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VOTE ON MONDAY

Every right-thinking voter in St. John and in the province of New Brunswick has an important duty to perform on Monday. Prohibition cannot be made effective while liquor may be freely imported. Stop the legal importation and the task of eliminating the illegal traffic will be made easier. On the principle of "first things first," the province on Monday should declare against liquor importation. The next logical step will be to deal with the illicit traffic wherever it may be found.

The experience of Nova Scotia should be a guide to this province. There they voted against liquor importation a year ago, and in reply to an enquiry by Rev. William Harrison, of Moncton, Rev. H. R. Grant writes: "The legislation prohibiting importation into Nova Scotia that came into effect as a result of our referendum last October has been of great service to the province. Our officers now have less difficulty in enforcing provincial legislation."

Rev. Mr. McConnell, in a recent letter to Mr. Harrison, said:

"The prohibition legislation concerning importation is giving us here a very much better law. Before this prohibition came into effect, things were bad all over the province. Since the section of the act having to do with the importation came into effect the situation has wonderfully improved. Now and again we have a case like the one that came to the front in Dartmouth on Friday or Saturday last, where about \$20,000 of wet goods were rounded up from a small steamer, but that is very exceptional. The people of my native province of New Brunswick will make no mistake by rolling up a great majority against the importation of booze."

The only danger to the cause in this province lies in the possibility that many voters will be indifferent, as they are in regard to civic matters, or that they will assume that victory is certain without their votes. Those who desire the importation of liquor continued will not take any such chances. They will go and vote. The friends of prohibition cannot do less without failing in their duty as good citizens. Let the vote be large and decisive, in the interests of the children and the homes of New Brunswick.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

By proclamation of the governor-general, the week beginning tomorrow is to be observed as "fire prevention week" in Canada. His Excellency points out that more than three hundred lives are annually lost in Canada as a result of fire, and that the annual loss of insurable property is over \$25,000,000 per year, to which must be added the enormous loss from forest fires. This loss is absolute and cannot be re-created. It represents "human life, money, labor, time and natural resources," and puts a tax on industry and thrift, and adds to the cost of living. Reliable statistics show that at least eighty per cent. of the fires are due to ignorance or neglect. The Monetary Times estimates that the fire loss in Canada last month was \$2,410,000. For nine months the total is only \$3,000,000 short of the total for the whole year 1920. It is therefore clear that the losses for the whole of this year will exceed those of last year. An Ottawa despatch says:

"During fire prevention week citizens are recommended to inspect their homes and stores and other buildings, and to remove rubbish and otherwise reduce fire hazards. Hotels and theatres, asylums and hospitals should be inspected and any changes made necessary to perfect safety from fire. Fire drills for children and factory employees are recommended and special instruction for teachers and the distribution of appropriate literature to pupils. Boy Scout leaders should give instructions to their troops as to the best means for co-operating with fire departments in the extinguishing as well as the prevention of fires. Regulations will be issued for the prevention of forest fires to be studied by those in lumber camps and by hunters and settlers. Regulations and laws respecting fire prevention will be given publicity by municipal officials, and by public meetings or otherwise, the endeavor being made to impress upon citizens the national importance of safeguarding life and property from loss by fire."

There has been no announcement of a special observance of the week in this city and province, and that is a matter of regret, for New Brunswick has suffered very heavy losses from preventable fires during the present year. That, however, will not deter householders and individuals generally from giving attention to the counsel given in the proclamation of the governor-general.

A DELIVERER

To Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World the other world has all gone wrong. Mr. Mackenzie King is emitting a "schoolboy whine;" the Liberal press, big and little, is joining in "a parrot cry;" Mr. King is also talking "poppycock, flippancy;" the York-Sunbury farmers "must have money to burn;" and "with every labor union man, his wife, daughters and mother-in-law at the polls, and the great majority of other men and women staying at home or in their places of business, the longshoremen and mill hands must continue to select representatives to serve the county in the legislature and in parliament without regard to fitness or qualification for such positions."

Beyond doubt this is a sad state of affairs, but so far as Northumberland county is concerned there is a way out, and Mr. Stewart unobtrusively opens the gate. That constituency may yet be saved from poppycock, flippancy, the longshoremen and mill hands and their wives, daughters and mothers-in-law; from Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Snowball, and even from Mr. George M. McDade and Mr. E. A. McCurdy. The Conservative convention can turn the trick, and Mr. Stewart tells it how. Hear him:

"Mr. Stewart has been urged to be a candidate for nomination, but declines. But if he were chosen by the convention he would endeavor to make it his duty as a good party man to accept."

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DR. GEORGE F. MATTHEW.

But for the patient labors of men of science like Dr. George F. Matthew and Dr. L. W. Bailey, the world today would know no more about the structure of the earth on which we live than did the ancients who believed the earth was flat. While pursuing their quiet labors, gathering data and contributing the result of their study and investigation to scientific journals, Dr. Matthew and Dr. Bailey were not thinking of reward, for the customary reward of the scientist is public indifference to his work; but deserved fame has come to both, and the tribute paid to Dr. Matthew last evening at the Union Club, when the lieutenant governor, the premier, the mayor and leaders in education joined with others of his fellow citizens in honoring him was both fitting and sincere. It must have been a peculiar pleasure to have his collaborator for many years in scientific work, Dr. Bailey, present with him on this very pleasant occasion. St. John owes much to Dr. Matthew and to Mrs. Matthew, and in the Natural History Society their memory will ever be cherished, because he was one of the founders and its most distinguished member. Honors have come to him from many countries, but there is always a peculiar pleasure in the knowledge of appreciation and kindly regard by the home-folks, and this knowledge our foremost scientist will carry with him to his new home.

