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IT IS UP TO THE PROVINCES TO PASS THEIR OWN BONE-DRY LAWS ACCORDING TO OTTAWA OPINION

SITUATION EXISTS IS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH EXISTED IN 1917 PRIOR TO THE WAR MEASURE BEING PASSED; BOOZE AWAITS RELEASE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—That the Government is through with legislation on the subject of prohibition, and that having repealed the War Measures Act nothing further is to be expected for a considerable time anyway, is the intimation in high circles here.

Apparently, there is an impression that only interprovincial traffic is now permitted and that import still is banned. This is erroneous, as the order which has been repealed banned import, manufacture and inter-provincial trade.

Briefly stated, the position is just as it was before the war measure was passed in 1917. Provincial prohibition acts are still in force, and outside of Quebec, the "sale" of liquor is prohibited. Where the new law will be effective is in permitting the individual to lay in a supply in his dwelling for his own use.

Great quantities of American whiskey are said to be offered, as the distillers have only till the middle of January to dispose of their stocks, but while, apart from heavy customs and war taxes, there is no obstacle to individual importations, there is little indication that much buying will be done. The domestic supply is large and the door is open to import from the Old Country.

Carloads of wet goods are known to be awaiting transport from Quebec, some of it consigned to sinners and some to the pious ministers. This condition will obtain until some of the provinces make use of the Federal law passed last fall and ask for a prohibition on bone dry provincial production. If this carries then in fact prohibition is being imposed on the provinces, and the matter thus will be put in tightly.

Municipal Elections, 1920

Instructions to Deputy Returning Officers

The Mayor, Aldermen and Board of Education are to be elected by general vote and not by Wards.

Every Elector whose name is on the Voter's List is entitled to vote once for Mayor, Aldermen and Board of Education.

If an Elector's name is entered on the list more than once he must vote in the polling subdivision in which he resides.

No Elector may vote more than once for Mayor, Aldermen or Board of Education.

On Sports Ground By-law only property owners whose names are on the List are entitled to vote, and may vote in each Ward for which they are entered on the list.

Only Public School Supporters are entitled to vote for Board of Education.

On Collapsible Site Question, only property owners whose names are on the List are entitled to vote, and may vote in each Ward for which they are entered on the List.

On Daylight Saving Question every Elector is entitled to vote once, and if on the List more than once must vote in polling subdivision in which he resides.

A Deputy Returning Officer is entitled to appoint a Constable to keep

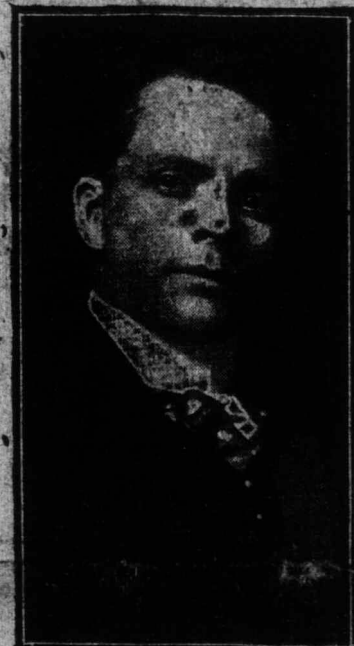
peace or prevent overcrowding, etc. in the Polling Place. If a Deputy decides to appoint a Constable, he should see that the Constable signs the book at the close of the Poll otherwise his name will not be entered on the pay roll.

Deputy Returning Officers should insist on all unauthorized persons keeping out of the Polling Place. If a heavy vote is polled, the voters should not be impeded in receiving and marking their Ballots as they are numerous and lengthy.

Deputies and Poll Clerks must follow printed instructions carefully, and see that in making returns one copy of each return is placed in Ballot Box in the proper envelopes and the other copy of each return placed in proper envelopes and handed to Chief Returning Officer at City Hall without delay. See that all returns are signed in proper manner.

In counting the votes make up returns in following order:

- 1.—Mayor.
 - 2.—Aldermen.
 - 3.—Board of Education.
 - 4.—Sports Ground By-law.
 - 5.—Collapsible Site Question.
 - 6.—Daylight Saving Question.
- and in giving the returns preserve alphabetical order as on the ballots.



