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THE PLEBISCITE

The people have spoken, and very emphatically on the matter of prohibiting the importation of alcoholic liquors. They, that is, the vast majority of them, desire and will have no such importation for alleged export purposes.

The government cannot ignore Monday's decision, Monday's demand that the province be dry and remain dry. It is the will of the majority and minorities must rule. There has been a great deal too much trimming in connection with the drink evil, too much "running with the hare and hunting with the hounds," too much trying to "please two masters."

IMMIGRATION It is interesting, although not encouraging, to look backward over the immigration statistics of Canada. In 1913-14, the year before the war, 385,000 immigrants came into Canada.

During the war there was of course little or no immigration from Europe for obvious reasons. It will be remembered, however, that during the closing months of the war it was expected both in Canada and Europe that immediately after the war there would be a great outflow of people from the war torn and debt burdened countries and that Canada would be their principal destination.

Notes By The Way

One hears from time to time the remark that we have too much politics in our provincial affairs. But if politics is correctly defined as "the science of civil government" it should certainly receive a full share of public attention.

That there is too much of party in our politics may be freely admitted. That is an inherent defect, and has been with us from the beginning of our parliamentary history 150 years ago.

Confederation brought an almost revolutionary change. Our local legislature was shorn of its most important powers. It can no longer deal with the customs tariff, with the post office, the railway, the militia, or make or amend criminal laws as it could before.

NOT HOPEFUL

"Investment Items," a financial and absolutely independent journal published in Montreal, is not over sanguine regarding the financial operations of the King government. In its current issue it says: "After payment of the December interest charges, the National Debt of Canada will probably be found to have grown something like \$50,000,000 in the year."

What is there about the building and maintenance of roads, bridges, and ferries, the care of the poor and the insane, the appointments to petty provincial offices, the making of provincial laws, that calls for political parties in our government and legislature more than in our city council?

IN THE AIR

We have hung many promising and picturesque projects in the air and are apparently content to feast our eyes upon them. We have discussed successively, sometimes simultaneously, the establishment of industries, the re-occupation of vacant farms, development of tourist traffic and kindred topics.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The... Charlotte Town Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

Sir.—That every city should grow, if it is to grow it will grow through industrial development. THAT when it ceases either to attract new industries, or to build its present industries into bigger and more efficient industries, it must cease growing, become stationary, or go backward.

That the city with the most unstable industries is always the city that must drink in the fullest measure, the hardships of general unemployment, the heaviest losses through business failures and the greatest demoralization in its entire economic and commercial structure.

I am, Sir, etc. E. R. WAITE, Secretary, Shawnee Oklahoma Board of Commerce.

The Bible and Prohibition

Sir.—I repeat that there is not a scrap of evidence that Jesus used unfermented wine at the first Communion; nor a shred of authority in the Levitical Law for regulating the alcoholic strength of the wine used—as I shall show.

These are matters for old-time Liberal voters and new voters reared in Liberal homes to think over. We confidently believe that if they will do this, thinking calmly and without party bias and considering what is best for our common country, they will vote to turn the present government out of power.

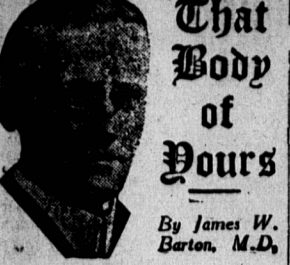
By the extension of the voting franchise to women and by young men coming to voting age we have now a very large addition to the electorate. It is the manifest duty of these new electors to acquaint themselves with public questions and to examine closely the claims of our two political parties to public favor.

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

SINCE YOU HAVE CLIMBED A STAIRWAY TO A STAR

Since you have climbed a stairway to a star Summer has heaped her blossoms at my feet, Many a time, and I have seen the trees Glisten with autumn gold, and watched the snow Fall like a great white silence on the earth.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WORK BEFORE BREAKFAST

If you were to ask a farmer what he thought about work before breakfast, he would laugh and tell you that he had a half day's work done before breakfast.

Why? Well, the stomach and all the digestive apparatus have a good long rest throughout the night and are ready for business in the morning. Further the fuel supply food which supplies energy needs replenishing.

Most men can take a few minutes exercise in the morning before breakfast; that is a good time to take it, but very few do any prolonged work before breakfast. There are exceptions of course.

Church we must condemn the saints who for sixty generations violated this law. I say that the case for Prohibition does not rest on such an Ishmaelite platform. The truth about Unfermented Wine. Is it not remarkable that in Paul's directions regarding the conduct of bishops there is not a single text forbidding them to take wine?

It is pitiable to see farmers hauling their cream, etc., a distance of from sixteen to eighteen miles to Souris station on such bad roads as we have here in winter; and the railway almost at the people's door.

The reasoning of Prohibitionist on the wine of Cana in Galilee is most tortuous. He admits in his letter of the 19th that it was the good wine that made people drunk at banquets "too drunk" he says "to know the difference" between the good fermented wine and the "poor stuff."

The use of Prohibitionist makes of unfermented wine as it applied to wine as well as to bread is most extraordinary. Considering the above facts, I think Christians will agree with me that it is neither helpful nor reverent to intrude the Prohibitionist's offer into the Master's Upper Chamber or to betray an anxiety lest the "little wine" permitted to Timothy was more than 3 1/4%.

Elmira Branch Closed

Sir.—Well, the Elmira branch is closed. This time I believe indefinitely. In one way this will remove all doubt from our minds as if rumor be correct this has been promised to us since July last. But the question is, why is it closed? True we have had a succession of snowstorms since the beginning of the new year. Still, the remainder of the main line from Souris to Tignish has been opened and operated after each storm, and up to date according to good authority.

"The Haberdashery" Stocktaking Sale Of Overcoats, Mackinaws, Heavy Shirts, Underwear, Sweater, etc.

We have decided to make a clean sweep of our winter goods at prices that will clear.

You not only will buy cheaper here, but you can depend on the quality of the goods we offer.

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, including Overcoats, Mackinaws, Flannel Shirts, Sweaters, and Boys' suits.

Heavy wool Work Pants, worth \$5.00, during this sale \$3.34

Men's fleece lined Underwear, "Penman's", during this sale 65c Garment

Men's wool Underwear, during this sale \$1.00 Garment

Sale starts Tuesday, January 23rd till Wednesday, January 31st.

Henderson & Cudmore 101 Grafton St.

Business to dealers here over the affair broke down on the road in the middle of the woods on her maiden trip to Elmira on July 6th, only cite one instance that affected and had it not been for the misperceptions of some of the lady passengers aboard who willingly put their shoulders to the wheel and righted it, the chances are that we might be there yet.

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