

# Government Control A Business Proposition

ARTICLE NO. 5

Some time ago the Toronto Star sent a correspondent to the West to investigate the results of the adoption of Government Control in the four Western Provinces. The Star announced in the beginning that these articles would be fair and would give both sides of the story. These articles were, and are being, reproduced in The London Advertiser.

So far, no one has been able to find the "fairness" nor the "other side" of the argument. The articles so far have been almost entirely "dry," and they have contained considerable misrepresentation, a great deal of exaggeration and some very misleading inferences.

In Alberta, for instance, liquor sale is licensed by the glass. The articles plainly state this is the result of Government Control, and the inference is made that Ontario will have the same condition if Government Control is sustained at the polls.

In neither British Columbia nor in Manitoba does Government Control mean sale by the glass.

In Alberta and Quebec it does mean sale by the glass, of beer and wine in licensed premises.

**Premier Ferguson has clearly and emphatically stated that Government Control in Ontario will not mean sale by the glass. What Manitoba and British Columbia have done, Ontario can do!**

British Columbia took a vote on beer by the glass, but the result, owing to errors in counting the ballots, is not yet decided, though it would appear that the result is unfavorable to sale by the glass.

One glaring misstatement in the article on British Columbia is in regard to the distribution of profits from liquor sales in the Coast Province, and this misstatement has had editorial indorsement in both the Star and Advertiser.

The statement shows that the Government, from June 1921 to September 1923, sold \$21,393,000 worth of liquors.

In British Columbia a certain percentage of the profits are returned to the municipalities on a per capita basis, the Government retaining the lion's share for itself. Yet the Star and Advertiser mention only the sum returned to the municipalities, \$1,537,000, and represent it as the total profit derived by British Columbia from liquor sales, whereas the total sum is really two or three times that distributed to the municipalities.

Then a long line of deductions is built up from this false statement to show how much liquor would be drunk in Ontario at the same rate of consumption.

No mention is made of the tremendous tourist trade which has accrued to British Columbia since Government Control went into effect. It is not stated that the tourist business in British Columbia is the second largest industry in the province, leaving many millions of dollars in circulation.

The same thing will happen in Ontario under Government Control.

Not only will the government derive the profits now being taken by the bootleg trade, but Ontario will have an added attraction to tourists.

Last year it was estimated that \$40,000,000 was spent in Quebec by tourists. They did not come to Montreal and stay there drinking, as is sometimes insinuated, though undoubtedly thousands did come because a drink was available if they wanted it. But they travelled over the province wherever there were good roads and spent as they went.

The Quebec government, realizing the tremendous value of this tourist trade, is spending millions derived from liquor sales, upon the roads.

Some good people say Ontario does not need revenue derived from liquor sales.

Is it not much better for the government to disperse reliable goods and derive the profit than that bootleggers should sell poisonous liquors at extortionate prices and derive all the profit—the government having the privilege of spending millions on enforcement of The Ontario Temperance Act?

Ontario towns, villages and farms will share in this tourist trade just as they do in British Columbia and Quebec, but on a far greater scale.

Both British Columbia and Quebec face on sparsely-settled States, largely wilderness, while Ontario can draw from the richest, most-densely populated States of the Union, all along her border line.

This side of the case is not touched upon in any of the articles appearing in the Star and Advertiser, but it is nevertheless a very important consideration for the people of Ontario on October 23rd next.

If Government Control were nothing more than a business proposition, bringing to the province a large measure of prosperity, it would merit the support of all classes.

But it is more than that. It means the abolition of one of the most abortive, un-British and unfair pieces of legislative enactment on the statute books of Ontario—The Ontario Temperance Act.

**1** Are you in favor of the continuance of The Ontario Temperance Act?

**MARK YOUR BALLOT HERE**

**2** Are you in favor of the sale as a beverage of beer and spirituous liquor in sealed packages under Government control?

**X**

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## Mantell Has New Version of Shakespeare's Shylock

Actor Presents a Proud, Dignified Character Who Does Not Fawn.  
**SPLENDID RESTRAINT**

In the "Merchant of Venice," the last of the Shakespearean plays produced by Robert Mantell in London during this visit, the actor showed a more modern version of Shylock, and incidentally a more human figure than we have been accustomed to in many of the older performances.

His Shylock is no fawning, cringing money lender whining and grovelling at the feet of the Gentile oppressors. Mr. Mantell's Jew comes of finer stock. He is the true Jew of history, intensely proud of race and heritage, tenacious of every right of his people even though he must pay for it with suffering. He is seared with the scars of innumerable insults, but withal sturdily independent and scornful of the surrounding foreign world.

Mr. Mantell gives us a most virtuous Jew. He presents us with a heroic, deep-passioned figure, an outcast from his time and the people he lived among, but fiercely rebellious of the treatment meted out to him and his brethren.

