

QUEBEC ANGLICAN MINISTERS CONDEMN GOVERNMENT SALE

Find Bootlegging Rampant and Blind Pigs Are On Increase—
Fear Drinking in Homes Has Injurious Effect On
Morals of Young Generation.

APPALLING AMOUNT OF BEER CONSUMED

ARTICLE 20.
I sought out an Anglican clergyman in a workman's district to see what he would say about government control. His name was Rev. Mr. Mason, and his charge is the Church of the Redeemer, in Cote St. Paul.

There was no difficulty persuading Mr. Mason to talk about government control. He does not like it. He says that after seeing it in operation he is against it. In his locality he is sure there are more blind pigs selling after hours and on Sunday than there were under prohibition.

"The bootleggers are buying their supplies from the government," declared this Anglican clergyman. "The government is getting its profit on the sales made and apparently is not interested in the suppression of the illicit sale. Conditions are very bad."

"Certainly workmen want liquor on Sunday and will pay any price to get it when they want it. They are being held up by the blind pigs. These men are the type who can least afford to drink, and their families are suffering."

"A bad feature of the government control system is that it affords the government a great chance to reward political hangers-on. The government liquor stores are overstaffed. I don't know whether the beer being sold is stronger than the 4 per cent the law allows, but I do know that lots of men are getting drunk on it."

"Drinking seems to be increasing rapidly. In the last six months I have seen more drunken men than I used to see two or three years ago under the old law."

Strong Drink in Taverns.
Brigadier McMillan of the Salvation Army, who for four or five years had charge of the army's police work in Montreal, had not a good word to say for government control. He said it was a most unsatisfactory system.

"You can get spirituous liquors as well as beer in almost any tavern you go into," declared the brigadier. "From the number of drunks you see on the streets you wouldn't think we had government control at all. One day there were 99 drunks in the police court, and almost any day you can find 30 or 40."

A large contracting firm told me that there was little difference in the efficiency of labor in Quebec and Ontario. Rough labor in Quebec was perhaps a little more unreliable owing to liquor. Ontario labor was more generally "white," more intelligent and less likely to disobey a law than was the case in Quebec. For that reason the government sale of Quebec might suit Quebec where it would be undesirable in Ontario.

Canon Flanagan's Views.
Canon Flanagan, an Anglican minister, who has grown up with his district, thought that decent people who had voted for government control were much dissatisfied with its workings in Quebec.

"The government seems to be out to make revenue," he said. "The number of government stores is out of all proportion to the necessities of the case. And they plant down a store before anyone knows anything about it in the most autocratic way and it is very hard to get things changed, although we succeeded in one instance."

"At border points the conditions are abnormal. In small towns there the receipts are fabulous. There is direct traffic across the border which the government seems to encourage for the sake of profit. The government is directly involved in the center of the bootlegging trade, thus creating a real moral issue."

"The idea of government control was to be the restriction of the traffic within normal limits in practice it is working out as a business proposition. There is supposed to be a limit of one bottle of hard stuff for each person. But as many as seven men in costly touring cars visit a series of stores and fill the car with rumrunning or bootlegging purposes."

Canon Flanagan said that, bad as things were, conditions were better than they were under the open bar. There was not much intoxication in his middle class district, although he heard reports of heavy drinking elsewhere. He thought it was clear beer stronger than four per cent was being sold.

Beer Drinking Appalling.
Rev. James Fee, who has charge of All Saints' church, and is chairman of the social service committee of the Anglican church, took exception to the arbitrary power of the government control board to locate liquor stores where it pleased without notice or redress. He objected to the bootlegging which was going on and feared that the control board lent itself to it.

