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What Happened In 1921.

The statements of Premier Ferguson during the course of his speech at Toronto, that it was the temperance people of Ontario who drove a stiletto into the back of Sir William Hearst, are very much open to question.

At the time of that election there was one party that was entirely "dry" in its outlook, the U. F. O. Subsequent events have demonstrated this so thoroughly that there can be no argument about it.

The U. F. O. was strongly organized. It was smarting under the treatment that had been accorded to a deputation of agriculturists who visited Ottawa at the time of the Borden government. The farm movement was fairly and squarely in the political field in this province to see if it could not secure legislative action to deal with some of the problems that had not been solved. The U. F. O. was pledged, among other things, to an advanced stand on temperance matters, and the vote of October 23, 1924, shows that the rural ridings are still of the same opinion.

A glance at the standing of the legislature when the Hearst government went to the polls and when the next legislature was elected shows exactly what happened:

Hearst Government, Nov. 1919:	
Conservatives	77
Liberals	30
U. F. O.	2
Vacant seats	2

Total 111

Following the election of 1921 the standing of the house was as follows in May, 1922:

U. F. O.	44
Liberals	27
Conservatives	25
Labor	11
Soldier	1
Independent	1
Vacant	2

Total 111

Mr. Ferguson overlooks an important fact—the people, although they had rejected fifty Conservatives and three Liberals, had still elected a government that had strong temperance sentiments. There was no attempt on the part of that government to break faith with the people who had elected them.

Mr. Ferguson's effort to use what he terms the martyrdom of Premier Hearst in order to justify his own actions does not jibe with the facts of the case.

The Farmers Did Investigate.

Some of the financial papers of the province have taken the position the farmers of Middlesex and Huron find themselves in with regard to their investments in Texas oil as a text for offering the advice that these men should have carried on their investigations before they made an investment, not afterward.

As a general thing that is very sound advice, but in this case it does not cover the situation at all. As far as The Advertiser can learn an effort was made to make a personal investigation of the property, and for that purpose a number of those who afterward invested made a trip to the oil territory. One report is that a prosperous farmer of this county visited one of the wells and actually saw the oil coming out of it. There it was, before his eyes, being pumped out of the ground. It has since been alleged that this was a fake performance put on for the benefit of the visitors, and that afterward the same oil was put back in and pumped out on the next visit. That may or may not be so, but it is the report given by one of the men who made the trip.

Farmers are not any more anxious to part with their money in poor schemes than any other class of the community, and as a general thing they are very conservative in the investments they make, or the use to which they put their money. The plan in this particular scheme seemed to have been to impress some of the leaders in the district with the bona fides of the proposition, counting on their good names to be of sufficient worth to interest others in the same investment. It is wrong to state that the farmers rushed into the thing blindfolded, and asking no questions, for they made what investigation they could, and were convinced that they had a good chance to participate in a legitimate plan for a profitable use of their money.

If what they saw on their visits to the oil fields was not a genuine performance it makes the case all the worse for those who deliberately deceived them. The Advertiser pointed out several days ago that those who have lost money should be sure of their grounds before they begin putting up more in an effort to rescue their first loss and be done with it, but as a rule that is the safest course to follow.

Robert Forke, M.P., In London.

Robert Forke, M.P. for Brandon, and leader of the Progressive party in the dominion house, has been spending a few days in London, and a number of people had the opportunity of meeting him. One would hardly pick him to be a professional politician, and the truth is he is not. He took the leadership of the Progressives when T. A. Cramer laid it down, and if any person arises who can carry on with more acceptance to the party it is not likely that Robert Forke would stand in the way of a change being made. It is easy to judge, after a little conversation

with Mr. Forke, that he doubts whether we have yet reached the most beneficial form of government in Canada. He cannot be classed as a keen party man because he realizes that it is quite possible for a good idea to come from any section of the commons, and if a man has the solution for any of our problems he believes it to be his duty to bring it forth, and that it would likewise be the duty of the government of the day to see if there were real merit in it. Mr. Forke did not say so in so many words, but his idea is that the ideal government would be a place where the members would meet, not so much as government and opposition, but as a body of men seeking to bring out the real facts and applying the proper legislation regardless of political advantages. Of course he realizes the difficulties of such a system, and is not unmindful of the fact that, according to the school of practical politics, a politician's first duty is to get re-elected.

