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The Public Forum

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TEMPERANCE

Sir--Having watched the progress of temperance for the last fifty years, and being associated with every organization in sight for the promotion of temperance, from the days of Free Rum, Open Taverns, Scott Act, Prohibition, and at present the political foot ball game, I have come to the conclusion that we are not yet "out of the woods."

Temperance has made wonderful progress the last fifty years, not all on account of the different societies for its promotion--although they have done their part--but on account of changed conditions, as we have in everything. In former times a drunkard was respected, and a total abstainer was looked upon as too mean to have a drink. Today a drunkard is despised, not wanted by any firm in its employ, shunned by respectable people, and drinking has become as unpopular as long skirts.

However, there is a class of good, intelligent people that cannot be overlooked, and that class comprises three-quarters of the people of Prince Edward Island. They consider it no harm to take a social glass, or to have a bottle in their home in case of emergency. They cannot be called "drunkards" or "wets," as they never get drunk. These are the people that the Government has to contend with. They are temperate people, and have to be dealt with as such. Until they are, we cannot have true temperance, as they will only be driven into being in sympathy with the bootlegger. A little study of human nature should decide that point. The Stewart Government struck out with the slogan of "better temperance" without clearly defining what better temperance was to be, which was unwise, and it got the turn-down it deserved. The Saunders Government is contemplating on having a plebiscite on what they consider an evil, which is no better. Everything is an evil if carried to excess, even prayers.

It has been remarked that this question should not have entered into politics. We cannot keep it out of politics, but we should keep it out of party politics, and have a same law, as saloons are down and out and prohibition uncontrollable. What I would suggest is closing up every vendor store in P. E. I. except one in Charlottetown, superintended by the best official available, having the qualifications of a bank manager and detective combined, who would issue pass books to reliable people, with laws, regulations and penalties printed in the first part of the said book--laws that would send anyone obtaining or having liquor without the pass book, to the penitentiary as a criminal--the pass book to be called in on any complaint of abusing the privilege. We would then have prohibition under Government Control.

I have spent the most of my winter evenings gathering information from friends and officials in the other Provinces, particularly N. S. and N. B., in reference to liquor control in one Province, and prohibition in the other. The consensus of opinion in N. B. is that they have the best law they ever had, but a screw loose in the same limit, which they hope to adjust; but the bootlegger is about out of business. In N.S., if a man makes inquiry in any of their towns, they will always find a man, and sometimes a policeman to tell him where to get a supply.

I would like to have the opinion of every householder on P. E. I., man and woman voter, irrespective of any issue, of my proposal, by cutting out and signing the following ballot and mailing same to my address. It would save me a great deal of correspondence, which I had planned to do.
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Happenings of The Week

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her husband, Senator MacArthur, for the session, entertained at tea on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. A. McLean, of Ottawa, formerly of this city, was another Wednesday afternoon tea hostess.

Mr. Robert Messervy is home from England on a brief holiday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Messervy, and will sing in St. James' Church on Sunday.

Princess Mary and Viscountess Lascelles, accompanied by Lord and Lady Boyd, who arrived at Port Said on March 15th, will spend about a month in Egypt as the guest of Lord Lloyd, the British High Commissioner, and Lady Lloyd. The visit is purely a private one. Trips down the Nile and to the great mosques and pyramids, as well as a visit to the Gezira race-course and possibly to the Valley of Tombs at Luxor, are being included in the tour. Princess Mary, who has not enjoyed a holiday abroad since her honeymoon in Italy, has included in her outfit a sun-helmet, several light linen frocks in her favorite shade of blue, and a camera. Her children will remain at Goldsborough Hall, Knarborough.

One of the most delightful sacred cantatas ever given in this city was staged in the Notre Dame Academy on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, to capacity houses. "Ad Jesum per Mariam," written by His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown. It was exquisitely portrayed and most enjoyable.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. S. Jenkins was cordially welcomed home this week from Philadelphia, to which city she had come from England, on a short visit, which unfortunately was marred by her sudden illness.

The engagement is announced in Ottawa of Viscount Hardinge, of the Seventh Queens Own Hussars, and A.D.C. to His Excellency Lord Willingdon, and Miss Margot Fleming, of Rockcliffe, Ottawa, and granddaughter of the late Sir-Sanford Fleming. Viscount Hardinge is a son of the late Viscount Hardinge of South Park, Penhurst, and of Viscountess Hardinge, and is now on his way back to Canada, having gone to England to attend the wedding of his sister, formerly the Hon. Ruby Hardinge, to Major F. G. Beaumont Nesbitt, M.C. Miss Fleming is a cousin of Mrs. R. O. Johnson, of Montreal, and is well-known here. She is in England with her parents at present.

On Thursday evening of last week there was given in the hall of the Halifax Conservatory of Music, a miscellaneous concert which provided a pleasant evening's entertainment for the large number who attended. The program consisted of several novel dances by Madame Davies' dancers which are always a delight to the eye, also readings, vocal numbers and violin selections. The junior orchestra of the Conservatory rendered several numbers which elicited the hearty approval of all present. A little one-act play staged by the children of Chebucto Road School was generously applauded. Mrs. Fleming gave much pleasure with a reading, while Miss K. Logan's violin selection, and vocal solos by Misses B. Sims and Minnie Black in Spanish costume, were all delightful numbers. The concert was under the capable direction of Miss K. Inglis, and under the auspices of the alumnae of the Halifax Conservatory of Music. Miss Logan, who is a specially talented young musician, and a granddaughter of Mr. James Paton, has played on several occasions while visiting here.

Light draperies are the mode this Spring. Velour is giving place to sun-fast silks and glos curtains are also designed to allow his majesty the sun to peep in.
Over-curtains are in plain shot effects, also in striped and floral designs and the color ensemble of the room is rigidly adhered to in the drapes.
Sheer gauze or net is the most chic thing in glos curtains, and in window shades beige is taking the place of the green and cream shades that for years kept the sun from penetrating into the house.

The Duchess of York evidently believes in the merits of plain fine household linen. The supply which she presented to a bride of this season was as simple as possible. The only fanciful note introduced took the form of pale blue and pale pink blankets, and a supply of colored bath sheets in shades of mauve, pale yellow and peach colors. These were embroidered with the monogram of the bride and bridegroom in a color to match the background. The rest of the supply--which included towels and bed linen for the domestic staff--was marked in red cross stitch.

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It is true that every place has its own problems and difficulties. It is equally true that the healthy community has succeeded, not because of luck, but because its members did what was necessary to overcome their local difficulties.
Throughout Canada you will find a great variation as to health conditions between places that may be fairly compared with each other. There is, of course, a reason for this. This reason is not hard to find; it is a simple one. Where the best health work has been done, there health conditions are best, and so on, down the scale, the health of the community corresponds to the health work done by the community.
Every citizen should enquire as to the health standing of his home town or country, find out how it compares with others, ask these questions of the local or provincial health departments. Every citizen should then ask himself whether or not he and his fellow-citizens are providing the money and other support necessary to enable the health department to pave the health road of the community with sound preventive measures, so that the citizens may travel along in happiness, free from the bumps of disease, the ruts of ill-health, the sudden, unguarded crossings of epidemics and the unprotected precipices of preventable fatal illnesses.
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