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EASTER!

There has been during the past few years a great revival of the old-time honored custom of gift giving at Easter time; and what season is more appropriate for gifts? Useful things are what you can find in this store, useful articles neatly done up in pretty boxes that add so much to the appearance of a comparatively inexpensive present.

Kid Gloves

Every pair of Kid Gloves that leaves this store carries with it our guarantee of satisfaction. Our Spring and Easter assortment is now complete, and every requisite style and shade is here. Prices—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 a Pair. Put up in neat boxes on request.

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Ladies' pretty Neckwear is a particular feature of ours. We make it a distinct object to always have before you the very latest and noblest styles. Our Easter assortment is particularly attractive. Any Tie or Collar put in a neat box on request. Prices—\$5c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 a Pair.

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No household is ever supplied with small linens. No store keeps a choice assortment than this. If you are at a loss for an Easter Gift. Come and see our Small Linens. Tray Cloths, Doilies, Carvers, 5 o'clocks.

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PEOPLE'S POLICY WON EAST KENT

Farmer's Sun Interviews Phil. H. Bowyer on Coming Battle Between the People and Corporations

"Preserve Rights From That Which has no Body to be Kicked or Soul to be Damned", Says Phil.

This week's issue of the Farmer's Weekly Sun contains the following forceful interview with Philip H. Bowyer, M. P., East Kent, which speaks for itself. Mr. Bowyer's earnest utterances are identical along the line of his advanced radical platform, which is so heartily endorsed by the people and did so much to win the last election.

The Farmer's Sun says:

The air about the Parliament Building is charged with electricity these days, and everybody is talking about the marvelous new power from which so much is expected. How Adams Beck has let some things drop which seem to indicate a disposition on the part of the Government to expropriate the electrical development works under way at Niagara and to carry these through as Provincial undertakings. A rumor credits Hon. Dr. Beaman, Commissioner of Public Works, with the intention of water-powering a fraction of the water power of New Ontario for the purpose of operating the Provincial Temiskaming Railway.

"I sincerely hope both these schemes will materialize," said Mr. Bowyer, the representative of East Kent, to the Sun. "From a party standpoint it would be good politics. You cannot go too far on a radical platform for the people of Ontario today. The defeat of the Ross Government in the last election was inevitable in any case, but the overwhelming overthrow was due to a belief on the part of the masses that the Conservative party as constituted to-day stands for the people in what the masses instinctively see is the coming battle between the people and the corporations. I couldn't have been elected in East Kent, a number of other representatives could not have been returned, on an old-time party platform. At least a dozen of Mr. Whitney's followers owe their election solely to their advanced radical views, and all were helped to the position which the party has lately taken on the coming questions.

"From the standpoint of the interests of the people—and that, after all, is the only standpoint from which such things should be judged—I shall also be delighted to see what is being carried through. It has been demonstrated that electrical energy generated from water power is cheaper than coal power, under equal conditions. In New Ontario the conditions are all in favor of electrical energy, generated in the way suggested, because the waterfalls are alongside, while the coal supply—unlike the case in England—is found on the shores of Hudson Bay, hundreds of miles away. To utilize the water-drops would, therefore, spell economy.

Something else would be gained. Think of how Ontario's industrial possibilities would be advertised abroad by a map showing a line of railway, owned by the Province, running for some two hundred miles through a country rich in all the raw materials needed for manufacturing, and operated by this new and marvellously cheap power.

"Equal or even greater benefit would be secured by the acquisition of Niagara power by the Government, and its distribution through Ontario. An objection is entered on the ground that, it is said, such power could not be taken to all parts of the Province, and there would be jealousy if some sections were served and some not. Whatever the conditions may be in this respect, they will govern no matter whether the work is carried out by the Government acting under public authority. Then, what is the difference? Again, it is so certain all of old Ontario cannot be reached either by Niagara power or other power located in the eastern part of the Province. It was said a few years ago that electrical energy could not be carried over eight miles without ruinous loss; to-day it is being carried over eighty miles in Canada and more than one hundred miles in other countries.

