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Liquor Sales Increase Over Two and a Half Million

Sales in Govt. Liquor stores in 1941 \$1,447,043
Sales in Govt. Liquor stores in 1942 15,136,614
An increase of \$3,689,572, or 32.2%
Leaving out the mail order store, which draws its business from anywhere, and whose increase in sales was \$768,057 we find that the increase in sales in Halifax stores was \$776,057 and that of the Province, outside Halifax, was \$2,045,336.

This does not seem to bear out the claim that the large increase of sales last year was due to supplies which came to Halifax. Every liquor store throughout the Province shows a large increase in sales, the same thing happened last year, which proves that a rapidly growing appetite for alcoholic drink is being steadily developed under the Govt. sale plan.

Last year the expenditure for hard liquor in N. S. was \$7,858,031. Last year the expenditure for beer in N. S. was \$6,658,254.

Sales of whiskey were up 75,000 gallons.

There were 5264 convictions for violations of the Liquor control law an increase of 1255 over the previous year, and yet we were told that it was only prohibition laws which were broken; that when we had Govt. sale and people could buy booze legally, there would be no more violations of law. Many false prophets were put out of business in the days of Elijah and Elisha, but their descendants flourished when Govt. sales were introduced. These prophets, and their prophecies have proved as unreliable, as those of their predecessors of old.
(See comparative table on page 4. Ed.)

Dear Readers:

This issue of "Forward" brings you special information on the growth of the traffic in wartime, as shown by the table of sales in the various government stores of Nova Scotia.

A special feature is the article prepared in answer to the prominent advertisements published by the brewers after their business was slightly curtailed by the government.

During three years of war nearly every branch of business in Canada has been obliged to conform to various restrictions (many of which have made it impossible to continue certain lines). Our ordinary way of living and travelling have been affected. These have been gracefully accepted by the public as a part of the war effort. The Minister of Finance rightly asks us to stop buying unnecessary items and save to lend the government.

Liquor is a luxury, and the traffic has benefitted to an unprecedented extent through mounting sales and greater profits.

Now, in the fourth year of war, our governments are openly alarmed at the waste of money and injurious effects of beverage alcohol, to the extent of placing small restrictions on production. How quickly the liquor interests have protested, even to the extent of telling the Prime Minister what he should have said in a radio speech.

What a chaos there would have been if the grocers, bakers, clothes, shoemen, etc., all took the same attitude.

Alcohol is a habit forming drug. As a result of the open sale of liquor for some years past, larger numbers of our citizens have acquired a habit which is difficult and often impossible to break. Consequently various methods such as shorter hours, changed hours, rationing, restricted sales, lowered alcoholic content, etc., are being experimented with.

The Order of the Sons of Temperance steadfastly affirms that total abstinence is the only safe course. To our members we urge a renewed effort

ANSWERING THE BREWERS ADVERTISEMENT

Recently there appeared in the press across Canada large advertisements sponsored by the Canadian Brewers Limited and published in many papers which never before had dealt with the Brewers. This advertisement was headed "some plain talking about the beer shortage." The trend of the advertisement appears to be an attempt to create sympathy for the "poor" brewers. In the article appearing below one of our associate editors deals with the worn out arguments trotted up by the brewers and several very unique new ones. Read it.

ANSWERING THE BREWER'S ADVERTISEMENT

This is addressed to Canadian Brewers Your business was restricted at the request of the entire Christian Church of Canada. We feel duty bound to place the plain facts before the public because you brewers are seeking to force your will on the people of Canada that they should universally use liquor.

SOME PLAIN TALKING TO THE BEER BARONS

What is the Nature of your Business?

(Answer) Alcohol is a drug apart from all others. "It is the only Habit Forming Drug that can be bought openly by an adult; anywhere at any time, to be taken in the presence of others without social disgrace."

What is the Result of your Business?

