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SCOTLAND AND DRINK.

Today in Scotland the balloting begins which will decide whether the country will go partially dry or continue the liquor traffic as at present. It is not a question of out and out prohibition, but of restriction, and that restriction may be very serious if one of the three choices is made by the people. The balloting will not be finished till the middle of December. The voters have three choices—namely, one, no change; two, reduction of licenses by one quarter; and, three, no licenses except for inns, restaurants and hotels in special circumstances, and for clubs and wholesale dealers. If the saloons are closed it will be a great gain for temperance. For example, there are said to be 1,614 bars and shop licenses in the city of Glasgow alone, or one to every 690 of the population. A reduction of 25 per cent in the number would still leave enough one would think, but the liquor interests are fighting with all their power to prevent any reduction at all, although many bars are concentrated in districts where, according to the Manchester Guardian, poverty flourishes on both sides of the street. Both sides express confidence in the result of the voting. If the dry should win it would be a long step toward complete prohibition in a country that has had an enormous export trade in liquor, and it would have a profound influence in England. In Canada, to which so much liquor is still sent from Scotland, the struggle will be watched with keen interest, and every prohibitionist in this country will wish that the cause may win and the third choice be made by the electors. In Canada the voice of the people has spoken in Nova Scotia and the prairie provinces; and there is no doubt as to what Ontario and New Brunswick will do. National prohibition cannot very long be deferred in the country, and the trend in America is a great inspiration to the friends of temperance in the Mother Country.

ROADS AND TOURISTS

Nearly twice as many American motorists came to Quebec province this year as came in 1919. Good roads were chiefly responsible for the influx and for the expenditure of many millions of dollars. The Montreal Gazette says: "To be exact, last year 18,102 American cars visited the province of Quebec. From the opening of the motor season this year to the first week in October 30,897 American cars have been recorded—bearing registration plates from over 28 states in the Union, and many more will come before the end of the season. The average number of cars per diem from across the border is 200. In 1919 the average number of American cars visiting this province was 19 per diem. This is truly a remarkable increase. A reasonable estimate of the amount of money brought into the province by way of actual traveling expenses for the past six months is over \$8,000,000, excluding probably a similar amount expended in furs, jewellery, linens, etc., and other products which are sold for medical, artistic or industrial purposes. This large increase in traffic is well in keeping with the predictions of the Automobile Club of Canada made last year, and an officer of the club predicts at least 50,000 visitors for 1921. Quebec's improved highways are mainly responsible for this large amount of business." A Vancouver paper says that 20,000 motorists visited that city this year and spent a very large amount of money. In Montreal, according to the Gazette, the Tourist Bureau is "not only going to carry on next year on a much larger scale, but has under advisement a novel plan of extending a special welcome to each visitor, in the shape of a souvenir which carries with it special privileges during the sojourn in the city." The turn of the maritime provinces is coming. The more our roads are improved the greater will be the influx of tourists from the eastern states, and they will bring into the province a large amount of money.

The following resolution has been adopted by the Ontario Women's Liberal Association: "Whereas in the present practise of law women offenders are arrested by men, tried by men, before men; and whereas in many cases disastrous results follow which easily might have been averted by contact with women officials; therefore the standing committee of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association on equal moral standard is of the opinion that the ideals for which it stands would be more quickly attained if three agencies were more generally available, namely, the woman's court, women magistrates and police-women." Can there be any reasonable objection to this demand.

Montreal dealers in butter want that article released from government control in England, so that they can get a higher price in that market. The price in Canada is certainly high enough.

Some Manitoba farmers did not fill out their income tax papers, and are now being visited by a fine. There will be very little sympathy for them on the part of a citizen who did fill out the document.

THE READJUSTMENT.

