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W.C.T.U. NOTES

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

The following declaration signed by over 2000 medical gentlemen was extensively circulated a 100 years ago 1848.

"We, the undersigned, are of opinion:

1. That a very large portion of human misery, including poverty, disease, and crime, is induced by the use of alcoholic or fermented liquors as beverages.

2. That the most perfect health is compatible with total abstinence from all such intoxicating beverages, whether in the form of ardent spirits, or as wine, beer, ale, porter, cider, etc., etc.

3. That persons accustomed to such drinks may, with perfect safety, discontinue them entirely, either at once or gradually, after a short time.

4. That total and universal abstinence from alcoholic liquors and intoxicating beverages of all sorts, would greatly contribute to the health, the prosperity, the morality and the happiness of the human races."

Some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons in the United Kingdom signed the statement, including Sir Benjamin Brodie, Sir James Clarke, Sir W. Bennett, Sir J. Forbes, Sir Henry Holland, Sir A. Moore, Sir J. McGrigor, Sir R. Christison, Dr. B. W. Carpenter, Dr. Copland, Dr. Neil Arnott, Professors Guy, Allen, Miller, Alison, Thompson, Simpson, etc.

RECORD-BREAKING TOTAL FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS

According to an Associated Press dispatch dated June 12 from Washington, D. C., the U. S. Department of Commerce estimates that the record-breaking total of \$9,000,000,000 was spent on alcoholic beverages sold at retail in the United States of America during the year 1947. This amount which does not take illicit liquor sales into account, represents a total retail drink bill which was \$140,000,000 higher than for the year 1946, and which was \$6,010,000,000 more than the retail drink bill for the year 1939.

This liquor expenditure for 1947 represents an average outlay of \$95.88 per person among a population of 144,000,000, which was the estimate for last July 1, or an average of \$108.22 for each of the 68,000,000 persons over 21 years of age.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Mrs. J. H. MacFarlane, of P. E. I., writing in "The Canadian White Ribbon Tidings" on the situation here says: "The Liquor Bill which passed before the Legislature provides for the appointment of a Commission and the elimination of doctors' prescriptions in so far as the general sale of liquor is concerned. The Bill is called the P. E. I. Temperance Act, but it means a change in the quantity of spirits or beer purchased, although it does provide that a permit is required

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

(Continued from page 2) I had been aware of both, though only vaguely. I recall that I had heard the rain on the roof and remembered them with regret that only yesterday the farmers had taken away the rain-barrel to use in connection with the potato spraying. I remembered sighing—in my mind, over one waste of it. I did hear the wind beating the ivy against the east window—and James uneasy beside me. But a comforting thought came. It was fortunate, should the rain and wind continue, that the can had been set out in readiness for the cream-man next morning. And then with a figurative shaking of hands, I had turned again to my dreams.

In spite of today's greyness there were nice incidents in our living. Grand-daughter gleefully took upon herself the care of a pup—a short-haired friendly creature, who leads her and follows and gets underfoot; but is playful and sleepy by turns, and most likeable. It has been petted and admired and stuffed and has lived anything but "a dog's life of it" today. Our farmers added another heifer to our herd, one bought from a bachelor down the river road. He is one Jeanie and I agree, who really should have a wife and family, so kindly he is. One can easily see this trait of his reflected in his stock. They are treated to "bites of grain" on pasture, and always get the best of care. "It's a singular thing," names will say "there's bachelors, lots of them who would make the best of husbands, and yet they choose to remain single." And "it's a queer world" we agree and yet seriously all is "ordered" for a whole world—and me. "For all by This is ordered, chosen, planned. Each drop that fills my daily cup They had Prescribes, for life none else can understand. All, all is known to Thee."

Until Monday — Diary — Good-night.

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for the purchase of either a bottle of spirits of a case of beer each week. But special permits may be granted to druggist, physician or dentist, to a person engaged in a mechanical or manufacturing business, or in scientific pursuits requiring liquor for use therein, entitling the applicant to purchase liquor for the purpose named in the special permit. The permit will expire at the end of the calendar year unless cancelled for some reason during the 12-month period. The Commission is to consist of either one, two, or three members, but the chairman will be a full-time employee."

Mrs. MacFarlane, who is a leading member of the W. C. T. U. says that the Bill "would practically wipe out the last vestiges of the Prohibition Act," as formerly known, but it does provide for the people of the province to vote by plebiscite if they wish to go back to Prohibition, which means that the old Prohibition Act could be proclaimed and put again into force. The proposed legislation requires that a man may only have or drink liquor in his own home or in a private guest room in a hotel. The individual permit entitled the purchase of "liquor for beverages medicinal or culinary purposes, but not exceeding one bottle of spirits or wine or one case of beer in any week."

