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ENFORCING PROHIBITION

THE TIMES-STAR prints today some suggestions made by The United Churchman touchthe matter of administering the prohibitory w. Of course the crucial question is: Does the Quvernment desire a strict enforcement of the law? The evidence is not strong that there has been and desire on the part of any government since the prohibitory law was enacted. It ought to be possible to provide all the liquor which can be legally sold with a smaller number of vendors. The various temperance organizations appear to have their doubts regarding the fitness of some of those who obtain licenses. It is perfectly obvious, in Saint John at least, that the law is violated on a large scale, the evidence being the ease with which the pocket flask can be produced at various functions, and the prevalence of the drinking habit. Of course, the federal authorities are not blameless in the matter. There is a very general belief that more liquor is landed on our shores than would be possible if an adequate protective service were employed. There has been of late a more vigorous effort to check the tide of liquor pouring in, but there is still room for improvement. The condition people to get liquor. The conditions that exist canentinue to exist without serious damage to the community.

BALM FOR THE TAXPAYER

TIME after time within the last few months there las been much printed and said of an optimistic nature regarding the return of prosperity and a prospective early increase in business and

Perhaps to many will come greater pleasure in the announcement made by Premier Baxter that it will have made a decided forward step. the Provincial deficit will not be so great as had been anticipated when the estimates were be-

There is a glow of satisfaction in the thought that, with the expected deficit either partially or entirely wiped out, the chances of direct provincial taxation become more remote. But Dr. Baxter adds higher rate lest such action be interpreted as an more balm to his already welcome pronouncement, in declaring that the proposed direct tax will not be inflicted on a tax-weary public this year, and cost, and Alberta prefers to wait until that is done that, if the reported provisions of the Duncan Commission findings are carried out, there would

Now, if Dr. Brittain's report on civic affairs can achieve a similar result, so far as city taxes are the Board of Railway Commissioners is heard from. concerned, even the pessimists will begin to take

IMMIGRATION

TAKING into consideration that Lord Clarendon and Sir James Craig have just returned to London from Canada, and that the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King also has recently arrived there, it is only natural that the London publication, "Canada," should devote considerable space to the opinions of these three outstanding men in regard to the opportunities offered by the Dominion to British immigrants. "Canada" also comments on of Immigration, and notes his reference to the Maritime Provinces as a suitable field. Attention is also devoted to Mr. Forke's remarks on the question of attracting to Canada people with means; and it is pointed out that, with the example of Kenya and South Africa before us, it would be most unwise to neglect bringing to the notice of people of means and enterprise "attractions and opportunities which in the balance will compare most favorably with those of the other countries referred to." In this the Maritimes have perhaps the advantage over any other part of Canada, if only the facts can be brought home to the right

people in the right manner. Mr. Mackenzie King is quoted as saying: "Although passage assistance is restricted to British agriculturalists, house workers and juveniles, others from Britain of good health and character who pay their own way are admitted without restriction of passport, money, or occupation test." It would be well to stress this fact. With a huge scheme of assisted settlement in operation, other immigrants ineligible under its provisions are apt to think that they might have difficulty in entering Canada. This

Sir James Craig's remarks are impersonal. Ulster has no exportable surplus of manpower, but the Premier says: "I return from the Dominion deeply impressed with everything I have seen and learned. It is a wonderful country, a natural outlet for Great Britain's surplus population." And again: "The keynote-indeed the only note-to success is hard work. Correspondingly rich is the reward, and in this connection I would like to say that the 'down and out' class is apparently negligible." Furthermore he declares: "I recommend Canada as an ideal holiday resort. The sea and land journey is nicely balanced, the scenery varied and magnificent, the forest and rivers, the prairie-the neverending prairie-the Rocky Mountains, the comfortable railways and hotels, second to none."

