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WHO IS IN CONTROL?

We learn from Frederick that there is every indication that a "show-down" in prohibition matters between the Government and the Temperance Alliance is expected to be called for this week. Both bodies are in session at the capital today. We do not know anything about a "show-down," but it is certainly true that the people of New Brunswick were relieved of their doubts as to whether the Government is in charge of affairs or not. The impression is that it is the Alliance that really rules the roost, and such a condition of affairs is not regarded as at all satisfactory by the great majority of the people. In fact a large proportion of them are getting very restive under present conditions.

The Alliance seems to think that it is in charge of prohibition matters. It arrogates to itself the right of nominating the chief officials who shall have the enforcement of the Act; it presents the Government with a list of the names of those whom it will allow to be appointed; it wants a commission appointed to control the issuance of licenses, the personnel of such a commission to be named by itself; in fact it aspires to be "the whole show." People are getting tired of this sort of thing, they do not take kindly to a regime, the leading spirit in which is a member of a firm that is rapidly getting a stranglehold upon the resources of this province, and which, like all these turbulent bodies to which it is allied, is spreading its tentacles in every direction and gathering in all that it can lay hold of, until sooner or later it will own everything in sight, unless another—and not impossible—contingency should happen.

The Temperance Alliance is going to the Government with all sorts of demands, and it remains to be seen whether Premier Foster and his colleagues have backbone enough to give these turbulent bodies to understand that the Government, and no one else is in charge of affairs.

A despatch from Frederick says, regarding the reported resignation of Rev. W. D. Wilson from the Chief Inspectorship, that the Treasurer of the Alliance has stated that it was the Alliance's intention to have Mr. Wilson continue as Inspector for the present at least. It seems to be time for a "show-down" in very truth.

THAT LIMESTONE QUARRY.

The Honorable James Fletcher Tweeddale, the down-and-out Minister of Agriculture, and member for Victoria until the elections that county threw him overboard, has felt it necessary to rush into print in defence of, or apology for, the purchase of his limestone quarry at Brookville. In order that the Government might be in a position to undersell merchants who are using their own capital and paying their taxes. This action on the part of the Government was intended, of course, as a "sop" to the farming community, in the hope that in return the agricultural vote would be cast for the Government candidates. The scheme, however, did not work, and Mr. Tweeddale now labors to prove that the purchase of the limestone quarry was a "business" proposition which will in time repay the outlay very handsomely. It will need to turn out very differently from some of the other "business" transactions of the "business-man's" Government if it is to come up to Mr. Tweeddale's expectations.

Mr. Tweeddale says the quarry is going to pay in three years more in royalties, at 25 cents a ton, than the whole cost of quarry and equipment. Where does he propose to sell eighty tons a day for three years? And does he suppose that farmers at a distance are going to send all the way to St. John for lime and pay the freight on it, when they can get the limestone crusher, which the late Government bought, to crush lime for them in their own districts?

The Globe has published a good many columns about the recent mining in Scotland and its efforts to justify the course it took would be an amusing, if they were not such a pitiable, spectacle. There was a time when The Globe was looked upon as the leading exponent of public opinion in this neighborhood, but now—How are the mighty fallen!

THE VOTE IN SCOTLAND.

To describe the result of the recent voting in Scotland as being a victory for the "dry" is a misnomer. There has so far been no attempt north of the Tweed to stop the manufacture, transportation and sale of all alcoholic drinks, which is what the term "dry" means in the prohibitionists' sense. The Scottish measure is different from the measure affecting Canada and the United States in that where locally

of administration from Ottawa the Intercolonial Railway was bedeviled with politics. This was particularly true in the days of the Laurier regime. When the present Government took over the Canadian Northern and incorporated it with the Intercolonial an honest attempt was made to remove the administration from politics. An independent board was created to manage the railways, and the Government has since carefully refrained from interference. Mr. Hanna, in an endeavor to carry out the Government's policy of non-interference, has ordered that employees of the Government road must not become political candidates, or if they do they must resign. Mr. Hanna has made such an order for reasons he thought were in the best interests of efficiency for the system. Employees have still the right to take part in elections and no one has suggested disfranchisement. It is significant that in Australia, where Labor governments are in power, all states likewise forbid railway employees from becoming political candidates. Would Mr. King say that such legislation was based in Australia for class reasons? The whole problem as to the right of Government employees to sit in Parliament is a new one in Canada and is a very debatable one. No one will dispute that it would be improper for civil servants to run for legislative office. The question arises, then, as to whether an exception should be made in the case of railway employees working for Government lines. A big principle is involved which has nothing in the world to do with class legislation or anything to do with discrimination against labor. Labor governments in Australia have sponsored such legislation, which should be sufficient answer. Mr. King, by the way he has acted and talked, has given added proof that he is unworthy of the position he seeks—the premiership of Canada.

supported, it will abolish the public house, the saloon, the bar, but it will not necessarily affect the club or the private cellar. Magistrates may still license any real restaurant (in a no-license area) and neither clubs, exclusive nor inclusive, nor domestic supplies will be affected.