**Know Sentiment.**  
Below the whole character is a tremendous reserve and dignity. The aristocracy of his lineage transcends each mere petty feeling. His deuces are his first consideration to be sure, in all ordinary days and under all usual conditions, but when his daughter steals the turquoise that came a present from his long dead Leah, memory recalls young manhood and he would give every deuce for the return of this single love gift.

This Shylock is a very human fellow. If he seems to the gay young Gentiles of Venice bitter, it is not without just cause. He has all the Jewish suspicion of his eternal enemy, and the story shows the logic and force of this plainly enough. If Shylock in this portrayal by Mr. Mantell is human it is never overdone, and never burlesqued as has been the case with lesser artists. The restrained poise of the central figure is never lost, and throughout the garish color of the play remains a deep toned background of misfortune.

**Perfect Control.**

So many actors have relied on "make-up" and melodrama to conjure up a Shylock that it is a relief to see Mr. Mantell using his glorious and perfectly-controlled voice and the quick nervous gesture of his slim hands to paint the character of the forlorn Jew. In the court scene, where by the logic of Portia he sees his scheme of revenge go astray, his life in danger and his riches stripped from him, he gives a very fine and carefully-thought-out performance. He fights for the full measure of his bond and the pound of flesh with every advantage which the law allows. But when he is caught in his own legal trap he accepts defeat with resignation, and his last words to the judge, asking that the agreement whereby he loses every deuce be sent to his house and giving his promise to sign it, and his exit from the circle of enemies, one of whom has stolen his daughter, he limns the story of Shylock boldly in a silhouette. The suffering of the great race is summed up in the fierce-lipped, bitter-eyed, unbending old man, who painfully drags himself from the room and turns his stern features toward a fresh sorrow and a greater loss.

One would imagine that Mr. Mantell takes more pleasure in this role than in others. He plays it so easily so wholeheartedly and with such a convincing air, as if he were never in doubt as to the quality of the Jew of Shakespeare's coinage. He lends it that touch of a pathos without which there can be no historically true story of the Jew. Saturday night's performance was attended by a large number of school boys and girls. It should supply them with a more natural interpretation of the play and its lessons than they will find in text-books.

**Miss Hammer Good.**  
As Portia, Miss Genevieve Hamper gave us the best work she has accomplished in the four plays presented at this time in the city. The combination of the beautiful girl in love with Bassanio, and the thoughtfully young advocate, suits her particularly well. Her beauty and coquettishness serves her as well in one as her clear enunciation serves her in the other. As in every other play in the repertoire, she had the additional appeal of really lovely costumes, and in the brightly-lit scenes of the "Merchant of Venice" presented a most charming and capable Portia.

The play, in spite of the always impending tragedy of the Jew, is sprightly and moves up with quick action. In this the company as a whole kept step and put plenty of life into the scenes. In the one comedy role, that of Lancelotto Gobbo, Shylock's servant, Le Roi Operti was excellent. No Gobbo has been seen with more genuine pleasure than this. The Pucklike fancy written into the part was brought out in every detail with infectious gaiety. The actor in this case has some advantage in a physical way to help in such a part, and very wisely made the most of it. Theresa Colburn as Nerissa, maid to Portia, and Ruth Noble as Shylock's daughter Jessica, together with Vaughn Desiring, as Antonio, John Knight as Bassanio, Henry Buckler as Gratiano, Edmund Dalby as Salerino, Edward Emery as Lorenzo, Arthur W. Salario, contributed well-played and nicely-balanced roles to the play, making a really very fine performance of one of Shakespeare's most interesting and fascinating plays.

**PRICE READY TO ORDER  
EXAMINATION OF PIRIE**

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Oct. 12.—Acting Attorney-General Hon. W. H. Price announced yesterday that "though no request from either crown or defence has been made to him yet for facilities to have the mental condition of John Pirie, the Ottawa man held on a charge of murdering his family, investigated, he was prepared to have the necessary steps taken as soon as a formal request is received."

**APPLIES FOR DIVORCE.**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Oct. 12.—The following application for divorce appears in the current issue of the Canada Gazette: Helen M. Pritchard, Chat-ham, from George J. Pritchard.

**Obituary**

MRS. ALEXANDER JONES.  
Mrs. Alexander Jones of Thamesville died in St. Joseph's hospital yesterday, following a lengthy illness. She had only been in the hospital for three days, but had been ill at her home for several months. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist church and was a member of the survivors are her husband, one son, Joseph at home, and four daughters, all living away from home. The remains were shipped from the A. L. O'Brien funeral home yesterday to Thamesville. Interment will be made at that place.

## Man Confesses After 12 Years

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Oct. 12.—A Detroit man, formerly of this city, recently called on Magistrate J. A. Weir and told him that he had a troubled conscience. A result of making a false statement in connection with a case here in police court in 1912. As a result of an innocent man suffering in a jail for the past 12 years, he came to Kitchener especially to see the magistrate and he left feeling much better. His conscience was swayed some years ago, when he joined a Detroit church. Magistrate Weir has looked up the case in question and found that his visitor clearly remembers all the facts in connection with it.

