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**THE LIBERAL PARTY AND
"LOOSE TRADE" MORALITY**

Those who read the papers these days, and particularly those papers friendly to the Liberal party, have no doubt noticed a good deal of talk about the need for greater purity in public life which these newspapers think is so necessary in this country. In view of this attitude as the part of the Liberal press, it is worth while just to look over the record of this party which now calls so loudly for greater honesty and a better standard of morality in dealing with public affairs.

Take the Hon. Frank Oliver for instance, one of the leading men in the Councils of the Liberal party and formerly minister of the Interior in the Laurier administration. Mr. Oliver admits that for a considerable number of years he accepted royalties for mining rights which belonged not to him, but to the people of Canada. One phase of his defence is that it was up to the solicitor of the lessee of these mining rights to find out whether or not they belonged to the gentleman who was about to lease them. It would be a fine defence no doubt—provided that the standard of ethics which was recently revealed in certain notorious loose deals is considered a sufficiently high test in judging the conduct of a number of the Canadian cabinet.

Except that he was a Minister of the Crown instead of a humble horse dealer, is not Mr. Oliver in exactly the same position as his fellow Liberal who disposed of decrepit horses to the military authorities? When taxed with unpatriotic conduct, this Liberal horse dealer cynically replied: "I was not doing the buying; they were."

It is precisely the same defence that the Hon. Frank Oliver offers to a charge of leasing mining rights that he did not own. He says "the solicitor for the lessee should have ascertained whether I owned the minerals or not." Such is the Minister's defence. Is it acceptable to those members of the Liberal party who preach so generously about purity and honesty in public life?

And yet, what evidence is there to

show that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier were ever returned to power again, Mr. Oliver would not once more be put at the head of the Department of the Interior?

Mr. Oliver practically confesses that his ideas of political morality and common honesty are no better than those of the horse dealers, who in selling horses for Canada's soldiers acted upon the "equester empter" principle. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier is mute; the Liberal press utters no word of protest. Is it to be accepted from this silence that the Liberal leader and his party accept this as their ideal of the standard of morality which should guide the public life of this country? Is this horse trade morality that which he and they would adopt? If so, it would be idle to look to such a leader and party to condemn the turning of any department of the Dominion Government into an information bureau for the benefit of the relatives and friends of the minister and officials in charge, who in turn benefit from the "tips" that contractors receive from the Department. It would be useless to ask for a verdict against the receipt by a cabinet minister on behalf of his newspaper of thousands of dollars from a railway corporation while it is negotiating with the government a deal involving millions upon millions. Yet such is the kind of transaction which is entirely in keeping with the horse trade code of ethics.

CANADIANS TO THE FORE

Canada has every reason to be proud of the gallant conduct of her soldier boys, who during the past few days have covered themselves with glory. A careful perusal of the despatches covering the affair at "Hill 60" in the vicinity of Ypres, will quickly convince the reader that it required the strongest nerve and the greatest dash to wrest the position from the enemy, and having once wrested it, prevent him from retaking it. Nevertheless that is what the Canadians did, and thereby, as one despatch puts it, "they saved the day for the British arms." The incident shows clearly that the blood of the Old Lion courses through the veins of the Whelps; and that he who would deal with one, must count on having to deal with the others also. The eagle's screams, no matter how loud, has no terrors for the Lion's brood; they know their strength, and his also.

The Germans, it would seem, had concentrated all their forces upon a desperate attempt to reach Calais. Heavy reinforcements had been drawn from other lines along the western, as well as the Eastern battle fronts, with a view to make one relentless dash towards the sea coast. It failed; and Canadians have the credit of being very largely responsible for its failure. Left temporarily unsupported by the withdrawal of some French troops for hours the Canadians held back the oncoming German hordes until reinforced by other British units, they were able to

RICHIBUCTO NEWS

**Personal and Local Happenings
at the Shiretown of Kent
County**

April 24—Mr. and Mrs. Edward McInerney have returned from a visit to St. John.

A baby grand-daughter arrived on Tuesday at the home of Judge and Mrs. H. H. James.

Mrs. J. B. Wright, who has for nearly six weeks been suffering from an attack of the grip, is now somewhat improved, although still confined to her home.

Mrs. Sarah Warren who has for the past week been visiting here, returned to Rexton this afternoon.

Miss Tena O'Leary, has returned to her studies at Mount St. Vincent Convent, Halifax, after spending an Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O'Leary.

Mrs. Will Murray returned last week from a very pleasant visit to her sister, at Halifax. She brought with her, her niece, little Miss Marion MacNeill, who she hopes, will remain through the summer.

Mrs. Bernard Doucet has returned from a very pleasant trip to Maine, where she visited her son, Romeo, who is a student at Van Buren College.

Mrs. Robert Patterson is in Boston, Mass., visiting her youngest daughter, who was married last summer.

The harbor is now free of ice, and boats are moving about as in summer.

Mrs. James Clark of Waltham, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Robertson.

Mrs. A. T. LeBlanc and daughters, Irene and Elfrida, have returned from Shediac, where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. LeBlanc's mother, Mrs. Philip Lagere.

A. T. Lagere is recovering from an attack of the grip which confined him to his home for some days.

Julien Guindon of St. Louis, has volunteered for the third contingent. He went to Chatham last week.

Quite a large number of socks were sent by the members of the Red Cross society, here, to Lady Tilley, St. John, for sock dry.