Writing to the subject of the Scottish Act in a recent issue, the Manchester Guardian defines it as being not so much an attempt to abolish the use of alcohol as to "humanize the conditions under which alcohol is taken." Continuing in terms of the following vivid description of things as they are, the English Journal says:

In olden days the Scotch were a wine-drinking people, much as the Italians (though the wealthy among them may have favored a dash of smuggled French brandy), and their lives, like that in which Ballis Nicol Jarvie argued with Bob Roy in the Australia of Aberfoyle, were characterized and decent places—the real "public houses" of their districts. With the coming of whiskey and the industrial revolution these have disappeared. They are now either dear and fashionable hotels or gross shops, where the poor man bolts ardent spirits over a soulless mahogany counter. In Scotland the public house is no longer a landmark. It is a disgrace. In Edinburgh or in Glasgow one does not take a dram here or a "bar," as in London, to the Green Man or the Dun Cow, and because their shamed modern equivalents have in Scotland lost their character it is highly likely that they will be wiped out.

The value of the policy dictated, however, is still open to trial. A "club" may be anything. The possibility, too, of compelling people to associate in a club, or the further conviction, that, however, the "soulless mahogany counter" should go along with other "soulless" things is a foregone conclusion.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Soviet Machinery.
(Kingston Whig)
Wherever two or three loaders are gathered together, there is a Soviet.

Will Be Welcomed.
(Hamilton Times)
Lloyd George may visit Canada next year. His good right hand will have to be in good trim to stand the glad hands that will want to shake it.

Be An Optimist.
(Toronto Telegram)
Canada is emerging from the after-war muddle with the sun of prosperity shining brightly over her broad domain. Her barns are bursting with the world's surplus of wheat, the other countries hunger. Her gold and silver mines are pouring forth their riches. Her almost inexhaustible coal deposits are daily taking on new values. There is no need to be pessimistic about the world's future as it settles, the old that will feed the millions of autos for five hundred years to come.

ENFORCING PROHIBITION WITH A GUN.
The story of the killing of an Innkeeper at Windsor, Ont., by a minister will come as a shock to all law-abiding people, who are under the impression that a minister's duty is to preach the Gospel and not act as a policeman. The first question which will occur to most people is: What was he doing with a "gun" at all?

The Reverend Mr. Spracklin, the minister in question, has lately been making himself very odious in connection with the enforcement of the prohibitory law, and he seems to have prepared himself to meet all contingencies. He took a "gun" about with him, and the only conclusion to be drawn is that he carried it for use, or he would not have had it. His statement that he shot in self-defense has been accepted by the coroner's jury, but naturally he would say anything to save his skin, and of course he would be supported by the men who were acting with him, no one would expect them to do anything else; but, on the other hand, other witnesses declare that the minister was unarmed, and no sign of any pistol could be found at the scene of the affray, where a badly wounded man would necessarily have dropped it at once.

A BIT OF VERSE

HONEST TOIL
A report said recently that the express of Germany was washing clothes. Another report says that the express price is spending his time making horseshoes.

Long days of exile now have stilled
The rattle of Bill's sabre;
His moans and afternoons are filled
With honest manual labor;
The jingling of his queerly straddled
& caracoling war-horse,
New serve to steady legs of wood
That wobble on a saw-horse.

The homely atmosphere of Doorn
Has made the royal ardor
Of Mrs. Hohenzollern turn
To work a little harder
Than putting on her queerly duds
And looking condescending—
She's up to elbows now in suds
While o'er a wash-tub bending.

And even Little Willie, far
From warlike bugles sounding,
Is emulating pa and ma.
While horseshoes he is pounding,
His fevered brain has vainly tried
To drown the haunting clamor
Of ghosts of those brave men that
Died At Verdun, with his hammer.

The Kaiser cuts his cord a day,
While clothes his hausfrau rinses,
Reflecting on the fickle way older
That Fortune has with princes;
Learning at length, although too late
Sadder and maybe wiser,
That wash-tub, saw and smithy wait
For fellows like the Kaiser.

