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RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

The result of yesterday's election adds very considerably to Mr. Rowell's following in the legislature at Toronto, but scarcely reaches the confident expectations that were formed some days ago by the forces of temperance.

A majority of the electors of Ontario have declared by their ballots against the Temperance policy.

This does not prove that the policy was either right or wrong. It merely proves that it was defeated at this election.

No question is ever settled until it is settled right.

If the open barroom is right, if it is a public benefit, if it works for the good of home and society, it ought to be and will be preserved.

If, on the other hand, the licensed bar is an evil, if it is wrong, if it is bad as an economic proposition, sooner or later the people will find a means to put it out of existence.

Whether this question will remain "in politics," as the expression is now understood, remains to be seen. That a very great proportion of the professed prohibitionists voted for party rather than principle cannot truthfully be denied.

But it is idle now to indulge in recriminations. The contest is over, for the present at least, and the calling of names can do no possible good.

To say that the temperance party as a whole is insincere is quite untrue. Many thousands of ardent conservatives who had voted a straight party ticket all their lives, left their party on this issue and worked loyally to promote the acceptance of the principle in which they believed.

To those temperance workers who labored just as faithfully to promote the return of the government candidates we do not issue any maledictions. We leave it to them to determine with their own better judgement, and their own consciences whether at this time they have been honest with themselves, and true to their professions.

The one bright spot in the local horizon is the return of Nelson Parliament for Prince Edward county, where an overwhelming majority 587 was converted into a majority for the temperance candidate of ninety.

The crowd that assembled in the liberal club rooms last night to hear the election returns did not have the appearance of a party that had undergone defeat. There was everywhere evident the lively satisfaction that comes to men who have met their duty squarely and carried it out fearlessly. The cheering that greeted the various speakers was quite as hearty and spontaneous as though it was party victorious. Mr. Sinclair, the defeated candidate was apparently the most optimistic man in the room, and won great applause by the statement that he would rather lose by a majority of five thousand, if that were possible, than to win by the adoption of a principle in which he did not believe.

STARVATION FOR THE SUFFRAGETTES

Some prominent English clergymen have expressed the opinion that the militant suffragettes who have got themselves into jail ought to be permitted to starve themselves to death if they choose to do so. They probably express the general opinion of thinking people everywhere who have been astonished and disgusted with the plan of campaign carried on by Mrs. Pankhurst's followers. It was supposed that the famous "Cat and Mouse" Act would put an end to the lawlessness of women, but it has failed, for within the past month there have been more shameful outrages perpetrated by the furies than ever before. Those implicated in them have been arrested, have refused to eat, and instead of being forcibly fed have been

allowed out to recover their health. Then they will be rearrested. The point is that in the interval between incarcerations they have opportunities for fresh attacks upon national treasures, for fresh insults to the King, for fresh experiments in arson and in disturbing church services. As long as these women know that by abstaining from food for a couple of days they can regain their liberty, prospects of a prison term will have no terrors for them, and it appears that it is only by terror that they can be subdued. Of course, those who believe they ought not to be subdued will be aghast at the notion that the women are to be treated like ordinary malefactors. Others will wonder that the British Government has been so lenient, and has, in effect, given sanction to their outrages by refraining from punishing them. If tomorrow one thousand suffragettes were to commit hari-kari in the streets of London as a protest against the Government's treatment of them, would their death have any general effect upon the public? It would arouse natural sentiment of regret and horror, but would it impel the Government to grant the survivors the ballot? The public would decline to see in this wholesale immolation a new argument in favor of women suffrage. In fact, if all the militant suffragettes were thus to sacrifice themselves the agitation for granting women the ballot would subside rather than increase. So it would likely be if women were permitted to starve themselves to death in jail. For the Government to continue its present ineffective method of dealing with these Bedlamites is to run the risk of an exasperated mob lynching some flagrant female offenders. Then the ring-leaders of the mob would be expeditiously hanged.

UNCONSCIOUS CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

"Percival, come here this minute; sit down and be still." "Percival, stop chasing that cat!" "Percival, if you don't make less noise I'll tell father and he'll attend to you."

And for a whole afternoon it was "Percival, don't!" and "Percival, do!" until night we expect "Percival" will ring in our ears and prevent sleep.

It was in the park that we saw "Percival" and his well-meaning but nervous mama. They had gone there presumably that Percival might have a good time. But if we're any judge of boyhood, Percival wasn't having it, for he no sooner started to enjoy himself, boy fashion, than the sharp voice of his querulous guardian coiled itself around him like a lariat and yanked him into captivity.