Lord Clarendon's opinions are pretty well known. The feature which apparently impresses the Under Secretary for Dominion Affairs most is that there are so few misfits. Moreover, he stated that the misfits were not necessarily town-bred folk with no experience of farming. These apparently have succeeded in just as great a proportion as

have those drawn from the soil. Emigration to Canada is being preached in Great Britain. Are we in Canada, and most particular we in the Maritimes, attending to our end of it? delight. "Bleak," indeed! The Department of Immigration under Mr. Forke will, we may be sure, do its utmost. Are the provincial authorities co-operating? If so, how? The people of New Brunswick would welcome a definite west, but that has b. • always the case and vincial authorities co-operating? If so, how? The

province. During an election campaign the love of one party newspaper for another of different color is in the Dominion just the same. wonderfully manifest. The Milverton Sun, for instance, remarks on a well known Toronto daily: "One thing in Mr. Ferguson's favor is that he is not likely to be damned with the support of The

A MAN OF IRON

MUSSOLINI is a man with nerves of iron. For the sixth time in four years an attempt to sixth occasion he was the same imperturbable gentleman whose only apparent anxiety was to learn if the would-be assassin's bullet had injured any member of his party. An Oriental could manifest no greater disregard for danger and death than does the Italian Premier. It requires magnificent courage to go about one's task; from day to day with the possibility of death lurking on every hand. I Mussolini may not always escape, but it is clear that if he falls it will be without a tremor of fear, or of regret regarding the course he has purapparent, however, that Italy still goes armed. There were knives a-plenty to let out the life of the Premier's last assailant. The swift vengeance wreaked upon him may prove a deterrent to others, in which case there will be many to assert that it was justified. Mussolini deserves to live. Can much be said of the assassin?

"Umbrellas drop to pre-war prices," says a despatch from London. Quite proper, too. Everything that goes up must come down.

Read Carlyle's "French Revoluton" and ponder over the news from Russia-making due allowances for the distortions of Soviet censorship. It is interesting and instructive. Moreover, it permits the hope that Russia will one day emerge strengthened

Cape Breton now from those which came when output of the collieries in October was the largest for eleven years and approaches the record for one month. There is a report that Besco has heavy rail orders, but this is not yet confirmed. Activity in the coal and steel industries means so much

It has been acknowledged that any system to effect a rapid exchange of views and information between Great Britain and the Dominions would contribute enormously towards the solution of all Imperial problems. Australia, with this in view, has maintained a liaison officer at the Foreign Office. Australia now advocates the formation of an Imindustrial activity. All of which has been received perial Secretariat, which would effect the same with a mild feeling of gratitude on the part of the liaison for and between all the inter-related components of the Empire. If the Imperial Conference does no more than establish this or something akin

> The province of Alberta is unwilling to agree that nine dollars is a fair rate on coal shipments to Ontario. The claim of Alberta has been that seven dollars would be a fair rate. It is announced that no further shipments will be made at the acceptance of it. The Board of Railway Commissioners has been instructed to determine the actual before making further shipments. The railway companies insist that they cannot accept a lower rate than nine dollars without loss. Apparently the whole matter will now remain in abeyance until

The visit of Mr. J. E. O'Connor, Vice-President of the Canadian Fisheries Association, and Mr. J. J. Harpell, publisher of the Canadian Fisherman, to Nova Scotia fishing ports ought to have a good effect in connection with the export of fresh fish to the markets of the Central Provinces. There is a very large market in those provinces which only awaits development. When those interested in shipping meet those interested in receiving and distributing the fish, each gets a fuller knowledge of the other's difficulties and requirements. Since fresh fish from the Atlantic coast can now be landed the Hon. Robert Forke's appointment as Minister | in excellent condition as far west as Fort William,

Other Views

DAYLIGHT SAVING A CHICAGO ISSUE (Chicago Tribune)

DAYLIGHT saving is to be put to a referendum vote at the election, Nov. 2. Among so many important issues as will be on the ballot, daylight

saving is in danger of being overlooked or for-gotten. There is organized opposition to it. Unless voters in favor of the extra hour express their wish they may find themselves next summer de-

A true cross-section vote, we believe, will show that the majority of Chicagoans favor daylight saving. The opposition is limited to a few groups. We believe we voice the popular opinion in saying that daylight saving should be made a permanent Daylight saving brought to Chicagoans last sum-

mer 153 extra hours of sunlight, hours that meant much to a city where smoke makes sunlight a precious thing. How much that extra hour counted is found in records showing that on many summer evenings as late as eight o'clock nearly 300,000 persons were enjoying the outdoors in city and country recreation grounds. Additional hundreds of thousands, naturally, were finding other forms of recreation possible because of daylight saving.

