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IT WILL NOT DOWN

Judging by the space which the subject of intoxicating drinks occupies in some of the English papers, the "pieces" against the traffic are becoming more numerous and more loud. There are many and cogent reasons why this should be the case. It is estimated that upwards of 900,000 tons of shipping have been constantly employed, year in and year out, in bringing into England the materials required by the breweries and distilleries. The Control Board has been cutting down this supply, and by the first of April only about half the tonnage mentioned will be permitted.

Another thing which has aroused the spirit of enmity against the traffic recently occurred at an English military camp. It is well known that the Y. M. C. A. has been doing in England, in France and elsewhere, a most philanthropic and christian work for our soldiers, and doing it without fee or reward by the Government. The Y. M. C. A. huts have been places where the boys could resort for reading and writing matter, innocent pastime, refreshment and rest, as well as religious council. Many a parent has been devoutly thankful for such an opportunity afforded to his boy. But at the English military camp at Rungally the authorities endeavored to evict Y. M. C. A. people from their hut and hand it over to the use of the Army Canteens Committee; and the chief reason assigned was that the Y. M. C. A. interfered with the profits of the canteen, which went to the regimental funds. One can imagine the storm of indignation this demand aroused. Is the wet canteen as valuable an adjunct to the military camp as the Y. M. C. A.? If the Army Canteens Committee had succeeded in this attempt Y. M. C. A. huts in any military centre might have been commandeered in the same way. Still another instance is the communications addressed by Canadian parents and clergymen to British authorities, urging them to remove from their sons and young members of their congregations temptations to which they have not been exposed or from which they have been guarded in their homes. Communications of this kind have been forwarded in large numbers and the advanced position which Canada, and indeed the whole of this North American Continent, has taken in the matter of prohibition has been frequently held before the British people as an example they ought to follow.

These are some of the reasons why we are led to say that this question will not down. The Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance has published a carefully prepared survey of facts, which show that while "the consumption of intoxicating liquors in the United Kingdom during 1916, measured in terms of absolute alcohol, shows a decline of 12 per cent as compared with 1915, and 18 per cent as compared with 1914," yet the money spent in intoxicants in 1916 was 12 per cent more than in 1915, and 24 per cent more than in 1914. In fact the money spent in this way in 1916 was the highest on record for the United Kingdom. That is to say, less alcohol was used in intoxicants as a result of the efforts of the Board of Control in 1916, but more money was spent for the limited amount, a very unsatisfactory condition in a time when economy in the real necessities of daily life is so much demanded. Opinion is much divided between State purchase and prohibition. In regard to the first, it is said that this would serve to fatten the fangs of the business more securely upon the British people. The Spectator says that "when the nation emerges from the war one of the very last measures it is likely to adopt is a measure for handing over hundreds of millions to the drink trade, especially when it is intended that the trade shall go on as before, only under Government control." The trend of opinion seems to be turning more and more toward prohibition. Scotland is largely in favor of prohibition. The Rev. James Barr prohibition is advancing by leaps and bounds among the "Scottish working people. He asks "did they ever know a national duty which was so clear and plain?" He intimates that the pressure upon the Government is so strong that it is not now the liquor traffic but the Government that is on trial. Efforts are being made to combine the advocates of State purchase and prohibition along the following lines: First, the total cessation of the supply from abroad; second, to manufacture beer; second, prohibition during the war and a definite time after its close;

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third, leave the question of purchase until the war closes. It is on record that the Admiralty has advised the Cabinet to introduce prohibition. This advice, added to advice and entreaty from many other quarters, should certainly lead the Government to apply the heroic remedy, and to do it quickly.

