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MAKING THE GOVERNMENT A BARTENDER

While the opinion of the electorate appears to be pretty nearly unanimous against the restoration of the old-time bar in Ontario yet, strange to say, there are considerable numbers of electors who desire to make a bartender of the government.

There are many who have stated to the Ontario that they will vote "no" on the first three questions of the ballot but will vote "yes" on the fourth which reads like this,—

"Are you in favor of the sale of spirituous and malt liquors through government agencies?"

Sale by government shops, or dispensaries, sounds well but it has never worked out so well in practice.

Government liquor dispensaries were tried out for a period of thirteen years in the state of South Carolina. No liquor could be drunk on the premises where it was sold. A pint flask was the smallest quantity supplied to any customer. The dispensers were paid their salaries the same as clerks in the post office and were therefore supposed to have no financial interest in sales or the promotion of the drinking habit among new customers.

Theoretically the law looked good but how did it work out actually? At the end of nine years a sworn statement made before the court of records of the state had this to say about the practical results of the dispensary system:

"The consumption of liquor is increasing at the rate of about \$200,000 worth per year.

"Under the present plan the illicit sellers are practically immune from prosecution. They buy their liquors from the dispensaries and the officials controlled by the dispensary political machine do not seriously prosecute the dispensary's best business customers.

"The dispensary is not a temperance measure in any respect whatever. The operations of the dispensary has had a disastrous influence upon the morals and sobriety of the people. The fact that the state itself was the dispenser gave a standing and responsibility to drinking customs that they had not known before.

"The dispensary management encouraged and pushed the sales of liquor in the same way and for the same purpose as private dealers would. Local dispensers who were unable to sell enough liquor to pay their salaries and expenses and return a profit were discharged. Dispensaries that could not be made to pay a profit were closed up."

In 1906 South Carolina repealed its dispensary law, later to adopt total prohibition as the only proper method to deal with the liquor business.

An experiment with the dispensary system was undertaken in the province of Saskatchewan shortly after the beginning of the war. But after a trial of eighteen months the electors of the province decided by a vote of seven to one in favor of having the act repealed and full provincial prohibition adopted.

The Gothenburg system as administered in Sweden and elsewhere has been similarly unsatisfactory.

The liquor business can never be dealt with by compromise. The "sane, moderate" measures advocated by the Citizens' Liberty League, wherever tried, have resulted in all the evils that were rampant under the reign of the licensed bar. Often the "sane moderate" substitutes have been worse than the original.

The only effective place to cut off this particular dog's tail is immediately behind the ears.

PESSIMISTS AND THE LOAN

The few pessimistic folk who are wondering if the 1919 Victory Loan can be "put across" talked in the same vein two years ago. People forget too easily the head-shaking and the groaning which followed the announcement that the Government proposed floating a great

popular loan. Fortunately the spirit of the Dominion was higher than the gloomy observers imagined.

The story last year was the same. Doubtters mumbled on the street-corners, but the keen-eyed, intelligent people of the Dominion rolled up a subscription for the Bond issue that surprised even themselves.

To-day the doubters say that the war is over and that the war-spirit has died down. Fighting was over last year before the subscription period of the Loan had expired, yet there was no decline of patriotic effort. The slogan "Bring the Boys Home" was effective.

It should be just as effective to-day. More than a year was needed to bring them all home, and many thousands were still in khaki at the beginning of the present fiscal period. Money is required to pay off the national military expenditures arranged for. Canadians are open to persuasion. The exact figures summing the requirements for the current year are before them.

Pride in the soldiers has not abated. The citizens are jealous of the national honor. Therefore there is reason for confidence in the success of the Victory Loan of 1919. During the first year of reconstruction the people have been steady and have given new proofs of their moderate temper. It is no compliment to suspect the patriotism of the Canadian people, or to imagine that they will desert the fighting men who brought the reputation of the Dominion to new and unexpected heights. The Loan will succeed.

PROHIBITION NOT IN THE CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

Prohibition is the big issue of the coming general elections and it is well the voter should clearly understand just how the Liberal and Conservative parties stand on the question. Premier Hearst has announced that he is for a dry Ontario, but has been unable to carry the Conservative party with him. Five years ago the Conservatives fought the abolition of the bar, and today they refuse to make prohibition a plank in their platform. On the other hand Liberals who are seeking re-election or who were defeated candidates in the last election, can ask for support on their past record on the liquor issue. In the Legislature and throughout the province during the campaign the Liberal candidates fought valiantly for the wiping out of the bar, the liquor interests lending powerful influences to the Conservatives. The Liberals fought for prohibition as a permanent condition, seeking to achieve a great social advance. The Conservatives under compulsion of an extraordinary situation made prohibition a temporary measure. On the records of the two parties the voter who desires prohibition and the prosperity, happiness and communal good health that go with it, should cast his or her ballot for the Liberal candidate.