"There is less drinking on the part of my own people than under license," said Mr. Fee, "but some of the clergy tell a different story. An appalling amount of beer is being drunk. One brewery announced a day for five beer and all the bums and low characters in the city were there. What I particularly dislike about the government control system is its sale of beer by the bottle in the groceries. That is a vicious feature."

aps the Moral Sense.
Rev. Dean Sanders was another Anglican clergyman who had definite convictions about the sale of liquor. "The liquor trade means broken hearts, broken pockets and broken homes," he said. "Give me prohibition unless there is something better. Government control is worse; as bad, possibly, as license, for it saps the moral sense of government and people."

"The police do not arrest the

drunks unless they are disorderly lying on the ground outside the church, where a ball game was in progress. They came over, dragged the men to a distance and left them there.

"The present system develops drinking in the homes. It is educating this generation to drink. The government farms out the traffic to a commission. The commission goes out for business and acts in an automatic manner. If a store manager does not make a profit, the place is closed. There is no control of the character people expect. The character of a constable was once drawn to five men who went to one government store and bought again and again. The officer only shrugged his shoulders."

Renounced Government Control.
R. L. Werry, a newspaperman, is one temperance worker who was enamored of government control until he experienced its operations. He is now one of its most persistent opponents. He thinks present conditions are worse than those under license. He says the taverns are demoralizing the young men and that the economic effects are serious. The sale of liquor makes the social evil worse. Prostitution could not be controlled while liquor was legally obtainable. The sale of beer by groceries Mr. Werry declares to be bad for the children in the homes which order it.

BISHOP DEDICATES CHURCH MEMORIAL

Window Unveiled in Memory of the Late Rev. Canon William Craig.

David Williams, bishop of Huron, dedicated a memorial window in the church of St. John the Evangelist yesterday at the morning service. The window, which is in the north wall of the church, is placed in memory of Rev. Canon William Craig, rector of the church from 1910 to 1913.

In an elaborate service, which preceded the unveiling and dedication, the children of the Sunday school took a prominent part. Ushered into the church by a troop of Boy Scouts, the children filed into the church and occupied the two front rows of pews.

Col. C. E. H. Fisher, one of the oldest members of the church, performed the unveiling, drawing back the flags hiding the window, and the bishop having dedicated it, preached a forceful sermon on the training and upbringing of children.

He regretted that the home had so largely abrogated in favor of the Sunday school in late years, and maintained that the home was still the chief feature in the training of the young child's mind and in the formation of character. He suggested that some means might be introduced which would enable the churches to give more time to the work of the Sunday schools.

FARM HOUSE BURNED NEAR PORT STANLEY
Unoccupied Building On Farm of George Copeland Is Destroyed.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Oct. 19.—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a story and a half house on George Copeland's farm on the Port Stanley gravel road a few miles south of the city on Saturday afternoon. The house is situated close to the Copeland residence, and has been unoccupied for some little time. Some boys were noticed leaving the vicinity just before the fire was discovered. A large crowd gathered, but little could be done to save the house, and attention was turned to the other buildings. The loss, amounting to \$1,500, is fully covered by insurance.

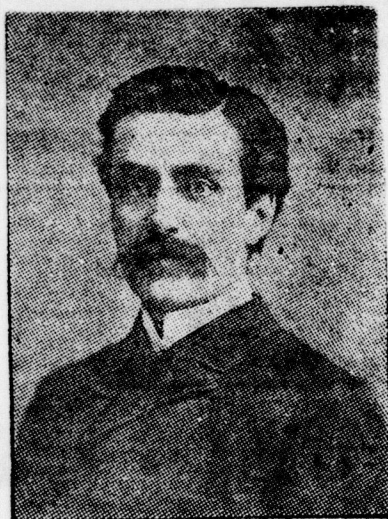
FLOWER BULBS DISTRIBUTED FOR GROUNDS IN WHEATLEY

Special to The Advertiser.
Wheatley, Oct. 19.—The horticultural society has distributed thousands of bulbs among its members. The society has spent hundreds of dollars in providing shrubs and flowers for the high school grounds, the churches, and the village park.

Around the memorial monument brilliant red geraniums have bloomed all summer.

