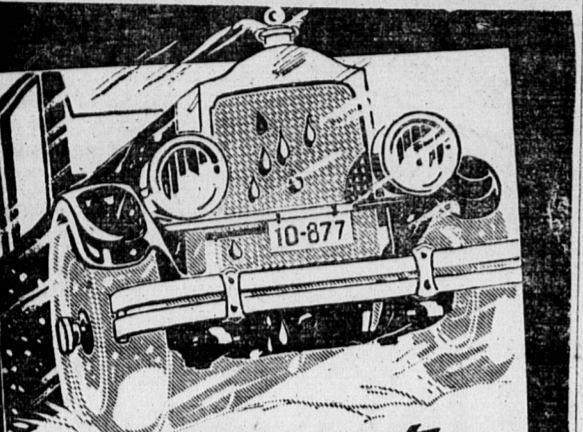


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## TEMPERANCE.

THE word temperance has been heard from many platforms and seen in many newspapers, within past years, and especially within the past several months. It has been heard and seen in association with the word prohibition, as if it were part and parcel of the latter. The two words are in no way synonymous; they are not even related, they are the opposites of each other. Prohibition undertakes to drive men and women away from drink; temperance undertakes to teach men and women to avoid drink because of its tendency to lead to excess, and excess in anything is a vice denounced in Christian ethics; while temperance or moderation in all things is a Christian virtue.

Prohibition has attempted to drive men and women away from the source of supply on pain of imprisonment or fine, forgetting or ignoring the fact that under present conditions the source of supply is inexhaustible. The effort has resulted only in driving drinking people from one bootlegger to another and drinking goes on without check and in defiance of law.

While the Federal Government imports and manufactures millions of gallons of liquor yearly, while alcoholic beverages can be manufactured in any home that chooses to do it, we may fairly and reasonably assume that alcoholic liquors, like the poor, shall always be with us.

It is freely admitted that drinking is a dangerous business, that it is a menace to the young and may become a curse to men and women. What, then, is the rational course to adopt? Clearly, it is to point out to and instil in the minds of the young the necessity of moderation in all things, the grave danger of tampering with things that may become vices. There has been little of this teaching since the big sick method has been adopted, little of it in our schools, in our homes, and even in our pulpits. The emphasis is being placed upon the punishment that awaits the man who drinks either in moderation or in excess, and the method naturally has failed. The world can never be reformed by force or by punishment. Force has failed in every age of the world's history and in the nature of things must continue to fail. Sane, common sense people in every country have come to this conclusion and have adopted what they consider a better way. They have undertaken to control as far as possible the sale of intoxicants, to place such safeguards as possible around the young and those who have lost control of their appetites for strong drink. In seven of our Canadian provinces this method has been adopted and the result has been increasingly satisfactory and encouraging. Two provinces only, have so far refused to deviate from the big stick method, namely, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, and in both, the word failure is written in large letters over the whole effort. No one, except those who are hidebound in their adherence to the mediaeval method of force, will deny this. There is more drinking under Prohibition in these two provinces than in any other province in Canada.

Modern business is one of the great temperance teachers of the age. Business, industrial and commercial, has no place for the man who drinks, society shuts its doors to the man who indulges in excess and the trend of informed public opinion is to discourage and ostracize excess in everything. Many good men and women who are sincere temperance advocates and who have heretofore pinned their faith to prohibition, now see the folly and the uselessness of such a method, and are giving their attention and their allegiance to the Christian and rational method of control and teaching, precept upon precept, line upon line. And eventually the sane method will prevail. What is now needed is a sane effort to minimize the evils of a natural craving for stimulants and concerted action should be taken to this end in our homes and schools and churches. Preach the gospel of temperance and moderation in all things.

## COMPARISONS.

COMPARISONS are proverbially odious. Yet, odious as they may be, many people are amusing themselves by comparing the pre-election promises of the Saunders Government with the fulfillment which is now being crystallized into legislation at the present session.

During the campaign the people of the incorporated towns were assured that they would be given their proportionate share of the federal railway grant of \$40,000 annually. The province secured many votes for the Liberal candidates, for all that a man hath will be given for the sake of saving his taxes. In reply to a straight question in the House the other day the Government stated there would be no such grant to the incorporated towns.