(Answer) Since Alcohol is a Habit Forming Drug alcoholism is a disease. As a group alcoholics do not live as long as other people. Dr. King of the U. S. Public Health Service says moreover that one tenth of first admissions to mental hospitals are due to your business.

Why did the Cabinet restrict your Business?

(Answer) Two successive Cabinet committees studied the matter over a period of three years. Your powerful lobby was able to delay any action. In trying to please you the government followed the example of various governments of other days which conducted lotteries, taxed betting and even licensed houses of ill-fame. The reasons these trades urged were very much the same as those you produce.

Was it Necessary to restrict your Business?

(Answer) The situation is so grave that the government has had to restrict the use of candy, butter, milk and a multitude of things about which there is no shadow of debate as there is about your affairs.

What will be the consequences of restricting your Business?

(Answer) You say the evils of prohibition will return. Your own words condemn you for you also say "where a reasonably self reliant people have an unreasonable law imposed upon them, they simply ignore that law." In other words you state publicly that in the past people did not keep the law, are not keeping it now and do not intend to keep the law. And then you groan "We resent the implication that we are not Christians."

What is the remedy for your Business?

(Answer) There is none for your business and none for you. Brewers are not infallible. The statement at the end of your advertisement is a case in point. Step by step in 1914-18 the British Government had to make increasingly drastic cuts in your business because your business was reducing production. The Carter report is available to you. You knew this was true but you published the half truth.

Have you published your adv. because you face loss of profits? The answer is emphatically YES. You may not be thinking of today's profits but you are thinking of profits and every one knows it.

Wine is a Mocker	He that loveth wine shall not be rich	Look not on the wine
Wine inflames	It is not for Kings to drink wine	Overcome by wine
He sins by wine	They have erred through wine	Whoredom and wine
Drunk with wine	They are greedy dogs they fetch wine.	

Since you might not recognize our sponsors they are quotations from the Bible.

Note:—A large advertisement was inserted by the Brewers in newspapers across Canada recently. The above is our answer.

along this line by building up our Divisions as educational centres. To others, we ask your serious consideration in assisting this work as a patriotic duty.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity
H. E. NICKERSON,
Grand Worthy Patriarch.

KING VISITS AMERICAN "DRY" WARSHIP

During his visit to the Home Fleet, the King was piped on board one of the American warships in traditional naval style.
Several times the King stopped

to chat to American sailors. He was surprised at the comfort and luxury of the fittings, with separate bunks for every man.

American warships are all "dry," and when the King went into the soda fountain he was offered a soft drink.—Daily Mirror.

When Did Girls Learn This

A Halifax paper, just after the liquor purchase restrictions came in force, reported the meeting of a certain association in that City, in which one of their officials is reported as saying: "The result of the restrictions imposed were that young girls and men were carrying flasks and purchasing beer and liquor illicitly."

These restrictions had only been in force a very few weeks, and yet they had already forced young girls to carry flasks, and it was inducing the young to drink.

Do we not remember the days when the N.S.T.A. was the law? What a howl the wets made, claiming that because the sale of liquor was not legalized, that it made people want to drink. That young people had learned to drink on this account, and were carrying flasks. That if we opened up liquor stores all this would stop, and few people would bother to drink.

We have had Govt. sale of liquor for about 13 years, and the young people from 17 to 21 who are drinking, certainly did not learn to do so, under the so called prohibition law. It has been legalized, given Govt. respectability, and public indifference had made it the custom, also to drink. No one who compares conditions can claim that there was as much drink consumed in the N.S.T.A. days, as there is now, and it is proven that the open sale of liquor has not lessened the consumption. Yet the moment, that the government, alarmed by the terrific waste of money for booze, and its effects in war time, puts on a little restriction, our wet friends say it is driving young people to drink, they are beginning to carry flasks, and there will be illegal sales. Have there not been illegal sales right along?

Is the unlimited sale of booze one of the foundations on which these people expect to help build a better world condition after the war?