It is said that clothing manufacturers in Montreal are doing little at present, and that there is about sixty per cent of unemployment among the workers. The employees of one Montreal shoe factory have agreed to a thirty hour week till the first of the year and a five per cent cut in wages, the alternative being idleness. One Fredericton footwear factory is down for a short period. These are indications of a slowing down of industry due to a lack of demand for which high prices are responsible. In Toronto warning is being sent out to persons seeking work that they are not likely to find it in that city, and would do better to take what they can get elsewhere. If prices were lower the industries would be more active, as there would be a better demand for goods. At present consumers are holding off. A similar state of affairs exists in the United States. Of conditions there the Guaranty Trust Company of New York says: "With price recessions continuing in the acceptance of orders by manufacturers and in the wholesale markets, the public is giving much attention to the question of when these reductions will be passed on to retail purchasers. A common reflection is that the retail merchants and the consumer have settled down to an endurance contest, with conditions in the wholesale markets, on the one hand, and with respect to the mild weather, favoring the consumer. Merchants on the other hand are continuing to buy only for their immediate needs, except in the case of holiday goods, which their purchases are reported to be liberal. While orders in general are fewer, collections are said to be better. The decline in raw materials and manufacturers is still broadening, but buyers are holding aloof." The whole industrial and commercial situation indicates a quiet winter, with gradual readjustment, and an improvement in the value of the dollar in terms of what it will buy.

Deserted wives with children may soon benefit from mothers' allowances in the province of Ontario. A London, Ont., despatch says: "Major T. J. Murphy, who is chairman of the local Mothers' Pensions Board, states that from all parts of western Ontario are coming appeals for allowances for mothers who have been deserted by their husbands. Major Murphy says that all the facts are being obtained, with the intention of securing an amendment to the act which will permit of such mothers receiving aid, to which they appear well entitled."

The British Columbia Provincial election, set for December 1, promises, says The Victoria Colonist, to be one of more than usual interest in view of the result of the recent plebiscite on the prohibition question, since the main issue will be on the method whereby the people's wishes can be put into effect to the general advantage.

The Standard is grieved at the spectacle of Hon. Mackenzie King seeking to gather under his leadership all and sundry who are opposed to the Meighen government. This is a grave warning to Leader Baxter, who will trifle with farmers or labor members at the risk of falling under the displeasure of the Standard.

Toronto Globe:—"The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia says that a wet British Columbia will stimulate the emigration of the 'better class' from England to the province. Opinions will differ as to whether or not the class that requires an alcoholic stimulus should be described as 'better.'"

What St. John needs in regard to harbor improvement is to get the federal government to carry out its agreement regarding the west side, and to provide terminals for its own steamships and railways on the east side. All other action should be subordinated to that urgent need.

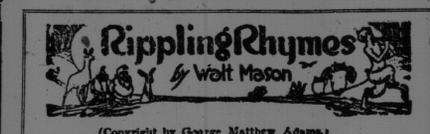
No man awaits the result of today's elections in the United States with keener personal interest than the sick man in the White House. He gave all he had to give for an ideal, and as yet the nation has not given the response which that ideal merits.

The friends he made in St. John last summer will congratulate Sir Campbell Stuart on his appointment as managing director of the London Times. He is a young man to be called to a position so important.

The Turks continue to massacre Armenians. Had the United States done its duty in regard to the League of Nations that whole eastern problem would have been far nearer a solution than it is at present.

The destruction of a part of the Boys' Industrial Home paves the way for a new and really worthy institution. Why not embrace the opportunity?

Purchased a Mill. Hay Brothers, prominent lumbermen, have sold their big saw mill at Millville to the Hartland Lumber Company. The sale also included lumber lands, dwelling houses and six farms.



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THE DRIVE IDEA

All our lives will be more sunny, and we'll chirp a gladder song when they quit the "drives" for money, which have bothered us too long. All such schemes were gladly pardoned when the Kaiser danced his jig, and the heart was cold and hardened that neglected to up-dig. I am always prompt and willing to help out a worthy cause, but I will not place a shilling in the drivemaster's eager paws. For I'm sick of people telling me what I ought to give and where, tired of always digging, shelling, for some scheme that makes me swear. I will give to help the living and I'll give to plant the dead, but I won't be bossed in giving, and I won't be chased or led. In the war time drives were splendid, and they helped to cut our foes, but the war is ended, and the people need repose. Do not bother friends or neighbors with requests for honest dimes; leave them to their quiet labors, as we did in olden times. Do not think up worthy causes that require financial aid, for we've all been Santa Clauses till our nerves are tired and frayed.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

WHERE THE LOYALISTS SLEEP.

