

**LESS HOMEWORK**

Plan Adopted by Minister of Education to Curtail Homework

Regulations agreed upon by Premier Ferguson, as Minister of Education with Dr. Colquhoun, his deputy in this department, and Dr. Merchant Director of Education, will provide in large measure for the elimination of home work in the public schools of the province. The chief item in lists of new regulations, shortly to be promulgated and made effective during the present school term, is that in each school day of five and one-half hours there shall be a non-teaching period of one and one-half hours during which the scholars, under their teachers' direction, shall devote themselves to independent work and study.

**Relief from Steady Grind**

"This is for the purpose of relieving the pupils of the steady grind of teaching and giving them a chance to do in school much of the work now done at home," said the Premier, making his announcement. "The aim is not to eliminate home work alto-

gether. That was never intended, but it will cut down the home work considerably, and provide as much education. That and the changes in the curriculum will make homework much less arduous."

**Shorten Regulations**

Premier Ferguson also announced that he and the department had cut down the number of detail regulations governing the management of public schools in the province by at least forty per cent., abolishing most of the obsolete provisions, combining others and taking the fixed rigidity from still others so that local inspectors and school boards will have more freedom in meeting local conditions.

"Heretofore," said the Minister, "all the schools in the province have been operated upon one plan and under the guidance of one set of rules and regulations. Different conditions in different sections of the province made no difference. There will now be much more flexibility in the system of engaging teachers, caring for school grounds and school equipment acquisition of school properties and the purposes for which school money may be spent."

**Increase Local Powers**

"These changes will give a much larger degree of autonomy and responsibility to local school boards. These boards will be left with the actual management of their own schools. In the past such management has been largely done by this department, with the boards merely finding the money. Now we are resigning the control we have and will merely assist the boards. Likewise, local inspectors will have more authority than they have had heretofore. They will really have to inspect their schools and see that proper use is made of the extra latitude that is permitted under the new regulations."

The indications of worms are restlessness, grinding of the teeth, picking of the nose, extreme peevishness, often convulsions. Under these conditions one of the best remedies that can be got is Miller's Worm Powders. They will attack the worms as soon as administered and they pass away in the evacuations. The little sufferer will be immediately eased and a return of the attack will not be likely.

**"Squibographs"**

When the command "stack arms" is given, Chinese soldiers park their umbrellas.

A Denver paper reports the death of a nationally-known shoe manufacturer under the heading of "Pegged Out."

The sharp advance in the price of eggs suggests that the hens are taking advantage of the fine weather to "lay off" production.

A hen mothering a litter of puppies is one of the freaks exhibited at Wembley. Old sportsmen predict they will make famous bird dogs.

The weird names of hitherto unknown places visited by the world fliers provide a new list for christening sleeping cars.

The warden of an Ontario jail claims that he can feed prisoners at a cost of three cents a meal. Cost of living is a matter of courses.

A restaurant owner in a western city who gave a straw hat with each meal ticket sold is charged with dealing in goods out of season.

A candidate for Congress in Indiana admits that he never played poker in his life but challenges any man in the state to pitch horseshoes.

A prize bull was recently transferred from Paris to Rotterdam by airplane. Fortunately no red flags were encountered on the trip.

About the only ceremonial at which the Prince of Wales will officiate during his Canadian visit will be the laying of the corner stone of a new silo on the E. P. ranch.

Expert observers who have been making the rounds of the fairs predict that Hamburg steaks will drive the "hot dogs" from their kennels as a popular outdoor lunch.

The "world's bean king" is reported missing, leaving many sorrowing creditors to mourn his departure. It is surmised that he "spilled the beans."

An aged Idaho farmer who died the other day requested that his trusty pipe and tobacco pouch be buried with him. To make the outfit complete his sorrowing widow added a box of matches.

The Prince of Wales would find a durable dance partner in the person of the Queen of Spain. Her Spanish Majesty is reported to have danced continuously for four hours at a recent ball at Santander.

What a difference a few years make. Field Marshal Ludendorff, who commanded a mighty army a few years ago, had a scrap with the municipal authorities in Munich the other day over impounding his dogs.

A Detroit woman who admits that she has been married nine times declares that the majority of her husbands died a natural death. She can only recall disposing of three of them.

As a help to keep in good physical condition, Toronto's medical health officer recommends eating several leaves of fresh lettuce every day. When lettuce is not in season spinach or alfalfa might be substituted.

Eskimos who recently had their first view of moving pictures are said to have been amazed and delighted with the antics of the bathing beauties disporting in tropical waters.

Instead of leaving "footprints on the sands of time" many summer campers when departing leave behind them a varied array of empty cans, paper cartons, broken crockery and first aid for mosquito bites kits.

The name of Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian high commissioner in London, is mentioned as a member of the Irish Boundary Commission. Mr. Larkin is a noted tea merchant, a commodity associated with hot water.