Halifax Star March 11th. "Charged with having in his possession whiskey imported into Canada, without duties lawfully paid Patrick Sloney, Halifax, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Inglis yesterday and was fined \$50.00 and costs."

But we were told this could not happen under Govt. sale system.

Youth Stea's To Get Liquor

Halifax Star, March 12th.—Tells of an 18 year old youth who stole \$200 then "went on a spree for three days." He pleaded guilty before Judge Murray, and was given two years suspended sentence, among the conditions of which were, that he should abstain from intoxicating liquor. Why should we sell an intoxicating drug, which is a factor in promoting such crime, to young people, and then when the mischief is done, enforce prohibition on them. Why not enforce the prohibition to try and prevent such helps to crime.

Hon. J. H. MacQuarrie, Atty. General speaking in the Provincial House of Assembly on the debate on the Ad. dress, is reported by the press as saying, that "the administration of the Liquor Control Act was the greatest headache anyone could be saddled with."

We believe the Hon. Atty. General spoke the truth. There are probably more headaches and heart aches caused by the liquor business than by any other. A satisfactory administration of the liquor business is almost an impossibility. It never yet was satisfactorily handled as long as it was allowed to exist. No Government should be saddled with it. As a people we should not be in the business.

In spite of the large apparent revenue, there is a big item on the debit side of this business, and the Province of Nova Scotia existed very well for many years without any revenue from the liquor business, and with all her resources, should be able to do so now, without lowering the efficiency of any many of her citizens, by selling them booze.

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We aim to abolish the use of alcoholic beverages through education and legislation. We instruct and train the children in a threefold promise to abstain from alcoholic beverages, the use of bad language, and the use of tobacco in any form. Through our juvenile organization, the Sons of Temperance, we are able to fight the liquor traffic. Persons interested in the formation of a Sons of Temperance in their community are urged to write this paper for full information.

Divisions are urged to insert Division Cards in Forward at the special rate of \$2.50 per year.

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EDITORIAL

The following news item will explain why we omit our feature editorial and why this issue may be late. We thank God, our injuries were not more serious and hope to be back on the job within three weeks.

Three Injured When Shunter Auto Collided

Three people narrowly escaped serious injuries Wednesday when an automobile driven by Rev. A. A. MacLeod of O'Leary, in which his wife and Mr. George Collicutt, also of O'Leary were passengers, was in collision with a C.N.R. shunter.

The accident occurred shortly before noon. The automobile was proceeding east on Second St. and the shunter was coming from the airport. It would appear that the locomotive caught the front of the automobile and dragged it a short distance till it hit a telegraph post where it came to rest.

The three people were immediately taken to the Prince County Hospital where it was found that they were not seriously injured. Mr. MacLeod has slight head injuries and a dislocated right elbow. Mrs. MacLeod was badly shaken up but was not seriously injured. Mr. Collicutt, an elderly man, has been unwell and at the time of the accident was being taken to the hospital for treatment. He had minor face injuries.

It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod will be discharged from the hospital in a day or so. They were reported as doing fine at the hospital this morning.

The streets were icy at the time and the scene of the accident is more or less a blind crossing with no bell. The driver of the locomotive was Mr. Thomas Doyle.

THE BOOTLEGER BOGEY, EH?

With the imposing of what under the circumstances are recognized to be fairly mild restrictions on liquor, there has appeared in the press in various parts of the country the familiar featuring of the "bootlegger bogey." Somewhere the hope seems to be cherished that the public will get alarmed and that the restrictions will be slackened or removed.

It should be remembered that conditions today are fundamentally different from those of prohibition days, and that the bootlegger cannot become a major menace unless more responsible parties play directly into his hands.

Under the partial nature of such prohibition as Canada had (except for a few months) the retail sale only was

Our Program Poem

In this space each issue will appear a poem suitable to be used "On Our Division Programmes." The Editor welcomes contributions to this column.