In the heart of the city of St. John, surrounded by the noise and bustle of the biggest city in the Province of New Brunswick, sleeps a silent guard. These are the United Empire Loyalists, the men and women who loved Britain so much that after the war of independence when the United States broke away from the empire they abandoned all they possessed and founded new homes in the Canadian lands. The broad mouth of the St. John river attracted them and there they founded a colony now a city of 65,000 inhabitants. But death came to their faithful band; so a little cemetery was established behind the village. There it remained, yet, although no interments have taken place there for many years. The city has grown around it and surrounded it. The place of sleep has been converted into a park with nicely trimmed lawns and fine flower beds decorating the sloping sides of the square. In the midst are the ancient head stones and vaults that marked the sleeping places of some of the hero band. The oldest stone standing bears on its weathered face the date "1784" but there are several others only a few years later. Some of the markings have been entirely effaced with the passing of the years, while others are chipped and shattered by winds, rain, frost and snow for almost a century and a half. Others lie flat upon the ground and it is only by very close study that the visitor to the place can learn who rests beneath in his long sleep. In scores of cases, undoubtedly, all traces of graves and names have been lost. It is sacred ground now. Even when the crowd passing through the cemetery is greatest and when young people sit on the seats at night and laugh and talk of the things that are of moment to them, even at that time there is a sense of the honor due those who loved hardships and death in the wilderness, abandoning all they possessed, that they might be true to the empire of their birth.

SURVIVALS.

Cities lie buried beneath old centuries, and roads, once crowded, now are silent all. And, strolling mild life's vacant seats one sees How human glory wears Death's sable pall.

And so we ask, beneath the quiet sky: "When the great tides go out, oh, what remains; In this big market where men sell and buy, When all is done, what are their real gains?"

We walk where Empires leave but a stray mound, We stand where ages since war's shock we heard, We listen to Fame's fast-retreating sound, And by those awful silences are stirred—

While nought is seen all human wrecks above, Save what was wrought at the behest of Love. —Alexander Louis Fraser.

Not a Gift. Dyspepsia Specialist (irritably): "But madam, you must chew your food. What were your teeth given for?" Female Patient (calmly): "They weren't given to me—I bought 'em."

Some Relief. First Listener: "Isn't Miss Squaw's top note soothing?" Second Ditto: "Oh, isn't it? When you hear that you feel you have passed the worst."

None the Less Tough. "We won't discharge you, Mr. Perkins," said the manager. "We will allow you to tender your resignation." "Tendering it won't make it any the less tough," gloomily returned Perkins.

Liked It. He: "How fearfully and wonderfully we are made! Think even of my arms, what a mystery they are!" She: "Yes, but it's nice to be enveloped in mystery."

MOVIES MAY BE CHOWN IN ST. PAUL'S, LONDON. London, Nov. 2.—(United Press.)—Officials are seriously discussing the propriety of allowing St. Paul's Cathedral, next to Westminster Abbey, the most famous church in the British Empire, to be used as a motion picture theatre.

The more advanced church officials proffer the suggestion, "The Life of St. Agnes" was suggested as the first film. So far no decision has been reached, but it is not thought that the cathedral will be used as a picture theatre without a spirited fight between the dignitaries of the church.

IT COST THEM \$50

Chatham World: Two St. John men, who are working on the tarvia road, started a Wild West show in the Chinaman's restaurant the other night and smashed some dishes and furniture. They have paid \$15 and \$35, by order of the Police Magistrate, for their fun.

HALLOWEEN.

Well here's to the lads and the lassies I wear, For the sake of tradition, who'll keep Halloween. Just pile the logs high in the fireplace tonight, And sit in the shadows without any light, 'Cept the flickering beams from the logs cross the floor, And the fairies will bless you with magical lore. Just christen the chestnuts you've gathered so brown, The names of the sweetest, dear sweet-hearts in town; And place them along in a soldierly row On the hearth where the flames doth so cheerily glow— And this fiery test will foretell then to you The one most enduring will be to thee true.