The sum of health and happiness gained by the many through daylight saving is more than enough to offset the contrary arguments of the few.

GOLDEN AROOSTOOK (Boston Post)

THE story of the potato yield up in Aroostook County, Maine, this year has the true lamp-of-Aladdin ring. Millions of dollars are in process of making through the marketing and the storing of the noble "spuds" that that part of the Pine Tree State produces with a prodigality known nowhere else in the world. When "King" Christie one can turn over a profit of \$300,000 for this season's crop, averaging in new clearings 432 bushels to the acre, some idea of the richness of Aroostook may be obtained.

There is still uncleared land up in that favored the country that may be had at fair prices. It takes energy and patience to bring it into bearing, to be sure, but the yield is certain and usually profitable. Money invested there is a better risk than one can nowadays find in California or Polesida. fornia or Florida.

We fail to understand, in this connection, the news reports' description of Aroostook as "bleak." New England in winter is nowhere very suave, but the other seasons in Aroostook are, and its rolling beauties of forest and crops are a constant

COLD COMFORT (Ottawa Citizen) pronouncement on just what is being done in our is not difficult to explain. The per capita tax for municipal purposes is on the average higher in the "I was born and bred in this place, and in me time United States than in Canada. This that the burden is heavier on United States citizens proportionately, but it is satisfactory to ratepayers self!"

EVERYBODY AGREED

The Enforcement of The Prohibitory Law

which is effective must remove the enforcement of law entirely out of the realm of politics.

It is these considerations which lead us to make the suggestion that the time has arrived when the whole administration of the Prohibition Act should whole administration of the Prohibition Act should be handed over to an independent Commission. In fact, unless some step is taken to find relief from political party influence the future of the Act can not be viewed with great hopefulness

Of course under such a scheme the important element is the personal one, for everything depends upon the constitution of the Commission. But is sued since he became the dictator of Italy. It is that a greater peril than the peril which comes with changes in government? Would it not be possible to hold a government appointing such a commission strictly to account for the character of the commissioners? If a commission failed in duty would it not be possible to make changes?

A degree of sympathy must be given to mem-bers of the Legislative who are constantly sought out by their constituents when they find themselves in the grip of the law, or by office seekers who demand reward for party services. A commission form of administration removes all such evils. Is there any reason why it should not have a trial?

Such a scheme is not new and was suggested by this paper under date of August 25th, 1924, at a time when it was offering protest against a rumored plebiscite on Government control under the Foster administration. Commission form of administration provinces find it good why is it not good for New Brunswick or Nova Scotia? During the Foster regime in New Brunswick a

strong delegation made request that this plan be adopted and presumably its representations formally made are on file with the Government. One Government failed to grant it. Why not try an-We can well understand that a political party in opposition might not view a change like this with approval. They know the real difficulties in the way

satisfy. Why should they worry at the other party's troubles? But a wise government might well welcome a step which relieved them of what is a real come a step which relieved them of what is a real come a step which relieved them of what is a real come a step which relieved them of what is a real come a step which relieved them of what is a real come a step which relieved them of what is a real come as the companion of the they sold a small quantity or large quantity they would receive nothing but a fixed salary.

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sleep with thinking about America. They envy

enforcement. They know that there is a large

class of persons whom no enforcement will ever

Another suggestion would be that the provision which is found in many of the American States should be incorporated into our Act, that jail sentences should be imposed for first offences. Surely the State has had sufficient warning to have knowledge of what the law means and such a provisio ought not to be considered an injustice.

A commission form of administration is the proposal. Has any one any other suggestion to make? If any one has let it be brought to the front, for the situation at present is intolerable.