THE BREWER'S SLOGAN

"A million boys are needed."
Have you heard the brewers' cry?
Can you see the fearful vision?
Of this army passing by?
"A million young men give us."
Who have never tasted beer?
For new customers are needed.
"For our business year by year."
"A million boys are needed."
Friend, have YOU a lad to spare
To fill dying drunkards' places?
"Is it YOUR son's 'needed' there?"
"A million boys are needed."
—(So the brewers plead their cause)—
"Our Trade's urgent and demands Them,
And We need, too, freer laws."

"A million boys are needed."
"Tis your son and mine they claim;
But—our daughters now they're asking;
Not our sons alone! Oh, shame!
Shame on Christian men and women,
Who can fail to rise in might,
And forever banish from our land,
Every foe of Truth and Right."

"A million boys are needed."
Say, oh brewer, have YOU one?
Haven't YOU a lad to offer?
Haven't you a baby daughter
Who can spare to help your trade?
Never mind if she IS ruined—
Think of all the wealth you've made!

Send HER to your cursed beer-rooms!
Let HER drink your brew of hell—
If YOU haven't son or daughter,
Why seek mine your ranks to swell?
"A million boys are needed!"
Yes, We need them, every one,
For a glorious clean tomorrow,
Where the cause of Truth is won.
—By G.M.C. in the King's Highway.

cut off. The brewery and distillery were permitted to produce as usual with no limit imposed. This meant that huge supplies of liquors accumulated for which, if any profit was to be made, a market must be found. Under these circumstances the brewer and the distiller became the master-bootleggers. Practically the whole trade was in violation of law either here or elsewhere.

One has only to read the findings of the Royal Commission on Excise and Customs to realize that nearly every prominent liquor manufacturing corporation in Canada was guilty of repeated criminal acts in connection with their trade.

At the present time distillery products are entirely taken over by the Government and breweries are supplied by the Excise office in their supplies. What they may not produce more than 90% of the amount of a year ago.

There is a legalized market for this 90%. In fact there is a supposed shortage in the authorized trade Raisins and sugar are off the market. The illicit still is at a minimum and uncertain source of supply. Unless some of the shortage is due to the diversion by the brewer and his agents of some of his output to the bootlegger with a view to besmirching the Ottawa regulation, where is the bootlegger to get his supply? On a large scale operation the bootlegger's supply comes from Windsor's Chief of Police, in that paradise for bootleg trade, that bootlegging is at a very low ebb. The bootleg bogey should influence the public no more than the child's dream of the "black mother" which was due to the lying, selfish stories of an ignorant and unprincipled nurse.

A. J. IRWIN,
Secretary The Canadian Temperance Federation.

GROG DETHRONED

Grog, according to the latest information, has been dethroned in the British Navy. Milk has taken its place. Only 40 per cent. of the fleet personnel now claim their rum ration as compared with 60 per cent. in 1924 and 91 per cent. in 1850. In recent months, it is added, 24,000,000 cans of condensed milk have been supplied to the fleet.

Milk is sometimes called the food of babes. But it must be full of the stuff that makes men, too, for the fellows who are consuming millions of cans of it are the tough fellows who are downing Hitler's submarines.—Vancouver Province.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greenwich, N. S., March 15, 1943
Rev. A. A. MacLeod,
O'Leary, P. E. I.

Worthy Brother:
In the issue of Forward 13th inst. you credit me with \$5.00 as from "Maple Leaf" Division for British Relief Fund, which should read T. J. Borden, Lily of the Valley, Division, Port William. Lily of the Valley, was my first, and expect to continue so for the remainder of my life, more than 60 years.