Germans are proud of Von der Goltz's defiance of the Allies, but pride will not fill empty stomachs if that blockade goes into effect.

A Baptist parson has won the first leg of the great transcontinental air race, but then naturally, it would come easy to a sky pilot.

No mention of the eight-hour day is made in the Conservative platform, and Premier Hearst has refused to take any responsibility in the matter. On the other hand the Liberal platform calls for a law fixing an eight-hour day for all industrial occupations throughout the province, as applied to both men and women. Vote for O'Flynn, labor men, and the eight-hour day.

THE OPEN ROAD

Come, walk the open road with us, Far out beyond the town, Where all the winds of Arcady Go wandering up and down. If problems vex, if cares perplex, O leave them all behind. Step lightly here with vision clear, And free, enquiring mind.

The open road of Arcady Winds on, and on, and on. Amid its sunrise hills the light From age to age has shone. A thousand ways the wanderer stray To endless new delights. New friends await at every gate, And beckon from the heights.

The skies are blue in Arcady, The winds are sweet and soft, With perfumes of a myriad flowers In dell and wood and croft. Warm sunshine gold the hills enfold, And fields of rippling grain; The song-birds trill at their wild will In love-inspired refrain.

Written for The Ontario by Miss Lillian Lev-eridge, Toronto.

Suburban Notes

ROSSMORE

Mr. Ben Foster left for her home in Windsor on Saturday, after spending two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Belpap.

Mr. C. Belpap and friend, of Belleville, spent a recent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Jarvis and family of Black River Bridge, motored here and spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. A. Alyea.

A number from here attended the temperance meeting at Belleville on Saturday night.

Mrs. A. Herrington continues very poorly at Belleville Hospital.

Mr. Jack Wilson underwent an operation for appendicitis recently and at time of writing is making progress toward recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and children visited the latter's sister, Mrs. A. Burke, in Belleville, last week.

Mr. Frank Reddick, sr., was called home from Oshawa last week on account of the serious illness of his son here.

Mrs. Jack Scott and daughter June visited her mother, Mrs. Benedict, in Frankford, a few days last week.

Her sister, Mrs. Gladys Weese and son Wesley returned home with her. Fr. Willard Weibourne and son Earl of Peterboro visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott over Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Belpap entertained visitors from Toronto recently.

Miss Winifred Babcock has gone to the States to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. May have moved from their village to Point Anne.

The stork left twins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood recently. Congratulations.

Mr. Loral Gerow has sold his car.

WEST LAKE

A little son has come to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Huff.

Mrs. Sarah Mastin and Mrs. H. Huff have returned from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McConnell visited friends in Hiller on Friday.

Mr. W. Adams of West Lake brick plant has returned to his home in Buffalo. Mr. Stephens, of Buffalo, has returned here and is superintending the work of brickling in the plant, which they hope to have completed before the winter sets in.

David Leroy of Toronto is a guest at D. Conger's this week.

Hubert Huff was in Toronto for a few days last week.

Mrs. Alton Irwin is recovering from her illness.

The sale of the W.M.S. held an auction sale of estates and all kinds on the Picton market Saturday morning. A tidy sum was realized.

Rev. Mr. McCutcheon preached anniversary services at his old home on Sunday. Mr. Shepherd taking his place here.

VICTORIA

Gospel Band next Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Allison, sr., and Mrs. Edna Weese spent Sunday at Mr. Everett Brickman's.

Rev. Mr. Lorne and wife and son Robble, of Cobourg, spent the week end at Mr. Lorne Brickman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickerson and Eva, Mr. and Mrs. L. Drummond and Orvell Drummond spent Sunday at Mr. States Caughlan's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Weese spent Sunday at Mr. Everett Brickman's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Redner and Ralph spent Sunday at Mr. Pearsall's Bloomfield.

