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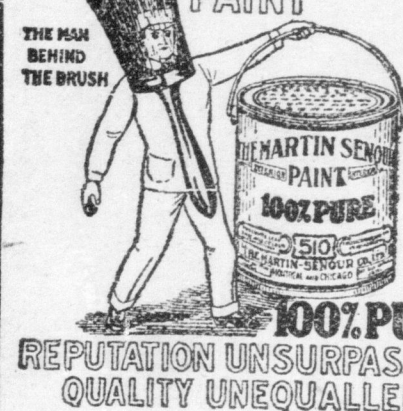
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EX-PREMIER SIR GEO. ROSS LAUDS TEMPERANCE POLICY

Many Conservatives Throughout Province Favor the Liberal "Abolish the Bar" Programme—Prominent Men of Stratford, Woodstock, Ingersoll Approve It.

Toronto, March 27.—This morning the Toronto Star sent to Sir George W. Ross, who is recuperating at Hot Springs, an outline of the Liberal temperance policy as announced at the end of the caucus yesterday. Sir George replied, his message reaching the Star at 1:30 this afternoon, as follows:

Hot Springs, Ark., March 27th, 1912. The Toronto Daily Star, Toronto, Ont. Approve cordially of decision of the Liberal party to abolish the bar. I favor this policy eight years ago. The success of local option assures the wisdom of this decision. Sincerely, G. W. ROSS.

Some Conservatives Timid. Woodstock, March 27.—Prominent temperance men here are pleased with the abolition of the bar programme of the Liberals.

Clifford Kemp, Independent, and a barrister, says: "I think the barroom is an abomination, and should go. I would support it."

W. S. Bean, Liberal, manufacturer, says: "I am entirely and wholeheartedly in favor of abolishing the bar, and always will be."

Joseph Richardson, Liberal, secretary North Oxford Prohibition Society, says: "I am very strongly in favor of it."

J. C. Rowe, Conservative, of Hickson, said: "I am in favor of the abolishing bars, especially as it would do away with all temptation."

putting in his report then. He had inspected all the bilingual schools in Essex and Kent, and a portion of them in the east and north of the province.

"But when I came to go over my notes," said Dr. Merchant, "I began to see that conditions in the east and north were more serious than I thought at first. I made more report at that time without going more fully into the conditions in these sections it would not be complete."

Accordingly he had asked for an extension of the time to send in his report, and continued his work in section in the east and north until Christmas. He had completed his report on Feb. 8 of this year, and sent it in on Feb. 24. The Government, he said, had not yet received his report, either written or verbal, before that date.

DESPERATE CHARACTER IS HELD FOR ROBBERY

Police Are Waiting for His Sentence to Expire to Re-arrest Him.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, March 27.—Joseph H. Girard, one of the prisoners confined in the county jail and whose sentence expires Friday next, will be taken to Waterville, Maine, by Irwin Choate, deputy sheriff of Augusta, Maine, and Charles Barton, city marshal of Waterville. Girard, who is a desperate character, with a long police record, is wanted in Waterville for a robbery committed last October, in which he secured about \$125. The above-mentioned officers are now in town, waiting for the prisoner's sentence to expire.

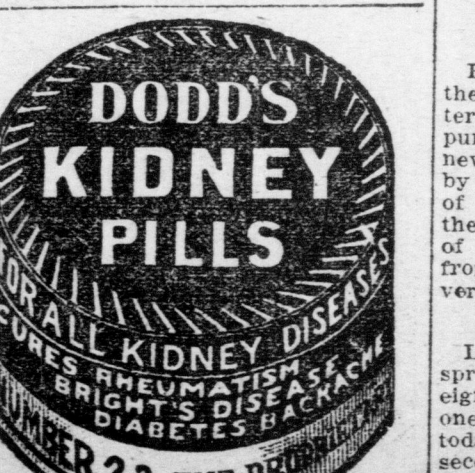
The Sarnia public library is in the hands of painters and decorators. The building will be handsomely redecorated and several improvements will be made.

The warm weather, although undoubtedly welcome to everyone, has brought forth numerous complaints from merchants and householders who are troubled by the large amount of water occasioned by the thaw. Complaints are coming in daily about flooded cellars and inadequate drains. Several lots throughout the town are under water owing to inefficient methods of draining. Should a heavy rain come now much serious damage could be done.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Oak, of Memphis, Tenn., have left for home, after visiting with relatives here. Mrs. Walter Wilkes, of Winnipeg, is visiting at the residence of Dr. Poussette.

DR. YUELL ON HEAVEN
Strong Address in the First Congregational Church.

