement that Government control would do away with bootlegging and drinking to excess. The evidence of what had happened in other Canadian provinces was against it. He was willing to discuss the situation however without taking any evidence from outside sources. It simply meant that Government control gave the greatest curse society had ever known, drink, a legal and social sanction. It destroyed respectability a thing which was now outlawed. It put the Government liquor store on the same footing with the grocery store. The old incentive for drinking would naturally be increased drinking. "Government control imperils my character and the character of my brothers and sisters in a way it has not been imperiled for years," said Mr. Krug.

He asked if the way to stamp out the drug evil, which was such a big factor in Canada, at present, was to legalize the sale of drugs in every province. He thought it was not. As for the money which would roll in to the provincial treasury because of Government sale of liquor, the speaker declared it would be blood money derived by debauching the characters of the youth of Ontario. The price, he said, was too great. No Government had ever controlled the dragon, drink, but any Government which had been friendly toward this dragon had been controlled by it.

## THE LIBERAL LEADER SPOKE AT NAPANEE

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source of supply easier to get to. All under twenty-one, all tourists, and all those who are not of a good reputation will be supplied by the bootlegger, is the position which government control will create.

### Entitled to Information.

The premier, according to Mr. Sinclair, had stated that the government would adopt the Alberta system, which allows beer parlors, and yet when asked for more detail regarding the government control, he does not say what the law will be, and the speaker stated that the people were entitled to this information. Mr. Sinclair said that the Prime Minister had admitted that some harm would be brought to the people of Ontario by government control, and Mr. Sinclair wanted to know, what use it was to introduce legislation from which there would come harm.

When referring to the reference which the premier had made to salaried trumpeters, Mr. Sinclair stated that Premier Ferguson had on a public platform announced that his reason for enforcing the law was because there are salaried trumpeters who say that he will not. Mr. Sinclair when dealing with the question of the bootleggers, stated that the premier of this province, had remarked about the bootlegging being done in the open, and said that he was told that they had been running according to time-tables, and yet Mr. Ferguson has not been able to catch them when they were running according to time-table. Bootlegging will have a far larger field of activity. In Winnipeg which is under government control there were four deaths due to poison liquor.

In 1924 the government spent one-half million dollars to get the voice of the people on the temperance question and yet the premier tells us that the government took no responsibility, said Mr. Sinclair.

The enforcement of the act became lax as soon as the result of the vote was announced, said the speaker. The proposition was then made for the government control policy and the premier only gave forty-one days notice before the calling of the election in such an unseasonable time of the year when many people in the rural parts of the province would not be privileged to cast their ballot on the question. Mr. Sinclair said that the premier had stated that he was introducing some amendments to the O.T.A. and yet he had also stated that he would not like to remain as premier if the O.T.A. continued.

The Liberal leader said that the premier's idea of law enforcement was, that if people are not prepared to observe the law, they should wipe the law out. Surely people expect laws to be maintained and enforced, Mr. Sinclair stated. People are entitled to have their will carried out and that Ferguson had no right to make the temperance question a political one, as it cannot be settled satisfactorily in a party election.

In closing his address the Liberal leader stated that the policy of the Liberal party was to enforce the O.T.A. as long as it remained on the statute books by the vote of the people.

Mrs. Gordon Wright Speaks. Mrs. Gordon Wright, who is the leader of the W.C.T.U. for the Dominion, was given a rousing recep-

tion by the ladies, as well as the men when she rose to speak. She stated that she had never spoken on a political platform before, because the W.C.T.U. is not a political organization. "We are not here to discuss such a great moral issue, so great that party lines are broken, and it is a question between the wets and the dries," said she. "The liquor traffic can never be licensed without sin," Mrs. Wright stated.

Mrs. Wright said that it had been suggested that she belonged to a political party, and that was why she was on the platform speaking as she was, but she wanted to tell her hearers that she was born a Liberal, but was Conservative by marriage, and a Prohibitionist by conviction. She said that she and her husband had always cast the same ballot.

