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The License Question.

It might be better all round if the Government refrained from attempting to push temperance legislation through the House during the present session. The temperance people are at sixes and sevens over the proposition, ascribed to the Premier, of Government control of the sale of liquor. Some of their leaders are strongly in favor of it, and others have pronounced as strongly against it. The head of the Royal Templars, W. W. Buchanan, declares that nothing less than total prohibition will suffice, though every reasonable temperance reformer knows that prohibition is impossible within Provincial limits. Apparently the temperance leaders require some time in which to get their heads together, and come to an understanding. Among the Liberal members of the Legislature, also, there are differences of opinion on the proposition laid before them, but it is not pretended that these differences absolve the Government from introducing temperance legislation in deference to the expression of opinion brought out by the referendum. The Government is canvassing its supporters, so as to ascertain what measure and degree of legislation dealing with the liquor traffic will be accepted by the Legislature. It is probable that many of the members wish to consult their constituents and feel public sentiment before committing themselves or making up their minds. At any rate, it is a question upon which they cannot be driven by the party whip, though the Government may influence their views. A postponement for a session may conduce toward the framing of a bill which will have a better chance of becoming law, and which will reasonably meet the demand for further restrictions of the liquor traffic. The Government, of course, will be abused by extremists, but they had better submit to a year's delay than have temperance legislation entirely wrecked by forcing it on the House at this time. The Government is bound to deal with the question during its present term of office, and may be relieved upon to keep its pledge.

Painting the Map Red.

Perhaps very few people in the British Empire realize that within the past few years a dominion one-third the area of British India has been added to the possessions of the crown on the west coast of Africa. Public attention has been fixed upon events in Southern Africa and in Egypt and the Sudan, so that the expansion of the empire in other parts of the dark continent has almost escaped notice, and yet 500,000 square miles of territory on the west coast with a population of 20,000,000 have been brought under the effective control of Great Britain. The acquisition of this western country, known as Nigeria, has been attended by heroic but unobtrusive effort, and is a monument to the valor, genius and persistence of a handful of Britons. The work of painting the map red began less than 25 years ago, when Sir George Goldie and the Royal Niger Company concluded a series of commercial treaties with the native chiefs. This led up to the declaration of a British protectorate over the region covered by the treaties. Four years ago the Royal Niger Company, which represented British authority, gave up its charter, and the country passed under the direct control of the crown. The natives have welcomed the beneficent protection of the British, but several dusky potentates refused to make peace with the white men. The most formidable of these was the Sultan of the Fulah Empire, which comprised sixteen principalities. Based upon the victories of the Moslem shepherd who founded it a little more than a hundred years ago, it had developed the usual vices of barbaric despots. It was cruel, wasteful and improvident. Its wealth and greatness depended upon the tribute of slaves which was paid to it by its vassals, and the annual raids which were made to procure slaves for the payment of this tribute and as a source of income were rapidly leading to the depopulation of large portions of the land. Slaves formed the currency of the empire, and large sums were reckoned not in coin but in human beings. The ruin and desolation caused by the raids may be inferred from the fact that there are believed to be not more than ten or twelve millions of people in the country, in which the traveler Barth estimated there were fifty millions when he visited it half a century ago. Against this empire a few white men—there were only 170 Britishers in Nigeria at the time, including civilians—led a small army of native soldiers who had been taught to fight by their white commanders. This force overthrew the Sultan who made his last stand at Sokoto, the Fulah capital, in July last. The conquest would have been impossible if the inhabitants had cherished any affection for their rulers. While the Fulah domination lasted, traders and farmers could neither buy and sell their goods nor till their lands in peace. When the day of reckoning came they fell away from the alien dynasty which had oppressed them, and readily acquiesced in the rule of the strangers who promised them safety for themselves and for their property.

The suppression of the slave raids was the first object of the new Government. The British have made no attempt to introduce direct rule, but are satisfied with ruling through the native Emirs, who are guided by British residents. The resident has a small staff and in some instances a small escort.

He is accompanied by a white doctor, and in each province he establishes a British court. These are the mere beginnings from which it is hoped a new era of ordered peace and of material prosperity will develop for Nigeria. The country is rich in natural resources and the soil prolific. Some of the tribes have grown cotton, rice, tobacco, corn, indigo and gums for centuries. It is to Nigeria that British manufacturers look for an extension of their cotton supply, which will lessen their dependence upon the American crop. Nigeria will be also a great market for British-made goods, as the natives are keen traders.

Contradictory Criticisms.