Mr. J. M. Elson who was last year elected Mayor by a large majority and is seeking re-election for the second term.

Men Charged With Robbery Found Guilty

MAGISTRATE REMANDS DINDEN AND MCGLADE FOR SENTENCE—DUNEVAN ESCAPES CONVICTION

The three men, Rinden, McGlade and Dunevan, who were accused of holding up and robbing Tony Concedia of \$65 were before Magistrate Campbell this morning and two were convicted while the third was discharged.

John Gordon, an employee of the Hydro Canal at Stamford, who lives at Camp 98 in Boarding house No. 33, said Rinden was at No. 33 on the night of December 5th. When Gordon came in at midnight Rinden was there lying on the bed. In the morning he noticed Rinden had about \$3 in silver.

Concedia's brother, Brennan, severely cross-examined Rinden as to why he remembered the 5th of December and he said he recollected that Rinden was turned out of the boarding house the next day.

Edwin Taylor gave evidence which didn't throw any light on the mystery.

McGlade went on the stand and said he had first met Rinden on December 15th. He was with Dunevan at the time. McGlade said he himself was with Daniel Pyburn all the night of December 5th in a rooming house.

E. H. Lancaster argued that there was no evidence against his client Dunevan as the only Crown witness had not identified him.

On behalf of Rinden and McGlade Terence McCarron held that Rinden could not be at the Hydro camp if he had committed the robbery and McGlade swears he had never seen Rinden before December 15th.

The Magistrate said he was afraid the alibi was not very strong. The robbery took place at 10.15 and he would have had time to make the distance on the street car. Further, Gordon was not very positive as to the date.

There was no evidence, however, against Dunevan and he would be discharged.

McGlade had done a generous act in shedding his pal and this deserves consideration. He could do nothing else than find both guilty.

Rinden called on God to prove he was innocent. He said he could bring a dozen men who were at the boarding house playing poker that night who could swear he was there.

Mr. McCarron said the men had gone on their holidays and could not be found.

The Magistrate remarked that it was unfortunate for Rinden that he could not produce these witnesses, but on the evidence he believed he was guilty.

Magistrate Campbell drew Rinden's attention to several convictions for theft, assault and drunkenness which he admitted and remanded him till Friday for sentence. Likewise McGlade.

On the vagrancy charge Dunevan was allowed to go as he has been in jail two weeks.

Oxford and Cambridge Universities have been invited to send representatives to the Pennsylvania relay races to be run at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, in 1920.

The Stratford Intermediate and junior teams were victorious in their O.H.A. games last night. The Classic City intermediates beat Kitchener 4-3 while the juniors trounced Galt 13-4.

The Duke of Devonshire has donated a trophy to be competed for annually by Canadian figure skaters.

ALD. NASH PRESENTS REPORT OF PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1919, NOW CLOSING

Stop Election to Add Candidate's Name

SARNIA, Dec. 31.—After nineteen railway workers had cast their ballots in the special poll at the City Hall yesterday it was discovered that the name of Fred H. Gowie, seeking re-election on the School Board, was omitted on the ballot. The special vote was held up until new ballots could be printed, and voting again resumed.

Last night Mr. Gowie stated that he would enter a protest, but that he would allow the votes cast to stand. If the race ended close, with him an "also ran," he would have his collectors act, and would go so far as to take the case into the courts for a new election.

Why Mr. Gowie's name was left off the ballot is unknown, and all concerned in printing and making out the ballot are engaged in the pastime of "passing the buck."