Miss Gertrude Weese, accompanied by Miss Blanche Duetzle, is in Picton to spend a few days during teachers' convention and Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sager and Miss Margaret Sager took tea at Mr. Lorne Brickman's on Monday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seaward and Mrs. Seaward, sr., also their daughter Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. L. Badgley, of Frankford, spent a Sunday recently from here attended the Picton, motored up on Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brickman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Fox and family were visiting friends on Sunday.

Several from here attended the tea at Albury church on Wednesday evening and report an excellent time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Elliott and family and Miss Liza Boardman of Madoc spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. Wilson.

WALLERIDGE

No service on Sunday. Service at Alkens was well attended. Rev. Foster of West Belleville occupied the pulpit.

The Mission held a concert Monday night. Good program by the children.

Rally Day at Alkens Church at 3 p.m. Sunday with good program and address by Rev. Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Jas. Hinchliffe gave a Thanksgiving dinner on Monday.

Mr. J. A. Hinchliffe visited his son Ray in Ottawa over the week end, where he has gone into business with one of his war chums.

Sorry to report the serious sickness of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benedict of Frankford. He was taken to Kingston hospital on Monday.

Mr. Will Kemp has bought a new Chevrolet car.

Mrs. R. Kemp was able to attend market on Sunday after an operation in Kingston hospital.

GLEN ROSS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith have moved.

from our midst to Trenton.

Miss H. Irwin, of Madoc is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. H. Winsor.

We are sorry Mrs. S. Holden is confined to the house in a very delicate state of health.

Mr. G. Wilson has rented a farm a few miles west of Hord's and expects to be moving in February.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharpe of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. T. Green and Miss W. Wallace of Stirling were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Green on Sunday and also attended the rally service in the church here.

We are pleased to report Miss Irene Jarvis has secured a position in Stirling telephone office as night operator.

A joint service was held in our church on Sunday afternoon, it being the S.S. Rally and Thanksgiving. It was exceedingly well conducted by the Rev. J. Batstone of Riverside, and our worthy superintendent, Mr. L. S. Weaver.

The church was most beautifully decorated with autumn leaves of oak and maple, also flowers and all manner of fruit and vegetables, showing the beautiful harvest, for which it is a privilege to give thanks. Among those present from other places were Mr. and Mrs. J. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pounder of Mt. Pleasant, Miss Bell of Riverside and Miss Wallace, and Mr. Green of Stirling. The addresses as well as the singing were highly appreciated.

Our Ladies' Aid was most pleasantly entertained on Thursday last at the home of Mr. W. and Mrs. A. Brown. In spite of the inclemency of the weather a fine crowd was present. Three new members were added to the list, and all joined most heartily in the work of the Christian Guardian campaign of securing new subscribers on Friday last.

The delegates brought us a splendid report. At the close a beautiful lunch was served by the Mrs. Browns, and altogether a profitable afternoon was spent.

DESERONTO

Miss Eva Joyce left Tuesday to visit friends in Oshawa and Toronto.

Miss Myrtle Johnson is visiting in Gananoque, the guest of her brother W. G. Johnson.

Mr. Harold MacDonald of Oshawa spent last Sunday visiting his aunt, Mrs. Shandrew, Toronto.

Master Richard Doran is spending a few days visiting his uncle, Mr. Edward MacDonald, of Trenton.

Mrs. H. M. Moore returned last week from Caledonia, where she has spent the past two months with her mother, who was ill.

Misses Lauretta and Anna Finn returned to their home in Enterprise on Tuesday after spending the past two weeks with relatives in Deseronto.

Miss Allison of Brooklyn, N.Y., has returned home after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Geddes and Mrs. Hatch.

Chief Thomas Portland was in Toronto over Sunday. In his absence Alex. Wilkins kept us on the long narrow straight line.

Messrs. LeRoy H. Wagar and A. F. Wagar, former Napanee boys, but who have been in the United States for some years, have purchased from Mr. Michael Baker, the Strand Theatre, Napanee, and will take possession on Oct. 10th.

C. W. Topping, who helped open the Deseronto branch of the G.W.V.A. has resigned as governor of the county jail, Kingston. He is now taking up his studies in theology at Wesley College.

The home of Mrs. Kettle, Fourth street, was the scene, last Wednesday evening, of a pleasant gathering when the members of St. Mark's Church choir met to honor the home coming of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childs. The evening was spent in various games and music.

One of the balloons in the national championship balloon race which started from St. Louis, Mo., landed near L'Amable, North Hastings. The balloon travelled some 900 miles, sooner or later, in many different ways, men find their way into Hastings county.

