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Prohibition.

MRS. HOWLAND ADDRESSES
LARGE AUDIENCE IN COLLEGE
HALL.

With the object of furthering the cause of Prohibition a mass meeting was held at the College Hall last evening when Mrs. Howland, a W. C. T. U. representative, who came here from the United States on Saturday, gave her first lecture. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, standing room being at a premium. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Jones and with him on the platform were Revs. Uphill, Pike, Whitemarsh, Thomas, Sutherland, Guy, Fenwick, Royle and the W. C. T. U. officers. After the singing of a hymn in which 100 children, who were seated on the platform, took part, Rev. Dr. Jones introduced the speaker and in doing so referred to the public as being divided into three classes on the liquor question, as follows: shirkers, jerkers and workers, but he felt that all present belonged to the latter class. In her prefatory remarks Mrs. Howland told of the good work accomplished by the W. C. T. U. from its inception forty years ago to the present time. Continuing, she dealt exhaustively with the liquor question at issue. She told of the sights witnessed at Missions where food is provided for those who have fallen through the curse of drink and painted a pathetic picture of the sights witnessed there. Many despite natural ability, education, culture, have fallen to the lowest depths. Men made in God's image have degraded themselves such as to be below the level of the brute. Their homes are ruined, and sin and misery replaces happiness and comfort, all brought about by that worst of all evils, strong drink. She also pointed out how a young man in the States was first tempted to drink a glass of wine. He yielded. The habit grew on him for stronger intoxicants and not long ago he was killed by a train while in a state of drunkenness. There are thousands of other such striking examples, she said. It was the duty of every father and mother in Newfoundland, she added, to save their children by taking advantage of the opportunity of approaching by voting for the abolition of the liquor traffic. She had a conversation with a Boston liquor dealer who said that there would not be a saloon throughout all America in ten years time. Temperance work had achieved much in a few years by agitation assisted by medical science, she continued. The whole world is against liquor and Newfoundland should do its part. Ten years ago there were three Prohibition States in America, now there are 18 and when 36 out of 48 have gone dry, National Prohibition will be looked for. The lecturer thanked those present for their attendance and attention and stated she would assist all she could in the crusade for Prohibition. With the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," the blessing by Rev. Dr. Jones and the National Anthem the meeting closed.

Mrs. Howland will give her second address on Wednesday evening next, at 8 p.m. Children will not be admitted.

Our Volunteers.

On Saturday the following signed on at the Armoury:
Jos. P. Power, St. John's.
Wm. Robert Hooley, Bell Island.
Patrick Fahey, Goulds, Bay Bulls Road.
In the morning Swedish, squad and platoon drill were gone through. The new recruits are catching on quickly. In the afternoon Lieut. O'Grady had the men out skinning fish by signals on the Parade Grounds. A large gathering of onlookers were around. The recruiting roll has now reached 2288.

A Lonely Funeral Service.

A widow lady recently approached a minister and requested the loan of the service book that he used for the burial of the dead. He asked her why she wished for it. She replied: "My own minister's son died in action in France on Wednesday, and my own son was killed yesterday, and I don't want them to be put in the ground without the service being read, so I want to bury them myself with the Holy words." When she brought the book back there was a wonderful look on her face, with gleams of hope and joy. She said: "I found a quiet place yesterday and read the service over them. They are rightly buried now." It was only natural and beautiful that the mother who bore should also bury. But after all, her son is not there; he was already borne into heaven and awaiting her, for God is not a God of the dead or unconscious; all live unto Him. Death is an act, not a state; a passage, not an abiding-place; a swift transition from the prison to the palace.

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MAKING THE MONEY FLY AT OTTAWA.

Deficit on Ordinary Expenses of the Country for Past Fiscal Year is \$53,000,000, Apart Entirely from War Expenditure, Which Was \$60,000,000 up to April 1.—Government Spent \$18,000,000 more to Run the Country last year than Laurier Administration did in last year of Power.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Two financial statements issued by the government to-day, covering revenues and expenditures for the last fiscal year, and for the first five months of the present fiscal year, give ominous indication of the unsatisfactory results of the present ministry's policy of increasing expenditures in the face of steadily falling revenues.

