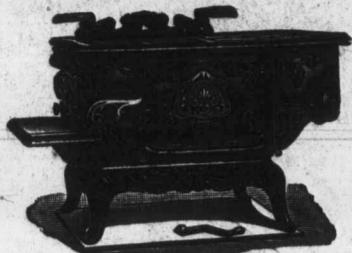


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ALL THE NEWS OF THE TOWN

The Events of the Week Chronicled for Reporter Readers

Mr. Wm. Bradley has returned from the North West.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stafford, Delta, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. J. McMullen is laid up at his home here with a lame back.

Mr. E. Duffell, of Addison, is quite seriously ill with lung trouble.

Mr. Nelson Earl is engaging a large gang of men to work in his shanty this winter.

An interesting budget of news from Phillipsville is unavoidably held over until next week.

Messrs. Clifford Nash and Roy McLaughlin spent Sunday last with friends at Lynn.

Mr. James Ackland, in the capacity of tax-collector, is paying a visit to the ratepayers of Athens these days.

Mr. Eber Wilts, who has been making cheese at Winchester Springs this season, returned home this week.

The W.F.M.S. of St. Paul's Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Meade at 3 p.m. to-morrow afternoon.

His Honor, Judge McDonald, of Brockville, will conduct service in the parish of Lansdowne Rear on Sunday next.

Rev. F. Deatry Woodcock, of Trinity church, Brockville, spent Tuesday night here, the guest of Rev. Mr. Wright.

Another perplexing question is up again for discussion: Does cigarette smoking cause insanity or does insanity cause cigarette smoking?

Rev. J. Elliot, B.A., and son, of North Augusta, were in town on Friday, the guests of Rev. Mr. Wright at the rectory.

Mrs. A. W. Kelly, who has been quite seriously ill at her home in Whitestown, in we are pleased to report, considerably better.

Mrs. W. A. Lewis, and little daughter, Helen, of Brockville, spent a few days in Athens this week, guests of Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Duclon returned home from Frankton on Friday last. Mr. Duclon has had charge of the cheese factory there the past season.

Mr. G. F. Reynolds, of Westport, has the contract of painting and decorating the new Methodist church, here, and the Anglican church of Leeds.

The general prosperity has brought grist to the mill of the B. & W., the freight traffic being reported as heavier than ever before in the history of the road.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ackland at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Mrs. T. G. Stevens and Mrs. Duggan took in the excursion to New York, spending a very pleasant ten days in visiting their niece, Miss Hunt, and other friends.

Miss Jennie Cugan has been re-engaged to teach the Sheldon's Corners school. Miss Angie Jones will continue as teacher in the brick school at Aigue's Corners during next year.

Communion service will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning at 10.30 a.m. Preparatory service will be held in the basement of the church on the Friday evening preceding at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Lizzie Smith left last evening for Athorpe, Ont., (near Westport), to act as bridesmaid at the marriage of her sister, Miss Mary Smith, to Mr. Alfred Patterson, of Newboro, which occurs this evening at Athorpe.

Rev. Sturace Tighe, M.A., of All Saints' church, Kingston, conducted services in the parish of Lansdowne Rear last Sunday. His sermons were much appreciated by the large congregations.

This is the season of the year when many young men and women are thinking of taking a business course. The Brockville College is one of the best in the province, and the rates being low it has become a very popular school.

Sunday, November 23rd, being World's Temperance Lesson Sunday, the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Sabbath-schools will hold a joint meeting in the Presbyterian church, here, at the regular Sabbath-school hour in the afternoon. Fuller particulars next week.

A fine antlered buck was seen a few days ago at Bellamy's Mills, near Toledo. It has probably been driven into that section by hunters' dogs, and its fate will certainly be that of others of its kind that have sought safety in the midst of our higher civilization.

In correspondence with Rev. Dr. Carman, the official board of the Methodist church have learned that his time during the month of December is pretty fully engaged; so the formal opening of the new church will take place as early in January as possible, probably on the 4th.

Mr. George Boyce has been superintending the making of several important improvements in the family residence on Main street, which includes the removal of the fence from the front of the property and the placing of a galvanized iron roof on the building.

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Athens hockeyists are to have an early opportunity of getting into shape to sustain their very creditable record of last season. The rink is being placed in good shape for ice making and enclosed with a fence. By removing the teams, both senior and junior, have lost heavily since last winter, but there should be no difficulty in developing new players for Canada's great winter game.

The W.M.S. of the Methodist church is one of the most prosperous and progressive of the many beneficent societies in the village. At an enjoyable parlor meeting held at the home of Mrs. I. C. Aigue, on Thursday last, about a dozen new members were added. The program included an interesting report of the branch meeting by Mrs. W. Towriss and a vocal duet by Miss E. Blanchard and Miss E. Boyce. Refreshments were served.

THE LIQUOR ACT, 1902

A Large Gathering in Athens Hear its Merits Discussed.

The prohibitionists of Athens have every reason to be highly pleased with the pronounced demonstration of temperance sentiment made at the first meeting of the campaign held in the high school hall on Monday evening. There was a very large attendance, which was made up of an exceptionally high percentage of voters.

Shortly after the hour appointed, Rev. G. N. Simmons took the chair, and, after a hymn had been heartily sung, and prayer offered by Rev. W. E. Reynolds, he delivered a short address in which he cited the British-Boer war as a parallel to the conflict carried on by the temperance people, and established many striking analogies.

A violin solo by Mr. L. H. Graham, M.A., followed. Violin music is always popular, and as rendered by Mr. Graham, with Mrs. Graham as accompanist, it proved especially so. His melody of Scotch airs was indeed very pleasing.

