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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

## THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION

The Express cannot be accused of holding out for measures that infringe upon the rights of the people, nor does it think that it will be charged with so doing when it utters a word of protest against the granting of an additional license to the town of St. Marys. The St. Marys council took a vote on the question of whether the number of licenses should remain at five or be increased to six, with the result that it was decided by the Mayor's casting vote to tack another hotel onto the list. Thus St. Marys, with its 4000 population, and a good sized temperance majority, as far as the recent plebiscite goes, is having a sixth hotel unloaded onto them, while at the same time, by the same act, no considerable amount of doubt is cast on the sincerity of the prohibitionists of the town. It is hard to understand that the town's representatives could go in opposition to the wishes of the temperance people who so largely predominate. Where was the influence that made itself felt when the people of the town piled up the large majority in response to the question, "Do you want the bars to go?" Was the prohibition question only an issue when the fever was abroad in the land for temperance legislation? Unfortunately there have been too many instances where temperance people have failed to achieve the local results that an overwhelming sentiment of antagonism against the drink habit should command. Why this is so it is hard to say unless it be due to a lapse of effort on the part of those crying out for reforms. Aside from the instance under consideration, there has been too much disregard of the temperance sentiment which the referendum and plebiscite votes have shown to be existing in Canada. To what extent the government's promised measures in regard to the present license system will respond to that sentiment is hard to say, but the fact remains that Premier Ross has juggled with the question of prohibition, and shelved the issue whenever it threatened to imperil his political position. It would be a great source of satisfaction to the people of the province if the government would outline a straight line of temperance policy and carry it out, in spite of the political influences that will be bound to hedge it in. Whether it be a policy that would carry with it the stricter enforcement of the present license laws, the reduction of the number of licenses or a straight prohibition measure. The government should define at once and for all and then carry it into effect. It is time the temperance people knew where they were at. With government sympathy behind them they would not so frequently be called upon to suffer defeat in local measures as in the case we have cited from St. Marys. There is probably not much difference between the number of hotels in Woodstock to the population, proportionately, and those in St. Marys and yet no one would hardly venture to demand an increase in the number of hotels here. Indeed we don't know but that the list here might be decreased with a good deal of profit from a moral standpoint. There are hotels in nearly every place of any size whose only excuse for doing business is the handing out of drink. These dives—for many of them are little else—could very well be dispensed with. Their abolition could not be said to discommode the travelling public, for the same law that can reduce the license can provide for greater and better accommodation in the hotels that are left. In Woodstock, for instance, if it were operating against the interests of morality they could be struck off the list, and the better class of house would not hesitate to make provision for any additional business that might accrue as a result. Woodstock, with a population of over 9,000, has eleven hotels. Are they all necessary in the public interest, and is each of them living up to the requirements of the Liquor License Act? Are any of the hotels in this city proving detrimental to the public good? Have any of them resulted in the downfall of young men? Can they all base their claims to existence on the exigencies of the public welfare? These are some of the questions that the license commissioners might well give a little extra consideration to when they meet to award the licenses for the year. The license law is probably being better observed in Woodstock at the present time than it has for some years. The authorities can only force the laws that are given them. We are not sure but that the strict enforcement of the early

## EIGHT REASONS

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1. It is partly pre-digested and therefore passes quickly into the blood.
2. It imposes no tax upon the stomach or other digestive organs.
3. It does not cause fermentation such as usually results from ordinary food when the stomach is weak.
4. Its action is mild and even, insuring the greatest nourishment with the least effort.
5. Its quality is always uniform.
6. It feeds and strengthens the bones, blood, nerves and tissues.
7. It is one of the greatest flesh producers known to medical science.
8. It is palatable and agreeable to the taste and easily taken.

We'll send you a sample free upon request.  
SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Ontario.

closing hours, which the authorities have committed themselves to, could be followed with profit by the commissioners exercising a closer scrutiny of the claims of all the hotelmen in the city applying for licenses.—Woodstock Express, Independent.