Before the election every man and woman who had attained the age of seventy would be given a pension for the remainder of their natural life. This secured ready assistance from the aged. And now this promise is off. Before the election the bootlegger was to be put out of business and temperance was to cover the land as the waters cover the deep. Now the bootlegger is still on duty and liquor has taken the place of the temperance wave.

Before the election taxes were to be reduced and an era of surpluses was to be issued. Now they have increased the taxes and have budgeted for a deficit.

Before the election economy on an unprecedented scale was going to be practised. And now they have borrowed \$400,000 after a previous borrowing of \$60,000. And the Minister of Public Works has purchased \$80,000 worth of machinery without even the by-your-leave of the Government and some one or more has probably received the regular commission of some \$15,000 or \$20,000. The problem of keeping political soul and body together—and there are so many of them—has become a real one, but there we are.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Evidently the bootlegger is still doing business. He is a difficult fellow to catch, and when you catch him he is not there.

No one appears to be finding any fault with the weather these days, and indeed, he or she would be bold who would register a complaint.

It would appear, from a casual glance at the streets these days, that the number of new cars out for the first time this season, has run into hundreds. The old car is now out of date.

We understand the lobster fishermen are getting their fishing gear ready to set as soon as conditions are ready which, judging by present appearances, will not be delayed beyond the legal opening date.

Bootlegging will continue as long as a smuggler can make ten dollars a gallon out of a cargo of liquor safely landed. The only remedy for both smuggling and bootlegging is to take the money out of it. No one is in either business for the love of it.

Premier Saunders made a serious mistake when he designated his opponents in the legislature as "idiotic." The remark has led to comparisons and few who watch the procedure will have much difficulty in separating the two classes. And the Opposition will not be given the

## Notes by the Way

IT is the misfortune of the province that the captain, officers and crew of the local ship of state are mainly wanting in the experience and skill to fit them for their present duties. Good intentions without nautical training and skill could hardly be sufficient to guide the ship safely through the stormy and troubled sea of politics. It is perhaps as much the fault of the electors, as of these gentlemen that they are in their present official positions. The people elected them, not because of their fitness to govern, or to legislate wisely on the many questions affecting the welfare of the Province, but to carry out a mandate in regard to one question only.

It is also the fault of our governmental system that the Premier is the Finance Minister, and delivers the budget speech without any special training or special knowledge of finance, and the Minister of Public Works is equally without experience or training in the duties of the head of a public department. The Minister of Agriculture is a practical farmer and has had experience as head of the Department over which he again presides, but is it sufficient that only one of the three executive heads of the Administration is thus qualified? Few would think so.

The inevitable result is apparent in the crude measures prepared and submitted to the Legislature, the huge purchase of road machinery without authority the operation of which must be entrusted to many unskilled hands, with resultant breakage, and cost of repairs. And the Government is so uncertain and infirm of purpose in regard to the main issue on which they were elected that another election a plebiscite must be held midway of the legislative term to tell them what to do.

The one question that was before the people at the last election and was decided by the people, is thus to be referred back to the people again, but the Government's reckless borrowing and spending policy, which was never laid before the people until now, and for which no mandate was given, must be endured by the country until the end of the legislative term before it can be checked. And this is called "government of the people by the people and for the people!" Surely it is not that!

Very unfortunate was the political overturn of last year. The Stewart Government was economical, and efficient; it had guarded every provincial interest; it had materially reduced local taxation; it had largely increased the revenue by gaining new receipts from the National Railways and increased subsidies under the Duncan Report. And it had prepared a new measure by which many thousands of dollars that are now filling the coffers of smugglers, bootleggers and home-brewers, would be diverted to the provincial treasury to further diminish local taxes, and make more liberal provision for the public health, the pay of teachers and other public needs.

The electors of the Island are quite as intelligent, honest and well-disposed as any in Canada, and could they have foreseen what the result of their verdict was to be, thousands of them would have marked their ballots differently. Could they have visioned the jails filled to bursting with prisoners under a Saunders Government, as they have been, notwithstanding the number that have been released; could they have known in advance of the quarrel between the Government and the Alliance, their mutual recriminations, their shilly-shallying about the number of scripts, and the reckless borrowing, spending, waste and the inevitable increased burden of taxes which their verdict would bring in its train, they would not have rejected the Stewart Government.

