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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1919.

A MISREPRESENTATIVE

Since Mr. E. Guss Porter was elected in 1917 to represent the people of West Hastings he has upon two occasions shown activity in the House of Commons.

The first occasion was during the session of 1918 when he introduced a bill designed to destroy business in Belleville and to bring about non-communication between Hastings and Prince Edward counties, as far as such results could be attained by imposing enormously increased tolls for passage over the Bay Bridge.

And now Mr. Porter comes forward with a proposal in the Commons to have two whiskey votes count as much as three temperance votes. That was the purpose of the amendment he proposed to the government's bill amending the Canada Temperance Act.

Mr. Porter apparently wishes to see Ontario flooded again from the whiskey dives of Montreal. And for fear decent people might want such a flood stopped he would bring it about that three votes for a clean Ontario would be fully equalled by two votes for tangle-foot.

Such an assumption is a gross insult to the temperance electors of this province and particularly to those of West Hastings, whom Mr. Porter officially represents.

In support of his amazing proposal Mr. Porter quoted from the "constitutions" and the British North America Act but his clumsy quibbles were speedily shot to pieces by a few sentences from the Minister of Justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty.

As a private citizen, Mr. Porter has a perfect right to hold and to express any opinions that he may desire in reference to the prohibition of the liquor traffic. But as a public representative it is a different matter.

The first duty of a representative is to represent. He has no right to try to force upon the electors measures that he knows to be antagonistic to the majority.

If Mr. Porter has failed to interpret sentiment in his constituency, it is not because of any lack of powerful indications of what that sentiment is.

In January 1916 the voters of Belleville endorsed local option by a majority of 206 in spite of the pronounced personal activity of Mr. Porter, who worked strenuously to prevent a favorable vote. In the recent Referendum vote the electors of Belleville expressed themselves as favorable to a continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act by a vote of 3695 to 1550 or well over 2 to 1.

Trenton gave a majority of 736 for prohibition and Sidney 1262 or more than 4 to 1. We have not yet seen returns from the remainder of greater West Hastings, with the exception of Huntingdon township, where the majority for prohibition was nearly ten to one, but have no doubt that Rawdon and the other municipalities have given majorities equally decisive for a continuation of the favorable conditions brought about by the O. T. A.

In the face of these huge majorities Mr. Porter has sought to break down the restrictions and to make prohibition of no effect by attempting to let in a deluge of Quebec whiskey.

The member for West Hastings evidently assumes that he can flaunt and defy and insult the overwhelming temperance sentiment of the electorate of this constituency. Perhaps he believes that any voter who is favorable to prohibition must necessarily be of such low mental calibre that it takes three, such as he

is, to be the equal of two whiskey-soaks. Let Mr. Porter continue his crusade and go on in defiance of the electors but he will find, if he ever has the hardihood to face an election in West Hastings again that people who favor temperance and decency have votes and that they can sometimes vote as they talk.

A year ago the world went wild because the war ended. But we are still a long way from world-peace yet.

British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario now have farmer premiers. The farmer has at last come into his own.

The sale of Canadian military stores in England is proving very satisfactory. Many of the articles brought more than the original price.

Rigid economy is to be one of the most prominent features in the legislature program of the new Ontario government. That will be a change that the people will appreciate.

If Lady Astor is elected to the British House of Commons, as seems likely, she will be the first woman to sit in that house, but not the first to be elected. Countess Markovitz was elected at the last general election, but, being a Sinn Feiner, she has not yet taken her seat.

Spain is said to be anxious to be included in the Anglo-Franco-American Alliance, and it is presumed King Alfonso's present visit to England and France has some political purpose. It is suggested that the recent visit to London of Count Romanos, Spain's foremost friend of the Entente, was to take soundings. It may be remembered that under the guidance of Count Romanos, Spain was the first and only neutral to accept the Covenant of the League of Nations without quibble. This indicates that Spain is ready and willing to do her part in the work of the League, and it is suggested that she is willing to furnish men to police distant territories in return for certain economic advantages and more favorable consideration in Morocco.

PULLING TURMOTS IN THE RAIN

Oh, I am caked with clay an' loam clear from my neck to heels.

An' I kin tell precisely how a alligator feels. Me shirt is wet, me socks is wet, me pants 'is quite wet, too.

I'm goin' 'n' wet clear to the skin, in fact I'm wet clear thro'.

What am I doin'? What am I at? The questions give me pain, I'm out behind the sugar bush, pullin' turmots in the rain!

Ole Dad says, "Oh, Gosh A'mighty! no time's to be lost. This rain may end in sleet'n snow an' wind up with a frost.

An' every turmot in the field it would be nailed down tight. You couldn't stake 'em loose at all unless with dynamite."

That's why upon the landscape I'm just a muddy stain, I'm arnin' something for old age, pullin' turmots in the rain.

Oh! every now'n then you'll hear the larned people say Yuh oughta save some money up jes' fer a rainy day.