Primarily Robert Forke is a westerner and a farmer, but that does not mean he is self-centered or parochial in his outlook. If there is anything outstanding about him it can be summed up in the few words—he'd be a good man to have as a neighbor, and in this section that's considered quite a compliment.

The Mayor's Trip To Montreal.

Officials of the Canadian National Railways visited London a few days ago, and walked scientifically over the scenes of track elevation and new station for London. These men, if they have been with the company any length of time, could have gone over the ground in the dark without stubbing a toe over a switch or barking a shin on a car wheel. It is familiar hunting ground for them.

When it was all over the spokesman for the company announced that if track elevation and a new station were undertaken the city would have to contribute its share in an undertaking that will run into some millions of dollars.

That is a somewhat different view to that given by the mayor following his hurried trip to Montreal. His worship created the impression on his return that there was going to be some action very shortly, and the cost would be carried by the company. He had had a friendly little chat with Sir Henry Thornton, and the Canadian National chief had taken a list of stations to be built, and right up near the top, if not at the head of the list, stood London. That may not have been the exact proceeding, but, judging from the mayor's remarks on his return, it was something like that.

What the citizens fail to see is the use of the mayor seeking to create the impression that London is going to get a new station and the elimination of level crossings, and not have to contribute to the cost.

Coolidge Gives Leadership.

President Calvin Coolidge made economy and a reduction of debt one of the issues in his presidential campaign. There was nothing unusual in that, for it has been a popular talking point with politicians in all countries.

But Coolidge has gone farther. When he went to visit the live stock show at Chicago he travelled in an ordinary pullman, got his meals in the diner as other travellers might do. When it came to inauguration day he saw to it that an elaborate and much overdone affair that usually cost \$100,000 was reduced to an impressive but simply ceremony, the bill for which was about \$500.

There is something impressive in this. It is leadership that is willing to lend itself to the economies it urges on others in public life. Public men in general could learn much from the simplicity of Coolidge. He has not only preached economy, but by practice has demonstrated that he means what he says.

Note and Comment.

That old petting party is on again—winter lingering in the lap of spring.

The worst thing about ailing a bit is that it gives your friends an opportunity to rehearse all that's been wrong with them.

The man who makes \$3,000 a year worries because he's not earning \$5,000. Seldom does he stop to be thankful that he's not in the \$1,500 class.

When a thirsty citizen is quaffing his 4.4 beer he'll be able to justify the expenditure on the ground that "I'm disenchasing the sprovinshall shdebt."

One U. S. church has a room where babies can be checked while the parents go to church. Marks the passing of one of the finest old alibis that ever existed for people not attending church.

Ottawa Journal says "Downtown Ottawa in the winter time is fast becoming a dirty city," and the Journal is fair enough to blame it on the smoke nuisance instead of on the government.

Paris says the new styles for 1925 are skirts to the knees, eyelashes curled, reddened lips, ears and nostrils, and eyelids painted blue or brown. About all that is needed to complete the outfit is a ring in the nose.

The poorest message that has come out of Nova Scotia so far is that the coal strike will be "a fight to a finish." In such a case the finish generally refers to the business of the company and the resources of the men.

When Kitchener had its regular civic elections 5,310 people voted. The election was declared irregular and at the second contest 4,000 turned up at the polls, showing there was no great concern about smiting the wrongdoers.

Toronto police arrested several men for having loaded revolvers. Such a weapon means that the owner must have had an idea that he was going to use it. A courtroom is a better place for such an explanation than a coroner's inquest.