"It is said, again, that if Niagara is taken over other powers must be taken over also. Why not? Electricity will, in five years, mean as much for Ontario as coal means for Pennsylvania and adjoining States to-day. We witnessed a few years ago the distress caused by the tying-up of the Pennsylvania coal fields, which are in the hands of private corporations. Do we wish to run the risk of a similar tying-up of electricity here, and power here? By all means, let all the water-powers capable of being utilized for the development of electrical energy be taken over. The public safety demands that this mighty engine, which is just beginning to show the throbbings of unlimited force, shall not be permitted to lie within the control of any corporation which is without a body to be kicked or a soul to be damned."

LICENSED TO KEEP HOTEL NOT TO SELL WHISKEY

Dawn of New Era in Administration of Liquor Laws—Commissioner Sifton of the East Kent Board Presents Premier Whitney's Policy—Many Applicants Rejected—Blenheim on Trial—Proceedings at Important Inaugural Meeting of Commissioners.

It best be understood by all applicants that, in accord with the principles of the new Provincial Government, this Board grants only licenses to keep hotel. ANY LICENSE FROM THIS BOARD IS TO KEEP HOTEL AND NOT TO SELL WHISKY, and license holders will do well to remember it.

This earnest, forceful comment by ex-Warden W. C. Sifton, chairman of the East Kent Board of License Commissioners, at the conclusion of their meeting at Ridgetown on Thursday, gives the keynote of the policy of the Whitney administration. And with the words of the chairman his fellow commissioners, ex-Warden Francis Gifford and Robt. L. Jarvis, heartily concurred.

"Moreover, there are other matters that license-holders should understand," continued Chairman Sifton. "The hotel must be well equipped and well kept, the law must be rigidly adhered to, and the proprietor must in every way conduct himself to prove worthy of the confidence which the Government has, through this Board, conferred in him. Such a course is only honest and right; just alike to both temperance and liquor interests."

"The Commissioners have personally visited and inspected the premises of all asking licenses from this Board; they have obtained through Mr. Boon, the inspector, a list of the convictions and fines in the district for the past few years, so that they may be better able to form an estimate of those who have sought to observe the law, and they have endeavored to put themselves in possession of all the facts necessary to an honest, just and conscientious performance of their duties.

"We are not, however, judging on the past. The past is gone and cannot be helped now, but we intend to hold ourselves strictly responsible for the future. License-holders must co-operate with us. They must keep the law. And we want every hotel man to spell out that word, emphasizing it with capitals, M-U-S-T, because no excuses can be considered. This is our absolute intention: If any license holder is convicted, even once, of a violation of the law he is down and out. NO LICENSES WILL BE GRANTED NEXT YEAR TO ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF BREAKING THE LAW. There will be no more scores of 'first offences.' EVERY FIRST OFFENCE WILL BE MADE A LAST OFFENCE BY THIS BOARD.

"At the same time we want the license holders to feel that, in so far as they honestly co-operate in this effort, they will have our confidence and support and we shall be ready and pleased at any time to have them consult with us on any matters pertaining to their welfare."

The announcement of the Commissioners presages the dawn of a new era in the administration of the governmental department. It means that it will be conducted in a manner that will call for the hearty endorsement of the right-thinking people of East Kent, no matter what their political predilections may be, no matter what their views on the question of temperance reform.

THE MORETH TAVEN.

The Commissioners, with Inspector Thos. Boon, met in the Town Hall, Ridgetown, on Thursday morning and sat till late in the afternoon. Chairman Sifton presided. Quite a large audience was seated in the auditorium, including Rev. G. B. Brown, of Blenheim; Rev. W. J. Waddell, of Harwich, and a number of legal representatives.

The first application considered was that of John Easton, for renewal of his present license for the tavern at Moreth, which has been a license of place for some 30 years past. The application was supported by a petition of 131 names.

Inspector Boon tendered a report that the house was a good one.

M. Wade and J. W. Simpson briefly addressed the Board against the renewal of the license. They said there was practically no necessity for business or commercial accommodation and the tavern had become largely a gathering place for an element that was not desirable. It was a danger to the young men. Mr. Wade presented a petition of 97 signatures against the renewing of the license.

The Commissioners examined the contradictory petitions.

