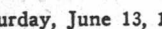


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THE "ABOLISH THE BAR" PLATFORM.

Four ways exist under present law of abolishing liquor selling in Brantford or any municipality in Ontario, if the voters so desire.

1. The Scott Act can be invoked. This act, which prohibits any sale of liquor whatever, is still available by a simple majority vote in any municipality. The act did not work well at first owing to inefficient provisions for enforcement, and so became discredited; but the law was improved latterly, and would probably be effective now. It must be submitted in any municipality upon a requisition of one-fourth of the electors.

2. The Ontario Local Option law can be invoked. Under this act liquor licenses can be abolished by a vote of three-fifths of the voters who go to the polls.

3. A municipal council must reduce liquor licenses by whatever number—all, if so specified—a majority of voters may direct and a municipal council must submit any desired by-law to popular vote upon a requisition of ten per cent. of the voters.

4. A municipal council has power to reduce the number of licenses itself; and the people can, if they wish, pledge candidates for the council to vote for such reduction to any desired extent.

Into this situation come Opposition party leaders anxious to get into power in the province and without a chance of it upon good government issues and call upon the people to accept as the whole political test a platform of "Abolish the bar," which will leave shop licenses untouched. If this platform be accepted—if the Liberal party can be placed in power upon this slogan—bars would perhaps be abolished in Ontario, but shops would remain free to sell liquor under license; and any attempt to stop that would require all the effort which at present is necessary to abolish both hotel and shop licenses, and would not have the same driving force behind it.

No country or province in the world is in a better position than Ontario in the matter of available prohibition legislation in any municipality. Both for this reason and because even the proposition of Mr. Rowell could simply have been put forward as a proper matter for a plebiscite, no necessity existed to make the "Abolish the bar" issue a party battle. The cry has been made a party one. An inference is excusable that it is tried as the single hope of getting into office; that the Liberal leaders have nothing else worth while; that they are trying a gamble on the temperance sentiment. A majority of the people of Ontario favor the temperance cause, beyond a doubt. But we imagine their common sense will not be much affected by a slogan which tells them that their alternative is to either present a certain political party with office and jobs, or incur the stigma or being enemies of a great moral cause.

THE END OF THE SESSION.

After a session of a little over one hundred working days, the Ottawa House adjourned yesterday afternoon. During that period there was the usual waste of time common to all governments, more especially because of opposition tactics, but much of importance was nevertheless transacted.

The chief item which occupied the stage was the guarantee of \$40,000,000 towards the completion of the Canadian Northern, without which this third transcontinental road would, without doubt, have failed of fulfilment. The situation was a nasty one and not of the creation of the Borden Government, but largely of their predecessors. It was generally admitted that something had to be done, not alone because of the importance of the road to the country, but for the additional reason that failure of the enterprise would have given Canadian credit a serious setback in the London financial market for many years. A most business-like arrangement was completed, one under which the people of the Dominion own outright forty millions out of one hundred millions of the capital stock, in addition to other safeguards. Liberal members

did not offer very serious criticism—in fact, the best of that came from two Conservative representatives, Bennett and Nickle—and in the Senate Reform members helped to carry the measure. Another railway measure was that guaranteeing a further issue of bonds to the Grand Trunk Pacific to the amount of \$16,000,000—one more child of the Laurier Administration which has to be looked after.

The Redistribution Bill provides for a parliament of 234 members, or an increase of 13. The Government had such an eminently fair measure that it passed. The proposal of nine more Senators was held up by the members of that Chamber.

The naturalization Act was another important matter. Under this one of the main points is that foreigners coming to Canada will have to reside in the Dominion for five years instead of three years before they can qualify as citizens. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., took a prominent part in this debate. In fact, some ten years ago, at a Chambers of Commerce Congress in Montreal, he put this subject prominently to the fore and had the principle adopted. In addition passports issued now to properly naturalized citizens under the new act will entitle the holder to the same privileges as are accorded to the native-born. This also was one of Mr. Cockshutt's advocacies.

