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VALEDICTORY.

To-day, The British Whig ceases publication, and tomorrow it amalgamates with "The Standard under the name "The Whig-Standard." For nearly ninety-three years The Whig has been going into the homes of the people of the Kingston district. For over ninety-one years it was owned and controlled by the same family. It founder was Dr. Edward John Barker, an English gentleman, who issued his prospectus on the 11th of December, 1833. The first issue of The Whig came forth on the first day of January, 1834, and the paper for thirty-eight years was Conservative in politics. Then Dr. Barker's grandson, the late Edw. J. B. Pense, bought the newspaper and made it a Liberal organ. From 1872 until 1910, when he died very suddenly, Mr. Pense conducted the destinies of The Whig and made it one of the brightest small city dailies in Ontario. From May, 1910, to April, 1926, The Whig was conducted by The Pense Estate, and for the past year and a half, Rupert Davies has been publisher and editor-in-chief. All through the years The Whig has borne an honored record, and for more than half a century has fought in the interests of Liberalism in politics. It has fought hard, but it has always tried to fight fairly, and to leave no scores after the campaign was over.

Its old friends will be glad to know that the old name is to be retained and after to-day Kingston will have a hyphenated newspaper name. Just practise it a few times and the reader will find that "The Whig-Standard" sounds real well. The struggle of two newspapers of the excellence of The Standard and The Whig in a limited community has been a hard one for the past few years—only those who have had their money tied up in these two properties know just how hard—and an amalgamation was inevitable, as it has been in other small cities. Costs were very high and the population of the district too limited to maintain two such good newspaper services as the Kingston dailies were giving.

So to-day The Whig passes out as a Liberal newspaper. Its last fight from a political point of view has been a peculiar one—on behalf of a Conservative who stands for the maintenance of the Ontario Temperance Act. It is proud of the stand it has taken on this great moral issue, and hopes the people will go to the polls to-morrow and cast their ballots the way they think they should in the interests of this good old province of Ontario. It is a coincidence that The Standard and The Whig should close their separate careers on the 30th of November, and that the editors should affix the old newspaper

BIBLE THOUGHT

BUT WHO AM I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.—1 Chron. 29:14.

Good-Night sign to their valedictory copy.

ELECTORS TO STAND BEHIND  
HON. W. F. NICKLE.

The testing time for Hon. W. F. Nickle comes on Wednesday. Will those who believe in his integrity, his sincerity, his loyalty as a conscience make all possible effort to elect him to the legislature? He has placed his all in the keeping of the electors of Kingston; he has with eminent devotion declared his belief in prohibitive measures to control the liquor traffic, he has undaunted faith that the O. T. A. is workable under fair, sincere and faithful support and he has confidence that the measure is far better for Ontario than government control with easy access to liquor. Having these convictions he relies upon the honest, unbought, and passionless voice of the people to sustain him in his appeal for that which will make Ontario a better place to live in, a purer place to bring up children and a richer and more prosperous climate. Mr. Nickle earnestly asks the people to control the liquor traffic rather than let the traffic dominate. This is the aim of the trade, this is what they hope to get from a weak government. The issue is before the people for an answer. Let it be true to home and family, true to country, true to manhood, womanhood and children, true to the best interests of humanity, to right and noble living. Let the people of Ontario not enslave themselves. Support Nickle to the fullest of your working and voting powers on Wednesday.

CHANCE FOR RURAL VOTERS.

Rural voters are reminded that although their names may not be on the voters' lists, they will be able to use their franchise on December 1st if they are qualified to vote. They are entitled to be "sworn in" on election day if vouched for by an elector in the same polling division whose name is on the list. For some years this provision on behalf of rural voters has been in force in Dominion elections, but as it is now applying for the first time in a provincial campaign, those entitled to benefit by it may not be aware of the new section of the act.

CLARIFY HIS POLICY.