The Boiled Shirt

Recallin' how a normal man was drivin' to comin' most insane, when he was fastenin' up the nuts to bolt the thing unto his frame.

Some things there be what I lament as we be leavin' them behind, replacin' habits what we've had with them what's of a newer kind. I'm speakin' now of one old thing whose passin' caused no pang nor hurt, I be alludin' to the did we knew then as the old boiled shirt.

He was a dandy in his day, he blossomed like a burdock tree, him causin' words quite heated like a passin' 'tween my wife and me.

When come the restful Sabbath day I put my Sunday britches on, when I be chorin' round the barn I hummed a tuneless little song. The britches didn't hurt at all, they meant for me some hours of rest, when peaceful thoughts be floodin' in and campin' welcome in my chest.

When I be through a-chorin' round, when come the time for mornin' kirk, 'twas then I went inside to dress a-puttin' on my biled front shirt. Me washin' in the old tin dish, and thinkin' of the family pew, allowin' dressin' up a bit it be the proper thing to do. When I done washin' up my hide I brushed the whiskers on my chin, a-wonderin' if the minister would be a-fayin' at our sin.

'Twas then I got my Sunday shirt, it lyin' in a drawer for me, and bein' quite stiff, unbendin' like as hostile as a shirt could be. And when come time to button up I be no more a peaceful man, 'twas then I fear as how the words between my wife and me began.

Me holdin' she should have a care when ironin' up that front of tin, and hollerin' it would take a sledge to drive them pesky buttons in. Her urg'n' how I spoke too rash and showin' signs of too much haste, a-addin' how my second wife might be a-ironin' on my taste.

Somehow I got them buttons in, but leavin' marks from my own claws, a-showin' folks how I had fought and where the Sunday struggle was.

I felt uneasy most all day, a-fearin' as I did, by heck, that shirt be cuttin' off my wind or chokin' me about the neck. Much pleased I be when night come on, to shed that garment from my frame, I be a normal man once more, my wife be thinkin' much the same.

So I be sheddin' not a tear, nor feelin' thoughts what's drab and blue, because biled shirts be not the style like once they was for me and you.—ARK.

Thawing Out the Frozen Potatoes

Another Old-Timer Comes Along to Add an Incident to the Record of Experiences That Were Common to the Pioneers.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—I have read with much interest in The Advertiser some of the experiences of the early settlers in this part. I well remember hearing my father recount some of his experiences when going to a mill that was located in the early days at Galt, his land being about 27 miles distant from that place. The business of taking the wheat to the old mill there was quite an experience.

Of course they used a team of oxen to take the load, and the trip had to be made in the cold weather when it was possible to cross the streams on the ice, for bridges were few and far between and were most for the foot traveller. They had to make provision for a four-day trip, including the time they stopped while the grist was being milled for them, and the food consisted of bread and boiled potatoes.

Before starting out there would be a good mess of potatoes boiled with the skins on. During the trip these would be sure to freeze, before they had gone very far, and when it came time for something to eat they would take these frozen potatoes and place one under each arm, right in close to the body, relying on the warmth thus generated to take enough of the frost out of the potato to make it suitable for eating.

I can't help wondering at times what some of us would do now if we had to put up with some of the inconveniences of that day and generation. I think we are apt to refer to them as the "good old days" without knowing what they really meant.

ANOTHER OLD-TIMER.

Baptist Pastors State Position

Set Forth Belief Held and Taught By Them—Make Statement Because of Recent Discussion.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—In view of the recent local discussion regarding the avowed doctrinal position of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, the Baptist ministers of the city of London are unanimously of the opinion that urgent need exists for a declaration of the faith they hold and preach as ministers of the gospel, and subscribe to the following truths:

The trinity of the Godhead.
The virgin birth and deity of Christ.
The personality of the Holy Spirit.
The inspiration, infallibility and authority of the holy scriptures.
The substitutionary atonement.
The necessity of the new birth.
The second coming of Christ.
The life everlasting of believers and the endless punishment of the impenitent.