Polling Sub-Divisions Where the Electors Vote To-morrow

Following are the polling sub-divisions to be used in the Municipal election on Thursday, a list which every elector should read and ascertain where he or she may vote:

- St. Andrew's Ward
- No. 1.—At Neptune Fire Hall, Western Hill.
- No. 2.—At A. Widdicombe's office, Ontario street.
- No. 3.—At Mrs. Taylor's office, King Street.
- No. 4.—At the Police Station, Market Street.
- No. 5.—At Den. Hennegan's house, James street.
- St. George's Ward
- No. 1.—At Central Fire Hall, St. Paul street.
- No. 2.—At the City Hotel, King street.
- No. 3.—At John Leish's house, on Church street.
- No. 4.—At Mrs. M. Stull's house, Queenston street.
- No. 5.—At Mrs. Crow's house, on Queenston street.
- No. 6.—At E. Hamill's shop, on Queenston street.
- St. Patrick's Ward
- No. 1.—At the garage on Chaplin Avenue.
- No. 2.—At Capt. Back's house, 123 Dufferin street.
- No. 3.—At Lake street Fire Hall, on Lake street.
- No. 4.—At C. Hoopie's office, Albert street.
- No. 5.—At Edwin C. Nicholson's office on Edmond street.
- No. 6.—At W. T. Richardson's house, 14 Catharine street.
- No. 7.—At Red Bros. office on Wellington street.
- No. 8.—At Titterington's office on Kirkcubbin street.
- No. 9.—At T. McClelland's house, 98 Niagara street.
- No. 10.—At John Garo's house, 28 Facer street.

DEATH OF MR. MURDOCK

Former Hamiltonian Passes Away Here.

The death occurred last night in this city of Mr. A. Gordon Murdock, formerly of Hamilton, but who moved here about five months ago, taking up his residence at 5 McGill St.

The deceased was an old employee and foreman of the Otis-Fenton Co. at Hamilton and since coming to this city was engaged with the Canada Pole and Shaft Co. He hurt his toe during his work and blood poisoning set in.

The late Mr. Murdock was a Presbyterian, a Liberal and a member of Temple Masonic Lodge, Hamilton. The funeral will take place in the latter city Friday from 75 St. Clair Ave. under Masonic auspices. The body will be taken from here tonight on the train.

Deceased is survived by his wife and two children, by two brothers, John of Toronto and William of Walkerville, and by one sister Mrs. J. H. Johnston of Hamilton.

The Coldwater intermediates have been forced to drop from the O.H.A. series, because of lack of players.

MAKES STRONG PLEA TO THE PROPERTY HOLDERS TO CARRY THE SPORTS PARK BY-LAW; CEMETERY PROPERTY WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED IN VALUE; WORK OF COMMITTEE.

Chairman Nash of the Parks and the Cemetery Committee presented the Parks and Cemetery Committee report. On entry into office as the Chairman of the Parks and Cemetery Committee, I found the situation as regards the Cemetery and Sports Ground in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Elmwood could only be brought in to use at a tremendous expense for drainage, etc., and the old cemetery Victoria Lawn was filled up to almost repletion.

In addition the question of the extra expense of dual management presented itself.

Quick and decisive action was necessary.

I therefore in concert with the Committee set about obtaining an option, the tract of land immediately over the road from existing cemetery.

About 20 acres of the 86 acres it was necessary to obtain, consisted of a very rich bank of sand and gravel, pre-eminently adapted for cemetery purposes, and which contained what would have been a fortune to the speculator.

I was successful in obtaining the whole tract for \$17,400, which is an extraordinarily low price. This should supply the Cemetery needs of city for 20 years to come. Taking the advantages of the acquisition, direct and indirect, it is safe to say that this deal is worth a sum of \$50,000 to the city. The Elmwood property, thus rendered obsolete for cemetery purposes, can be used for a model city farm for raising small fruits, etc., and should well pay its way.

Eventually, it will come in for a City Industrial Home and part of it will be used for a park and play ground for this section of the city.

Thus no regret need be felt as to the original purchase.

The next thing to turn attention to was a new Sports Ground.

My Committee heartily supported me in this. I therefore obtained an option on a very fine tract for this purpose, from the Weland Vale Mfg. Co., for \$10,000 consisting of 6 or 7 acres, and lying between Thomas St. Merritt St. and Brock Avenue.

This is the closest in all possible sites and is ideal for this purpose, and close to the Ontario and Port Dalhousie car lines.