Rev. George Stafford, of Cardinal, with Mrs. Donovan as accompanist, then favored the audience with a sacred song, which was of a character to display to advantage his exceptionally fine, well-trained voice. One might well hesitate before characterizing Mr. Stafford's voice as either tenor or baritone. His compass is extensive, his voice both melodious and resonant, and his singing delighted all.

Rev. G. S. Clendinning, of Elgin, was the first speaker, and in a calm, convincing address of half an hour, he touched upon all the salient features of the issue now before the public. Taking his cue from the chairman's opening address, he said the temperance people had for many years been engaged in a stern conflict—a war that would not terminate on December 4th. It was not alone one decisive battle that made one nation victorious over another. Spain had long been weakened to receive the final blow which the United States had been growing strong to give her. The temperance people had made great progress, but their labors would not end with the carrying of the Liquor Act on December 4th; there would yet remain important work to do. The essentials of the present campaign, he said, were knowledge, temperance and patience—spread the first, exercise the second in all things, and possess the last at all times. Prohibition was not the final goal; it was but a way station on the main line leading to freedom in its fullest and best sense.

In the past, prohibitionists had met and successfully overcome many obstacles, and to-day they had before them a clear cut issue. Such perplexities as existed were largely of a political nature, and he counselled patience in dealing with temperance men whose party proclivities weakened their allegiance or alienated them from the temperance forces in this campaign. The ranks of prohibitionists should include all opposed to the existence of the licensed barroom. Differences had arisen because, it was claimed, the referendum was a political dodge; but he thought that even if the rules of the game and the chances are against the prohibitionists, they should still fight, assured from the record of progress in the past that in the end victory would be gained. Legal uncertainty had long delayed the present issue, but all doubts were now removed; the highest court in the

realm had issued the judgment that determined the scope and character of the present act.

Political expediency too, had been an obstacle. In the Dominion parliament in 1875 and in 1884 leading Liberals and Conservatives had, with the change of government, changed places on the subject of prohibition. This did not necessarily mean insincerity, but rather, he believed, illustrated the care that accompanied responsibility. Representing the whole people meant legislating for the whole people, and due respect had to be given to the various interests entrusted to the care of the government. He thought that the public men were honestly endeavoring to settle the matter, and that temperance men should endorse the best prohibition law ever given to them.

He explained very clearly the difference between the plebiscite and the referendum, characterizing the latter as a vote with teeth, and closed with a strong appeal for a large vote on Dec. 4th.

A humorous song by Mr. Stafford and a well executed trombone solo by Mr. S. Manhardt, accompanied by Miss Jessie Taplin followed this address.

The chairman at this juncture asked any person present who was opposed to the act coming into force to state his views, and also invited questions respecting the referendum, but there was no response.

The Rev. Mr. Stafford was then introduced to the audience, and with only a brief preface he plunged at once into his subject. He said he regarded the Liquor Act vote of December 4th as the greatest opportunity that temperance people had ever had of striking an effective blow at the liquor traffic, and pointed out the sentimental character of the plebiscite and the practical nature of the referendum vote. In explanation of the adverse vote recorded upon a similar act in Manitoba, he said that no machinery had been provided in that act for the securing of a fair vote. But in Ontario the first part of the act provided that all the safeguards that protect the ballot in an ordinary provincial election shall operate in the taking of the vote on December 4th.

Contrary to what some all-gone declared the two previous votes had been far from in vain; they were simply steps in the onward march to the decisive vote now so near at hand. The present definite act owed its existence to the very large vote polled on those occasions. The Liquor Act, 1902, embodies prohibition of the liquor traffic to the full extent of provincial jurisdiction as defined by the Privy Council, and it now rested with the people to say whether or not it was to become the law of the land.

Prohibition in practical operation was not a new thing in Ontario. With the consent and approval of all classes, the principle had been applied time and again. To-day, in a village like Athens, only two men were permitted to sell liquor; the rest were prohibited. In reducing the number of license holders from 6,000 to 3,000 the principle of prohibition had been applied with an unsparing hand and still there was little or no objection on the part of the people. The present act was simply an extension of that principle—going away with the remaining 3,000 licenses.

The individual responsibility of voters was clearly defined. It would require at least 21,723 votes to carry the act, and the effect of refraining from voting was made apparent to all.

The vote would not decide the question of right and wrong—these were eternal principles that would not be affected—and so, in any event, the conflict would continue.

Would the necessary vote be polled, he asked. Upon the answer to that, he said, hung the whole question. If the whole prohibition strength of the province could be recorded, he had no fears as to the result. The prime requisite was to get out the vote; no time should be wasted trying to convert contumacious opponents, but all energies should be directed to seeing that every prohibitionist marks his ballot on December 4th.

In concluding his remarks, which had been followed with close attention, he pointed out the benefits that would accrue from the endorsement of the law, which had already been placed in the statutes of Ontario.

The chairman in behalf of all present returned thanks to the speakers who, without remuneration, were giving their time and talents to this campaign, and after a few appropriate remarks by Rev. Mr. Reynolds, the meeting closed with the national anthem.

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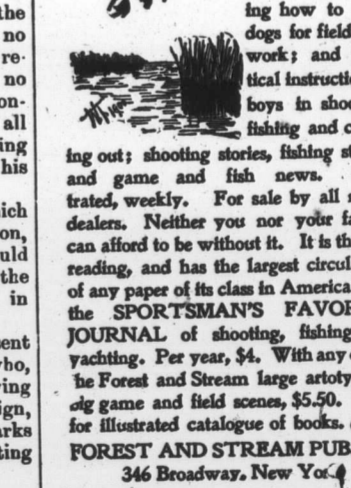
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