Then name the bright apples, so rosy and green, For the friend who invites you to find his heart's queen; And then when the juicy fruit's eaten away Just see what the little brown seeds have to say— For four specks of love and the fifth of reverse

While the seventh hints of courtship and the twelfth good or worse. Then place on the lids of thy bonnet bright eyes, That shine like the stars that illumine the skies, Two seeds of proportion and equal in kind, And the one that sticks by thee will love thee at length, While the one that winks off will be reckless and gay, And in love be most fickle and cause thee dismay.

Then choose in the gloom of the shadows cast there, A rosy-cheeked apple to peel with great care; The one o'er thy shoulder this ringlet unbroken, With three waves 'round thy head and a frown wish unspoken, And the fairies will fashion it out on the floor. In the initial of him or of her you'll adore.

And then if not weary to search for thy fate, And if you have courage to wander so late, With blind-folded eyes—for you know "love is blind"— Go search in the garden or yard there to find A stalk to determine thy love's disposition, And the earth thereon tells of his wealth and position.

So beware of the stalks more bitter than thy choice, And thy heart will be filled with a bliss most complete; And I trust you'll be fortunate, each in thy way, That the mysteries revealed may cause thee to rejoice. With my heart's fondest wish for the you who I need, For the sake of tradition will keep Halloween. —W. H. Sharpe, 99 St. James Street.

ALIGATORS PROVE USEFUL TO HUMANITY

Killing alligators has been from time immemorial a popular pastime. In Louisiana it was found that when the alligators were killed off the muskrat multiplied and destroyed the levees; also the cottonmouth moccasin, the garfish and the carp increased wonderfully. Whereupon protection was given to alligators.

This lacertilian, to give him his correct family name, has probably kept the muskrat away from the South Carolina coast, for the muskrat is unknown on the coast.

If allowed to multiply the alligator will make inroads on the carp, the garfish and the cottonmouth, all undesirable members of our fauna. The sum total of the alligator's evil doing amounts to this: He catches a dog now and then; once in a long while pulls a hog or bites the tail off a cow, for sundry stump-tailed cows along the Atlantic coast line right of way have met misfortune in this way.

The cow, the dog and the hog are out of place when the alligator can get at them; but at best very little of this happens.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

New York, Nov. 1.—The recent laws passed to safeguard the interests of the tenants at the recent session of the New York state legislature were declared unconstitutional in a decision handed down late today by Supreme Court Justice Harro T. Hotchkiss.

The judge, in rendering his decision, said the law was unconstitutional because "it deprives landlords of all remedy for re-possession of their property," and "it is discriminatory because as between owners of old and new buildings and those who seek to regain possession for other purposes, the act denies the equal protection of the laws."

TEACHER SHORTAGE

W. J. McNeely, director of the Teachers' Exchange, Saskatchewan department of education, estimated some three weeks ago that there was a shortage of 500 teachers in Saskatchewan, and that this number would be increased by at least 1,000 by the end of the year. The Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education,

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started last week that the shortage in Ontario is about 9,000. The various reasons given for these serious facts, which are probably repeated in the other provinces, are the scarcity of suitable boarding houses, or houses to rent, the unbusinesslike methods of school boards, the many opportunities in other vocations and similar causes. Simmered down, the underlying cause is money, or the lack of it. Trustees and rate-payers should realize that they must cooperate to make the life of a teacher worth living if they wish to have their children properly educated by qualified teachers.

IS DISMISSED Toronto, Nov. 1.—James Higgins, socialist-labor candidate for the Ontario legislature in the Northeast Toronto by-election which is to be held on Nov. 8, has been dismissed from employment by the Canadian National Railways, according to a statement made by his election campaign manager. Mr. Higgins has intimated more than once lately that he regarded himself as automatically dismissed from the government railway service because of his candidature.

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