## UNION IS APPROVED AT NEW ST. JAMES

Elders Will Make Strong Fight For Adoption of Proposed Plan.

The session of New St. James church, North London, is strongly in favor of church union.

At a meeting held last Friday night the session adopted a resolution appointing 13 of its members as a union committee "whose duty it shall be to carry out the policy of the general assembly of the presbytery by fostering and promoting the principles of church union in the congregation." The committee was given power to add to its number by associating with it members of the congregation, and also to take all steps necessary to give effect to the resolution covering its appointment.

The committee was also authorized to prepare a circular letter to be addressed to the members of the congregation, and to state the facts of the union bill and stating clearly what a vote to remain out of union will mean for the congregation.

In view of the fact that the session approved of the taking of a vote of the congregation in a manner provided for by the church union bill to determine whether or not the congregation will go into the Presbyterian Church of Canada into union, the union committee has decided to hold a general meeting of the congregation in the near future to which are invited all those desirous of having New St. James' church go into the new union. Members of the congregation favorable to union have been asked to communicate with the members of the committee.

At a meeting of the union committee held Friday night steps were taken to have prepared the circular letter on union, which is to be forwarded to the members of the congregation after having been submitted to the session for approval.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and from reports already received by the committee there is every indication that the congregation as a whole is by no means decided to remain out of union, despite the stand taken on the question by the pastor, Rev. James MacKay, who is strongly opposed to the movement.

The members of the union committee appointed by the session are: Rev. Frank Ballantyne, Dr. A. J. Murray, A. L. Fletcher, S. B. Gorwill, D. McCrimmon, A. R. Millar, W. A. A. Neilson, G. A. Wileabe, W. J. Patterson, W. A. Tanner, P. J. Thompson and R. J. Webster.

## AMERICAN PRISONER LODGED IN LOCAL JAIL

Sheriff of Bryants Pond, Maine, Pauses Here With Fugitive.

Sheriff B. R. Billing of Bryants Pond, Oxford county, Maine, lodged a prisoner in the city jail last night, who is charged with violation of the Mann act, fraud and selling of mortgaged property. The prisoner was captured in Detroit with a young girl of 15 years of age, who had accompanied him to Detroit from the Maine city. She is also being taken home by the sheriff, and was put in the Thomas Alway home overnight. She is not under arrest, but will be held as a witness.

Harry D. Cole of LeParis, Maine, the man with which the prisoner is said to have endeavored to sell, while there was still a large amount owing on it, is accompanying the sheriff, as it was necessary that he go to Detroit to identify the car.

The prisoner, who is 22 years old, is married, but is separated from his wife, left the Maine city on September 20 and went by an indirect route to Detroit. The young man first tried to dispose of the car in Fitchburg, Mass., but was unsuccessful. Sheriff Billings heard of this attempt, but was just a little late in getting to Fitchburg to arrest the man. He then sent a fier to the police of all cities in the country and the couple were arrested the other day in Detroit, where they were living in an apartment as man and wife. The prisoner was working in the city in an automobile factory.

The party left the city early this morning on their way to Maine. Sheriff Billings stated that he was going to make an attempt to reach Boston by tonight, a distance of 350 miles.

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Associated Press Despatch.  
Edmonton, Oct. 12.—A message of optimism as to the future of the West and a pledge that the Peace river country would be given an outlet to the Pacific Coast as soon as it is possible, was delivered by Premier King, who addressed an audience of 2,000 persons here last night.

For the development of the great natural resources of the country, the Liberal leader promised reforms in the tariff, which would relieve their present duty such implements and articles as are used in the development of those natural resources. "It is the policy of the government of which I have the honor to be the head to introduce a vigorous policy of immigration which will people the vast areas of undeveloped country in the great West," declared the premier.

## SINN FEINERS TO CONTEST ELECTIONS IN IRELAND

Associated Press Despatch.  
Dublin, Oct. 11.—Eamon DeValera announced today that the standing committee of the Sinn Fein had decided to contest the elections in six northern counties of Ireland. The people there, he said, will be given an opportunity to prove their adhesion to the principles of Irish unity by voting for candidates who will deny the right of England "to make partition laws, or any other laws, for themselves accordingly not to sit in the English parliament."

## CHATHAM ORGANIST TAKES POSITION AT LOCAL CHURCH

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Oct. 12.—F. Whitney Scherer, organist of Christ church, has accepted a similar position at the First Methodist church, London. Mr. Scherer intends to retain his music classes here.

## UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION TO VISIT TORONTO PLANTS

Associated Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Oct. 12.—Canvass of the factories in this district to find work for at least a part of Toronto's unemployed, will be made under the auspices of the newly-formed unemployment association of Canada. At a meeting here Saturday night, it was decided that four of the unemployed will make such a canvass at once and strive to find at least one or two vacancies in every factory district.

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