Mr. John Haggart's speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific yesterday is another sample of the contradictory nature of the criticisms put forward by the opponents of the project. Mr. Haggart was certain that not a bushel of grain would be carried over the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Quebec or Moncton. Assuming that Mr. Hays and his associates are perfectly sane, the terms of the contract show that they expect to haul something more than empty cars over the eastern division. The cost of the Winnipeg-to-Moncton line will be between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. The Grand Trunk Pacific will pay of this between \$1,500,000 and \$1,800,000 per year for 43 years, the payments beginning seven years after the completion of the road. Mr. Haggart asks the public to believe that experienced railroad men and capitalists have assumed this enormous obligation with their eyes shut. Whatever Mr. Haggart may believe about the Grand Trunk Pacific, it is evident that the men who are to build and manage the road and be financially responsible for it, are reasonably hopeful of making it pay. The public will probably prefer the judgment of Mr. Hays and the Grand Trunk directors on a railway proposition to that of Mr. Haggart. Mr. Haggart is in a delightfully irresponsible position, and is free to talk at large. Mr. Hays and the Grand Trunk directors have had to back their faith with something more substantial.

While the one set of critics predict the dismal failure of the Grand Trunk Pacific and describe the eastern section as an impossibility, another set denounce the contract as being entirely favorable to the promoters of the road. Some of the more optimistic inveigh against the Government because it has not undertaken to build and operate the road as a public enterprise. The pessimists and the optimists are in the one political camp and their criticisms are mutually destructive.

The Ontario Opposition is united on the question of temperance legislation. It will vote to a man against anything the Government proposes. The Irish party should have waited till tomorrow to spring the mine on the Balfour Government. It would have made a great St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Kuropatkin predicts that it will be all over before Christmas; but he should recollect Gen. Buller's Christmas dinner at Pretoria which Gen. Buller didn't eat.

It was characteristic of Mr. Balfour that when the Government was voted down on the floor of the House, he should be jolting in the "distinguished strangers" gallery.

While Premier Ross urges his supporters to abolish the bar, Mr. Whitney finds equal difficulty in trying to abolish the Government's majority of three.

The dumping of Canadian steel and iron on the British market is made possible by the dumping of Government bonuses on the Canadian steel and iron industry. Is it profitable for this country?

The new railroad commission is getting down to business. It has granted the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William permission to connect their municipal telephone systems with the C. P. R. depot. The C. P. R. granted exclusive privileges to the Bell Telephone Company for eight years, two of which have expired. Under this contract no other telephone company could put its instruments in C. P. R. stations or premises on the whole railway system. Commissioner Blair holds that the contract is a valid one and cannot be broken without compensation. Commissioners Bernier and Mills hold that the contract is not in the public interest and that no compensation should be granted. The question of compensation will have to be fought out. The point is an important one to all independent telephone companies and their subscribers.

IS THIS SAM WELLER?
[Reynold's Newspaper, London, Eng.]
Mr. S. Weller, 82, and Mrs. Weller, 78, natives of High Wycombe, Bucks, have just celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding. They have nine children living, forty-seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

BE CAREFUL.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
March and April are the great pneumonia breeders. Inflammation of the lung tissue is also more apt to be complicated with gastric and catarrhal disorders at this time of the year than at any other season, necessitating unusual caution in the matter of eating and changes of clothing.

IN EAGLE EYE.
Tenderfoot—Who are those men that shot at my hat when I climbed down the stage?
Amber Pete—That's our ventilation committee, pard.
Tenderfoot—Ventilation committee?
Amber Pete—Yes; they never see a tall silk hat that they don't try to let the air in it.

UP-TO-DATE MAGAZINE WORK.
[Somerville, Mass., Journal.]
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WHAT KUROPATKIN WILL DO TO JAPAN.

[Sam Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.]
When great Kuropatkin, so fierce and so bold, Goes swaggering forth like a Titan of old, Oh, the earth will be wrenched from its course, and the sea, When he's through, will be spread out where Japan used to be.

Like the cyclone that ruthlessly rips up the town, Like the awful volcano that showers death down, Like the thunder and lightning he threatens to go, Leaving nothing but stumps where he corners the foe.

The ships of the Japs will be strewn on the tide, He will break them in two and look at them inside, He will chew up their guns and kick over their bows, And the world will be awed when he files his reports.

The blue waves will roll where the temples now stand, On the fairy-like heights in Chrysanthemum Land, And the Japs must soon be but air—floating ghosts, If bold Kuropatkin's as great as his boasts.

HOW HE ESCAPED.

[Chicago News.]
"Here's some angel food, John," said the young wife proudly. "I made it all myself."
"Well, dear," replied the diplomatic John, "as you're the only angel about the place it's up to you to get outside of it."

THE ONE TO CONVINCE.

[Toronto Star.]
As long as the hen is convinced that this is spring, we don't care what the lion, the lamb, or the ground hog think about it.