The Ministry proposed a vote of \$1,200,000 to reimburse Farmers Bank depositors. It was shown that the Treasury Board of the Laurier Government should never have granted the charter, and that Fielding, then Finance Minister, was more than once warned that the undertaking was on a rotten basis. Government responsibility having thus been demonstrated, it was felt to be only proper to reimburse. Once more the Senate did the guillotine act, mainly at the expense of a lot of farmers.

The budget showed a buoyant revenue and few changes were made in the tariff. In this regard Hon. Mr. White, Finance Minister, reaffirmed the healthy principle of adequate protection.

Estimates were passed to enable the continuance of advanced waterways undertakings, a bill adopted to prevent the manufacture of butter substitutes, militia estimates thought to be most contentious adopted in two days, and so on.

Altogether the record has demonstrated that Premier Borden and his colleagues have been, honest and progressive ideas with regard to Dominion needs, while any political capital which the Laurierites have been able to make is abundantly described by the one word nil.

THE OUTCOME NOT IN DOUBT.

With polling day only two weeks off in connection with the Ontario election it may safely be affirmed that there is not the slightest doubt as to the fact that the Whitney government will be retained and that, too, by a very handsome majority. The reports from all over Ontario tell this fact each day, with increasing emphasis. It is only right and fair that this should be the case for the reason that the Province has never before possessed such an absolutely clean and progressive administration.

Realizing that he had no legitimate causes of serious criticism or attack, Mr. Rowell sought to take advantage of temperance sentiment to turn that into a political cry but he has failed most completely. The cause is much better handled aside from party strife with Conservatives and Liberals who believe in the same working shoulder to shoulder and this view has been voiced in more than one church convention and at other gatherings.

Realizing that a hoped-for stampede regarding this as a party issue has not in any sense materialized, Mr. Rowell not long ago declared that Sir James Whitney was not physically fit to remain as leader—a contemptible assertion which Sir James promptly denied in a most dignified manner. In this regard it is worthy of note that the Toronto Globe in its illustrated section of to-day (Saturday) gives a picture under which is the description, "Sir William Mulock and Ontario's rejuvenated Premier chatting at the races." A glance at the same fully demonstrates that he is in reality in vigorous shape.

Whitney will win and both Brants are going to be in line with Messrs. Brewster and Westbrook as the deservedly continued members.

Scaffell Buttress Scaled.

A party of expert cragsmen, led by Mr. S. W. Herford, who two years ago made the "girdle" traverse of the cliffs of Scaffell, has succeeded in negotiating the Central Buttress, which has hitherto been regarded as being an impossible climb. The wall of the Central Buttress is sheer for several feet. It is almost hopelessly smooth and steep, and was regarded by Mr. Herford as the crux of the Girdle Traverse.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Register. To-night is your last chance. A vote for Brewster or Westbrook is a vote to endorse prison reform.

A vote for Brewster or Westbrook is a vote to endorse Hydro Electric. A vote for Brewster or Westbrook is a vote to say you like clean government.

Registration closes at 10 o'clock to-night and has been the heaviest on record in Brantford.

The Borden Government emerges from another session more strongly entrenched than ever.

A vote for Brewster or Westbrook is a vote to endorse the ending of the school book monopoly.

A vote for Brewster or Westbrook is a vote to approve of Hydro radials—lines run by the people's power.

English or French language for instruction in the Public schools? What do you think of the Rowell attitude on this matter?

The monopoly of temperance professions by the Liberals is pretty well knocked sky high by the Whitney temperance achievement.

Brantford Conservatives are thoroughly well pleased with registration results up to this period, as they have a thorough right to be.

There is nothing surer in the world but that the government of Sir James Whitney will be returned by a large majority and both Brants should be in line.

Brantford has a splendid opportunity of having the Grand Valley included in the Ontario Government radial scheme and W. S. Brewster is the right man for Brantford to see this thing through.

Moral reform comes too high when Ontario electors are asked to give Rowell and party control of the public purse strings once more. The remembrance of the last Grit regime is still with the electorate.