The St. Croix Courier, which is a protectionist paper, is not wholly satisfied with the protest manufacturers. It says: "Now about matches. Border residents can buy them in Calais at five cents per box, all straight grained and satisfactory. Or they can buy them in St. Stephen, all so cross-grained that when they have been struck the dead end remains in the hand of the striker and the burning end is doing business, and very active business at that, over yonder in the under pile. Nobody objects to the extra cost, for there is a war tax involved, but it would be nice to find some show of conscience on the part of the Canadian manufacturers."

Halifax Chronicle: Oxford students are voluntarily becoming prohibitionists. Exeter College, the ancient "beer cellar," where for centuries beer, ale and whiskey have been served to students and faculty at cost price, is being converted into a lunch room, where nothing stronger than tea or coffee will be served. The change is supported by the almost unanimous vote of the students.

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(By Ella Wieseler Wilcox.)

A mighty monarch in the days of old made offer of high honor, wealth and gold.

To one who should produce in form concise

A motto for his guidance, terse yet wise—

A precept, soothing in his hours forlorn,

Yet one that in his prosperous days would warn.

Many the maxims sent the king, men say,

The one he chose: "This, too, shall pass away."

O jewel sentence from the mine of truth!

What riches it contains for age or youth.

No stately epic, measured and sublime,

So comforting, or so counsel, for all time.

As these few words. Go write them on

And make them of your daily life a part.

Has some misfortune fallen to your lot?

This, too, will pass away—absorb the thought.

The dark world leads into light tomorrow.

There is no endless joy, no endless sorrow.

Are you upon earth's heights? No cloud in view?

Go read your motto once again: This, too,

Shall pass away; fame, glory, place and power.

They are but little baubles of the hour.

The truest greatness lies in being kind.

The truest wisdom is a happy mind.

He who desponds, his Maker's judgment mocks.

The gloomy Christian is a paradox.

Only the sunny soul respects its God.

Since life is short we need to make it broad;

Since life is brief we need to make it bright.

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DAYS OF HOWE

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Ovation of Mackenzie King in Amherst Broke All the Records.

(Staff Correspondent Halifax Chronicle.)

Amherst, N. S., Oct. 2.—Mackenzie King gave his answer to Premier Meighen's manifesto before five thousand people in the Arena here this afternoon. It was the greatest political demonstration ever witnessed in the memory of men in this county.

Political history in Cumberland will henceforth date not from Tupper but from Logan if the indications of this day be true.

Cumberland County, the political battleground for generations of the Nova Scotians and Canadian people, never witnessed the equal of the outburst of popular feeling that took place within the Arena from the time that Hon. Mackenzie King, the Liberal leader, entered the huge structure until Hon. Dr. Lieutenant, concluded his impassioned appeal for Canadian unity.

Just prior to the Arena demonstration the Gem Theatre had been packed to the doors, with representative Liberals from every district of Cumberland in attendance at the Liberal Convention which within two minutes unanimously nominated Hance J. Logan as standard bearer of the Liberal cause in the forthcoming election.

All Records Were Broken.

Here again all records were broken, for it is said by old timers, veterans in the electoral contests in this part of Nova Scotia, that they never even witnessed the equal of the outburst of Howe's day, not even Tupper's witnessed anything like the enthusiasm which swept the audience, nor of a meeting of such size.

Mr. King, in his speech, which without any fear of contradiction, I can say was the greatest he has yet delivered in this part of the country. A masterful argument of the complete failure of the Meighen Government, an eloquent appeal to the people of Canada to again trust the future of this marvelous land to the safe keeping of the historic Liberal Party, and a clear forceful presentation of where Liberalism stands on tariff reconstruction for the farmer, industrial and all classes of the nation.

A Whole Hearted Response.

One had only to glance at the audience with the eager intent faces of the multitude, an audience composed of men and women, who since childhood, have been schooled, in parties, who are intelligent, people, people intelligently bred in the political problems of the country—one had only to witness the very movement of expression across their faces to know that Mr. King was talking to their very hearts, and their very hearts were responding back to him a powerful transmission of sympathy. On the platform beside the speaker were J. A. G. Goudie, member for Westmorland, N. B., Mr. John E. Sinclair, M. P., of Prince Edward Island; Hon. Fred Meighen, of P. E. I., member of the New Brunswick Government, and Mr. C. H. Read, President of the Nova Scotia Liberal Club.

Around the arena were strung such banners as "Let Logan Again Work for Cumberland," "The Flogging Tariff made busy Amherst," "Vive Le Docteur Beland."

LLOYD GEORGE MAY

GO TO WASHINGTON

(Canadian Press Despatch)

London, Oct. 2.—A hint that Mr. Lloyd George may yet be able to attend the forthcoming conference on the limitation of armaments and far eastern questions in Washington was given in an official statement to the press tonight.

It was pointed out that the present position in Washington was a far more favorable one than it was in London, and that the United States government is anxious for the United States to attend the conference.

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The upper part of his clothing was torn almost to shreds, and upon his hands were deep lacerations, indicating that he had scraped them against the walls of the excavation in a last effort to secure a hold of some kind that would save his body from being sucked down further into the sand.

It is believed the man had been buried at least half an hour before his body was found.

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New York, Oct. 2.—"Your Honor, my son is five years old and he can sing

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