WOMAN.

[Whitlier.]
Flowers spring in blossom where she walks, The careful ways of duty, Our life is stiff and hard with her, Are flowing curves of beauty.

Our homes are cheering for her sake, Our doorways brighter blooming, And all about the social air, Is sweeter for her coming.

Unspoken homilies of peace, Her daily life, her word and deed, The still refreshment of the dew, Is her unconscious teaching.

And never tenderer hand than hers, Unkisses the brow of ailing; Her garments to sick man's ear, Have music in their trailing.

Her presence lends its warmth and health, To all who come before it, If woman lost us, what a world, As she alone restores it.

PERFECTLY SAFE.

[Sam Kiser.]
"Do you know how to pronounce those Chinese and Japanese names?"
"No, but nobody else does, so I'm not afraid to read 'em aloud."

A UTILITARIAN.

[Toronto Star.]
People can say what they like about Niagara Falls being one of the wonders of nature, but the world has grown so practical that if all the water going over the falls can be put to profitable use in turning the wheels of industry it will be diverted and used. In this age scenery has got to take a back seat when a good investment presents itself.

A FRIENDLY TONE.

[Pittsburg Dispatch.]
For the United States to refuse or ignore the offer of England to make a treaty for the reference of disputes to The Hague would be a step back from our own advanced position toward the darkness of medieval militarism. We cannot concede the possibility that our fighting powers were of the least use against the progress of humanity.

THE WRONG ANIMAL.

[New York Globe.]
There was a young man from the city Who saw what he thought was a kitty, To make sure of that He gave it a pet, They buried his clothes. What a pity!

SISTERLY JUDGMENT.

[Judge.]
"Fanny Gush says she wants to be a newspaper woman," said the first dear friend.
"Well, she ought to be," commented the second dear friend; "she always wears a scare-head."

"And she leans to the display type," murmured the third dear friend.
"But she looks well in print," offered the fifth dear friend; "I met her with an angelic face."

NOT GONE UP.

[Catholic Standard and Times.]
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Wicks—Oh, I guess you're mistaken. Hicks—Not at all. His house has failed, and Wicks—But I've got later news. He's dead.

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THE A. O. U. W.

The Executive Committee in Session at Toronto.

Toronto, March 16. — The A. O. U. W. executive yesterday discussed the annual reports and received the reports of the standing and special committees on the proposed legislation to be submitted to the Grand Lodge today at its 26th annual session being held in the Temple building. One suggested change is the admission of women into the order on the same conditions as males. The resolution was carried by a small majority.

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As if all this were not enough, Prince Tamahanoff has now discovered that radium will determine the sex of unborn children, cure mad dogs, convert any metal into gold, and revolutionize warfare. What's the use, he very pointedly asks, of building non-war-casting guns and inventing explosives when a thimbleful of radium, nicely managed, can send a ray which will ignite the powder magazine of a ship a hundred miles away?

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KNOWS CITIES BY ODORS

Paris Smells Like Burning Charcoal, London, of Soot.

London, March 16. — A curious observer, writing to the Chronicle, says that different cities can be recognized by their smell. Paris, for example, he says, is lightly perfumed with the odor of burning charcoal, and coming from Paris to London one is newly assailed by the appeal of soot. Cologne has a reputation, long-understood, for smells other than that of its famous "water." It has been said that in years of old a blind man could find his way about Cologne by following his nose.

Moscow has an odd perfume of its own. It suggests cranberries of peculiar pungency. And it never leaves the nose. Garlic, of course, is the basic smell that greets the stranger who lands at Calais. But the most curious of the smells of place is that of St. Petersburg. The writer declares that he had often wondered what it was, having detected it even between the sheets of his bed at the most exorbitant hotel. On his third visit he was driving in a droschky from the station with a fresh young English girl, who had never been away from Kent before. "Now, by you smell, what is this?" he asked. "Yes," said the girl. "Old boots." That is the smell of St. Petersburg central-station shoe leather!

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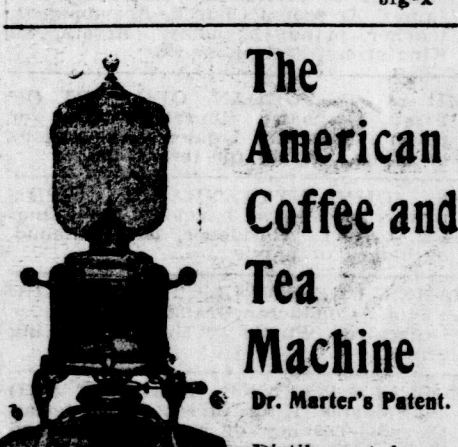
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