VALUE OF PETITIONS. The chairman said he knew the lo-

cality well. The petition he was looking over (that against a renewal of the license) was a very strong and influential one. He was sorry to see on the other petition names that were not qualified voters in the division and not living there. Petitioners should be honest with the Commissioners.

The applicant admitted some of the signatures were not bona fide, but said it was a mistake.

Chairman Sifton—I see the same names on both petitions. Surely that's very strange.

Commissioner Jarvis, smiling—I'm afraid there's nothing strange about petitions.

Continuing his investigation, the chairman located some bogus signatures on the petition for. The applicant said he could not explain them.

Commissioner Gifford pointed out that taverns that became rendezvous for young men and permitted the patronage of minors, could not be countenanced. He asked the Inspector if the complaints were justified.

Mr. Boon said he had understood that the young men gathered there at nights and sang hymns and recited comic speeches.

Chairman Sifton—That will do. Next case.

THE BLenheim CASES. The applications of E. J. Buzzard, Wm. O'Brien and A. B. Veater, of Blenheim, were next taken up. Each applicant presented a very largely signed petition in favor of his application.

R. L. Gosnell, representing the Temperance cause, and Rev. Constable Brown appeared to oppose all licenses in Blenheim.

Mr. Gosnell presented a detailed argument regarding the passing of the Local Option by-law by a majority of three votes and the subsequent proceedings, pointing out that although the by-law was never passed, the Council had been an unjust and illegal one and the people had so expressed at the municipal elections following.

Chairman Sifton—Were we satisfied that the vote was a legal one and legally taken we would never grant a license whether the Council had passed the by-law or not, or even if it had passed with a majority sufficiently large to prevent any doubt of the result.

Commissioner Jarvis—Had there been a scrutiny of the lists, throwing out illegal voters, what would have been the result?

Mr. Gosnell—Each party claims it would have been in their favor.

E. G. Thompson, who represented Blenheim Town Council, asked for the granting of licenses. The vote in question had been an unjust and illegal one and the people had so expressed at the municipal elections following.

TO KEEP THE LAW. Chairman Sifton asked if Blenheim got licenses were the Town Council to co-operate in enforcing the law.

Mr. Thompson said they were, and the applicants had pledged themselves to live up to it.

Chairman Sifton—Is there any question concerning the reliability of the petitions for licenses put in to-day?

Mr. Gosnell—No, we don't question them, but a secret vote is surely better than a petition.

Chairman Sifton—Is any objection at all urged against any of the applicants or their premises?

Mr. Gosnell—Oh no, it is against the general granting of any licenses in Blenheim.

matter of High Court legal technicalities. We trust we are here as sensible men to do our honest duty. Does our duty not call for an observance of the clearly expressed will of the people? You say the High Court said that there was not sufficient publication and that polling places were changed. As a matter of fact did this prevent any from voting? If every unpolled vote in these divisions were recorded against the by-law it would still have carried by a substantial majority. The total vote on the by-law was 1,029 and at the municipal elections last January the total vote was 1,091. The by-law was carried by a majority of 551. High Court or no High Court the people clearly expressed themselves pretty clearly, did they not?

Continuing Mr. Thompson drew attention to the largely signed petitions in favor of Messrs. Walker and Forbes. In answer to the commissioner's enquiry he admitted that the taverns at McKay's Corners and Fargo had held unsavory reputations but Messrs. Walker and Forbes should not suffer on that account.

Mr. Gosnell spoke against the granting of the licenses. He pointed out that several names on the petitions were illegally put there.

Commissioner Jarvis asked if there was much travel and these houses did any commercial trade.

The Inspector said they both bore good reputations.

EXIT DRINKING PLACES. Commissioner Gifford said that the Board regretted to deal with disappointment to good men. Mr. Walker, of Charing Cross, had been in business for years and the commissioners found that there had never been a conviction or even a complaint lodged against him or his house. He had kept a good house. Mr. Forbes also bore a good reputation although one fine of \$10 for selling to minors two or three years ago had been registered. But he felt with the chairman that the will of the people had been unmistakably expressed and he felt it his duty to be governed by it. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gifford thought, the time had come when the passing of the country taverns was largely demanded. When they ceased to be a necessity to the travelling public and become only a dangerous rendezvous for young men and a congregating place for some who should know better, there was little excuse for their existence. He desired to point out that the commissioners were, however, much pleased with Mr. Walker's record.