There is something reminiscent of the South Oxford election trial in the somewhat startling disclosures of political methods revealed at Osgoode Hall on Saturday in the course of a motion to dismiss the petition to unseat Mr. A. B. Dunlop, local member for North Renfrew. In support of the allegation by the Conservatives that the petitioners were induced by fraud to sign the petition, affidavits of the three petitioners were read by Mr. Hellmuth. One petitioner swore that at the time of signing the petition he was partially intoxicated and unable to understand the nature of his act. Another swore that he could not read or write, and did not know what he was signing, and the third said that he lacked the proper qualification of a petitioner. The history of protest trials in Ontario teems with instances of this sort. Evidence is bought, stolen or manufactured, false oaths are taken and perjury is considered a necessary attribute to the securing of a conviction. All this is frequently done on behalf of a candidate who has pursued a perfectly honorable course.



### UNHAPPY HOMES CAUSED BY WEAKNESS IN MEN.

A Michigan Specialist Finds An Easy Way to Cure Any Disease of Sexual Weakness Even in the Oldest Men. This Wonderful Cure has a Most Marvelous Record of Successes. Sent Free to All Who Apply in Writing.

Thousands of cheerless homes are filled with discontent and unhappiness, lacking in love and companionship through the sexual weakness and physical impairment of a man whose years do not justify such a condition. Indiscretions and abuses often cause a temporary cessation of vital power that instantly yields to the wonderful treatment discovered by the specialist Dr. H. C. Raynor, of Detroit, Mich. It has remained for this physician to discover that sexual weakness and similar troubles can be cured and in remarkably short spaces of time. This treatment does not ruin the stomach, adding the miseries such injury entails, but it is a new treatment that easily and quickly restores youthful vigor to men of mature years.

The discovery is beyond doubt the most scientific and comprehensive that our attention has ever been called to, and we cannot urge our gentlemen readers too strongly to find out for themselves how it is that this new treatment makes such a wonderful change in a man in so short

**\$7.50.**

For Seven-Fifty we are doing wonders. It's a whooper Overcoat and Suit Sale we are having. To do a hustling February business means to hustle prices.

Smart, refined, safe Overcoats and Suits, to wear anywhere. Correct in every way.

### \$10.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$7.50.

Here's an opportunity, sir, that you should not let get away from you. Take a look. \$10 suits and overcoats for \$7.50.

## Meynell's

3 Doors west from Market, King Street, - Chatham.

Yet, because of the cupidity of political grafters and hangers-on, he has to stand by and witness the nefarious means that are being taken to color his character the same dark hue as his persecutors. It must have caused a blush to the cheeks of Donald Sutherland when he realized that he had been up against such opponents as J. B. Jackson, who is now enjoying the fruits of his work in South Oxford by drawing a good salary as trade commissioner in Leeds. From the incident quoted above, it would appear as if the South Oxford trial did not stand alone in the shady methods of its prosecution.—Woodstock Express, Independent.

## THIS WINTER SUMMARIZED.

Kincardine Review.

Not a man of us has now one word to say, we who criticized Kipling's 'The Snows'.

Express companies won't accept perishable goods, so there is no 'no' trying to express an opinion of the weather.

If anyone wants to inspect Mars now is his chance. But hurry up. The banks won't always be so high. Never before did we understand why The Good Old Summer Time was such a popular song.

If the law of averages holds good we shall have a very dry summer, particularly if a prohibition act is passed.

Rolling stock never becomes rolling fat by being stalled.

The snow is pretty evenly distributed this winter. Still, there is too

## For Another Busy Friday.

More goods and better goods for your money than can be had elsewhere in the city. This fact is so well and so widely known that we firmly believe that without a line of advertising this store would be crowded anyway with people who have been here before and know just what to expect. Here are a few of the many special bargains that await you FRIDAY.

Grey flannels at 12 1-2o yard—Fine heavy quality, soft finish, in plain and twill, light, mid and dark shades, really worth 18c a yard, sale price Friday

12 1-2o.

75c flannellette gowns at 49c—2 dozen only ladies' gowns, in fine plain or stripe flannellette, cut full size, trimmed with ruffles, regular 63c and 75c each, sale price Friday 49c.

50c flannellette drawers at 39c a pair—Fine quality ladies' flannellette drawers, in plain colors, trimmed with lace, insertion and embroidery, our special 50c line, sale price Friday 39c.

\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 skirts at \$3.68—Your pick of 34 handsome skirts, in fine chevrons, flasks, serge, tweeds, etc., cut in latest styles, handsomely trimmed and finished, colors navy, Oxford, flaked mixtures and black, worth up to \$5.50 each, sale price Friday \$3.68.

New laces—10,000 yards new Valenciennes, Torchon, and Cluny laces and insertions, the biggest range of patterns and best values ever shown in the city, at per yard 2c up to 25c.