Red tulips will be planted after these are done. It is the intention of the society to always keep at the foot of the monument crimson flowers as a tribute to those from this community who fell in the war.

TO INSTALL NEW LIGHTS.
Leamington, Oct. 19.—New lights are to be installed on Erie street south from Talbot street to Oak street, and on Talbot street west as far as Victoria street. They are to be the lantern type, with underground wiring.



HON. J. M. PELLETIER, agent-general for Quebec, whose sudden death last night came as a shock to the whole dominion.

STRONG APPEALS MADE FOR O. T. A.

Edward E. Reid and George A. Stanley Speak at Askin Street Church.

Edward E. Reid, general manager of the London Life insurance company, London, and George A. Stanley of Lucan, speaking at the evening service in the Askin street Methodist church last night, issued a last appeal to the members of the congregation for a solid vote in support of the O. T. A. next Thursday.

Both speakers declared the eyes of the temperance world were upon Ontario in this plebiscite and that he voted in the cause of temperance would prove a splendid moral support for the cause everywhere.

Mr. Reid, with the authority of an insurance man and with the statistics of the business in his hands, warned young men especially against the shortage of life which must inevitably follow the use of alcohol.

Quotes Figures.
Quoting from figures supplied by one of the largest life insurance companies in New York Mr. Reid stated that a man's life would become shorter and shorter in direct ratio to the amount of alcohol he used. For every hundred deaths recorded by the company among total abstainers, there were 124 among the rare drinkers, 143 among the temperate drinkers, and 213 among what the company labelled moderate drinkers.

He also remarked for the benefit of those young men who felt inclined to try drink for a bit, and then give it up, that an insurance company rated their life risk exactly the same as the risks in the other categories of drinkers, according to the amount consumed.

Only Two Questions.
George Stanley declared that there were only two questions facing the voter, the support of the O. T. A. and the government sale of liquor for beverage purposes in sealed packages. He said there were no new features in this vote as compared with the last vote on the question of the use of liquor by the people of Ontario.

He said that 97 per cent of all his bad debts in a business life of forty-three years had been because the money had been spent over a bar. In the matter of government control he stated that since May 1 of this year, when the Alberta government control law went into effect, 239 hotels had been licensed to sell liquor by the glass, and were maintaining rooms in which liquor was sold either to men or women, and at which the drinkers sat down at tables, in place of standing at a bar as in the old days.

FIRE DOES DAMAGE IN CIGAR FACTORY
Loss of \$10,000 in Plant of William Ward & Sons, King Street.

A blaze in the cigar factory of William Ward & Sons, Limited, King street, yesterday afternoon did damage estimated at \$10,000.

The flames started in the shipping room on the first floor, and shot up the elevator shaft to the upper floors and destroyed part of the roof.

Many cases of cigars were in the shipping room ready for shipment, and these were totally destroyed by smoke and water. Other tobacco in the building was destroyed by the smoke.

The ceiling of the second floor was partially destroyed, and the elevator shaft was considerably damaged.

A great deal of trouble was encountered by the fire-fighters because of volumes of pungent smoke issuing from the building.

Chief Aitken stated that the fire must have been burning some time before it was noticed as the flames had reached the second floor before an alarm was turned in.

Mr. Ward stated that to the best of his knowledge no one had been in the building since Saturday afternoon.

Adjoining buildings were not damaged as the flames were confined to the inside of the building. Smoke penetrated into the knitting company that occupies the building in the rear, but this did not cause any damage.

No one was injured.

O. T. A. MEETING HELD IN THEATRE AT BLENHEIM

Special to The Advertiser.
Blenheim, Oct. 19.—A largely-attended public meeting in the interests of the Ontario temperance act was held in the Temple Theatre Thursday night. Rev. Denny Bright, rector of Trinity Anglican church, acted as chairman. The program consisted of very interesting addresses by Mrs. (Rev.) William Sterling of Cedar Springs and Rev. Sloat, Baptist minister of Chatham. School children gave two fine prohibition songs under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Little and G. O. Coburn. Gerald Clemens of Chatham gave two piano solos.