But shucks! I wouldn't git a chance me arnin's to enjoy. On rainy days Ole Dad he finds us all employ, Down sullen sortin' taters, er cleanin' up some grain.

An' if we've got a root crop—pullin' turmots in the rain! I'm goin' to hev lumbager before I git me growth.

Perhaps 'twill be skyattickay—perhaps it will be both, Me back will hev a hump on it, jes' like a sacred cow.

An' ef I ain't mistaken there's a good sized hump ther' now, But still I'm feelin' purty good—I don't ondoor no pain.

But 'tain't no job fer angels pullin' turmots in the rain. This rain won't turn to snow an' sleet, ner tie up with a frost.

We're pullin' these here turmots at a most tremenjus cost, We're bound fer Injin summer, an' uv June we'll git a breath.

But I am goin' to ketch a cold an' likely git me death, I'll run away an' be a clurk, er run a railway train.

Durned ef I will kill myself pullin' turmots in the rain! —The Khan in The Toronto Telegram

OTHER EDITORS' OPINIONS

A FRUITLESS CAMPAIGN

Did anyone recognize any fruits of the Citizens' Liberty League campaign in West Durham? It was the most insane propaganda that we have ever seen exploited in this province in our forty-one years of journalistic experience. Several thousands of dollars were spent fruitlessly in billboard and newspaper advertising. But it was liquor advocates' money, so why should we worry?—Howmanville Statesman.

HYDRO POWER RATES

At the last meeting of the Town Council a communication was read from the Kingston Utilities Commission proposing that all Hydro rates should be uniform in different municipalities. Mr. Gaby, chief engineer of the Hydro Commission, who happened to be present, remarked that it was not the net cost of the power that varied, but the difference in the cost of transmission for different distances.

The chief merit of the Hydro plan is that it is equitable—each municipality gets its power at a rate based on the cost of service, and the cost to each community is reduced by the co-operation of all. Owing to the effect of the Hydro-Electric power is about the only thing we know of that has not gone up in price but has actually come down in the past two or three years.

The annual report of the Hydro-Electric Commission for 1918 shows the total expense of transmitting power to the different municipalities and some of the figures are here given:

Table with 2 columns: Municipality and Expense. Includes Niagara Falls (\$9.88), Hamilton (\$11.73), Dundas (\$11.37), Toronto (\$12.39), Brantford (\$13.90), London (\$14.45), Woodstock (\$14.86), Kitchener (\$15.11), Galt (\$15.88), St. Thomas (\$17.24), Chatham (\$19.40).

It is distance from the source of power that makes the difference. The above figures show the cost of transmission, not the prices charged against the municipalities, which is somewhat higher per h.p. But this, of course, above cost, is credited to the municipality which pays it, and in time entitles it to a reduction in rates.—Oshawa Reformer.

MR. DRURY ON WHEAT PRICES

Mr. Drury seems to have touched several nerves on the raw in his speech at Barrie, when he suggested that high prices might not last forever. The chief objections come from the gentlemen who could not foresee the result of the recent elections. Mr. Drury is neither a pessimist nor an alarmist. He probably thinks it wise to face facts.

The inability to face facts brought on the war. The inability to face facts landed Premier Hearst and his party "in the soup." When Mr. Drury says the price of wheat may not stay up forever, he speaks as a farmer who wants to keep it up, whose interest it is to keep it up, who will suffer if it goes down; but he also speaks as a responsible statesman, who cannot begin with camouflage, or trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the people.

If the price of wheat is to be kept up, it will be, first of all, through facing the fact that the price of wheat may go down. If the price of wheat goes down, all the King's horses and all the King's men will be unable to maintain high rates in other directions. It is an open question whether this would be good or bad.

The error seems to arise in deducting poor trade or depressed conditions generally from low prices. In modern times, lower prices mean a bigger turnover and larger aggregate profits. The corporations are obsessed with the idea, and have affected many others, with it, that high prices and a small turnover are to be desired.

Old theories and conceptions of business were swept away in the war, and those who desire to bring them back are on the wrong track. The man who would not consider the possibility of the effect of the competition of the rest of the world on our home conditions would be little likely to be able to remedy difficulties that arose.

Those who think that all things will continue as at present until the end have made little use of their experience. It will not help matters

to curtail production or to cancel forward marching orders. Mr. Drury is sufficiently confident of the seaworthiness of the Ontario craft to take command of it, and he is not likely to risk his political life and that of his crew in a vessel that looks like foundering. Storms there may be, but the good seaman knows how to weather a gale.—Toronto World (Con.)

Wedding Bells

VANCE — BATEMAN.

St. John's Church, Stirling, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, Oct. 29th at the hour of 9 o'clock, when the Rector the Rev. Rural Dean Byers united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Bateman to Charles Henry Vance, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vance, Rawdon, P.E.I. As both bride and groom were exceedingly popular a large number of friends had assembled to witness this most sacred and solemn ceremony which is the first that has taken place since the re-opening.