Rev. Dr. Ernest Thomas thinks Premier Ferguson should give assurances on these points:  
1—Will the Premier promise that if elected he will not ask or support others in asking the Legislature to make provision for the sale of beer by the glass?  
2—Will the Premier promise to legislate against the stimulating of the sale of liquor by any kind of advertisement within the province by means of bill boards or in the newspapers?  
Dr. Thomas remarks that the premier has ostensibly dropped the proposal for beer parlors until after the election. But he will, if elected, act as he sees best and then accept responsibility to the legislature. Obviously this leaves him perfectly free to interpret the vote—if he is successful—as warranting him in adding the beer parlors to the proposed liquor stores.

A LAST WORD.

To-morrow is polling day and the electors of Kingston and Portsmouth and Frontenac-Lennox will declare through the ballot box whether they want the Ontario Temperance Act to remain in force in this Province, or whether they wish to try the experiment of the sale of liquor by the government. Much has been printed in our columns on both sides of the question, and we believe the people are sufficiently well informed by this time, to be able to vote intelligently on the matter.

The British Whig would, however, like to make one final appeal to those who are still undecided as to how they will vote. We would ask them to cast their memories back to conditions as they knew them in Ontario before 1914, and to ask themselves the question fairly, as to whether conditions are better or worse today. We think we can guess what their answer will be. Admitting then that conditions are greatly improved, should we not all hesitate before we go back again to the legalized sale of liquor for beverage purposes. Will we not be well advised to hold fast to what we have, and endeavor to go forward, rather than try the risky experiment of bringing back the legalized sale of liquor?

This is a matter which every man and every woman has to decide for himself and herself. It is a matter for very careful consideration. Every vote tomorrow has tremendous potentialities. Its ultimate influence on the lives of our fellowmen and women, and on our children and their children is hard to estimate. Let us all vote, so that we can conscientiously feel that we have done our duty.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A vote for Nickle is a vote for the safety of Kingston homes.

"Youth refuses to retreat" in the demand for enforcement of the O. T. A.

"We are the people," is Premier Ferguson's way of announcing a dictatorship.

Be square and fair to our boys and keep out the proposed liquor store. Vote O. T. A.

The result will be a great victory for temperance if the electors forget party and vote for principle. Vote Nickle.

Will the introduction of government control bring about a better order of temperance in this province.

A railway engineer wants to know how many opponents to prohibition want to ride on a train with a drinking engineer?

A lot of Ontario brewery stock is on the market and the brokers are promising fabulous returns to investors IF—Think it over voters.

With the Ontario Temperance Act in force, the law can be well enforced with the right men in power—men who are in favor of enforcing the law. Elect Nickle.

Premier Ferguson declares enforcement of the present act impossible. Leader Sinclair says the premier has never made any honest or genuine attempt to enforce it.

"If I had a thousand votes I would cast them to defeat Howard Ferguson, and his proposal, for the wettest kind of legislation, which is, after our terrible experience, a complete failure." So writes Mr. R. M. Miller, Vancouver, B.C.

It sound big and manly doesn't it, to say, "No man shall tell me what I must do or drink." Doesn't it sound bigger to say, "I shall be glad, glad to have my actions curtailed, if, by so doing, I make life sater and cleaner for my weaker brother."

In 1920 distillers asked a committee of the legislature to introduce a system of sale of liquor in government stores to all adults holding a permit to purchase liquor. This was the beginning of the siege. The committee refused to act. Premier Ferguson has complied.

A government control system enables the government to ascertain where the drunken driver got his booze. What good will that do you after he has smashed your car and landed you and yours in hospital. Vote for Nickle and help people to live.

A man from Ontario was in British Columbia a short time ago. For a test he got a license to get a bottle, went to the liquor store, and asked the waiter how much he could get on that license; he replied, "As much as you want—a barrel, if you want it."

What a pathetic tale was told in The British Whig, on Friday, by a lad who, prior to 1916, said his home was a hell due to liquor; now it is a paradise, because of the O. T. A. Fathers and mothers should think and vote to save homes and preserve them in peace. Support Nickle.