BOWLEY GREEN.

Pastor, Talbot street Baptist church.

R. J. MURPHY.

Pastor, Wortley road Baptist church.

W. M. MACDONALD.

Pastor, Maitland street Baptist church.

A. BURGESS.

Pastor, Egerton street Baptist church.

G. W. YOUNG, Kensal Park Baptist church.

The doctrinal position of Mr. Silmon, pastor-elect of the Adelaide street Baptist church, is well known, and were he in the city, he undoubtedly would have attached his signature to the above statement.

INSURANCE SALESMEN URGED TO GIVE PUBLIC MORE SERVICE

Writer of \$25,000,000 of Life Insurance in 1924 Speaks Here.

CONFERENCE CLOSES

Leo Thomas, Detroit, internationally known as the man who wrote \$25,000,000 of life insurance last year, was the distinguished guest of the Life Underwriters' Association of London, last night, at a banquet at the Grosvenor hotel. Mr. Thomas emphasized the need for service on the part of insurance men, and declared that service should take precedence over program and sales.

"We must educate the public," observed Mr. Thomas, "and the faster we do that, and the more thoroughly we do it, the public the faster, as a natural result, will the volume of business grow apace."

Work Is All Day.

Speaking from a personal standpoint, Mr. Thomas admitted while he was in London he had to go to a theatre, or to sit down and read some light novel, his business to him was play.

"I have learned to love it," said Mr. Thomas, "to create it, to develop it and to generate it."

Discussing energy, enthusiasm and courage as necessary qualifications for a successful insurance underwriter, Mr. Thomas stressed the giving of all one's self without thought of compensation or profit, and that therein lay the greatest source of all the success or failure of life.

Chas. J. Rockwell, director of the

Sealing Fleet Starts On Hunt

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 9.—Citizens of St. Johns left their slumbers at an especially early hour this morning and hurried to the waterfront to give bon voyage to the sealing fleet, which set out for the grounds at dawn.

The thousands of people lined the shores and the din of the ships' sirens mingled with the cheers of the crowd and the roars of musketry as the steamers moved through the narrows and put out to sea.

school of life insurance salesmanship, Pittsburgh University, Pittsburgh, Pa., also spoke during the evening.

Program Enjoined.

J. F. Maine of the London Life Insurance Company acted as chairman for the program, which included solos by Col. A. Shannon; singing of popular songs and music by Pudney's orchestra.

Geo. F. Copeland, district agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, presided for the afternoon program of the convention, which was held in Hyman Hall.

Those who spoke during the afternoon were: Public Speaking for Life Insurance Salesmen, Prof. W. H. Graves, Toronto University; "Ways and Means of Securing a Prospect's Interest," Leo Thomas, Detroit; and "Adapting Our Laws for Salesmanship Purposes," J. G. Taylor of the Toronto office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

AT THE THEATRES

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Zeebrugge."

A persistent campaign of the past few years to win the Canadian movie fan to a mass appreciation of the British-made picture has been more or less of a success, but one drawback has been omnipresent. It is poor photography, and the theatre-goer on this side of the ocean finds it hard to reconcile himself to this lack after being brought up on the "million dollar" features of the U. S.

But "Zeebrugge," a naval epic of the Great War, now showing at the Capitol, must be classed as a really fine bit of cinema work. The danger of overdoing the reproduction of a rather intricate naval feat was carefully avoided, it seems, by the British producers, and the public is given a war picture that is magnetic in its claim of interest and refreshing in its photography and general treatment.

Most of the scenes were shot at night when the scope of startling effects is unlimited. Bursting shrapnel and wild flare ruses are cleverly employed and add much to the realism. The bottling up of the German Canal by the British is graphically portrayed and the daring of the naval officers in sinking their ships at the mouth of the canal stands out without being over-emphasized.