This land is already worth nearly twice this sum. It will be voted on on January 1st next and it would be folly on the city's part to turn it down.

No similar chance will ever exist with a view to making St. Catharines a great sporting centre.

The present Lacrosse Ground should be used for junior athletic clubs and for tennis courts.

The Rose Garden in Montebello Park is a great success and will become more so.

Next year it should grow sufficient roses to supply the hospital and kindred institutions with abundance of cut roses and we would like to see every sick room in the city wanting them, also, supplied from the City Park.

At this time I would like to state my personal appreciation of the very capable and conscientious services performed during the year by my fellow workers, in our department of the city, by Mr. Cameron, of Victoria Lawn Cemetery, by Mr. George Secord on Elmwood farm and by Mr. McClelland on the Parks and Sports Ground, assisted ably by Mr. Houndsell among the roses and flowers.

My association with all of them

Election Special Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow being a legal holiday there will be no regular edition of The Journal but as soon as definite returns are received a special edition will be put on the street giving the results of the municipal elections. This election special should be available by eight o'clock.

Well Qualified For a Trustee

Mrs. Malcolmson as Candidate For Education Board Has Had Active Career.

Among the ladies running for office on the Board of Education is Mrs. Malcolmson who has qualifications that peculiarly fit her for a position in educational matters.

Mrs. Malcolmson is an undergraduate of the University of Toronto. She was for several years on the public school staff in Hamilton and later director of kindergartens there. She is Regent of Ross, Thistle and Shamrock Chapter, L.O.E., member of Central Council Home and School Club, organized Girl Guides in this city; the first Canadian Corps to be recognized by headquarters. President of the Women's Patriotic League and later president of the L.O.E. Council of Women formed from Mrs. Malcolmson has also been a member of the Soldiers Comfort Committee which, at the time she ended, was sending to over 800 men at the front. She has been most active in other win the war and patriotic causes.

For all information as to Voters' Lists and polling places my office will be open all day New Year's at 112 St. Paul street, Phone 997, and don't forget to mark X FOR ROSE as one of the nine for next year's council.

During my term of office has been a continual source of pleasure.

In all departments good success has been shown as regards the finances.

I may add that all our departments show great progress in the direction of making our city what it should be known as "St. Catharines the Beautiful" and to this might be added "St. Catharines the Healthful and Efficient."

The accounts speak for themselves.

In regard to finance Victoria Lawn Cemetery stands \$65.25 to the good, above estimated expenditure.

Elmwood farm is \$310.42 above estimated expenditure but this amount is more than accounted for by the purchase from Geo. Secord of team and outfit for \$400.

The Parks and Gardens generally, exceeded estimates by \$664.31 in upkeep, etc., but as in this account is included a sum of \$312 for interest on purchase price of the new cemetery tract until it was, finally, completed, and also, nearly \$200 for the purchase of horse moving machine, there is little discrepancy.

On balance of the three departments there is almost a balance of accounts. This seems to us very satisfactory.

NINE ORDERS IN COUNCIL REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER MIDNIGHT TO-NIGHT

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Tonight a midnight all orders in Council passed and inferred by virtue of the War Measures Act becomes ineffective some hundreds of orders being numbered in those which are no longer law after midnight on December 31.

Commenting on this, a member of the Cabinet stated yesterday that contrary to the interpretations of the rescinding order in Council which had been published, the order in Council relating to censorship is among those rescinded from January 1, and only nine orders, relating to trade and financial matters and dealing with the enemy, remain in effect until the

end of the forthcoming session of Parliament.

The only orders in Council passed under the War Measures Act which will remain are:

Government control of pulp and paper, sugar, coal and wool; orders governing silver coinage and gold export; trading with the enemy and internment of aliens, and the order relating to the War Purchasing Commission.

Censorship being abolished with the New Year, the Censor's office will be closed as soon as the business in connection with that undertaking can be carried out.

Many Buildings Erected This Year

OVER \$800,000 WORTH OF PERMITS ISSUED BY CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

Below will be found a summary of the business conducted by the City Engineer's office during the present year. Besides other interesting information it is noted that during the year, 694 building permits were issued for a total value of \$861,636.