The verdict of last election is accepted, as it must needs be, but only with a determined resolution to reverse it at the earliest opportunity.

## Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. How do mourners announce their return to society?  
A. By sending out their cards to friends, and acquaintances.  
Q. How should the signature to a letter, whether of business or social nature, be made?  
A. It should be written personally in black ink. Never sign it with colored ink, with pencil, or by means of a rubber stamp or typewriter.  
Q. What sort of dress should be worn at an informal dinner?  
A. Any pretty dress may be worn, with special attention to the coiffure.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

## PREVENTING NERVOUS AILMENTS

I often speak of the value of play for youngsters, in that it builds up a strong heart, which is the real foundation, develops the lungs to purify the blood, and gives the youngster a normal healthy appetite. I have mentioned the fact more than once, that in examining recruits for overseas service, we never had to reject a candidate for having an undersized chest who had ever played games as a boy. I have tried to show also that the boy who played with other boys was very unlikely to become an inmate of any hospital for the nervous or insane. It was interesting therefore to come across this significant statement from Dr. Chas. Loomis Dana. "When young folks are taught the when and ways of recreation, they are taking out an insurance policy against nervous disorders, and in middle age when they come to collect, they will find themselves reimbursed a hundred fold." The when and ways of recreation I take it, means healthy, wholesome play and the spending of the spare time in pursuits that will count favorably in the days to come. By mixing with others in games, young folks have to take bumps, bumps that hurt, but which are part of the game. They learn to sink their own individuality into that which will give their team the best chance to win. It means playing scrimmage or on the line why they'd like to play half or quarter back. It means playing defense when they'd like to play forward, playing in the field, when they'd like to pitch. It means winning some times, and getting licked at other times. They learn to "take it" whichever way it comes. You can easily understand then that a youngster who has played games, who has mixed well with other youngsters in all forms of recreation, is going to take his place in the world, whether it is high or low, and do his part every day, just as when he played games or indulged in other forms of recreation. He doesn't have the difficulty of trying to "fit in" with the world. And it is the individual who doesn't seem to fit in, who most frequently becomes the nervous case in middle age.

## The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

### The Roman Catholic Church in Canada

Q. What is the strength of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada?  
A. The following are the facts regarding the strength of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada. Archbishops 12; Bishops 38; Priests, 5,308; Churches, 2,276; Missions, 638; Universities, 4; Educational Institutions, 483; Charitable institutions, 252; Population, 3,591,708; Catholic Church Extension Society, 67 Bond St., Toronto, Ont. Catholic Women's League, about 50,000 members; Head Office, 121 Bishop St., Montreal, Catholic Truth Society of Canada (Rev. T. F. Battle, President), 67 Bond St., Toronto, Ont. Branches—Antigonish, Montreal, Ottawa, Regina, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Yorkton. Knights of Columbus maintain club houses in principal cities and have large membership.

## HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

### Dish Towels

When one uses flour sacks for dish towels, the lettering can be washed out easily, after emptying the sack, if the letters are rubbed with lard. Then roll the sack tightly and allow it to stand until washday.

### Dancing Slippers

A slipper can be prevented from slipping while dancing by working a loop with silk (buttonhole twist preferred) on the stocking where the slipper strikes. Slip a ribbon, fastened to the slipper, through this loop and tie it. This will not be noticeable and the slipper will stay on.

### Cleaning Kid Gloves

Mix 15 drops of solution of ammonia and a half pint of spirits of turpentine. Put the gloves on and apply the mixture with a brush, repeating until clean. Then hang in the air to dry.

### MILLVIEW SCHOOL

Honour roll of Mill View School for month of March:  
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Grade VIII, 1. Kathryn and Annie Sheldow (equal), 2. Lois Smith, 3. Eileen Hynes.  
Grade VII, 1. Leslie MacLeod.  
Grade VI, 1. Elinor Jenkins, 2. Calvin Smith, 3. Kitchener Smith.  
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By W. L. Gordon

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OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: hospitably. Accent first syllable, not the second.  
OFTEN MISSPELLED: confident (adj) confidant (noun).  
SYNONYMS: satisfaction, gratification, benefit, blessing, enjoyment.  
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: PREVALENT; prevailing; most general. "Such ideas are singularly prevalent today."  
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