

### W. C. T. U. Notes

Women's Christian Temperance Union first organized in 1874.

**AIM**—The protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

**MOTTO**—For God and Home and Native Land.

**BADGE**—A knot of White Ribbon.

**WATCHWORD**—Agitate, educate, organize.

Let us not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. RM. 14: 81.

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#### TEMPERANCE IN ITALY

A very lengthy and interesting report is published in the "Contro L'Alcolismo" of Milan, detailing the first year's work of the Italian National League Against Alcoholism. A provisional Committee, with Ing. Domenico Pastorello as Secretary, was formed in August, 1921. An appeal was issued to friends of the movement throughout Italy, in response to which large numbers of adherents were obtained, including Senators, Deputies, Lord Mayors of some of the great towns, University Professors, Lawyers, Doctors, Schoolmasters and others. The League was then formally established. The list of subscribers includes seven Provincial Governments, 14 Municipalities, and a large number of scientific and other societies. Nearly 9,000 lire having been subscribed. The report sets out the programme of the League, which includes the absolute prohibition of all distilled liquors and adulterated wines, a rigorous application of the restrictive law of 1913, power to be given to local authorities to frame and enforce restrictions against the sale of alcoholic liquors, protection of the new industry to utilise non-alcoholic products of the vine, and anti-alcoholic education to be given in all public schools, colleges and universities.

Professor Dr. Analdi of Florence dealing with the wine consumption in Italy, states:—"The alcoholism which threatens Italy is alcoholism provoked by wine consumption. The action of wine on the human organism is, on the whole, just as harmful as spirits, its social effects are undeniable."—Forward.

#### ODE TO A PIG

As near as I remember,  
 It was late in last September,  
 I was strolling down the street in  
 maudlin pride,  
 With my heart all in a flutter,  
 I lay down in the gutter,  
 And a pig came up and lay down by  
 my side.

While I lay there in the gutter,  
 With my heart all in a flutter,  
 A lady passing by was heard to say:  
 "You can tell a man that boozes  
 By the company he chooses,"  
 And the pig got up and slowly walked  
 away.

#### MERRY MAY

Merry, rollicking, frolicking May  
 Into the woods came skipping one day:  
 She teased the brook till he laughed out-  
 right,  
 And gurgled and scolded with all his  
 might;  
 She chirped to the birds and bade them  
 sing  
 A Chorus of welcome to Lady Spring;  
 And the bees and butterflies she set  
 To waking the flowers that were sleep-  
 ing yet.  
 She shook the trees till the buds looked  
 out  
 To see what the trouble was all about,  
 And nothing in nature escaped that day  
 The touch of that life-giving, bright  
 young May.

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### CORRUPTION AND JOBBERY IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

(From our Special Correspondent.)  
 Echoes from recent session of House of Assembly, Halifax, May 10th, 1923.—The growing arrogance with which the Provincial Government treats matters generally and particularly the interests of constituencies which happen to have elected opposition members, is becoming more glaring year by year. This is due to a growing sense of perpetual proprietorship acquired from nearly half a century of continuous office holding by a government of one political stripe.

On learning that a liberal government had been in power for nearly 40 years in Nova Scotia, a British Statesman exclaimed: "Is there no public sentiment in Nova Scotia?" If this were the result of well placed confidence it would be a source of congratulation, but unfortunately this is not the case. It is due to a lamentable indifference to the political interests of our own Province and too large a response to graft and political patronage.

The ballot box opens up the vital interests of our Province for practical considerations, and these interests should be considered before everything else. Our great need is the enthusiasm of practical living moving men to cope with the great problems of industrial, commercial and social progress in a practical living moving world. The sane sober minded men and women of Nova Scotia cannot go on allowing the interests of this Province to be sold and resold for a mere mess of pottage.

One of the many illustrations that might be cited, of the disregard of the Provincial Political Machine for anything but party advantage was brought to the attention of the House of Assembly by Dr. LeBlanc of Richmond.

On the announcement sometime ago that the Government was going to establish a ferry service from Mulgrave to Port Hawkesbury a petition was sent from the people from Richmond County asking that this ferry should make a landing at Point Tupper for the accommodation of Richmond County travellers. This would meet a much felt need and be a great source of convenience and a saving in time and money to many inhabitants of Richmond County. But this county was evidently black listed by the government for the unpardonable sin of having elected two opposition members.