The statements show the rapidity with which the national debt is increasing, and the necessity for imposing new taxation in order to make both ends meet, apart altogether from considerations of the money borrowed for war purposes. The only alternative for the finance minister is either to continue borrowing at high interest rates, and to thereby pile up the national debt with its increased annual interest rates, or else to vigorously cut down expenditures for domestic purposes, so as to make them commensurate with the revenue.

The financial statement for the fiscal year, as now finally given, shows an increase in the national debt during the twelve months of \$113,379,233, of which \$60,750,476 can be charged up to war expenditure, leaving a deficit of \$53,000,000 between the government's expenditures, apart from war and the revenue, apart from borrowing.

For the first five months of the present year the figures show that practically the same result, or perhaps a little worse, will be shown at the end of the present fiscal year in regard to domestic finances, while the war expenditure, which is now between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 per month and steadily increasing, will mean an addition of between \$115,000,000 and \$120,000,000 to a domestic deficit of \$50,000,000.

At the present time the national debt stands at \$472,408,885, as compared with \$335,000,000 at the beginning of the last fiscal year. Last

month it went up by \$8,663,792, by the end of the present fiscal year it will probably be about \$550,000,000, and the annual interest charges, which the country will have to bear, will be nearly double what they were in 1911.

Temporary loans of the Government now total \$145,540,350, which includes, of course, the amount borrowed from the British government on war account.

Up to the end of the fiscal year the war advances from Britain totalled \$61,473,684. Since then the government has been getting £2,000,000 sterling per month.

The total revenue for the last fiscal year was \$133,073,431, or \$30,000,000 less than for 1913-14. Customs revenue amounted to \$75,941,219, a decrease of \$29,000,000. For the first five months of the present fiscal year customs revenue has been \$35,520,184, which is about three-quarters of a million less than for the corresponding period of last year.

In his budget speech last March, when announcing the new tariff taxation, Mr. White estimated that the increased tariff taxes would bring in from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 additional revenue. The way it is working out is to actually bring in less revenue.

The excise revenue, despite the increased taxes, is also falling off. For the last fiscal year the total excise revenue was \$21,479,730, a decrease of about half a million, as compared with the preceding year. For the first five months of this year excise revenue has totalled \$8,417,074, a falling off of a little more than \$1,000,000 compared with the corresponding five months of the last fiscal year.

The total expenditure for all purposes last year was \$243,912,509, of which, as has been said, \$60,750,476 was charged to the war account. The total expenditure on consolidated fund account or for the ordinary expenses of administration, was \$183,523,206, an increase of nearly \$6,000,000 over the preceding year, and of no less than \$48,000,000 over what it took to run the country for the ordinary cost of administration during the last year of the Laurier government, when revenues were at their best.

On capital account, for public works, the government spent last year \$41,447,320, and for railway subsidies \$5,191,597, an increase of nearly \$10,000,000 of capital expenditure over the preceding year.

The figures for the first five months of the present year show that expenditures on both consolidated and capital accounts are running about the same as last year, although on consolidated fund expenditure there has been a cutting down of a little more than \$2,000,000. The August figures show a total expenditure of \$14,152,380 this year, as compared with \$14,812,693 for August of last year.

The statement issued to-day gives little indication of any real move in the direction of retrenchment and economy in domestic expenditure. It looks as if Mr. White and the government intend to adopt instead the alternative of further direct taxation, and more heavy borrowing.

Cruelty to Animals.