J. R. L.

SOAP BOX ORATOR METHODS.

The gentle arts of misrepresentation and of demagogic appeal have evidently been carefully studied by Hon. MacKenzie King. At Dauphin he denounced the dictum of Mr. D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, forbidding employees to become candidates of political parties, in a speech before an audience of railway men, which, if correctly reported by the Liberal press, is utterly unworthy of the leader of a great party. It was the kind of a speech one would expect from a soap box orator. He is reported as follows:

"Mr. King scored Mr. Hanna's fat as an attack on the very foundations of the democracy which Canada prided itself on possessing. He asked his audience to imagine such an order extended to workers in the mines, to workers in the factories.

"It was another sign of the effort which is being made to retain Government as the peculiar function of one class only of the people, and that class the big vested interests, who made their money out of the workers whom they would like to see disfranchised."

The London Free Press proceeds to dispassionately look at the facts, and points out that under the old methods

THE LAUGH LINE

The Reason
"Papa, why do they call them 'grad crossings'?"
"Because," answered father, "dear is a great leveler."

Change of Feeling
"I am sorry your little boy is sick. He was so delighted with the weather when that I let him have an unusually large portion of it." "Well he is no longer delighted; he is melan-cholic."
—Baltimore American.

Benny's Note Book

Weather. Mixed winds.
Sports. Skinny Martin and Skinny Mullen had a fine last Saturday afternoon, the first round taking place out in the street and the 2nd round in the alley on account of somebody yelling. Choose it hear comes a cop, when none was sent. Both Skinny claimed they won, Skinny Martin claiming the opposite. Among the referees present was Benny Potts, Artie Alexander, Ed Wernick, Puds Simkins and Leroy Shooter.

Enter! Many Harts! Sam Cross, Sid Hunt, Benny Potts, Lew Davis and Leroy Shooter are all winking lame as a result of football practice in Puds Simkins' back yard last Thursday, but it is so however that Benny Potts and Sid Hunt are the only ones really entitled to wawk lame and the rest are only pretending to for the honor.

POHM BY SKINNY MARTIN.
Frends.
A friend of mine had a toothache cheek
And one banged his head and got lumps,
But the biggest bumps on my frend
Was on a frend of mine with the mumps.

INTRINSIC PAINS ABOUT INTRINSIC PEOPLE. Sam Cross found a shoe saying on it Private Keep Out, and he's going to keep it to hang on the bathroom door next Saturday night when he takes his bath.

Lost and Found. Lost—A sent somewhere between my house and school. Liberal reward. See Puds Simkins.

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Two Types of Liberal

(London Free Press)
A striking feature of the tour of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen through West Canada has been the appearance on his platform of many prominent Liberal-Unionists, who are publicly aligning themselves with the new party. In Winnipeg the chairman of the Meighen meeting was Isaac Pitblado, K. C., who was offered at one time the Liberal leadership in Manitoba and for years was one of the chief opponents of the Union Government. He was supported on the platform by Isaac Campbell, who for two generations has been the Liberal Unionist speaker in Manitoba, and who, as a matter of course, until 1917, presided or spoke at all great Liberal rallies in Winnipeg. They were the two leading Liberal stalwarts of the party. In British Columbia, also, prominent Liberals are appearing on the Prime Minister's platform and are refusing to ally themselves with the brand of Liberalism represented by Hon. MacKenzie King.

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CORN AND TOBACCO ARE RECORD CROPS IN UNITED STATES

Potatoes Show Increase
7,000,000 Bushels and apples 8,000,000 Too.

Washington, Nov. 8.—A record of corn in the United States of the previous largest crop by 700 bushels, was announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its monthly estimate. Production this year at 3,159,125,000 bushels and apples 8,000,000 bushels and apples 8,000,000 bushels.

Some Crops Lost.

Corn lost 47,000,000 bushels the month; tobacco was 100,000 pounds less than forecast in the report. There was a record of 1,476,140,000 pounds of corn in the buckwheat crop. Increases were shown for a number of crops including potatoes, beans, sweet potatoes, and other crops.

SHIP BUILDING TRADE VERY

New York, Nov. 8.—Shipments from New York to England almost ceased. Captains of the Tyne yards are no longer in the ways as soon as has been launched. This is due to labor conditions and a large number of orders that British shipyards received during recent weeks. It is understood that owing to the labor costs, continental shipyards quoting lower on ship-repairs than British yards.

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