The Judging of Books

(Hon. R. Erskine in London Quarterly Review)

BOOKS are judged even as men are judged, now or hereafter; and the same division which shall be made celestially occurs terrestrially when the good books are separated from the bad, and the first are received into fame without end, but the second are damned everlastingly."
"Every man and woman who sets up for author writes to acquire fame or money or both, or to serve some other end which he or she regards as sufficient unto the pains which authorship entails upon them. And, roughly speaking, there are two kinds or classes of authors; they who have been bred up to it, and have adopted letters as a profession, and they who dabble in authorship, and so are not of the true household of the craft, as it

"The work produced by the first is often little produced by the second; the work produced by the second is in some cases entitled to take rank with the best efforts of the first; but as a rule it is very

or should be, the critic in the world of letters; and laws are to citizens what the canons of criticisms are to letters. At all events, the latter is the relationship in which men of letters should stand to the laws of criticism; and would indeed stand, doubtless, were the canons of criticism as fixed and

as certain as they ought to be.
"That they are not as certain as they might and "That they are not as certain as they might and should be springs from the nature of literary criticism, which is rather like the wind that blows where it listeth, and at no time subserviently to human control. There have been endeavors made from time to time to reduce into an absolute system these so-called laws of criticism, and, undiscouraged by the little progress that has as yet been made is that science, professional critics continue to labor to produce a sufficient canon of their craft; but still are they very far indeed from imitating with sucare they very far indeed from imitating with success the precision and clarity which attends some law-giving, though doubtless not all. To say truth, it is a somewhat rough and ready method by which the book and its author are used to be judged. The sun of perfection in criticism may rise with partment bureau of inspection in The sun of perfection in criticism may rise with the morrow."

was then have a was then have a was then have a partment bureau of inspection in Washington, which position he held at

Odds and Ends

The Elder Siste r in Literature

(Hon. Violet Biddulph, in The National Review) Most of the famous heroines in literature have for obvious reasons, been only daughters if not orphans. But where families are in question it is the youngest member, whether son or daughter, who is chosen as the centre of interest. It is the to a position of eminence as, for instance, in the story of the sons of Jesse and the sons of Jacob. The youngest, in nearly all legend, is endowed with the finest qualities of mind and body. He, or she, triumphs over all difficulties, outwits malevolent powers, and carries off the promised reward. The success of the younger ones has, however, been celebrated at the expense of the elder, and romance has scarcely been fair to these, particularly to the

Peter Piper

(Vancouver Province) Now that the crossword puzzle has spent its fury and is in its decline, it has remained for England to provide the latest substitute. This is a form of progress; most of these things of recent years came from America first. The new twister is called a "Peter Piperism." And it consists in making a reasonable sentence of not less than eight or more than twelve words, each of which begins with the same letter.

These are samples: "'Mr. Manager, money might make Maude marry my miserable Max.'—Max's mother." "And: "Stephen, shyly stroking Sylvia's shining shingle, seemingly surmises smiling Sylvia's single." Try one!

His Ambition (Answers, London)

At a certain parish church there is an old bell-ringer who still performs his functions regularly, though nearly in his eightieth year. In his time the old man has seen many changes take place in the church, and was therefore taken aback at the suggestion made by the new vicar that, in consideration of his great age, it was time he put aside his work. "Lookee here, sir," said the old one cheerfully. may not mean

I've seen five vicars of the parish dead, and I would

States citizens like to make it half a dozen before I give up my-

They Think Early

(Border Cities Star) (Calgary Herald)

CANADIAN prospects are all right. What's needed is to send men to Ottawa who will make

(Calgary Herald)

"When does a baby begin to think?" asks a writer. Well, most of them begin to think you ought to walk the floor with them when they are a week l old-

Oueer Ouirks of Nature

THE WATCHMAN OF THE DIKES

nelings have weakened dikes so much that the water has crashed through. There have been instances when the cople found out too late these sentries

of the dikes should be left to eat craw-fish to their hearts' content, because rebuilding dikes is costly, to say noth-ing of the damage done by the water. Thus we have another example of the fine balance in nature's laws. The heron ate the crawfish and kept them in bounds so they could not multiply enough to weaken the dikes. Thus you see the heron is good for something besides making the center piece on a tapestry. When knights were bold the heron was their game, though it does not take any boldness to The forehead and top of the head of the great blue heron are white, while sides of the crown and crest are