The bride looked sweet as she entered the church leaning in the arm of her father, to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Marian Halliwell. She was attired in a navy blue travelling suit, and wore a hat to match. The young couple were unattended, and after receiving congratulations, left by motor for Belleville where they took the train for Ottawa. The leader joins in wishing the happy young couple bon voyage through life.—Stirling Leader.

STOUT — KEENE.

On Wednesday morning the 29th of October at St. John's church, Madoc, a wedding of unusual interest took place when May Myrtle daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keene, was united in Holy wedlock to the Reverend N. Ridley Stout, rector of Frankville, and only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stout, Rawdon. The Reverend Rural Dean Byers, M. A., Stirling, assisted by the Rev. T. H. Hall, rector of Madoc officiated. The bride who was unattended was handsomely gowned in white crepe de chene with pearl trimmings, and wore the customary tulle veil with orange blossoms.

After the marriage ceremony had been performed, there was still a further impressive service in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which service was fully choral, with Mrs. O'Flynn presiding at the organ in her usual efficient manner. The lovely young bride looked charming as she approached the chancel leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her away. After the signing of the register the guests who numbered about fifty repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Keene, where a dainty luncheon was partaken of, after which the happy young couple left on their honeymoon for Ottawa and Montreal, amid showers of rice and confetti, the bride travelling in a long, tawny coat with a becoming feather trimmed hat to match.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful pearl and diamond pendant which was the only ornament she wore. The splendid showing of useful gifts and also substantial cheques testified to their widespread popularity. The best wishes of their many friends go with them for a bright and happy future. In this, the Leader delights to join.—Stirling Leader.

A Peculiar Accident

Marmora, Nov. 10.—Two young people had a narrow escape from drowning and Mr. Phillip Sopha lost a valuable horse as a result of an unusual accident on Saturday evening a week ago.

Mr. Lawlor Shannon and Miss Dey all were returning to town after a day's outing with some others, and stopped at the watering place this side of Beaver Creek bridge to water the horse. While drinking, the horse suddenly became frightened at a log and plunged into the river. The water is so low there is only a few feet of shallow water along the shore and then there is a very deep hole at that place. For some unaccountable reason the horse apparently died as soon as it reached deep water and immediately went down and the buggy also began to sink.

Mr. Shannon and Miss Dey just managed to get from under the top of the buggy as it went down. The latter was unable to swim but fortunately she did not get excited or lose her self control. She held on to her companion in such a way as to enable him to swim freely and in spite of



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Your Own Eyes

are a better source of belief than our words, so while we tell you about our Fall display of

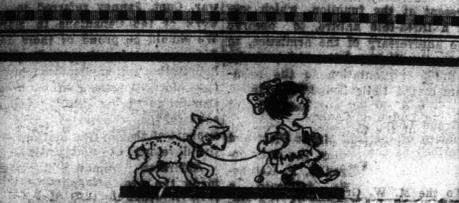
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we should be for far better pleased to show you the handsome models we are now presenting for the coming season. The striking individuality—particularly of the Young Men's Styles—bears witness to the good taste and cleverness of the designers and the faithful workmanship of the best tailors that Canada provides.

Come in and let us point out the merits of these superior clothes.

\$20 to \$55

Quick & Robertson



"Mary Had a Little Lamb"

"Mary had a little lamb"—is very old indeed. But the lamb, he showed a spirit which we're very proud to read. So just take up the lamb's advice and follow up the trail. That leads you to the store that makes a friend with every sale.

Outstanding Bargains For This Week

- LADIES' WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHT GOWNS \$2.75, \$2.49, \$1.99 and a few colored at \$1.19. LADIES' WHITE FLANNELETTE UNDERSHIRTS \$1.25. LADIES' WHITE FLANNELETTE DRAWERS 98¢ and 75¢. LADIES' SWEATER COATS in all the latest shades \$10 down to \$5.50. MEN'S SWEATER COATS, wool \$7.50 to \$5.00. MEN'S FLANNELETTE NIGHT GOWNS \$1.75. MEN'S FLANNELETTE PYJAMAS \$2.75 and \$2.50. MEN'S STANFIELD'S UNDERWEAR \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2.00.

We have just a few of our LADIES', MEN'S and CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS left at—

McIntosh Bros.

Big Methodist Church for Sale

Kingston, Nov. 8.—One of the oldest Methodist churches in eastern Ontario, Brock street church, is to be closed and the property sold. The congregation will unite with Queen Street Church as soon as work on their new edifice has been completed and it is expected to be ready for use by the first of the year.

Queen Street Church will purchase the organ now in use in Brock street Church. Brock Street Church, was built 43 years ago. There are three other Methodist churches, two of which are situated close by Brock St. Church, and it is felt that it is unnecessary to keep up the expense of Brock street church when the needs can be met by the other churches.

Stratford citizens are complaining because they are charged one-dollar for getting vaccinated.

Sarnia's Victory Loan committee held a carnival in the first snowfall of the season on Monday.

Harriston has already subscribed \$70,000 towards its \$90,000 objective for the Victory Loan.

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