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## GET DOWN TO FACTS

The abuse of a thing is the first cause for any agitation about the thing itself.

The abuse of intoxicating liquors, and particularly the gross abuse of liquor, as it had developed in Canada and the United States, was the primary cause, first of restrictive legislation in the form of license laws, and later of prohibitory enactments, beginning with municipal or county "local option" and extending through provincial, state or national prohibition all the way up to its newest development known under the name of "bone-dry."

The first drunkard, the first man who squandered his wages on intoxicating drink and permitted his family to starve, the first man who induced his friend to drink to excess—these are the original "temperance cranks"—these are the men who are responsible for the modern anti-drink and anti-all-kinds-of-harmless-pleasure campaigns that are fast taking the place of religious dogmas in this so-called New World, once the proud home of personal liberty.

Dear reader, whether you like my line of reasoning or not, I ask you to follow it closely and to lay aside all prejudice.

Having established the first cause or prohibition, let me present another fundamental principle.

Things are not right or wrong merely because the law says so. Law or no law, you may not steal, lie or murder. That's morally wrong, always and everywhere.

The law forbids these things and punishes the transgressor. Why? Because some evil-minded people don't care for the dictates of conscience or the teachings of religion, and the fear of punishment is the only thing that keeps them from becoming a danger to society.

But the law forbids many other things which are not wrong in themselves. Among these we find the regulation or the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor.

A law of this nature has no moral sanction like the law against stealing, except insofar as it is intended to prevent injury to person or property.

With this exception, any restriction of the use of liquor depends for its success on the strength of public sentiment.

Where there is a strong public sentiment, there bone-dry prohibition can be easily enforced.

Where this public sentiment does not exist, there prohibition will not only be a failure, but the fact that it can be evaded without difficulty will lead to greater evils.

You may forbid the public sale or use of liquor, but you cannot prevent the growth of dandelions, clover blossoms, cherries, apples and many other kinds of field and garden products.

You can't prevent the manufacture of hard cider, wines of all kinds, and the secret extraction of raw alcohol in the quiet nooks and corners of the country.

Don't get away from these facts. Don't imagine that people are temperate, just because the law absolutely bans strong drink.

In addition, if you, even in good faith, have helped to make the country dry, you are in part responsible for the new evils which result.

Possibly five per cent. of the population have abused liquor under the old conditions. 95 per cent. as a result find themselves deprived of what to them was a harmless liberty.

The victims of drugs and raw alcohol, the growth of hypocrisy and perjury, disrespect for law and authority—these are the results of unpopular liquor legislation.

After all, are you not merely replacing one evil by another and greater one?

To get down to facts.

The referendum results, particularly on Question No. 4, indicate that most cities and many towns are in favor of liquor sales under Government control.

This means that in the larger centres of population there is no strong sentiment for prohibition. As a result in these places—and they are the hardest to handle—prohibition cannot be enforced.

I know your answer. You are going to tell me that the will of the majority must rule in a democratic country.

Now please read the opening sentence of this article. Read it carefully. Do you still think it right and correct?

Now let me put it in this form:

The decision reached by the United Farmers may not be due to any arrogance of spirit, lust for office, or disposition to legislate for their own good without regard to the interests of others. Having condemned the evils of machine politics and the failure of other administrations to provide progressive legislation without regard for the spoils of office, they feel that they have had a trust imposed upon them to which they cannot be untrue.

The two old parties between them have not a majority of seats in the House and it would be flaunting the public in the face, if the farmers were to allow the recent political revolution to be followed by a continuance of party administration by either the Liberals or Conservatives. Indeed it would be inexcusable for the U.F.O. to have any dealings with other groups as parties.

Such is the reasoning of the farmer members. They believe their supporters would not tolerate the selection of either old party leader for Cabinet position. They are not cordial to the suggestion that Walter Curry, member-elect for South-East Toronto, should be Attorney-General, and the majority are inclined to choose a real farmer rather than so popular a man as Sir Adam Beck.

Although the Hydro Knight was defeated by the I.L.P., the leading Labor members want him as Premier, but are opposed to Hon. Dr. Cuddy being retained as Minister of Education. This, probably, is due to prejudice against "the cloth." The farmers on the other hand see no insuperable objection to the appointment of a clergyman to Cabinet rank, and believe Dr. Cuddy is admirably qualified for the work he has been doing. But if the farmers do not choose Beck to be Premier, they at least will invite him to stay at the head of the Hydro Commission.

Nobody realizes the inexperience of the farmers in public administration more than they do themselves. Yet most of them have had many years of training in municipal and county offices and they are not too proud to go outside their membership in the House to fill some of the portfolios. Their movement is permeated with idealism supported by wonderful enthusiasm and urged on by a genuine desire for the public welfare. Until the farmers have found their bearings they will feel their way cautiously, but thereafter the public will expect from them progressive legislation as well as administration beyond reproach.

## CANADA A GOING CONCERN

Canadians who are in reality shareholders in their country, and whose personal interest is the national interest, are not ready to ask for a winding-up order. They know Canada is a going concern that will continue to grow in power and productiveness. Every thrifty and far-seeing Canadian is asked to treat Canada as such and invest in the new stock issue that is necessary for her to carry to with, and meet the great responsibilities created by the sacrifices of the Victory Loan 1919 is a stock issue offered to the shareholders to enable the country to carry out its plans for re-establishing the returned soldier and making him a national asset; and for maintaining the great international markets which are a necessary complement of increased production. These markets for Canadian products have in a large measure been created by the credits to Great Britain and other countries which could only have been financed by the great popular loans of the past. Every one who regards Canada as a going concern and whose interest it is to keep her in the state of equilibrium owes it to himself to support the new Victory Loan by his surplus profits or savings, by his enthusiasm and by his sense of patriotism.