I am enjoying good health, have had a very happy marriage, and am well. Attended my Division a number of times, visited several others. Kind regards to Mrs. MacLeod. Yours in L. P. & F., T. J. BORDEN

RATIONING AND LIQUOR SALES

We think it may be stated without fear of successful contradiction that as a general thing the people of this province have not been inclined to accept graciously the restrictions that have been placed upon them by the rationing system. In the case of sugar, tea and coffee and some other commodities that the public has been accustomed to use unostentatiously the limitations imposed have not been kindly complained of. People generally recognize that a shortage exists and will gladly get along with even less if by so doing they can aid in carrying on the war and gaining peace.

That has been the case in what is said to be the necessities of life generally and the most striking exception appears to be that of strong drink which many persons persist in regarding as essential. The press of our capital city tells that "thousands thronged in patient lines before the liquor stores" and that the weekly dole of hard liquor would be exhausted before they might secure their ration." The situation would be pathetic indeed if it were not ridiculous.

It is deplorable that our government should be so backward in its policy. It is deplorable that this traffic entails the waste which this traffic entails—and this in spite of testimony which shows how detrimental to our success it has so far proven.—Wolfeville Academician.

Crusade for Freedom

BY
Mrs. Vernon L. Miller, B. A.

Mark 7: 45-56
Tomorrow's World

For Yesterday's World we are not responsible. For Today's World we must bear our share of responsibility. Tomorrow's World will be largely determined by our willingness or unwillingness to co-operate with God in making conditions what they should be rather than what we might prefer to have them. Like the apostles of old we are on a storm-tossed sea. Darkness has descended. But through the darkness we can see a Form, we can hear A Voice "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." "Straightaway they knew Him...and as many as touched him were made whole."

On a vision we hear the word Reconstruction. Every thoughtful person realizes that in this turbulent, storm tossed world one of two things must happen—Chaos, resulting from inability to control war—maddened nations, or Cosmos, a synonym for something which was due to the lying, selfish stories of an ignorant and unprincipled nurse.

When we study the situation from every viewpoint we know that as nations we have to make a choice between REVOLUTION or REFORMATION
Which shall we choose?

Nazism, Fascism, and other isms have very impressively demonstrated and taught the world the result of Revolutions. Internal strife first, followed by anarchy, everything that might interfere with that particular nation's world domination, plunged practically every country on the globe into this tragic war. If this war has taught us the lessons we needed to learn it is worth even the appalling loss of life and property that accompanied it, not merely in dollars, but in the anguish of soul of relatives and friends of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. Revolutions are very costly and destructive.

Reformations, on the other hand, bring spiritual wealth to individuals and build nations. They are inspired by, and must be carried out under Divine Guidance. In that early period of reform the apostles recognized their own powerlessness in the storm. When "He went up unto them in the ship," the wind ceased. As Christians today we recognize our own impotence, but shall we not invite into our storm-driven S. S. Canada the only one who has power to calm the sea? Do we not realize that The God of Righteousness who was obliged to permit this terrible war in order to enlighten our spiritually blind is patiently waiting for some nation to invite His Son as Leader? Is there a nation in the world more free to make this choice than Canada?

A friend told the writer at the time that U.S.A. was considering Government Sale of Alcohol in a religious spirit. He said "I saw it in the paper" and read it was prophesied that if the Eighteenth Amendment were revoked some terrible national calamity would follow. Within ten years U.S.A. is plunged in a World War. And Canada is largely responsible for the result. When attending the World's Convention of the W.C.T.U. in Toronto in 1931 an American woman told me that if the Eighteenth Amendment were repealed it would be largely due to two reasons—1.—The Example of Canada. 2nd.—The use of the word temperance.

1. When we remember such books as Towards Government Control in which the example of Canada was given as being the most nearly perfect system of liquor control in the world (at least this was the impression the reader received) we know that what that White Ribbon woman stated was correct. Truly "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

It has taken A World War to bring some leaders to the point that they are willing to admit that Alcohol is a Menace to our Country.