Abolish the bar might be imagined as a new thing to hear some Liberals. As pointed out in these columns to-day there are four methods and there have been for years, of wiping out the bars if the electorate so decides.

Rowell is making a bid for the French and temperance vote together. He may get some of the former, because of Sir Jas. Whitney's firm stand, but temperance people are not being stampeded against a government which has been both progressive and honest.

When one remembers what Rowell and his party stood up for in the way of political immorality in 1905, it is passing strange that they should now parade forth as great moral purists. The people don't forget the three Norths, the Minnie M and the "barracles," which by the way are still there.

Mr. T. F. Best whose splendid work for the Y.M.C.A. is unquestioned, has spoken out strongly for the Whitney government, as one that has done well for temperance. Dr. S. Banks Nelson, a prominent Presbyterian divine has also spoken in the

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same regard, all of which shows a lack of faith in the sincerity of Rowell and his political machine to effect moral, temperance or any other kind of reform.

Says the Mail and Empire to-day: "The electors of Brantford and North Brant should not fail to send back to the Legislature W. S. Brewster and J. W. Westbrook. They are exceedingly useful members of the Legislature, and are a credit to their constituencies."

The Liberal leader in Ontario is a corporation lawyer. On one occasion he received a fee of \$50,000, and was made rich in a day by the corporation at Sault Ste Marie and the old Ross Government working in conjunction. In return Mr. Rowell gave his undying allegiance to the Grit cause which was at that time at low ebb.

Hospital Gets Bequest. Some years ago John Moses died in Brantford and left considerable estate, of which \$3,000 was left to the John H. Stratford Hospital, with a life interest to his wife during her life. She passed away in December, and the final accounts will shortly be passed by Judge Hardy and the General Hospital will be benefited to the extent of \$3,000.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

THE BRIDES.

I see the blushing brides go by, all sweet and blooming, to the church; and nothing fairer greets the eye, however far a man may search. As nearer to the church they draw, the bliss they feel is all unfeigned, for they obey a holy law, and lead the life that God ordained. The old maids stand around outside, and think upon the yesteryear: each had a chance to be a bride, and passed it up for some career. Each was ambitious to be known as a lawyer, doctor or the like, and dimly each stands alone, and sees the brides go up the pike. From 'neath the churches' spires and domes the brides go forth to normal lives, to make and manage happy homes and join the ranks of gracious wives. The old maids leave the wedding scene, with hearts that feel as though they'd burst; they fill their stoves with gasoline, and cook their meals of wieners-wurst. They chose the dress and left the gold, their lives are but a dreary blank; they have no money around to scold, no kids to cuddle or to spank. Their eyes are full of tears

unshed, their hearts of griefs that ever gnaw; their hair is gray; their noses red, their temper like a cross cut saw. Imagine, then, how tough they feel, as by the churchyard gate they stray, and hear the wedding music peal, and see the brides in brave array!

WALT MASON.

Birthdays of Note

SATURDAY, JUNE THIRTEENTH

Harrison Watson, for many years the representative in London, England, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is fifty years of age to-day. He was born in Montreal, his father having been a director of the Bank of Montreal. After several years in Business in Canada he was appointed in 1892 to take charge of the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, London, and has since conducted the commercial and emigration work of that department. He was subsequently appointed a commercial agent of the Canadian Government and more recently Hon. Agent-General in the United Kingdom for Prince Edward Island.

Also born to-day: Prof. L. W. Andrews, Davenport, Ia., born London, Ont., 1856. D. J. Armour, London, born, Cobourg, 1869.

HOME STUDY QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY KINGSTON, ONTARIO. THE ARTS COURSE... G. Y. CHOWN, Registrar, Kingston, Ont.

HE RESIGNS. MONTREAL, June 13.—As a result of dissension in the ranks of the Montreal baseball team in the National League, which culminated yesterday in a delegation of players waiting on President Leland, with a request to be sold, "Kitty" Bransfield has handed his resignation and will not take part of to-day's double-header.

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