The speaker also took occasion to refer to the "salaried trumpeters" spoken of by the Prime Minister, and said that if he referred to her, she wanted to say that "my services I give absolutely free." Mrs. Wright stated that recently she had visited four States, and for the first time in her history she had been paid fifty dollars an address and she made four of them, and she was invited to stay for two weeks at fifty dollars an address, but said "I am going back to Ontario to speak for nothing, as our land is in jeopardy." Mrs. Wright also produced a copy of a letter which a friend of hers at Bowmanville had received from the largest employer of labor in British Columbia, who when writing regarding Government Control, stated "there is no such thing, and the law does not control, as we expected, and it was a disgrace to any government to put it on the books."

### The Prescott Meeting.

Mrs. Gordon said that some had wondered why she had gone to Prescott on Saturday and appeared on the platform, and spoke at the Ferguson nomination meeting. She said that she was the official appointee of the Prohibition Union of Ontario, and she was appointed to go, and it was up to her to do anything else but obey orders.

Bootlegging had grown in leaps and bounds in the four provinces under Government Control, the speaker stated. She referred to the Alberta system, which Premier Ferguson says is the one to be adopted, and reminded her hearers that they were beer parlors. "I fully expect that we are going to have beer if Government Control carries, and I tried to get the premier to express himself at the nomination, and he would not do so." "I believe we will have beer by the glass," and you will have to face it," she said. "Dear people do not be deluded, we will not be more prosperous," she stated. "It is not a party issue, but a moral issue." "God pity the father and mother of an only son and daughter if Government Control passes," Mrs. Wright said.

The speaker also quoted statistics to show the failure of Government Control, and closed her address by making an appeal for all to consider the question as one of a moral issue, and not of a political nature. Dr. Edward Merg, the candidate, spoke a few words, but on account of a severe cold he was unable to discuss matters at any length. He stated that he would vote and support the O.T.A. as long as it was on the books by the popular vote of the people. He said that he had been a resident of Napanee for between thirty-five and forty years. His money had been made and spent in Napanee, and he asked the support of all.

W. R. Lott acted in the capacity of chairman, and introduced Dr. Ming as the first member of the new riding of Frontenac-Lennox. Rev. A. J. Wilson was called upon for a few remarks but asked to be excused, as he wanted the addresses of the two speakers to have a lasting impression upon the audience.

## GANANOQUE

Gananoque, Nov. 25.—On Monday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Halpenney, George Newton Tedford and Miss Mabel Covey, both of Charleston, were united in marriage here. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, sister and brother-in-law of the groom. They will take up residence in Charleston.

The annual chicken-supper given by the ladies of St. John's Church on Wednesday was a great success. It is estimated that between 400 and 500 were served in all. Rev. Father Hanley and his parishioners are very grateful to the large number from other churches in the town and surrounding country who patronized this affair and added so much to its success.

Last Sunday the Rev. Mr. Halpenney was in charge of a meeting in Lyn in the interests of Prohibition Union.

Among the Kingstonians who were down Wednesday evening for the chicken supper in the Lyceum were Dr. and Miss Phelan, Dr. E. C. O'Connor, and Misses Fowler, Hilton, Cavanagh, O'Hearn, Corrigan, Bailey, Stafford and Wylie, R.N's.

A number of the Taxis' Boys motored to Lyn Wednesday evening, where a banquet was tendered the three candidates for the Boys' Parliament—Melvin Halpenney, Gananoque; Taylor Franklin, Caintown, and Archibald Hill, Olivet. Much excitement and interest has been aroused in connection with this contest, which takes place Saturday. These three young men have done a lot of clever campaigning, and in the several addresses they have given in connection with same they have proven themselves real orators in the making, and no doubt many of these young men will be ruling the Dominion's destinies.