## WHAT OTHERS THINK

The U.F.O. is in the position of the farmer who prayed for a shower and got a deluge.—Toronto Globe.

That Itch—Nobody can say whether Yudenitch or not, but certainly he'd an itch to lick the Bolsheviks, and seems to have done it.—Toronto Telegram.

It is not a case of can Beck come back, but of will he? Several members of the Legislature are reported to be willing to resign in his favor.—Toronto Globe.

Here is Mr. A. R. Kaufman, Manager of the Kaufman Rubber Company, Kitchener, offering to provide a fund for the planting of trees in vacant spaces on the boulevards of the city. Mr. Kaufman is a public-spirited man, to judge him by this proposition.—Galt Reporter.

## Smile or Two

### Obeying Orders

"You had a nerve to ignore the traffic officer." "Couldn't help it, judge. I was driving the car according to instructions promulgated by my wife from the rear seat."—Kansas City Journal.

### Obedient Figures

Bacon: "Do you believe that figures don't lie?" Egbert: "Well, I believe they won't if certain people will only leave them alone."—Yonkers Statesman.

### Laziness Personified

In a western court a certain man was defending himself in a suit for divorce. "She's unreasonable," he contended, adding: "Why the other day she called me the laziest man in the world because I threw a kiss at her."

### Another "Dry" Vote

"A burnt child dreads the fire," announced the teacher during the lesson in proverbs. "Now, give me a sentence different in wording but meaning the same thing."

A grimy hand shot up from the back of the class. "Please, teacher," came a small voice. "A washed child dreads the water."—Blighty (London).

### A Busy Operator

Church: Is your friend the doctor operating much now?

Gotham: Oh, yes; every day. "Must be making a lot of money, then?" "On the contrary, he's losing money. He's doing his operating on the stock exchange."

### A Tall Order

A lady caller said to the librarian: "I hate to bother you, but I've forgotten the name of the book I want. If you'll just mention what books you have, I'll stop you when you come to it."

### A Dream Come True

"Were any of your boyish ambitions ever realized?" asked the sentimentalist.

"Yes," said the practical person. "When my mother used to cut my hair I often wished I might be bald-headed."

### Poor Father

"Isn't it wonderful that all this silk comes from an insignificant worm," murmured Gwendolen, displaying her new summer creation.

"Gwendolen, is it necessary to refer to your father like that?" queried her mother.

## A TONIC FOR THE NERVES

The Only Real Nerve Tonic is a Good Supply of Rich, Red Blood.

"If people would only attend to their blood, instead of worrying themselves ill," said an eminent nerve specialist, "we doctors would not see our consulting rooms crowded with nervous wrecks. More people suffer from worry than anything else."

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## HOLD ON TO YOUR SIDES, THE LEES ARE COMING.

Just when everybody is looking forward to a fresh visitation from those inimitable imps of the screen Jane and Katherine Lee, the Star Theatre makes a welcome announcement of their coming in a brand new play entitled, "Swat the Spy!" All the advance information concerning this new feature agrees in stating that these famous artists and originators of mirth-provoking pranks are more absolutely irresistible than ever. Their "cutting up" is so natural and spontaneous and so keenly humorous that it is an open question whether their pictures are not more thoroughly enjoyed by staid elders than by the young generation.

Of course, there are many other amusing characters in "Swat the Spy!" who furnish precisely the appropriate foil and background for

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these little stars. Simply to mention a few of them may give some idea of the laugh-creating possibilities. These characters include a miscellaneous group of "kultur" worshippers, who take themselves more seriously than any one else does; a dignified for cious-looking butler, who suffers continual disadvantage in his repeated attempts to cope with the "Baby Grands"; a selfish, food-wasting cook, and a newly arrived baby brother that causes many complications. The Lee children may be seen for three days at the Star theatre, beginning Monday next.

## \$100,000 FOR SHAKESPEARE

Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—What is said to be a new world record in the price of books was established by the Rosenbach Company of this city to-day, when the firm sold a single volume for \$100,000. The purchaser is a New York collector, who asked that his name be withheld for a few days.

The book in question is the most valuable in the world, barring ancient manuscripts. It is the only known copy of the first collected edition of Shakespeare's works, published in Thomas Pavier in 1600, and printed by William Jaggard, who also printed the famous folio edition of 1623.

## WALKERTON.

Norman Fox is visiting his brother Ed of Montreal.

A. Hans has about completed the first of the houses which he is building out of the old Walker House.

While picking apples Geo. Procknow fell headfirst off a stepladder and landed on the top of his head.

Miss Irene Pleaskey of Detroit was married a week ago last Thursday to E. A. La Chappelle of Detroit.

Alex. Cameron, a highly respected citizen of Greenock, died a week ago Friday night, in his 78th year.

Howard McCaw of Brant was married to Euphemia Currie of Elderslie, in Walkerton, a week ago last Thursday.

Richard Burnham, living between here and Formosa, was seriously, if not fatally injured by a kick from a horse last Tuesday.

Four candidates for the vacant position of Postmaster of Walkerton were examined by P. O. Inspector McLean a week ago Monday.

Pte. Nutting of Whitty and formerly of Walkerton underwent his twelfth operation about six weeks ago for the removal of splintered bones from a wound.

Mrs. Wm. Rehkopf of Otter Creek, while ironing a week ago Thursday, fell lifeless to the floor. Born in Ger-

many 71 years ago, she lived in Carleton Place for about 60 years.

Count V. Masoch died, 83, Italian Ambassador to the United States since 1913, died in the emergency hospital at Washington just as he was about to undergo an operation.

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