A farmer who has made a careful observation in the past, predicts that there will be very little snow next winter, as the yellow bees have built their nests near the ground.

This, he states, is an unerring sign and when the nests are built high on tree limbs there is invariably a heavy fall of snow the following winter.—Deseronto Post.

POINT ANNE

A death occurred in Point Anne recently which saddened many hearts when Mrs. F. Silla daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson passed away. Mrs. Silla will be especially missed by the young folk of Point Anne with whom she loved to labour.

The late Mrs. Silla was an active church worker, she was in charge of the Cradle roll and took an active part in the Epworth League. When the war broke out Mrs. Silla organized a young people's club and many hearts in Point Anne were made glad by the many suitable gifts made and sent to France by this club (Bay View) She left behind a wee curly headed boy to comfort his father grand-mother and grand-father.

Mr. Sagar Gray of Tweed spent a few hours in Point Anne on Friday Oct. 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald and children spent Sunday with Mrs. McDonald's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Kingston Road.

The Thanksgiving supper held in

the school house Thursday evening was a splendid success, over ninety dollars was realized.

Master Kenneth Emerson is spending his Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. George Duff.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley McDonald and baby Sally have returned home from Toronto where they have been spending four weeks with Mrs. McDonald's father Mr. W. G. A. Lamb.

CARMEIL

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Osborne of Lonsdale spent Sunday at the home of Mr. E. S. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Pitman visited at Mr. J. Symon's Belleville, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Foxboro visited at Mr. J. Paterson's last week.

Mrs. Symons and Mrs. F. Treverton attended the district Convention at Shannonville, on Tuesday.

A number from this locality attended Madoc Fair on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coulter of Gilead took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Pitman on Sunday.

Mr. Beryl Homan Belleville spent Sunday at Mrs. H. Homans.

A little girl has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerow.

Mrs. J. Pitman and Mrs. J. B. Robinson visited at E. S. Gilberts on Wednesday last.

Mrs. John Ketcheson, Zions Hill is spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. H. Homan.

CROOKSTON

Everyone attended Madoc Fair held on Wednesday last.

A number attended the U. F. O. meeting held by Mr. H. K. Denyes in the Guild Hall on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tammon of Toronto are visiting his mother Mrs. H. Tammon.

Miss Emma Morgan and Mr. Elvin Downey of O. B. C. Belleville spent Thanksgiving at their homes in our vicinity.

Mrs. G. Harris, of Cooper visited her mother Mrs. John Downey a few days last week.

A few of our Sunday School workers attended the convention held at the Lodgroom Club on Friday last.

The delegates brought us a splendid report. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blue were to Belleville on Saturday.

Mr. Adam Kilpatrick and Mr. Robert Wright of Foxboro were visitors at Mrs. Harry Mulletts on Friday.

Mrs. Arthur Bolyea and baby and Mrs. O. Bolyea spent a couple of days last week in Belleville visiting friends.

Mr. Tom Francis of Thomasburg spent last Wednesday with his sister Mrs. Robert Gray.

MT. ZION

Mr. and Mrs. G. Way visited the Batters Sister Mrs. Haight of Foxboro recently.

Mr. Stephen Harrington is home from Oshawa for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Harrington entertained company on Sunday last.

Some of the patrons of the King cheese factory have quit sending their milk which makes the load lighter for the milk drawer, and also shortens the trip for some of them.

There was no Sunday School nor church service at our church on Sunday on account of Thanksgiving services at Wooler.

The store shed of the Trenton co-operatives Co., was destroyed by fire on Sunday last about 1 o'clock p.m. some from this vicinity were upon the scene.

The Thanksgiving service at Wooler was well attended, the speaker for the day was the Rev. R. J. Ferril of Norwood at 10.30 a.m. he delivered a very solemn and impressive sermon to a very attentive audience choosing as his text two words (the church) from Acts, Chap. 2 verse 47 and again at 7.30 p.m. the people were filling the church and many chairs were carried up from the basement in order that every one might be seated comfortably, again a very impressive sermon was given.

The music supplied by the choir was both solemn and beautiful and was most ably rendered quite a goodly number of this appointment attended.

On Tuesday evening of this week a mass meeting will be held at Wooler on the referendum, the speakers are to be Rev. R. J. Ferril, of Norwood, Rev. Clarke, of King street Methodist church, Trenton and Evan Gelfelt, G. M. Sharpe.

Messrs. Kenneth Crews and Clayton McQuire who are attending agricultural school at Guelph are spending their Thanksgiving holidays under their parental roofs.