Works Committee.
Annual Budget \$29,953.29.
Street Watering and Oiling \$3,341.23.

Garbage Collection \$21,324.36.
Garbage Dump \$1,200.
Private Drains, 169 constructed, \$4,514.54.

Local Improvements.
Pavements by Day Labor \$34,982.
Sidewalks and Extras by Day Labor \$6,423.

Pavements by contract \$128,138.
Sidewalks and Curb by Contract \$19,293.
Sewers by Contract \$117,521.93.
Sewers uncompleted \$57,096.

Market and Building Committee.
Annual Budget \$8,418.72.
Building Inspection Fees \$1,105.30.
694 Permits of Total Value \$861,636.

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Building Inspection Fees \$221.
187 Permits of Total Value \$38,603.

Conservation Committee.
763 Orders of Fuel Delivered \$3,440.51.
Total Fuel Stock on hand \$9,247.25.
Total Business, Day Labor, \$100,932.95.

Total contract work \$264,953.13.
Grand Total \$374,886.08.
Total cash collected, \$9,290.35.

The Department is required to make out the Assessment Rolls for the Local Improvements for the year amounting to \$389,699.36.

CAN'T FIND FACTS IN THE DUBLIN AFFRAY

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—There is no new light on the Phoenix Park affair. There will be an ordinary military inquiry, but as far as is known no public investigation of the recent shooting, which resulted in the death of an officer of the army, Lt. Boast, and a civilian.

John Dillon, Chairman of the Nationalist party, in the course of an interview, said he was convinced that the affair would have no influence whatever on the political situation. He pointed out that the evidence at the inquest was so contradictory that it was impossible to form any opinion.

The newspapers also comment on the conflicting evidence, and The Evening Telegraph declares that it is impossible to find any two facts on which all of the witnesses agree.

Entertainment at St. Thomas

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREAT IS GIVEN TO CHILDREN LAST NIGHT—A FINE PROGRAMME

An event, not soon to be forgotten, took place in St. Thomas Sunday School last night, when the officers, teachers, scholars and friends gathered for the annual Christmas treat. Promptly at six the children sat down to a bountiful spread of good things, while the teachers acted as waiters.

After they had all had as much as they could eat the children held a sing-song, while the teachers enjoyed a well earned supper. Songs, choruses and carols were thrown on the screen and everyone enjoyed the chance for a good ear splitting sing.

After this the Rector took charge and with the aid of brilliantly colored slides, told the well known and well loved stories of Puss-in-Boots, Dick Whittington and Robin Hood and His Merry Men. The stories were listened to with breathless interest.

The Programme.
At eight o'clock the regular programme began when the following took part:

Recitation—Betty Birchall.
Piano Solo—Audrey Barber.
Recitation—Hazell McCollum.
Piano Solo—Curtis Collard.
Song—Doris Jones.
Recitation—Mildred Cameron.
Piano Solo—Jack Stull.
Recitation—Joan Rigby.

The Rector then presented the prizes to those who had earned them and afterwards the names of those who had won diplomas were read out. Before singing "God Save the King" every scholar and teacher were presented with an orange and a box of candy. So closed a very happy, and long to be remembered evening.

SOLDIER-LABOR MEETING HELD IN THE FACER STREET DISTRICT LAST NIGHT

There was a fairly well attended meeting of the ratepayers of the Facer street section held last night in Rosenberg's store. Mr. Frank Greenlaw, M.P.P., presided. He explained to the gathering it had been called under the auspices of the Soldier-Labor organizations but as other candidates were present he said opportunity would be given them to speak. Mayor Elson, A. J. Veale, F. Beattie and E. C. Graves spoke briefly thanking the Chairman for the opportunity of a hearing. They touched on civic questions, of course, and were given a good audience.

After them Mr. Murphy, Leo Cunningham on behalf of Capt. Lovelace who was unable to be present and Mr. F. H. Avery, spoke for the Soldier-Labor slate. They were also attentively heard. Mr. Peter Grant afterwards touched on civic matters.

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