This closing week of Dr. Yuell's meeting has deepened in interest by the large audience and the responses to the gospel invitations last night. The subject was "Where are the Lord's dead?" and in answering this Dr. Yuell's expositions of the scriptures referring to it was most convincing and satisfying, and his description of "the many mansions in the Father's house" was eloquent and entrancing. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord at once, declared Dr. Yuell, for those who have made Him their choice here. The city four-square is for those whose lives are transformed by His death and spirit. Dr. Yuell's greatest illustrated lecture, "Ben Hur," will be given tonight, and it is eagerly anticipated in view of the surpassing excellence of the pictures and lectures already given. Meetings Friday and Saturday evenings, closing Sunday evening.



ing. I would also favor prohibition."

R. E. Butler, once Conservative candidate, and H. Wichman, secretary of the Conservative Club, refused to express any opinion. Many Conservatives here will support the policy, but will not give interviews over their names.

Whitby, March 27.—Mayor K. H. Downey, Conservative, said: "I think the Liberal temperance platform is all right, but I have always thought an hotel was not the place for liquor to be sold. The sale confined to shops under proper restrictions would be the ideal system."

Rev. G. A. McLean, pastor Baptist Church, said: "The proposal to abolish the bar will meet with general approval of temperance people. The treating system is the root of the drink habit and the bar is the nursery where it is reared."

Rev. M. E. Sexsmith, pastor Methodist Church, said: "A law abolishing the bars throughout the province would be a great advance step. If the sale of liquor is confined to shops, it should be prevented soliciting orders from house to house. This practice is a most harmful one, and should be prevented by legislation."

Bowmanville, Ont., March 27.—Temperance people here are well pleased with the advance step taken by Mr. Rowe. The only regret expressed is that club licenses are not abolished.

MERCHANT'S REPORT WAS READY LONG BEFORE THE ELECTION

Admits to Committee That It Was Complete By the End of June.

Toronto, March 28.—When examined in the public accounts committee of the Legislature yesterday as to certain items of expenditure in connection with his recent inspection of the bilingual schools, Dr. P. W. Merchant gave the reasons for the preparation of his report having taken longer than was at first anticipated. When questioned by Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex), Dr. Merchant explained that by the end of June last year he considered that he might have complied with the letter of his instructions in

PICKETS' PARADE ENDS IN A RIOT

Textile Strikers Pelt Windows of Cotton Mills at Lowell.

[Canadian Press.] Lowell, Mass., March 28.—The first destruction of mill property, since the beginning of the strike of textile workers, and the resulting shutdown of half a city, took place today during a parade of angry strikers. Windows were broken by paraders in the factory of the Bigelow Carpet Company, where the strikers are endeavoring to cause a suspension of work, and in the United States Bobbin and Shuttle Company's plant. Stones, chunks of ice and clubs were thrown in each place. No person was hurt. One man was arrested and taken to a police station.

The parade from which the trouble developed was the outgrowth of a picket line formed during the hour preceding the opening of the mills. With the declaration by labor leader that the strike against the Lawrence Manufacturing Company, a hosiery plant, was off, and the announcement by the United Textile Workers of America that an additional increase in wages of 5 per cent, making a total of 10 per cent, had been granted, the strikers concentrated their efforts this morning against the plant of the Bigelow Manufacturing Company.

The strike pickets then formed on the parade route and marched through Market street twice.

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BROWN—McKEE
Pretty Wedding Was Performed at the Groom's Home in Bridgen.

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The bride was prettily gowned in white net and lace over silk, and during the wedding march, played by Miss Edie McCrimmon, of London, was given away by Rev. Oswald.

John C. McKee, after the ceremony Miss McCrimmon sang beautifully "Because," after which the company went to the dining-room, which was attractively decorated in red and green, and partook of a wedding dinner.

Toasts were given to the bride, parents of the groom, and friends, and were responded to by Mr. R. Gordon Brown, Mr. R. B. Brown, Dr. W. J. Johnston and Rev. Oswald.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are well known in the community, and will make their home at Rosebank Farm.

CALLED TO KINTYRE.
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THE LIVERPOOL CUP.
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At the conclusion of this part of the evening's programme short, felicitous speeches were made by Vice-President Ansel Gahagan of the Woodstock Liberal Club, and by Vice-President Charles Christie, of the London Liberal Club. The former, on behalf of the visitors, thanked their hosts, and invited the London Club to make a return visit, an invitation which was readily accepted. Other Woodstock men added words of goodwill, complimenting the London Liberals on having such fine club-rooms, bowling alleys and other attractions, emphasizing their feeling by singing "You Are Jolly Good Fellows," and reciprocal cheers brought to a conclusion an evening of enjoyable sociability.

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