WAR SUMMARY

Halifax, N. S., March 28, 1917.—The success of the Victory Loan in Canada seems to have been equal to that in Great Britain. It was so much over-subscribed that the banks will not likely be called upon for their subscriptions. It shows that Canada is not only willing to fight, but to do it by her money, in fact, today we seem to be more willing to give our money than our men. To win the war, however, it means that we must both, and men are most urgently needed at the present time. With victory beckoning to us, we must not neglect anything that would help the most important call for men at the present time is for Forestry Companies. Wood is absolutely necessary or trench warfare, and much of it must be furnished over there. They are calling upon our Canadian woodmen to supply the deficiency. We must not allow our armies, who are doing such splendid work at the front, to want for anything, and especially for wood, when Canada is practically the only place in the Empire which can supply the lumbermen. Those coming from Nova Scotia will probably work in Scotland, and a Company should be raised here quickly. The news on all the fronts is very encouraging. From the recent address of the German Chancellor, the probability of a revolution in Germany is feared. There is no doubt that the influence of the Russian Revolution would be very powerful in different parts of the Central Empires, especially in a portion of Austria-Hungary. A revolution in Germany, with the people really in control, would end the war. Preparations which are now being made in the United States indicate that the Central Powers will probably be declared as soon as Congress assembles on April 2nd. The effect of American influence, money, munitions, and Navy, will be immediately felt, and it probably will not be many months before an American army can also do its share. It will be a matter of considerable encouragement to have our American cousins fight shoulder to shoulder, with us for the great cause of freedom.

GRAND PATRIOTIC RALLY IN THE PRIMROSE THEATRE

On Thursday evening (tomorrow, March 29th) there will be a meeting in the Primrose Theatre for the purpose of organizing a Patriotic Fund Club, having for its object the raising of vacant lands in the towns throughout the Valley to increase the production thereof, and thus assist our country in these days of stress. Addresses will be given by Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager of the D. A. R., Prof. W. S. Blair, Supt. of the Experimental Station, Kentville; Dr. Coit of Acadia College, Wolfville. Stereoscopic views will be shown, with explanations by Mr. Graham. No admission will be charged. Other towns where meetings have been held have given packed houses of men, women and children, and we expect the citizens of Bridgetown to well to the front in this important movement. Every seat should be taken at the Primrose Theatre. This will at least show that we are ready to be interested in any movement that has for its purpose the improvement of present conditions and in assisting our country at this critical period. Here is an opportunity for rendering a real National Service.

Bishop & Bishop are kindly giving the use of the theatre without charge, and the meeting will begin at 8:30 o'clock, immediately at the close of the regular moving picture show. In order to arrange for this meeting, the moving pictures will be put on at sharp 7:30 o'clock, and will thus afford the people an opportunity of taking in the popular Thursday evening pictures and also to retain their seats for the Patriotic Meeting afterwards. Reserve this night exclusively for the Primrose Theatre.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN AID OF RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

The Riverside Cemetery Company intend having their Birthday Party this year on the third Tuesday of April in connection with the regular annual business meeting of the company. It would be well, therefore, for those who purpose making further payments toward the Perpetual Care Fund to send in their contributions before that date. Lot owners also who have neglected their taxes will please remit the balance due, so the treasurer may include all these amounts in his report for the year. It should be remembered that until the Perpetual Care Fund is enlarged considerably, there is no regular income for the care of our cemetery, and unless each one who has an interest there does his little part promptly, the difficulties in the way of those responsible for carrying on the work are greatly multiplied. So when the financial statement is made public at this annual meeting, it is important that the Directors should know the exact state of the finances, and on what they may depend, before making estimates for expenditures during the coming season. Worthy of Mention.—A father and mother in Annapolis, in Nova Scotia, whose son had enlisted and was about to sail from Halifax, had saved forty dollars to visit him before his departure. In the meantime a meeting to aid the Patriotic Fund was called in that town. They attended, and instead of visiting the son, denied themselves the pleasure and opportunity and paid the forty dollars into the Patriotic Fund. The Woman's Suffrage Bill passed the second reading in the Assembly, after an address by Mr. R. H. Graham of Pictou, without debate and without opposition. The third reading will be looked for with great interest.