FORMULA FOR YOUTH

(Eugene Lyman Fisk, M.D. in The American Magazine)

Celebrating birthdays is a vicious practice because it keeps reminding us of the passage of time. And time in the minds of most people is what brings on old age. That is a mistake. Your age is not a question of years, but of the condition of your body and the state of your mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Back of this keeping count of our birthdays is a secret dread of them. And back of our interest in other people's birthdays is a wish to assure ourselves that they are growing old just as fast as we are. Women are right when they avoid telling their age in years. Youth is not a matter of years but of mental and emotional spontaneity and activity. It is tragic the way people set to work to destroy in themselves and in others this wonderful quality of youth. They actually cultivate the indifference and coldness and cynicism which help to bring on old age. Keep your enthusiasms, and forget your birthdays.

CAN YOUR CHILDREN COPY YOUR EXAMPLE SAFELY AND HAPPILY?

"Years ago, I asked Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell to give me his definition of a good home. He was very thoughtful for a time, and then said: "A good home is one where the attitudes and habits of the parents can be safely and happily followed by the children."

Note next the two adverbs: "safely" and "happily." How much safer and happier our American children would be if there were no liquor problem in their homes, no divorce problem, no wasting of money in gambling and tobacco! — Margaret Eggleston Owen, in "The Christian Advocate"

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear Father, Josiah Smith, who died 21st August 1944.

Four years have passed since that sad morn' When my great sorrow fell The shock that I received that morn'

I still remember well. You are not forgotten Father dear Nor ever shall you be As long as life and memory last I shall remember you.

Lovingly Remembered, Sady Missed by His Son Russell Smith.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Pte. Leslie Cameron, who gave his life in France, August 21st, 1944.

Dear Leslie:— Each year we send a little note Each night a little prayer To let you know we miss you And just how much we care

And we want you to know, too. Look dear while memory stays, till life departs. You'll always be within our hearts.

Never Forgotten by Grandmas Cameron and Aunts Edith, Lulu.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear wife Mrs. James Cronin, who passed away August 1947.

Dear Mary:— How we miss your smiling face As we loved you in life. In death we'll do the same.

The flowers that are placed upon your grave May wither and decay But our love for you, who sleeps beneath Shall never fade away.

Ever Remembered by Her Mother, Father and Brother.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear daughter, Mrs. James Cronin, who passed away August, 1947.

It is loneliness here without you And sad the weary way For life is not the same to us Since you were called away.

Peaceful be your sleep dear daughter The sweet to breathe your name As we loved you in life. In death we'll do the same.

The flowers that are placed upon your grave May wither and decay But our love for you, who sleeps beneath Shall never fade away.

Ever Remembered by Her Mother, Father and Brother.

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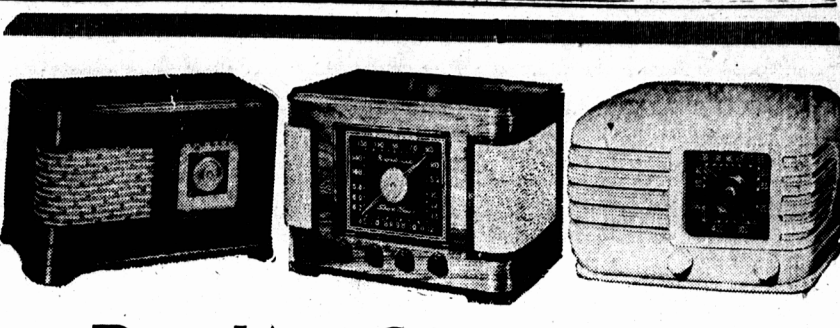
I take this opportunity to express my thanks to my neighbours and friends for the kindness shown my wife during the long hours of anxiety and waiting while Murray and I were blown out to sea in the storm of Saturday, August 14th. To the R. C. M. P. Masters of the boats and crews going out to search for us. We say a sincere Thank You.

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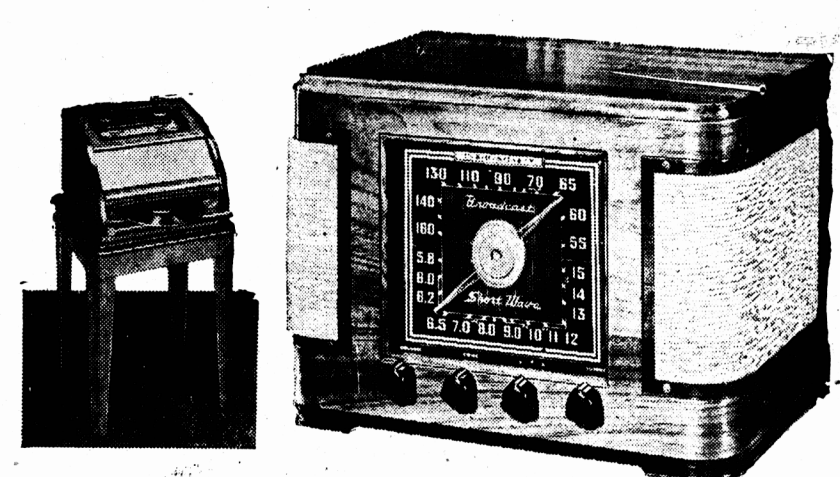
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