For many years Alcohol as a beverage has been on trial before the Judgment Bar of God. Because of the money added to the treasuries, and the increasing threat that the habit forming poison generates, instead of controlling and lessening expenditures in Alcohol these have increased. Is it surprising that the conditions which permit conditions to become such that while people are willing to patronize His Enemy and outlaw His jurisdiction, the necessities of life have to be rationed? "Be not deceived: God is not mocked." The nation that sows Alcohol will reap unexpected and unwelcome harvests.

Canada is guilty not only of the sin of Government Sale of Alcohol in our own country, but because of example and precept has to face at the Judgment Bar responsibility for the sin of our nation to the south. The souls that have been lost by Alcohol sold by Governments on the North American continent point their speckled fingers to all Members of Parliament as they wall, "How many more are you going to poison?" The souls that have offered their lives to protect their loved ones and civilization, many of them find themselves on a storm tossed sea, by having followed the example of so-called "Temperate" men meaning moderate drinkers.

The Use of the Word Temperance.

Words sometimes have a double significance. For years, but particularly since the conversation with our American sister, I have had no use whatever for that word Temperance. Any word that can be advantageously used by those who favor alcohol to the extent that it can betray a whole nation is not good enough for people opposed to alcohol to use. If the word Temperance in the Sons of Temperance and Woman's Christian Tem-

perance Union is retained because of money bequests would it not be better to sacrifice those bequests than to sacrifice lives and souls because of its use? Why not mount a step higher on the ladder by becoming in name what we are in reality. Sons and Daughters of Total Abstinence? Canadian brothers and sisters, this ghastly war may or may not be approaching termination. But there is a war of much longer duration that involves all Christendom. In previous years battles have been won and lost. Because of the vigilance and practical Christianity of our forefathers.

Mankind's Deadliest Foe, Alcohol was proclaimed as a danger to our nation. During our period of responsibility that contrived has been crowned King of Canada and Emperor of the North American Continent. There is only one way in which we can dare to hope for Divine Forgiveness.

Repentance, Confession, and II. Restoration.

We cannot give back the lives already sacrificed, but we can hope that by Repentance, Confession, and by working as Christians we may help to save the souls of many now tossed tumultuously on the Sea of Alcohol, and in this way prove genuine Repentance.

Those who see the invisible know that the ensign of S. S. Canada today, is at half-mast. In mourning for those who have given up their lives in this war? Not at all. (The heroes defending homes, civilization, and Christianity leave imperishable record that deserves a glowing ensign at the top of the highest mast.) Canada's ensign was lowered at the polling booth. Printed in the blackest of indelible ink are the letters

D. T.
signifying Delirium Tremens, or its synonym Death Trap in memory of the finished product of Government Sale of Alcohol.
But in the dawning dawn we behold A Form, we hear A Voice, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." Between those outstretched arms we behold a beautiful banner, that wonderful shade between royal and heavenly blue with gold letters—

S. S.

As He approaches nearer and the light increases we see both a pledge and an exhortation

SALVATION SAVE	SECURE SOULS
Which banner does Canada prefer—the inky black D. T. or the blue and gold S. S.	
IN OUR FATHER'S TASK, Be, Bessie MacMillan Miller.	

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Just too Bad
(Liverpool Advance)

It must be refreshing to the boys in the services in various parts of the world that especially those in Italy, German and Jap prison camps to read home news from Canadian newspapers. To read that some guy in Ontario or Nova Scotia with a soft job at home, and earning many dollars more a day, refuses to work overtime, especially those who earn per day. What do they want—a bath tub full so they can lay down in it? Surely two quarts a day is sufficient on an average for anything less than a hog. Or maybe the boys in prison camp like to read the story about the world's "alcohol" people who are drunk enough but scarce and unless they get more butter they will not work. Let the man in uniform drop his gun and say he will not fight unless he gets plum and apple jam or crumpets for tea and see what will happen! The world's "alcohol" people are drunk enough other fellow but when it comes near home the howls of the righteous can be heard on every street corner. The truth is we are better off than any other continent in the entire world today—and we don't appreciate it. But such is the nature of man.