A Gift Horse.

"That's a fine horse you've got there, Glas."  
"Aye, 'e be a rare terror, too; killed two men already, 'e 'as."  
"I wonder your master likes to keep such a savage brute."  
"E ain't keepin' him. 'E's sold 'im to 'is landlord."—Passing Show, London.

It Was Beautiful.

Visitor: I must say, Mrs. Brown, your Ellen's improvin' in her playin'."  
Ellen (from within): I'm not playin'! I'm just dustin' the piano."—Northern Daily Telegraph.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

His Red Head is Ancient Legend. Nearly all woodpeckers have some red on the head, at least a small spot. Fable says this is a drop of blood which gushed from a wound caused by the blow of a wand suffered at the hand of some ancient goddess as a punishment for a breach of conduct. The woodpecker has figured widely in the legends of ancient peoples. He summons the thunder; he blazes a path for the wandering hunter; he reveals the secret place of hidden treasures.

Well Regarded.

In our own days, the woodpecker is well thought of by the forester and the horticulturist. Usually resident, he spends the year in the never-ending search and discovery of insects which injure our forests. It is well to leave here and there a decayed limb, for he loves to fashion the cavity in which his brood shall be raised, and while all this

VOTE FOR NICKLE

And make sure that Kingston has an able advocate in the Legislature.

Kingston and Nickle

(Toronto Globe)  
The splendid gathering that greeted Hon. W. F. Nickle and Sir George Foster at Kingston on Friday provided sufficient causes for optimism on the part of the O. T. A. supporters in this riding. It is not too much to say that the centre of interest in the coming election is the constituency of Kingston and Portsmouth, where Mr. Nickle contends the seat as a Conservative opposed to the Prime Minister's policy of Government control. It is not on Kempenfelt, but on Kingston, that the eyes of the Province will be turned on Wednesday. The reason is not far to seek.

The stand that Mr. Nickle has taken has brought him, on the one hand, the opprobrium of many of his erstwhile supporters whose policy is expressed in the phrase, "My party, right or wrong," and who cannot or will not see that moral principles must ever take precedence over mere party affiliation in the eyes of some men. His courageous policy, on the other hand, has rallied to his standard men and women not of his own party who on any other than a moral issue such as the present would have opposed him. The sensational break of the former Attorney-General with Mr. Ferguson, his bold stand for what he conceived to be a matter of moral conviction, and his decision to run in his own constituency instead of choosing a "walk-over," as he might have done, serve to focus attention on this riding as on no other.

It was no easy task that Mr. Nickle set himself when he announced his bid was in the ring in his native city and district. That it was no impossible task, the meeting held in Kingston City Hall on Friday bears eloquent testimony. At this meeting Mr. Nickle declared that a man was not a traitor to his own party who followed his principles and broke with his Leader when the latter turned a sharp corner. The support he is receiving from large numbers of Liberals and Conservatives alike vindicates his course. His election will set the seal of his own people upon conscientious adherence to principle. It is the moral issue that is before fourth out here that gives importance to the Kingston contest. Kingston will not only honor W. F. Nickle, by his election. She will honor herself.

News and Views.

What Job Escaped. Atlanta Constitution: Talk about the patience of Job—he never had to wait for a haircut, with six women ahead of him.

No Answer. Farmers' Sun: Mr. Ferguson's opponents add a grave accusation expressed by Mr. Nickle, and to the effect that the disorderly resistance to the law at this time is to a large extent due to Mr. Ferguson's failure to stand firm during the past three years. To those accusations of his opponents Mr. Ferguson makes no answer.

Humane Societies. Guelph Mercury: Humane societies are performing a real service in educating the little children in the schools to be kind to animals. The generation is helped by such education and gets a brighter and broader view of life in general, and those kind to animals are usually found to be kinder to humans than others who have no regard for animals at all.

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