PARADISE

March 26. Mr. Ronald S. Longley of Round Hill spent Sunday at his home. Mrs. C. Logan of Lawrencetown has been a recent guest of Mrs. Alvin Starratt. Miss Ella Chesley of Clarence spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Chesley. Councillor F. W. Bishop went to Wolfville last week to see his son, Edgar, who was ill. Pte. Fred Balcom of the Composite Battalion, Halifax, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Balcom. Mr. Andrew Brooks of Kentville was a guest last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks.

The Red Cross Society wish to thank the "Willing Workers" for their gift of twenty-six dollars. This has been sent to be used for medical appliances for the hospital at Chatham. Our Society decided to pay twenty-five cents dues every three months, beginning with December. Will the members kindly attend to the payment of this quarter's dues promptly, as the funds are needed to help carry on the work. For the last three months, up to March 1st, the following amounts have been received: For dues \$11.35, Membership \$1.50, Gift from Willard Longley \$3.00, Collected \$5.20. Total \$20.05. Paid out during that time for goods, yarn, etc. \$28.67.

BELLEISLE

March 26. Miss Sadie Gesner is visiting in Halifax. Two harbingers of Spring to date—the wild geese and gasolene wood-saws. Mrs. Watson Kent of Papperville was the guest of relatives in this place recently. Miss Ivy Toshi, Principal of the Lennoxville High School, spent the week-end at her home here. Mr. Douglas Karas went to Hillsburn last week, where he will be employed in the Ligoniere Bros. shipyards. The "Punkin-Blossom" family are planning to move to Bellefleur in the near future. Watch for hand-bills. Mrs. Robert Young, who has been spending the winter months with relatives at Granville Ferry, returned home recently. Mr. Victor Gesner leaves today Monday for Keswick Ridge, York County, N. B., where he intends remaining for the summer. Messrs. Bartlett Goodwin and Charles Gesner, our village carpenters, are building a house for Mr. Samuel Chipman, Round Hill.

VICTORIA VALE

March 26. Sewing Circle meets this week at the home of Mrs. William Andrews. We are very sorry to learn that Mr. Isaac Neily was obliged to have three of his toes amputated. Mr. Charles Ward left recently for the United States, where he will remain for an indefinite period. Mrs. William Clarke out again, after being housed for several weeks suffering from a very bad cold.

ARLINGTON

March 27. Miss Wynona Brown is visiting her sister Mrs. Harry Hines. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams of Cambridge, Mass., were guests at Mr. Harry Hines on Friday. Mrs. Ring of Beausoleil spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. E. Marshall. At a recent ice cream sale held by the Sewing Circle the sum of \$7.85 was realized for Red Cross purposes.

ST. HANLEY

March 26. Preaching service Sunday, April 1st, at 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay, from Port George, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Balsor of this place one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. David Fritz and son, Harold, from Port George, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fritz of this place one day last week.

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PARKER'S COVE

March 27. Miss Minnie Weir went to Port George the 26th for an indefinite period. Service in the Methodist Church on April 1st, at 2:45 o'clock, by Rev. H. J. Indoe. Mr. Hartley Ellis of Victoria Beach was a recent guest of his friend, Mr. Gordon Weir. Mr. Edward Hudson of Hillsburn called on Mr. and Mrs. David Miller quite recently. Mr. Edward, Capt. W. H. Anderson, arrived from St. John on the 24th with a general cargo. Mr. Curtis Halliday purchased a very fine young horse from the Rev. I. Brindley of Granville Centre. Sorry to have to report Capt. David Robinson on the sick list at time of writing. We hope for him a speedy recovery. Capt. Ogilvie is getting his schooner Lloyd, which he recently purchased from W. H. Anderson, ready for her home port in Parrashore. Messrs. Thomas Miller, Fred Miller and Joseph Miller have returned home from the fishing schooner Albert J. Lutz to remain the summer. The church was well filled on Sunday at 3 o'clock, and a very attentive audience listened to Miss Robb, one of the officers of the Sunday School Association. Several of the schools were represented here. Miss Robb is an interesting speaker. She spoke very favorably of the Sunday Schools here. The meeting closed with an address by our pastor, Rev. I. Brindley.

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