There were no further deputations. The commissioners proceeded to deal with the applications as follows, decision in every case being unanimous:

MOEPETH TAVERN CLOSED. The application of John Easton for renewal of license for tavern at Moepeth was rejected and the license cancelled. The commissioners allowed him one month in which to sell out.

ARLINGTON FAILED. In Ridgetown renewals were granted to John M. Sheldon, Queen's Hotel; H. W. Parsell, Anderson Hotel; and Vital Carron, shop.

The license of John Weiss, of the Arlington Hotel, was not granted. The commissioners had found the place in an unsanitary and unsatisfactory condition and had received no assurance of improvements. The matter was left for the Inspector to look into.

BLenheim ON TRIAL. Licenses were granted to E. J. Buzzard, W. J. O'Brien and A. B. Veater, of Blenheim, on very strict conditions which must be fully complied with. "Blenheim is on six months' trial," is the way the chairman put it.

A GOOD HOUSE. Renewals were allowed to Henry Koehler, of Duart, and E. A. Collins, of Muirkirk, against whom no objections had been submitted. The commissioners took occasion to refer in very complimentary terms to the house of Mr. Koehler and the way it was conducted.

CUT IN ROTHWELL. John Menhenick, of the Central Hotel, Rothwell, and Edward Letevre, shop, were granted renewals; but the commissioner declined to grant a renewal to Richard Maloney, of the Brunswick Hotel.

ALSO IN DRESDEN. Allan McIntosh, of the Clifford House, and James Martin, of the Queen's, Dresden, were granted renewals.

HARWICH LICENSES. On resuming applications from Chas. Fluellings, McKay's Corners; David Walker, Charing Cross, and John Forbes, Cedar Springs, were taken up. Mr. Thompson represented the applicants.

Chairman Sifton—In the case of Harwich, unlike Blenheim, public opinion at the polls, I understand, was expressed on local option by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Thompson—The majority was large, I admit. But the by-law was quashed. There were many irregularities.

Chairman Sifton—What were the irregularities?

Mr. Thompson—Partly faulty publication, partly misunderstanding as to polling places.

Chairman Sifton—Just matters of legal technicality to quash the vote of the people of Harwich. Were the technical faults sufficient in any case to alter the total result of the vote?

Mr. Thompson—Oh, we cannot claim that it would have upset the majority which was large, but the High Courts have held the by-law to be invalid on the grounds mentioned.

HIGH COURT VS. PEOPLE. Chairman Sifton—It is hardly a

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Cor. of King and Sixth St.

News and John B. Tuckwell's of the Westcott House, withheld. The Westcott House will have to make many improvements ere it gets another license.

NONE FOR HARWICH. The applications of Chas. Fluellings, McKay's Corners; John Forbes, Cedar Springs, and David Walker, Charing Cross, were all rejected.

THE FINES. The record of convictions supplied by the Inspector were as follows:

Dresden—John Tuckwell \$20 in 1902; J. McKenny \$20 in 1902; Harwich—C. Fluelling \$10 in 1902; A. Forbes (selling to minors) \$10 in 1903.

Blenheim—W. O'Brien \$20 in 1903; E. J. Buzzard \$10 in 1903; Rothwell—E. Letevre \$50 in 1903; R. Maloney \$20 and a second \$20 in 1904; John Menhenick \$10 and \$20 in 1904.

Ridgetown—Vital Carron \$50 and \$10 in 1904; John Weiss \$10 in 1904. Cases dismissed 7; withdrawn 4.

NON PARTISAN ADMINISTRATION. No better evidence of the absolute fulfillment of Mr. Whitney's pre-election declaration that under his Government there would be for the first time an honest and non-partisan administration of the License Department could be furnished than the initial proceedings of the East Kent Board of Commissioners. It will be noted that the majority of the licenses penalized were Conservatives.

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