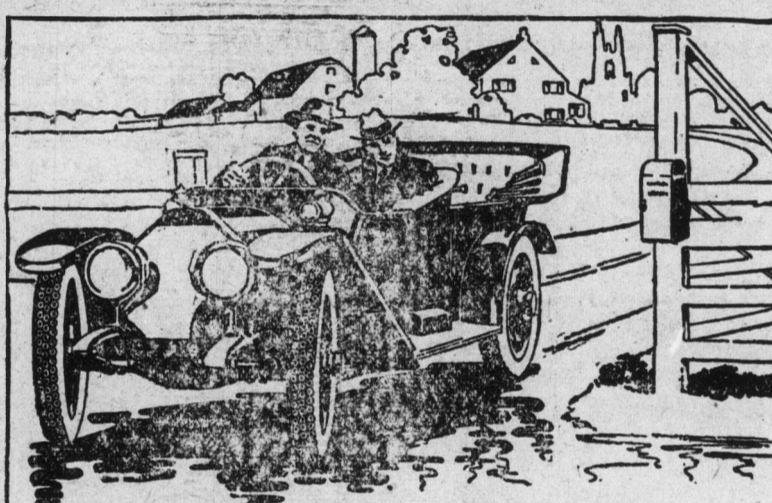
In Baltimore not long ago the doctors secured an intelligent baby ape and tried to bring it up like a human being. This ape came of exceptionally intelligent parents, and by taking him early the doctors hoped to make an infant phenomenon of him. It seems too bad to try and make a man out of a monkey. We have made monkeys out of men for some time, but to reverse the process is a form of cruelty of which we cannot approve. When this monkey grows up he will probably be the victim of our school system; that is to say, he can only play at certain hours under the supervision of authority. If he gets sick the doctor will be called in to prescribe from an obsolete language and according to a pharmacopoeia that no human intellect can fathom. Unless this particular monkey has inherited money or acquires the faculty of stealing it won't be able to earn a decent living without sacrificing his self-respect. And finally if he ever should become president of the United States, how much ignominy might attach itself to his very name!

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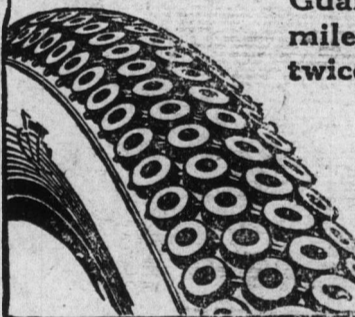
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Current Events.

Dean Starr, rector of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, has been refused permission by the Bishop of Ontario to go overseas as Canadian chaplain.

Ezio Garibaldi, a son of General Ricciotti Garibaldi, and grandson of the great Garibaldi, has been severely wounded in the face during the Italian fighting with the Austrians.

A report has reached Copenhagen that Germany has passed a law rendering persons once rejected by the military service, who formerly were exempt, again liable for service under the colors.

Sir Rodmond Roblin, ex-premier of Manitoba, Dr. W. H. Montague, ex-minister of public works; James Howden, ex-attorney general, and Geo. R. Coldwell, ex-minister of education, are to stand trial for conspiracy to defraud the public.

The Prussian casualty lists give the names of 40,245 killed, wounded and missing, according to the 'New Rotterdam Courant'. The total number of Prussian losses published up to August 24th amounts to 1,740,836 killed, wounded and missing.

Seven notables have been condemned to death in Vienna for high treason. Among them is the Varak deputy, Dr. Vladimir Kupilovitz; two physicians, and the correspondent of the 'Novoye Vremya' of Petrograd. All will be hanged in default of Imperial clemency.

Mrs. Pershing, wife of Brigadier John J. Pershing, commanding United States troops on the Mexican border, was burnt to death with her three little daughters when a fire destroyed their quarters on August 27. A five year old boy was the only member of the family to escape death.

Four German military aeroplanes attempted to make a raid on Paris on August 28th, but were attacked by a French air flotilla, and one of the German machines was shot to pieces in midair, falling afire into the forest of Hallette, where the burned bodies of two aviators were found.

The Swiss Government, continuing its efforts in behalf of war sufferers, has received the assent of England, Germany, France and Belgium to a plan for internment at Swiss resorts captured army officers who are ill. It will thus be possible for relatives and friends of the officers to visit them and care for them.