New Swiss Embroideries—Thousands of yards of new Swiss embroideries, insertions, beadings, etc., just opened out. All new designs, from 1 in. to 15 inches wide, marked for quick sale at

## SALE PRICES.

25c Feather Ticking at 19c a yard—Extra quality stripe feather ticking plain and herringbone twills, worth 25c a yard, sale price, Friday 19c.

\$1.00 Gauntlets at 69c a pair—2 dozen ladies' black and grey astrachan, also seal cloth gauntlets, kid faced, wool lined, regular 90c and \$1. a pair, sale price Friday 69c.

Ladies' Waists worth up to \$1.25 for 99c—3 doz. Ladies' waists, fancy flannellette, chambray, satens, etc., in range of pretty styles, regular 75c, 90c, \$1, and \$1.25 each, clearing at sale price Friday 69c.

20c Black Mercerized Satens at 15c a yard—200 yards rich heavy black mercerized saten, fast dye, good value at 20c a yard, sale price Friday 15c.

New Prints—3,000 yards fine heavy prints, 32 inches wide, in immense range of patterns, fast colors, worth 12 1-2o a yard, sale price 10c.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Wrappers at 79c.—The balance of our Ladies Flannellette Wrappers, handsome styles, prettily trimmed, deep flounce on skirt, lined waists, regular up to \$1.25 each, clearing at sale price Friday 79c.

Ladies' Coats worth \$4.00 to \$5.00 sale price \$2.90.

Ladies' Coats, regular up to \$7.50 sale price \$5.90.

Ladies Coats, worth up to \$10.00, sale price \$4.90.

Ladies Coats worth up to \$15.00, sale price \$6.90.

Seven Stores

## THE NORTHWAY CO. Limited.

Two Large Factories

## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF THE—



## North American Life Assurance Company.

Home Office: 112-118 King St. West, TORONTO.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

Dec. 30, 1902 To Net Ledger Assets.....\$ 477878

## RECEIPTS

Dec. 31, 1903 To Cash for Premiums.....\$ 1132616 91  
To Cash Income on Investments..... 248746 78  
1381  
\$6165149

## DISBURSEMENTS

Dec. 31, 1903 By payment for Death Claims, Profits, etc.....\$ 423217 86  
By all other payments..... 356720 43  
779938 29

Balance net Ledger Receipts.....\$ 5376210 75

## ASSETS

Dec. 31, 1903 By Mortgages, etc.....\$ 1003804 06  
Stocks, Bonds and Debentures (market value \$3170047 47) 314232 38  
Real Estate, including Company's buildings..... 374396 62  
Loans on Policies, etc..... 363969 63  
Loans on Bonds and Stocks (nearly all on call)..... 443310 34  
Cash in Banks and on hand..... 42584 22

Net Ledger Assets.....\$ 5376210 75  
Premiums outstanding, etc., (less cost of collection)..... 298337 14  
Interest and Rents due and accrued..... 40639 89  
\$ 5625900 78

## LIABILITIES

Dec. 31, 1903 To Guarantee Fund.....\$ 60000 00  
Assurance and Annuity Reserve Fund..... 4974197 00  
Death Losses awaiting proofs, Contingent Expenses, etc..... 41367 02  
\$ 5075564 02

Net Surplus.....\$550236 76

Audited and found correct.—J. N. LAKE, Auditor.

WM. T. STANDEN, Consulting Actuary

\*New insurance issued during 1903.....\$ 5884896 00  
Being the best year in General Branch in the Company's history.  
\*Insurance in force at end of 1903 (net).....\$32452977 00  
\*No Monthly or Provident Policies included, this branch having been discontinued.

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The Report containing the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, held on January 28th last, showing marked proofs of the continued progress and solid position of the Company, will be sent to policy-holders. Pamphlets explanatory of the attractive investment plans of the Company, and a copy of the Annual Report, showing its unexcelled financial position, will be furnished on application to the Home Office or any of the Company's agencies.

### Mrs. M. A. Perkins

Local Manager of Gungathor Home Treatment.

At home to ladies every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Residence 3rd house west of Fair Grounds.

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### A Good, Stiff Argument

for our laundry work can be put up on just one article—the stiff bosom shirt. If there is any one that launders these as well as we do they are unknown to us. There certainly is no one who does the work a better than the

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