The Prince of Wales will not have to wire home for money when he reaches his Alberta ranch. Several hundred dollars prize money won by stock from the E. P. ranch at the fall fairs await his arrival and will keep H. R. H. in pocket money.

A test case in Michigan revealed that there is no law in that state prohibiting the pasting of pictures of bathing girls on automobile windshields. As long as the diving beauty does not obscure the license plates she is within the law.

**INWOOD**

Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Johnston went to Port Huron last week to attend the funeral of his uncle Mr. F. Cross. Mrs. Andrew Calhoun was in Port Huron one day last week.

Harvest Home services were held in the Anglican church last Sunday. Rev. Thompson from the London Presbytery occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Warner motored to Dresden last Tuesday. Mrs. Thomas Liddon and daughter of Niagara Falls are the guests of Mrs. Marry Liddon.

George Liddon of London is home to attend the funeral of his sister, Alice.

Mrs. Shibley visited relatives in Dresden last Tuesday afternoon.

R. B. Warner was at Mt. Brydges one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan of Walkerville spent the week at Mr. and Mrs. J. Bishop's.

Mrs. Dugan of Oil Springs is the guest of Mrs. James Courtright.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman were in London for a few days last week. Rev. James Lowrie is visiting at his father's Mr. John Lowrie.

Rev. Neil Campbell was in Inwood Monday to take charge of the funeral services of Mrs. Alice Liddon.

Mr. Roy Chapman is on the jury at Sarnia this week.

Inwood's only board walk is being torn up, getting read to put down cement on Atkinson street.

The Inwood Women's Institute has just closed a two weeks course in Home Nursing and First Aid as prescribed by the Women's branch of the department branch of the Dept. of Agriculture, at Toronto. The lectures were very much appreciated by the members and were given by Miss Bryson, R.N., of Toronto.

On Sept. 25th, a social evening was held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McLean in honor of the nurse and the ladies that took the course in Home Nursing, over fifty were present.

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**The Moderation League of Ontario**

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The large majorities in favor of Government Control cast, one after the other, by the Western Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta were not made possible by the votes of only those who desired a change for the purpose of personal indulgence. There could have been no adoption of Government Control had it not been for the votes of total abstainers. In Manitoba, after almost a year, only a small proportion of those who voted for Government Control has taken out permits to purchase liquors.

An examination of the figures will further show that very many people who had previously voted for Prohibition had, after several years' trial, decided that the time had come for a change.

Why?  
Not because it was desired to revert to the old "Bar" system of drinking. Not because there was any question about the universal desire for temperance, respect for law, and decent environment for the children.

Not because the public conscience had become deadened.  
But Because:  
There had grown a feeling, amounting to a conviction, that Prohibition was not living up to the prophecies of those who had advocated its adoption, and that it was creating evils as great as those it pretended to subdue, but much more difficult to deal with.

Thoughtful men and women do not ignore what they experience and observe. It is generally agreed that a step was taken in the right direction when the public drinking bar was abolished. But the good of that step has been challenged by the enormous traffic done by the Bootlegger and the huge output of the home-brewer and illicit distiller.

The Moderation League proposes to hold to the good that has been accomplished, but to meet squarely the challenge of the Bootlegger and the Moonshiner.

Prohibition does not frighten the Bootlegger. It created him, and it keeps him alive.

Does anyone doubt how the Bootlegger will vote on October 23rd?  
Does anyone think that if the Bootlegger could be assured that present conditions would last for, say, ten years he would not greatly extend his business, and become even more daring in his operations?

In the meantime the Bootlegger has grown wealthy and powerful. No matter what is done he will not now be easily abolished. Drinking continues on a scale the magnitude of which is unsuspected by the ordinary citizen, and consequences, which do not find their way into statistics, but are nevertheless disastrous to the individuals concerned and to the community, follow.

The decent, self-respecting and law-abiding citizen has been penalised, but the orgies of the other class, provided they are conducted with sufficient secrecy, have remained unchecked.

The Province is also losing the huge revenue which those who desire to use liquor, properly and moderately, are willing to pay for the privilege. Can the Province afford to lose this revenue? Can it continue to ignore the conditions being created on every side?

The answer lies with the electorate.

With many of the ideals of Prohibition the Moderation League of Ontario is in entire sympathy. The only motive underlying the activities of the League is that of a sincere desire to promote the interests, social, financial, and moral of the Province. There is no wish to provoke controversy or ill-feeling. Appeal is made to the experience and observation—not to the passions and prejudices—of the people of Ontario. It is contended that there exist sufficient grounds obvious to anyone who does not willfully close his eyes to them and regarding which there is no difference of opinion, to justify the position taken by the League.

Altogether, the time has come for a change.

Government Control can be had by marking your Ballot as follows:—

**1** Are you in favour of the continuance of The Ontario Temperance Act?  
**2** Are you in favour of the sale as a beverage of beer and spirituous liquor in sealed packages under Government control? **X**

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