The Rev. Edmund Kaver, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Tolleston, a suburb of Gary, Ind., was murdered near his home on the night of August 24th, his body being found with a bullet wound on the neck and a cord tightly wound round the neck. He was a Bavarian by birth and had made himself conspicuous if not obnoxious, as a German propagandist.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen, now the Marquis and Marchioness of Temair, are to visit Canada and the United States this fall. Besides attending the annual meeting of the National Council of Women in Toronto in October, they have agreed to address meetings in several cities of the United States in relation to social movements in Ireland.

Official reports show that the late storm in Texas took 275 lives—206 on land and 69 on water. The lists also show 102 other persons still unaccounted for. The complete list of dead probably never will be known, as scores of unidentified victims were buried. Roy Riggs, 15 years old who lost his life near Seabrook, was born September 8, 1900, coming into life with the worst storm known along the Texas coast and going out with the next worst.

A bill has been introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies by the Minister of Finance, providing for a comprehensive reform in the liquor trade. The measure contemplates suppression of privileges enjoyed by private individuals, who are now permitted to distil brandy from their own fruit, and for an increase in the tax on alcohol from 12 francs (\$2.40) to 25 francs a gallon. To this is added a tax on consumption of 5 francs a gallon on appetizers and liqueurs.

The State Constitutional Convention now sitting in Albany, N.Y., on August 26th reversed its vote of the

day before and rejected the literary test for voters proposed by a member, the vote being 77 to 67. It is understood that the fight for the proposal which would have required all voters to be able to read and write the English language, now will be abandoned. Forty-four Republicans voted with the Democrats to kill the amendment, three Democrats voting for it. Advocates of the measure declared that in the states where the test is in force the number of illiterates had decreased and that it made for better citizenship.

The 'Navy,' a trustworthy service journal, says that up to the beginning of August Germany's losses in the Baltic had been two battleships, three light cruisers, one armoured cruiser, three destroyers, six torpedo boats, two submarines and a mine-layer. Against this Russia had lost the armoured cruiser 'Tallada' and a mine-layer. From this it would appear that Germany had been far from fortunate heretofore in her forays up the Baltic, and that the sinking of the 'Moltke,' which a Berlin despatch denies, would have been in line with former experiences. The 'Augustburg,' a German protected cruiser, is the latest loss reported, a Russian submarine, it is reported, having sunk her off Danzig on August 23rd.

The Royal Commission, composed of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, Chief Justice Mathers and Judge D. A. McDonald, appointed to inquire into the Manitoba parliament building scandal, reported its finding on August 25th, which shows that a "fraudulent scheme or conspiracy" was entered into prior to the letting of the Capitol contract, and that the conspiracy was formed for the purpose of getting a campaign fund out of extras on the contract. The parties to the scheme or conspiracy were Thomas Kelly, the contractor, who was fraudulently overpaid \$892,098, Geo. R. Coldwell and Sir Rodmond Roblin, who initiated it, while some of Kelly's sons, Dr. R. M. Simpson, V. W. Horwood, James H. Howden, ex-attorney general, and Dr. W. H. Montague, ex-minister of public works, later became parties to and acquiesced in the plot. Other persons also come in for castigation as being in connivance with some features of the conspiracy.

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Open Hall Notes.

Editor Evening Telegram:
Dear Sir,—The mid-summer holidays are over once more for the schools, and teachers and children are back to their work once more. The C. of E. School under the management of Mr. Warford, formerly of Upper Gullies, did very well with the C. H. E., four having studied for the Primary Examination, three of them were successful, and the R. C. School under the management of Mr. Long, also did well, four having studied for the C. H. E., one Intermediate, one Preliminary and two Primary, one of the latter having failed.

The C. of E. Sunday School held their treat on Wednesday, September 15th, the turnout was very successful, and everyone enjoyed themselves well. There have been quite heavy seas around here since Tuesday, 14th, which did much damage to fishing gear. The schooner St. Joseph, Captain L. Blandford, is now loading fish here for James Baird, Limited, and is likely to clear away soon. Mr. Patrick Walsh is here accompanying to load the above schooner with fish. A few squid were fished on the ground this afternoon. Codfish seems to be very short around here. The S. S. Dundee arrived here at 2 o'clock to-day outward.

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