Baptist Convention Program

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Baptist convention will be held in Talbot Street Baptist church from Oct. 24 to Oct. 30.

The following is the program that has been prepared for the annual gathering:

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.
Friday, Oct. 24.
10:30—Quiet hour of intercession.
2:00—Devotional services; reading of minutes; business, including brief statements on the new pension scheme; the report of the special pastoral settlement committee; the reports of the special committees; the report of the secretary-treasurer; Baptist propaganda; Brethren Kendall and Jones; address, "The Baptist Ministry. Is There an Age Limit?" Rev. J. D. MacLachlan; discussion; address "The Spiritual Birth-Status of the Child. Does Every Child Born Into the World Need a Second Birth?" Professor A. L. McCrimmon; discussion.

FIRST CONVENTION SESSION.
7:45—Song service.
8:00—Devotional service, Rev. Dr. Bowley Green.
8:10—Appointment of committees.
8:20—Report of executive committee.
8:25—Reception of new ministers.
8:35—Report of nominating committee.

8:45—President's annual address.
SATURDAY, OCT. 25.
Morning Session.
9:15—Prayer and praise.
9:25—Report of pastoral settlement committee.
9:40—Report of committee on state of religion.
10:30—Report of rural church committee; address by Professor Alex. McLaren.
11:25—Report of historical committee.
11:45—Devotional address, Rev. W. H. Langton.

Afternoon.
2:00—Conference and intercession, Rev. H. McDiarmid, leader.
Evening.
7:45—Praise and testimony; Professor P. S. Campbell, teacher.
SUNDAY, OCT. 26.
11 a.m.—Convention sermon, Rev. G. R. MacPail, B.A., Ottawa.
7:00 p.m.—Sermon, Rev. G. R. MacPail, B.A., Ottawa.

MONDAY, OCT. 27.
Morning Session.
9:15—Prayer and praise.
9:25—Report of provincial B. Y. P. U.
9:40—Report of forward movement committee.
10:00—Report of committee on ministerial education.
11:00—Report of committee on obituaries; memorial address, Rev. J. H. Boyd, Toronto.
Afternoon Session.
2:00—Prayer and praise.

O. T. A. DEBATE FEATURES CAMPAIGN IN OXFORD

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, Oct. 19.—One of the interesting events of the plebiscite campaign in Oxford county took place at Woodstock last night, when a debate was staged with Rev. Donald MacIntyre of Ingersoll, speaking on behalf of the O. T. A., and Harry Sanders, a Woodstock lawyer, supporting government control. During the course of the debate, Mr. Sanders was heckled by a member of the audience. While Mr. MacIntyre was speaking, Mr. Sanders objected to some of his remarks, and when ordered by the chairman to sit down, he appealed against this ruling to the meeting. The meeting was held at the Beachville hall which was packed to capacity, and keen interest was shown in the debate.

TONG WAR CLAIMS DETROIT VICTIM
Chinaman Killed During Gambling Game—Eight Suspects Held.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Oct. 19.—Chinese Tong slaying this afternoon stirred police to unusual activity. Eight Chinese are held on a tentative charge of murder following the shooting of Eng Sang Cheuy, during a gambling game in the basement of 1351 Third avenue.

Chuey, the victim of the Tong war, was shot four times. One bullet penetrated his temple, another pierced his heart. His body was a target for two other shells. The first shot entered his head at the rear. As he swung around, his assailants fired several times, three times with effect. A lone passerby and police that at least a dozen shots rang out.

STRAWBERRIES RIPEN.
Special to The Advertiser.
Guelph, Oct. 19.—J. J. O'Connor of Oak Valley farm, College avenue, picked ten boxes of everbearing strawberries yesterday. The berries were large and of good color and flavor. Bloom on the plants is still plentiful, and many berries in the green state have formed.

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