The film is said to be the only motion picture that has won the patronage of their majesties, the King and Queen, unqualifiedly.

"Water Wagons" is a Mack Sennett comedy of merit and the standard laugh-pullers are tempered just enough by new stunts to make the farce enjoyable. A Pathe news reel is also shown.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Are You a Mason?"

Founded on the excuses made by married men to escape the home and fireside for communion with friends outside the family circle, "Are You a Mason?" shows the pathetic figure cut by the inconsistent liar, and incidentally provides a comedy which is nothing short of an uproar from start to finish.

When Mrs. Perry went to the mountains for a rest, she made Mr. Perry promise that he would join the Masons. He neglected to become a member of the craft. When she returned he did not like to disappoint her. He said he had joined the brotherhood. He was introduced to Edward Cullen as Frank Perry, the clumsy prevaricator, deviated from truth often enough to rock the house with gales of laughter. Miss Leslie Rice has a charming part in the little wife who understands that lodge members are pledged to secrecy.

Malcolm Arthur as the past master of his lodge was a credit to a brother lodge member. Miss Edythe Ketcham as the amazonian wife, alive to her husband's flirtations with falsehood, was well up to her work of last week.

Gordon Anderson displayed his usual dash. Lyle Clement as the proverbial ham actor showed what can be done with a well-trained make-up box.

LOEW'S THEATRE

"Cheaper To Marry."

Londoners who attend Loew's Theatre, and they are legion, have a soft spot in their hearts for certain of the acts that play London once a season. Cardo and Noll, who have delighted local audiences on a number of occasions, are back for a three-day stay, their grand opera and popular selections receiving regular ovations last night. If this pair of songsters were on every program it would not be too often for the patrons of Loew's.

A telephone tangle, in which central mixes up the conversation of five people, is an act that has also been seen here before, but has a lot of new lines that make it as humorous as ever. The vaudeville is rounded off by an exhibition of strength and nimbleness by Witt and Winters. "Cheaper to Marry" is a feature film that will appeal to the greater majority of movie fans. It not only has its intense dramatic moments, but is plentifully sprinkled with comedy, introduced for the most part by Louise Fazenda and Claude Gilling-

ELECTION BATTLE LOOMS IN ULSTER

Government in North Ireland To Quit This Week, Officials Declare.

PUBLIC SURPRISED

Associated Press Despatch.

Belfast, March 9.—Dissolution of the present Ulster government will occur during the week, and an election will follow during the next three weeks, according to the best informed political circles here today. The proceedings of the boundary commission have occasioned considerable anxiety recently and this, it is thought, will be the main issue at the general elections.

The decision to dissolve the government will be a surprise to the general public when it is formally announced, but it is said the action will be well received. The government's handling of education and the liquor question is declared to have caused a certain amount of dissatisfaction, and it is thought that the choice of the boundary question for an election issue will be popular. Parliament will meet tomorrow, at which time the governor is expected to refer to the boundary matter.

THREE ADMIT GUILT IN MAIL THEFT CASE

Letters and Packages Containing \$35,000 Taken in Hold-Up.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, March 9.—Benny McLaughlin and Harry McIvor pleaded guilty to taking part in an armed holdup of the Canadian mail and the theft of letters and packages containing \$35,000, while Dan McLaughlin, Jr., pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact on the same charge, when the case came up in the court of king's bench this morning.

R. L. Calder, K.C., special prosecutor, on behalf of the federal government announced that the crown accepted these pleas, so the trio was sent back to the cells to await sentence at the end of the court's present term.



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CLERK GETS TWO YEARS FOR BLACKMAILING PLOT

London, March 9.—William Cooper Hobbs, a solicitor's clerk, who was tried on the charge of accepting checks for £200,000 in connection with a blackmailing plot against Sir Hari Singh, an East Indian prince, was found guilty today and sentenced to two years at hard labor.

The Right Road

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