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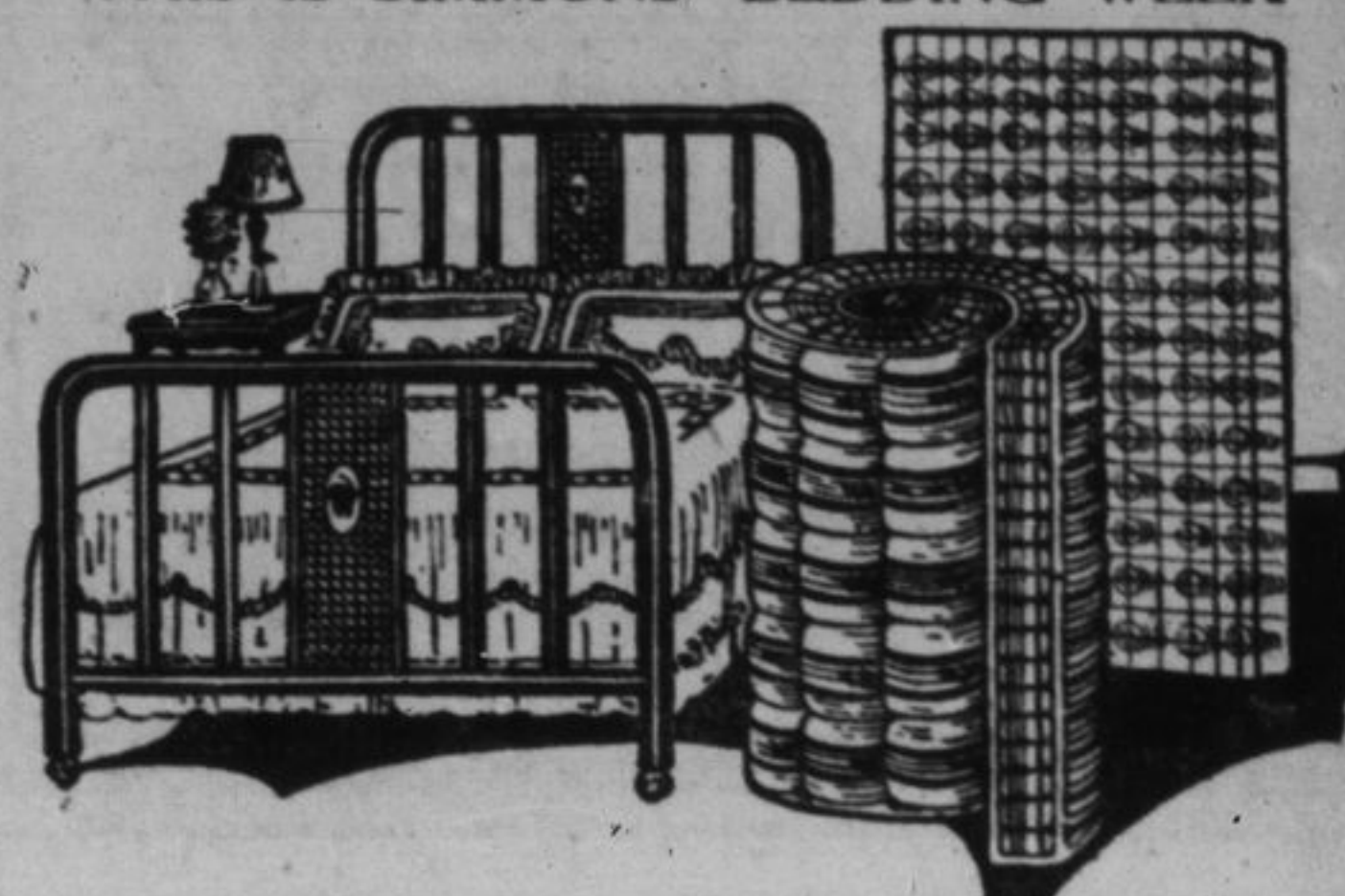
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Martin, of the cathedral, Kingston, came down for the chicken supper Wednesday evening.

Death of Lansdowne Lady. Lansdowne, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Haig, wife of Mr. David A. Haig, of the hardware and plumbing firm of Haig & Burns, died at five o'clock this morning after a long illness. Mrs. Haig was formerly Miss Wilhelmina Cornett of Gananoque.

At Ormiston, Sask., friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fox on Nov. 17th, it being their fortieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fox moved west from North Augusta, in April, 1905.

Wedded in Winnipeg. The Manitoba Free Press, Winnipeg, of Nov. 29th, has the following: A quiet but charming wedding, which took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Luke's Church, was that of Lillian Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Comber, of Selkirk, and Flight Lieut. Leigh Forbes Stevenson, son of the late Mr. John Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson of Winnipeg. His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, assisted by Canon Heene, officiated.

At St. Charles Church, Reid, an interesting wedding took place on Monday, when Elizabeth Mullin became the bride of Michael James Walsh.