This would have been an easy and comparatively inexpensive request to have granted as the old Dominion Wharf located at Point Tupper could be utilised and could be put in repair at very little cost.

Dr. LeBlanc drew the attention of the House to irregularities in awarding the contract for the construction of the new ferry wharf at Port Hawkesbury. After inviting estimates without giving plans or specifications the contract was finally awarded to the nominee of the local member at Hawkesbury as another bit of political patronage. The Government Creamery there which was built at a cost of some \$50,000 serves the impor-

tant purpose of helping to swell the dividends of the Harris Abattoir people.

Dr. LeBlanc also stated that the whole ferry system of Nova Scotia should be reviewed. This service had become a glaring system of graft. He knew of individuals paid for operating ferries who did not even have a vote and had not ferried a single passenger for years. He said that the Highways Board had undertaken the direct supervision of some ferries, not from motives of efficiency and economy but to get more direct control over the patronage. Men were being kept on where bitter complaints had been lodged against the operators by the public.

The first enquiry of the political machine is not, what useful purpose to the public can be served, but what party advantage can be gained. When the elections are over a real government looks upon itself as representative of the material interests of the whole people. Not so with a machine administration—party expediency stands before everything else.

#### A PLEA FOR BIRDS

Ere long we shall have the return of the birds of warmer times who leave us in Winter and it is therefore in order to put in a plea for their better protection while with us. It is unaccountably strange that man is the birds' worst enemy. He should be their greatest protector and friend—because he is their greatest beneficiary. For both aesthetic and financial reasons, birds should be protected, but as the latter mentioned reasons have most weight with many of those most responsible for the destruction of our feathered friends, this plea is based upon the financial grounds for their preservation. Over a half billion dollars' worth of farm and forest products is destroyed each year by insect pests. Timber interests lose a hundred million; cotton planters sixty millions, and the grain crop suffers a loss of two hundred million dollars. These are Government figures and demand consideration! Birds can prevent this huge loss if given a chance. One insect-eating bird consumes at least one hundred of these pests daily. A chickadee averages more than 300 insects a day; a tanager destroys large numbers of gypsy

moths, a night hawk kills over 70 grasshoppers in a night, many birds destroy the army worm, blackbirds average 35 cut worms daily, and martins feed on thousands of mosquitoes. A pair of brown thrashers will destroy over 50,000 insects in a Summer, and a pair of cedar birds are estimated to have destroyed 12,000 canker worms in three months' time. One can see the economic value of insectivorous birds. If many could be persuaded to befriend the birds,

life would be brighter and money saved as well. But birds are being killed at an alarming rate! Cats are the worst offenders. Snakes probably come second. Other animals kill a great many others, while owls and hawks do a world of harm. If you do not help to conserve bird life you fail to encourage free labor; if you are a farmer and kill birds you rob yourself of money!

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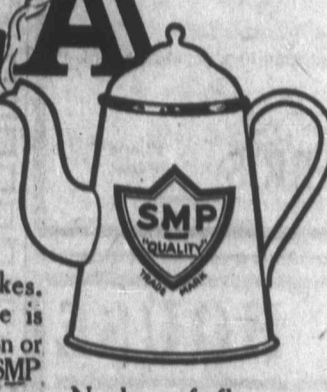
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Panel 1: "MIDNIGHT" - "WELL, THE IDEA OF LEAVING THE IDEA OF LEAVING THE IDEA OF LEAVING TAKE IT AWAY!!"

Panel 2: "HOW COME YOU ALL WILL AT THE LAST THE IDEA OF LEAVING TAKE IT AWAY!!" "WELL, YOU WILL TAKE IT AWAY!"

Panel 3: "MR. GIBBY - I DESIRE TO REPORT THAT 'MIDNIGHT' BUSTED THE ONLY HANDLE OUR SLEDGE HANDBARS GOT."

Panel 4: "IT'S BUSTED AWAY FOR FURTHER SERVICE, AS THE SLEDGING GOES - AND 'MIDNIGHT' DONE IT."

Panel 5: "WELL - GIBBY THE DETAILS OF HOW DID HE BREAK IT?"

Panel 6: "I HIT HIM ON THE HEAD WITH IT."