

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE PROHIBITION PLEBISCITE

From the prohibition point of view, it is certainly to be regretted that the Government has given evidence of a desire that the plebiscite shall come to naught. The only antagonistic or damning-with-faint-praise attitude of the Government press is a straw that shows which way the wind blows. Then we have the statement of the Minister of Agriculture—the very man who introduced the bill to the House of Commons—that he hopes to see the country make something out of wine-making from home-made grapes. The Premier, too, has shown the Government hand in his declaration that if the majority in the plebiscite should be against prohibition that would settle the matter,—but if in favor, the Government will take the matter into consideration. Ordinarily the result of a plebiscite of the people, as received as a mandate absolutely binding the Government. It has been so regarded by the Government of France; it has been so regarded by the government of our Canadian cities. Only by our Liberal Provincial Government and our Liberal Dominion Government is the voice of a majority of people, expressed by a plebiscite vote, regarded as a thing to be treated with contempt and to be laughed at as a means of fooling the temperance people, catching votes for political purposes, and getting rid, for the time being, of the prohibitionists' impotency. Mr. Peters held a plebiscite on prohibition and the vote was treated with lofty scorn. Mr. Greenway, also, held a plebiscite, and it, too, came to nothing. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is about to hold a plebiscite, and he declares that if a majority of the people should vote for prohibition the Government will begin to think the matter. That is to say, the deliberately expressed opinion of the mass of the people goes for nothing more than a mere intimation that the people's rulers ought to take the matter into consideration. The insolence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in this regard, should cause the blood of a sovereign people, sensitive concerning their rights as freemen, to boil in their veins. The Czar of Russia himself could not have taken a more autocratic position. We have never heard, from the lips of a public man, a stronger expression of contempt for the people's wishes.

Under the rule laid down by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the temperance men are, it will readily be seen, placed an immense disadvantage. Indeed the hope of the prohibitionists lies only in polling such a large proportion of the electors votes, and evincing such a determined spirit, that the Government must see that they dare not refuse to comply with the demand for prohibition. It is, therefore, pleasing to note that opponents of the liquor traffic, everywhere through the country, are organizing for the purpose of obtaining an overwhelming majority in the coming plebiscite. In this province, we feel sure, such a majority will be polled; and we sincerely hope that the people of Canada at large will unite to teach their Government that what they will—that they shall have.

This question of prohibition is one upon which the people may well unite for such a purpose. The liquor evil is admittedly the most terrible evil in the land. The only argument urged against prohibition is that it will not put down this evil. Convince Principal Grant, convince the most extreme anti-prohibitionist in the country, that prohibition will result in the abolition of drunkenness and its miserable fruits, and his opposition will at once be withdrawn. Well, there is no better or fairer way to conviction upon the prohibition question than experiment. We may talk forever about prohibition, and the matter will still be in dispute. Only by the test of actual experience shall we know whether or not it is a good measure. Then why not give prohibition a trial—a fair trial? We have given "free rum" a trial and the result has been—failure. We have tried at regulation law without beneficial results. Low license and high license have each been tried in various parts of Canada, and the results have not been entirely satisfactory. Partial prohibition, the Scott Act, also has been tried and the liquor evil still exists. But prohibition, throughout the length and breadth of the land, has not been tried. No country that we know of has yet made the test of prohibition all around its borders and everywhere over its area. If it be so tried in Canada, and it should fail—after sufficient time for the trial has expired—the voice of the people will call for its repeal, and for a reversion to license or some other form of regulation to minimize the liquor evil. But if it should be

successful in breaking down the liquor traffic and eradicating the evil of drunkenness throughout the land, then indeed a victory will have been won which all good men, and the angels in Heaven, will rejoice at.

We hope, therefore, that prohibition will be tried, and that such a vote will be rolled up, such an expression of the people's will and power given, that an unwilling Government will be compelled to take action to that end.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—An Ottawa despatch to the Star reports that Mr. Joseph Pope, Assistant Secretary of State, will not act as joint secretary of the Quebec Conference with Mr. Bourassa, as has been stated in the Conservative press, but will be in attendance at Quebec during the sittings of the commissioners to assist them particularly in regard to the Atlantic fisheries question upon which he has prepared an elaborate brief.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Toronto Globe: Canadians will be all more or less pleased to learn that the Dominion has the bulge on the rest of the earth—speaking scientifically, that is. This is the way the London Daily Graphic puts it:—"It is generally assumed that our earth is round—more or less. But Professor Preston, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, asks us to abandon this idea, and think of the world as shaped like a four-sided humming top, with each of its sides triangular. Its pointed end is directed due south, and it is on this, no doubt, that it goes spinning down the ringing grooves of chance. This is somewhat startling, but certainly not less so than Professor Peaston's other discovery regarding the earth. A measurement of great arcs upon the surface of our planet proves to his satisfaction that the North American continent bulges out from the more level parts of the world. One is glad to hear that it is not only the United States that have this proud distinction of bulging. On the contrary, the bulge apparently includes British America—a fair proportion of our empire. The bulge, in fact, is not a Yankee but an Anglo-Saxon bulge."

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—The reconstruction of affairs in Cuba, Porto Rico, and throughout the Spanish West Indies, is receiving earnest consideration in official quarters, and at the White House. On Monday, General Fitzhugh Lee spent some time with the President, going over the condition of Cuban affairs. While no announcement was made, the impression prevailed that General Lee would be one of the Cuban military commissioners to be named within a few days.