Tactius wrote of Germany:—"If you indulge her love to the excess they require you need not employ the terror of your arms." In other words if the world's "alcohol" people are drunk enough they could not defend themselves. Therefore Canadian Breweries want to sell more beer. Nice, loyal, law-abiding people.

Among the Divisions

Greenwich,—Maple Leaf Division, S. of T., met at the home of Miss Lillian E. Bishop, last Friday evening. After opening exercises with the Worthy Patriarch, Mr. Howard H. Pulsifer, in the chair, a program was enjoyed, including a talk by Mr. Nelson Smith, a "skit" presented by Mrs. Nelson Smith, Eleanor and Jean Stark and Dorothy Mackinley. "Share the Wealth" was much enjoyed, conducted by Mrs. Edward Hennigan, assisted by Mrs. Nelson Smith. An interesting flower story, as a contest led by Mrs. Nelson Smith, proved very interesting. It is expected another public crocodile party will be held at the hall next Tuesday evening and on the last Friday in April, the District Division will hold sessions at the hall.

Maple Leaf Division members met for weekly gathering on Friday evening at the home of Mr. Edward Manning. The chair was taken by the Worthy Patriarch, Mr. Howard H. Pulsifer. After opening exercises a program was presented consisting of contests, under direction of Mrs. Nelson Smith; two amusing skits under the direction of Mrs. Duncan; a tableau and fashion parade. Mr. Samuel A. Porter, a new resident here and formerly a member of the Division in Kentucky, was present and gave an interesting talk. The Worthy Patriarch presented a vote of thanks to Mr. Manning. It is expected the meeting this week can be held in the hall.

A number of the local Division members accepted the invitation of Mrs. C. of the Valley Division, Fort Williams, to visit there on Monday evening. The evening was much enjoyed.

Shelburne East Dist.—The Shelburne East Temperance Division met at Jordan Falls Division in Kentucky business meeting was held in the afternoon. 5 delegates attended from Louis Head. Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Burlington, addressed the meeting. A public meeting was held in the evening and a program of recitations, songs and music was enjoyed—Shelburne Coast Guards.

Editor's Note.—We would like a more detailed report.

HAS YOUR DIVISION

sent for temperance blotters for your schools?

Every Division is asked to arrange to have their local schools visited and a temperance address given, and enough blotters with a temperance message will be supplied free, for all pupils 6th grade and upwards.

How many do you need?

A few of the Centennial Ode Books are available at 10 cents each. These are very useful for the song times in your Division.

The Centennial Book of the Sons of Temperance, filled with pictures and historical material, is also on hand, and orders will be filled at 35 cents each. Every member of the Order and every friend of Temperance should have a copy.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR HONOR ROLL MEMBERSHIP

At first of the quarter each Division was asked to make a net increase of 10 members and to get three new subscribers to Forward. A number of Divisions have obtained the three new subscribers, and some will probably show the 10 members when returns come in, but a number of Divisions have written in that owing to the severe winter, they have not been able to hold the regular number of meetings, especially in the rural districts, where membership is scattered. Therefore it has been decided to extend this until the end of the next quarter, June 30th. To any Divisions which have made this increase by end of this quarter, and at least three new Forward subscribers, a Honor roll card will be sent, and to those who have not completed the full number, they will have this longer time to secure them.

This is no time to sit back and lament conditions under which we are living. Get up and work. The liquor habit is an enemy within and an English statesman once said, the only enemy we need for fear is the enemy within.

Build up the Divisions, do not wait for them to come with application, go out for them. Do not wait for children to grow up until they are of age to join the Division. There are many older ones in your community, who may be sympathetic but have been sitting back for late years. They are needed in the Home Guard, the Reserve Army to strengthen the temperance forces.