Timely Views On World Topics

black. The neck is a pale gray, and the throat is marked by white, rusty

just as it is unpleasant to be in a room

where people are crying. And yet the youth of France, unlike the youth of

England, never things of going to

French and France for them is the

As to America—it is curiously in-different to its fate. Our leaders are

merely cheer leaders. None of our politicians has the courage to deal

with, none of our newspapers has the

courage to discuss, really fundamental issues such as the Catholic question,

In that old time, before I learned to

speak, Would lean to me and revelation come,

Joy with its searing-iron would burn

me wise.

I should know all; all powers, al

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ported from Scandinavia are safe all right. Only about one in thirty will

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"Could I see General Blank?"

ill today."

was raised to the for a time and finally arose and said:

rank of ensign in "Friends, I want to repent and tell

1889 and became how bad I have been, but I dasn't do

commander in it when the Grand Jury is in session.

America. The French

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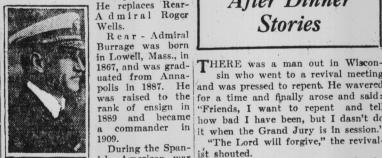
ernment; their finer statesmanship, perous now, with our vast natural retheir calm and civilized life, their hon-

the Negro question, the money-power question or even the liquor question. We are too cowardly or too stupid to face them. We can't help being prossources. But wait until population increases to the bare subsistence level. Paris is dead-the old Paris, the Then America will meet her first test.

Who's Who

REAR-ADMIRAL GUY H. BURRAGE.

continent Rear-Admiral Guy H. commander of the American fleet in European waters. Admiral Roger Rear - Admiral



During the Spanish - American war
ish - American war
the transport with long will represent the spanish should.

"Probably he will," answered the

From 1905 to 1907 he was executive

the time he was named commander the fleet in European waters.

Poems I Love

"Sonnet," by Herbert P. Horne. THIS English poet, so little known, is still living, I believe. His work marked by a flawless technique; and this Shakespearian connet in particul-lar has long impressed me as being as "Oh, things in general.—Tit Bits, lar has long impressed me as being as fine as anything we have in the same form in this generation. I have seldom heard Horne's name mentioned in any summing up of the poetry which came along in the Eighteen-Nineties. Perhaps he was not sensational enough to appeal to critics and reviewers; but appeal to critics and reviewers; but the best of him will not be forgotten.

If I could come again to that dear place Where once I came, where Beauty

"Oh, things in general.—Tit Bits, London.

MEXICAN and an American who work on the night shift of a Kansas salt plant ate their midnight lunch together. On several accasions the Mexican had rabbit meat in his pail, and he shared his supply generously with his comrade.

One night the American asked:

Where once I came, where Beauty One night the American asked: "Where do you get rabbits, Jose?" I Where, by the sea, I saw her face to can't find any. face,
That soul alive by which the world plied. "My wife, she get 'um," Jose re has loved:

She would appear again, as once before, While the red herdsman gathered up And brimming waters trembled up If, as I gazed her Beauty that was

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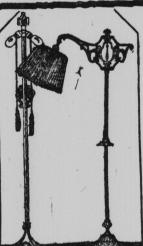
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Jury." hoot 'm."

"Noise? Rabbits don't make noise." how to break the news to his father

teddy bear with eyes sewed on so "Go meow, meow."

A WHALE OF A FISH. took three fishermen standing in a row to describe the length of it.—The

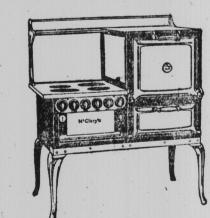
REGINALD, 19 years old, against the sidered rather daring if she invited a

Jose asserted, positively. and mother, he said:
"Tell them first I am dead; them PATRON: Pardon me, but is this

A seventeen-foot whale was recent-y caught at Hastings. It is said it what had me puzzled.—Life. AN OLD-TIMER is one who can remember when a hostess was con-

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