Acting Secretary Allen, of the navy, also saw the President, concerning Cuban affairs. It is probable that an American naval vessel will go to Havana harbor before long, and at least two naval vessels will be ordered to Havana, when the military commission assembles there to determine upon the details of Spanish evacuation.

Emperor William's Tour.

LONDON Aug 15.—A despatch to the press from Berlin says that probably 200 clergymen, representative of European Protestant churches, will accompany Emperor William on his coming trip to Jerusalem.

BORN

On August 17th, to the wife of A. E. McEachern, a son.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Aug. 17th, by the Rev. A. D. McDonald, assisted by the Rev. Geo. Miller, Ewen Cameron, of Charlottetown, to Lena Isabel McDonald, of New Glasgow.

DIED.

In this city, on the 12th inst, Alice Ruth, infant daughter of John and Sarah Ann McIntyre, in the 12th day of her age.

PERSONAL

Miss Annie MacNeill is home on a visit.

Hon Senator Ferguson left this morning on a short trip to Sherbrooke, Que.

Mr. J. J. Chappell left by this morning's train for a short trip on the mainland.

Rev C W Corey left this morning for Amherst, N S, to attend the Baptist Conference.

Mrs T A McLean returned home yesterday afternoon, from Pictou by the steamer Princess.

Mr John Carroll, of New York, who has been here visiting his relatives left this morning.

Miss M. McDonald, who has been visiting Mrs. B. C. Prowse, left yesterday for her home in Boston.

It is understood that Whitelaw Reid will succeed Col Hay as Ambassador at the Court of St James.

Mr Wm Warren, of Bedeque, who has been away on holiday trip to Great Britain came home last night.

Miss Smith and Miss Hutchings, of Bermuda, who have been the guests of Mrs Malcolm McLeod, at Newlands, left on return for home this morning.

The marriage of Miss Rene Pearman, daughter of W. M. D. Pearman, to Lieut. Laing, R. N. R., late of H. M. S. Intrepid, took place at St. Mark's Church at Halifax yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Hornby, the popular representative of the firm of Roberts, Simpson, & Co., Halifax, and London, England, who has been for some time on the Island, will leave for Halifax on Saturday.

Two of Charlottetown's well known teachers will be missing from their accustomed places next month—Miss Tillie Wyatt, who resigned a few days ago, and Miss Lena Macdonald, whose reason for resigning will be found described elsewhere in today's issue.

At the Davies Hotel: H E Harrington and wife, Hartford; L H Elliott, Pictou; W R Nelson, New-ville, Charles Heath; New York City; Willis Heath, do; Geo Warty, do; M W Woodhead do; Mr Currie, Windsor, N S; Samuel Prowse, Murray Harbor, Edmond K Halls, Cincinnati, Ohio; F D Scott, Montreal; H G Simmons, do; Edm C Fruite, do; W R Dalby, Toronto; Mrs F B Porter, Boston.

At the Queen: Mr and Mrs Arthur Guild, Moncton; Miss McEachern, do; L W Fowler, Bedeque; Ernest M Archibald, Halifax; Rev Dr McKay, Tryon; Miss Laura Hanington, Tignish; Alphonse Thur, do; Miss Maggie J Lewis, Gratton, H D; Eva F Lewis, do; Miss Christina McLeod, Montague; Margaret McLeod, Montague; George Forbes, Vernon River

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Wednesday, Afternoon Aug 24th.

Tea will be provided for all those who do not bring baskets. Tickets 15c. Refreshments and Ice Cream will be served and swings and all kinds of amusements will be provided.

All are cordially invited to attend. BY ORDER OF COM. 193 w lid li.

Rothsay Church School.

Rothsay College for Boys will re-open Monday, Sept. 5th.

STAFF, 1888-9.—Principal, Rev. O. W. Howard, B. A., Honor Graduate and Governor-General's Medalist Toronto University; Honor Graduate Huron College London.

Mathematics.—I. E. Moore, Esq., B. A., Honor Graduate University of Toronto, School of Science, Toronto.

Classics.—P. J. Robinson, Esq., B. A., Honor Graduate, Toronto University.

Modern Language.—W. A. McClean Esq., M. A., Graduate Toronto University; Ontario Normal College; London Military College.

Correspondents should be addressed to Rev. O. W. Howard, Rothsay.

"Kinghurst" will re-open on Wednesday Sept. 14th, 1898.

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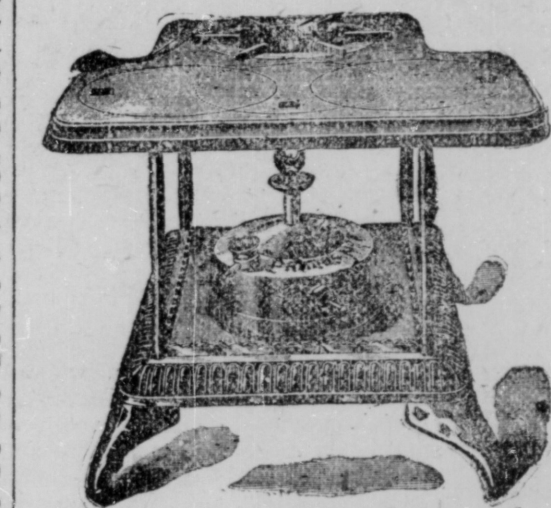
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