Of course, Percival's mama loved Percival and thought she was shooting her machine-gun commands at him for Percival's best interests. The trouble with that woman was that she had never been a boy herself. Had she been she would have agreed with the Minnesota man who told the convention of Sunday School teachers in Chicago that a boy is compounded of 50 per cent play, 40 per cent fight and only 5 per cent each of work and religion.

It was easy enough, it was even enjoyable for her to sit still on a park bench and just be passive to the caresses of Nature, for she was built that way.

But not for a live boy. The unconscious cruelties of doting parents to growing children must make the angels mourn.—Wichita Beacon

Well done, Prince Edward!

The fact that several paid government officials were out yesterday actively canvassing and working for the government candidate will probably be made the subject of inquiry at the next session of the legislature. These men forget that they are the paid servants of the whole people, that their salaries are paid by people of both parties. Instead of that they have been conducting themselves as if they were the hirelings of the conservative party.

The possibility of saving babies in a great city like New York through child welfare interest on the part of organized societies is presented by some remarkable statistics just given out by the board of health of that city.

In 1904 the infant death rate was 162 for every 1,000 born, these deaths occurring within a year after birth.

Last year the death-rate was 102. This represents for New York the saving of the lives of upward 8,000 babies within a single twelve months. That is what human forthright and human kindness and humane attention will do in a great center like New York City.

It is time to quit sneering about welfare work.

It is significant of the importance, which is now attached to town planning in the Old Country that a movement is on foot to establish a Chair of Town Planning at London University. There are now 200 town planning schemes actually awaiting the consideration of the Local Government Board in Great Britain. The new chair will be established for three years as an experiment, but it is more than likely to become a permanent feature of the University, which already has chairs in architecture, municipal engineering, and hygiene. There is need for similar additions to the University equipment of this country. Our municipal government is behind the times.

OPEN LETTER

From Rev. W. G. Clarke, B.A., Pastor of the Tabernacle Church, re the Present Temperance Situation.

To The Editor of The Ontario Dear Sir,—

Now that the battle of the ballots is over, we have duties of a serious nature before us. We have all to continue together for the best interest of our city and community. We cannot afford to have the right thinking people of our city divided. When a great moral issue has been up for settlement, the great danger arises from the charge, so freely hurled back and forth, of insincerity. No charge is more damaging if true than such an accusation. No word cuts deeper to true men than hypocrite. Now on the one hand the charge had been freely flung that this issue has been merely a "political dodge." On the other hand, the charge is made that those who will not support an out and out moral proposition are "hypocrites." Personality I do not believe that these charges are based in truth. I believe that for various reasons many sincere men have stood on both sides of this great issue in this present campaign so far as the citizens of Belleville are concerned. Good men have differed in this matter and have stood, some on one side and some on the other. While I have had intense conviction on the one side, I cannot but believe that men who in all other things are just as good as I am, are in this thing sincere, though taking the opposite side to the one I have supported.

Now we cannot afford to be divided. In the interests of righteousness and good society and the promotion of every general and public interest it is essential that all sincere men stand shoulder to shoulder. United we stand. Divided we fall.

On the great issue up for settlement in this election, the policy of local option as the means of curtailment of the evils of intemperance has triumphed by a overwhelming majority, so far as the ballots indicate the will of the people. The policy of the Providence-wide abolition of the retail sale of intoxicating liquors has been defeated.

The Hon. W. J. Hanna, speaking at Point Edward on Tuesday June 16th, as reported in the Mail and Empire on June 17th last, said: "The impression is sought to be given that the Conservative party is the party of intemperance and the Liberal is the party of temperance. I want to say as a Conservative that whether in the Conservative or in the Liberal, ninety per cent of the people are in favour of making the maximum effort to minimize the evils of the liquor traffic. It is not a question of temperance, per se, at all, but of the best methods to attain that desirable end."

Personally I believe that Mr. Hanna is sincere and that the above is a true summary of the situation, so far as the attitude of the two parties and the question at issue are concerned.

That being the case, the Conservative policy of Local-option has triumphed. The Hon. W. J. Hanna says that 90 per cent of both parties "are in favour of making the maximum effort to minimize the evils of the liquor traffic." Speaking as one who regarded and regards the temperance policy as the supreme issue, we have claimed that in this whole matter there is no political axe to grind and that we are not concerned in the political fortunes of any party. Our claim has been that we are not fighting the Conservative party as such but the liquor interests that are lined up behind the Conservative party.