CASTORIA

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recover once again, the lost ground. The story makes a thrilling reading; and Canada may well be proud of her boys.

These boys, be it remembered are not seasoned soldiers, but men who little more than six months ago were peacefully pursuing civilian occupations, and never expecting to handle a rifle or see a battlefield in their lives. How well and how nobly they have responded to the call made up on them, is now a matter of history; and the story of how they stormed and held the hill at Ypres will be read in the schools of this country in years to come with even greater pleasure and enthusiasm than is that of Horatians in the days of ancient Rome.

CORRESPONDENCE

The views of our correspondents are not necessarily those of The Advocate.

Did the Electorate of Newcastle interest itself in the Election of Councillors on the 20th of April Last?

Mr. Editor:

The Advocate in its issue of the 20th of April tells its readers in large headlines that "not much interest was taken in the late election" for the Aldermanic Board.

The writer in the editorial in question philosophizes over much as to the cause of such apathy. To the observant citizen such an assertion will appear as simply absurd; for never in the history of this town since its incorporation has such sustained interest been shown in any election. For weeks committees have met to discuss the situation brought about by the non-enforcement of the Scott Act. Men composed of the best elements in the town, men representing the different religious bodies got together, and as citizens having at heart the honor and welfare of Newcastle, pledged themselves to effect a betterment. At the public meetings when the people met in their hundreds, there was not a dissenting voice. All were in favor of the principles for which the Town Improvement League worked. The issues at stake were not misunderstood. The result was a foregone conclusion. Hence the air of quiet that prevailed in town on election day. The liquor dealers understood that the whiskey bottle would not, could not, influence the saner portion of the voters on the 20th of April. For that very reason, hats were not thrown in the air; people were not holding each other by the throat; there were no drunken orgies. Does the writer in the Advocate imagine that the absence of such noisy demonstration evidences a lack of interest in the questions so much discussed for weeks previous to the election? If so, he is very much mistaken. We are told that the ticket is not a temperance ticket. The League very wisely decided not to bring out what might be technically called a temperance ticket, as running in opposition to any other ticket that might be selected; but it saw to it that the men whom they supported would pledge themselves that the Scott Act, with every law on the Statute Book, would be enforced. Hence, the men whom the League supported were all elected by a very large vote, as in contradistinction to those who were not so favored. Alderman McGrath was not present on the Friday night of Nomination Day, but as only seven spoke and pledged themselves, he was selected on Monday and received the support of the League, as his absence on that night may have been due to professional engagements.

Prior to concluding this letter, permit me to refer to the report handed the Town Council at its last session, "W. O. Chamberlain," we are told, "reported that there had been no Scott Act violations in March." Had the Scott Act Inspector told the Mayor and Council that there were no prosecutions for violations of the law during the month, one could understand the assertion made; but when he tells us that there were no violations of the law during that month; and in the very next breath flatly contradicts himself, he gives himself the lie. He tells a wonderful world that there were five arrests for drunkenness. An extraordinary man is our S. A. Inspector! With one stroke of the pen, he does away with the most fundamental axiom in science. In the Inspector's hands the principle of contradiction gets its coup de grace. That a thing cannot be and not be will in the future not occupy the mind of the philosopher. Our S. A. Inspector knocks Aristotle into a cocked hat.

The actual fact is that there have been in round numbers some thirty violations of the law every day in March. The Inspector did not see them.

At present several men are behind the prison bars because of drunkenness. What about the men who sold the liquor? Are they also locked up under the same roof with their victims? Not by any means, for they back in the sunshine of official favor. They fatten at the expense of their victims.

It is to be hoped that our incoming Council will not tolerate such non-sense at the hands of its employees. Inspectors are not expected to move around town bedecked in brass buttons as things of beauty only; they are paid to enforce law and order. Failure on their part must mean dismissal. The Council has its mandate. It has the people behind it. Will it see to it that the law is enforced? If so, many a household will bless it.

A CITIZEN.

Newcastle, April 26, 1915.

As the Advocate has nothing to withdraw from any statement made concerning the election, anything it might say in reply to the above would only be wasted energy. It will, however, be gratifying to Ald. McGrath to know why he was re-elected.—Ed.

J. R. Lawlor of Newcastle was in town Thursday.—Commercial.

George F. McWilliam of Newcastle, is in the city.—Fredericton Mail.

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have not been paid and unless the same with expenses of advertising are paid within two months your real estate will be sold or proceedings taken for the recovery of the said rates.

R. H. URQUHART,
Secretary of Trustees School District No. 3 North Esk.
Northumberland County.
Dated 10th April, 1915 16-2mos.

**GERMAN BALTIC FLEET
REPORTED VERY ACTIVE**

Petrograd, April 27—The German Baltic fleet is reported active. One cruiser on Sunday bombarded two villages near Tholangen, but without result. There is a number of cruisers reported at several points on the coast and further bombardments are looked for. Yesterday a Zeppelin flew over Ballistik and dropped several bombs, but without results.

Winnipeg, Man., April 27—Col. A. D. Macrae, who has been purchasing horses in the west for the militia authorities, is leaving for the east on his way to England. He has secured in the west 7,000 fine animals.

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The Noordam Released
London, April 27—The admiralty has released the steamer Noordam, bound to Rotterdam with American women-delegates to the International Women's Peace Congress at the Hague.

Blown up in North Sea
Grimsby, England, April 27—The trawler Recoilo was blown up in the North Sea on Monday. Several of the crew are missing. It is believed the Recoilo struck a mine.