Address and Presentation

On the eve of their departure for their new home at Coe Hill about 100 of their friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Holgate gathered at the home of the former's father Mr. H. Holgate of Moira to say good-bye and present them with a purse of \$27 and \$50 and the following address.

Moira, Ont. Sept. 23rd, 1919. To Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Holgate.— Dear Friends:—

It is with the very deepest feelings of regret that we have gathered here to-night, for perhaps the last time in your home, in order to express to you the good will and love which through the years has been taking deep and silent root within our hearts and which we shall always cherish for you and your family.

We scarcely know just where to begin or what to say, as we fear that we may be charged with repeating the complimentary phrases used on similar occasions, and still, the feeling that exists towards you cannot

be expressed in true and veritable words, and so words spring to our lips as our hearts swell with affection.

And since we are now drawing to the period when we must bid you good-bye, we feel that we must take this opportunity of giving you a sure evidence of the deep respect, and of the profound esteem with which we have learned to regard you.

To say we will miss you in every many of the village activities is to speak in no flattering terms, but on the other hand we are reminded that our loss in this respect is another's gain, and that while these removals and shiftings are bound to occur during our brief pilgrimage on the earth, still the sum total of world happiness is neither impoverished or imperilled.

Nor can we allow the opportunity to pass without making special mention of the esteem and regard in which Mrs. Holgate has been held by the ladies of Moira Church. She has ever been ready with sympathy, and with a willing heart and hand in any capacity she was able to serve. As a co-worker in the W. M. S. she was careful and faithful and ever mindful of the rights of others and of the high and exalted position which the society occupied in the furtherance of the Master's Kingdom.

And so we are comforted by the thought that you will carry away the thought of some of the village sunshine and experiences and that you will always remember the latch string of our "Moira Homes" will hang outside, ready to give you a welcome back. As a slight token of our desires and our appreciation we ask you to accept this gift, and with it we offer our prayers and best wishes that your new home may be all that you could hope for and that your friends may be mentioned by multitudes and that in the distant future of some future day far beyond the morning and the bar we may settle as friends and neighbors again where homes are broken up no more forever.

Mr. and Mrs. Holgate in their reply showed a hearty appreciation also assuring the friends of a hearty welcome in their future home.

Impromptu speeches by a few of the friends were enjoyed very much while their contributions to the evening's entertainment with an abundance of music both vocal and instrumental. Before departing for their several homes a hearty lunch was served by the Ladies of Moira after which the usual good-bye's were said all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Holgate every success both socially and financially in their new home.

Tweed Fair A Success in Spite of Rain

2500 People Passed Through the Gates on Big Day.

The management of our local fair had great visions for this year's exhibition, and accordingly they had left no stone unturned in the way of preparing for a big event. However they were doomed to disappointment because they had failed to tip the weather man.

Wednesday night it rained all night and during Thursday it poured by spells, bad spells they were too. About noon it began to clear and the crowd grew from a mere dozen, till more than 3500 people passed through the gate. The races and ball game had to be cancelled on account of the ground conditions. The crowd was happy however. They understood the conditions and every one went in for as good a time as possible and a real good day was the result after all. Our local horsemen put on a nice little race in the mud and were heartily applauded.

Over 1400 entries were made in the various departments. The live stock departments were not up to former years. There was an excellent showing in sheep however.

The Agricultural Hall was well filled with fancy work. Fine Art and home products. A fine exhibit of furniture etc., was made by Mr. J. G. Frost and Mr. Blakely exhibited Sewing machines. There was a fair showing of poultry, and the showing of roots and vegetables indicates that the season has produced a lot of good stuff after all.

The Midway never presented so motley and numerous an exhibit and the fairs did a good business.

There was a specially fine exhibit of war trophies in the hall and on the grounds were two Hun field guns and a Minnie mortar, commonly called a trench mortar. Everybody enjoyed this special feature. The days receipts totalled about a thousand dollars.

The officers are highly gratified and appreciate the people's effort to make the fair a success and help them out of the hole.—News.

Well Satisfied With Baby's Own Tablets

Mrs. A. Bernard, La Presentation, Que. writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my baby and am well satisfied with them. I have recommended them to several of my friends, who have also used them with beneficial results. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which regulates the stomach and bowels and thus proves of benefit in cases of indigestion, constipation, colic, colds, etc. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BIRTH

CLARK—October 12th at Belleville General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark, a son.