As all temperance people on both sides are truly sincere in their course it is essential that we allow nothing to divide us in pressing forward to the desired end of which Mr. Hanna speaks. For the purpose of removing all charges of insincerity and hypocrisy and uniting all our temperance forces for the purpose of pressing on to the common goal I beg respectfully to submit the following proposition:—Accepting the will of the majority and having had and now having no other object in view than the good of society through the reducing to a minimum of the evils of the liquor traffic and believing sincerely in the bona fides of Conservative temperance electors who supported Whitney's policy of Local Option I pledge myself to heartily support in every way the launching

of a local option campaign for the City of Belleville for January next. Such a campaign should be started at once as time is a very essential element in making the necessary preparations for a successful campaign. I pledge myself to join with my Conservative temperance friends to the extent of my ability. If we come forward as a unit in this matter then in a City which has supported Sir James Whitney's and Mr. Hanna's local option policy by a majority of over 700 the campaign ought to win.

If our Conservative temperance friends will take the matter up and call a meeting immediately I believe that every leader in the present temperance interest will be found standing shoulder to shoulder with them.

Yours sincerely, W. G. Clarke

The Tabernacle Parsonage June 30th, 1914. P. S.—I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Intelligencer.

LEADER IS GRATIFIED.

Mr. Rowell Regrets, However, That Gains Were Not Greater. WOODSTOCK, June 30.—Mr. N. W. Rowell received the results of the election at the Woodstock Young Liberal Club rooms, and, interviewed later in the evening, made the following statement:

It is gratifying to find that, notwithstanding the whole weight of the Government forces, aided by the organized liquor interests, we have improved our position in the House. For the sake of the policy for which we were fighting I regret that our gains were not numerous. We were greatly handicapped by the short period we had to prepare for the election. It took up all our time to get candidates in the field. I desire to thank the electors of the province who gave us their support, and particularly the large body of volunteer workers who have freely given of their time in this contest. We have brought into the political affairs of the province a new spirit of public service, and hundreds of men who have not hitherto taken an active interest in political affairs will undoubtedly do so in the future. It is the guarantee of the ultimate success.

"Of the policy of misrepresentation persistently and systematically pursued in our order to mislead the electors as to our position and policy, I shall not speak at present."

Death of Solomon Vermilyea. Ex-Mayor Vermilyea received word this morning of the death of his only brother, Solomon, of Belmont Lake, Erie County. The sad event occurred very suddenly last evening from heart failure.

Mr. Vermilyea was a well-known former resident of this city. Some years ago he conducted a corset factory here, and later established the roller skating rink on the site of the present Baptist Church. He left Belleville about twenty years ago and has since resided at Lima, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. (Dr) Campbell, of Jamestown, N. Y., and Mrs. I. B. Cooper, of Chambers, Ohio.

Mr. Vermilyea is the eldest son of the late W. H. Vermilyea, and was about 65 years of age at the time of his demise.

He was a member of Meira Lodge, A. F. & M. and an adherent of the Methodist Church.

BIRTH.

CORRIGAN—On June 29th to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Corrigan, Church St., a son.

Change of Route.

Commencing July 2nd, S.S. Varuna will operate daily except Sunday between Trenton and Pictou, calling at intermediate points, leaving Belleville at 8.30 a.m. for Pictou and returning leave at 4.15 p.m. for Trenton. 32701/1th.

Found Skiff.

Mr. W. S. Thompson yardman at Holton's Mill, last night at 9.10 p.m. saw two boys in possession of a skiff. They told him they found it across the bay. He told them to hold it for the owner. The boys said they would.

Boy Was Run Over.

A child was run over on Pinnacle Street below Dundas street by a buggy this morning. The youngster's clothes were soiled as were his hands and face, but he was not seriously hurt.

Rev. A. M. Hubby left today for Toronto to remain until Friday.

Mrs. J. Edgcombe, and son Kenneth of Napanee are visiting in the city.

Capt. Jax Hunter, of Pictou, is spending a few days at his home in the city.

Mrs. Nichols and daughter, Katie, have gone to Frankford to spend a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Corrigan of Albert are spending a few days in the city the guest of Mr. D. J. Corrigan and Mr. P. Donovan.

Miller's Worm Powders are sweet and palatable to children, who show no hesitancy in taking them. They will certainly bring all worm troubles to an end. They are strengthening and a stimulating medicine, correcting the disorders of digestion that the worms cause and imparting a healthy tone to the system most beneficial to development.

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED.

Steamer Cassandra Removes 1,019 Passengers From the California. LONDON, June 30.—A wireless message to the Mail Head Station early yesterday from the Anchor Line steamer Cassandra, which is ashore on Tory Island, stated that the vessel struck at 9.30 o'clock Sunday night in a dense fog. In response to her distress calls the steamer Cassandra and three torpedo boat destroyers rushed to her aid.

The Cassandra and the destroyers, the message stated, experienced some difficulty in locating the California, owing to the fog and treacherous nature of the coast. The destroyer Lynx was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident, and by the aid of a searchlight from the Lynx the Cassandra was enabled to approach the California.

The 1,016 passenger on the California commenced disembarking at daybreak, being taken aboard the Cassandra.

SOUTH AFRICANS COMING.

Big Party of Farmers Will Tour Canada and the U. S. LONDON, June 30.—An extensive tour of Canada and the United States has been arranged for the party of 53 South African farmers, under the leadership of Johannes Adriaan, a member of the Executive of the Union of South Africa, which recently arrived here. After visiting all parts of the British Isles and Holland the farmers will sail from Liverpool for Quebec.

The members of the party are to be the guests of the Dominion of Canada, and will visit the eastern and western provinces and afterward go to Minneapolis to study grain handling and the elevator system. They will then proceed to Wisconsin to gather ideas on dairy farming, and later to Chicago to inspect the stock yards, ending their tour with a visit to the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Some of the farmers intend to remain in the United States for a time to study fruit farming in California. BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES. Prince Alexander of Teck is to represent King George at the funeral of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and not Prince Arthur of Connaught, as had been reported. The Hebrew Christian Alliance of America was organized at a meeting held yesterday in Brooklyn, N.Y. Rev. S. B. Robold, Toronto, Ont., was elected president. Father Loiselle, parish priest of Loiselleville, which was formerly Canard River, who was suspended by Bishop Fallon, has been reinstated following his withdrawal of accusations he had made. From the middle of the cantilever bridge spanning the Reversible falls at St. John, N.B., Mrs. Harold Climo fell 80 feet into the river. She was rescued and will live.

Despite continued expressions of hope that the plans for Mexican mediation will not fail, considerable apprehension was shown yesterday in official quarters at Washington. When the liner Campania arrived in New York yesterday, three on board were under the care of the surgeon and a fourth, Mrs. Anna Nichol of Glasgow, who had slashed the others with a pocket knife, was under careful surveillance.

Would Not Celebrate Peace. WASHINGTON, June 30.—A bill to create a commission and appropriate \$25,000 for the proposed celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent and 100 years of peace between English-speaking nations was brought up in the House yesterday under suspension of the rule and was defeated by a vote of 185 to 52.

The bill can be brought before the House again in regular order. Irish societies in the United States have protested against it.

Overtures For Peace From Turks. CONSTANTINOPLE, June 30.—The Greek reply to the last Turkish note which has been received here is couched in friendly spirit and accepts the proposals of Turkey regarding the exchange of Turkish and Greek property and the appointment of a Greek-Turkish commission to supervise the arrangement. Greece hopes that the incidents which have disturbed the good relations between the two countries will not recur and declares that Musliman in Greece territory are treated on an equality with the other inhabitants.

No New Features. FREDERICTON, N.B., June 30.—The royal commission enquiring into the Dugal charges held their first session in Fredericton yesterday, sitting for about three and one-half hours. The session was productive of no interesting features, and many of the crowd of spectators who assembled, expecting some of the lively scenes such as ensued at St. John last week, left early, very much disappointed.

Dirigible Balloon Record. TOUL, France, June 30.—The French military dirigible balloon Adjutant Vincenet, piloted by Georges Jour, and carrying eight passengers has established a new world's record for continuous navigation by dirigibles. It remained in the air for 25 hours and 20 minutes.

Charged With Shooting. FORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 30.—Shot through the lungs, H. Heikkins, a Port Arthur Finlander, is in a serious condition. I. Matson is charged with the shooting.

A scientist says that human hair grows at the rate of .1095 of an inch a day. Some people who dye their hair to forget this.

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