A letter received recently from a young man of this Province now in training in a distant province said, "The Divisions are a link which gives us strength to keep away from drink, and we hope the people at home will see they are kept up for us when we come back." See that your Division is in this Honor Membership roll by the end of June.

The writer happens to take the Halifax Chronicle. Here is a week of Temperance News from that organ of public information. The comments are ours.

1. **March 1st**—"Beer was over sold in November and December 1942." It was there was a continuous increase.
2. "A Liverpool, Eng., brewery has just reported that more than 28,000 glasses have been stolen in a year from its pubs. Some London pubs are threatening that every customer will have to bring his own glass with him." Nice Christian people, Brewers and their customers.
3. "Sterno extracts, which are being drunk excessively in Halifax since liquor rationing contains no alcohol which may kill the drinker." Dr. Morton, city health commissioner, so warns the public.
4. **March 2nd**. "Halifax Trades and Labor Council is discussing a one hour protest strike over the shortening of liquor issue hours."
5. "A man charged with three offences involving liquor permits."
6. "A man charged with two offences involving liquor permits."
7. "Four years for breaking into a liquor store at Mahone Bay." The excuse was drunkenness but it did not go.
8. **March 3rd**—"Stellarton local U.M.W. 4481 the very important question of abstinence is largely influenced by liquor regulations." Compare abstainers with abstinence. Or compare Teetotallers with abstinence.
9. **March 4th**—"The liquor issue in liquor duties is to be divided 50-50 between Provincial and Dominion governments."
10. "Thomas Naugle was charged with driving a car while intoxicated."
11. **March 5th**—"James R. Slauenwhite's appeal on a conviction for running a still was dismissed."
12. **March 6th**—"We had considerably heavier sales so to make the supply last until next October the weekly ration and cut from a quart to a pint of spirits from 2 quarts to a quart of wine and there may be a further cut." Many women say Thank God, Canadian Brewers like say D or H-. They are good Christians.

A WEEK OF PROBABLES

The word "Probable" has lately come to have a distinct new meaning. It refers to aircraft probably destroyed but which cannot with absolute certainty be so described.

The press is very reticent about giving plain reasons for various events it records so we have decided to list some probables from the Halifax Chronicle.

1. **March 1st**—"The foundation of a threatened strike at Sydney Mines is that "One of the men discharged, failed to report after being off work for some time."
2. "Michael McPhee, no address, was sentenced to one month in city prison after pleading guilty to breaking a plate glass window."
3. "The County Home reported an increase of inmates from 206 to 221." Surely not in 1942.
4. **March 2nd**—"McDonald was charged with leaving a stone through a jewelry window."
5. "A fall or other violence was the cause of his death."
6. **March 3rd**—"Two men were each fined \$5 and costs charged with creating a disturbance on the street."
7. "His face was covered with blood and his face was black and blue."
8. **March 4th**—"Man power loss in one American aircraft factory through abstinence would have built 97 medium bombers."
9. Ead did not remember whether the driver hit him or he hit the curb."
10. **March 5**—"Arraigned on a charge of grievous bodily harm."

HEAD LINES "OUR COMMENTS"

"**March is Red Cross Month.**" At a great many places the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. etc. serve Free Tea. Suppose Canada Breweries contributed 100,000 gallons of beer and Red Cross undertook to distribute the stuff. Would Red Cross get its \$10,000,000 for 1943. Echo answers—"Ready to Strike"—Does Canada Breweries really think that an army that has had even a glass a man may be ready to strike the enemy. We know a man with a glass is more ready to strike his wife or child.

"**Bank Assessment Out**"—The Bank of Montreal has closed its Amherst Branch. The Assessment on the building has been cut from \$22,000 to \$12,000. If a government liquor store was closed would it hurt the community that much?

"**Reports Credit Good**"—We guarantee it was not the credit of a drinking man.

"**Today's Scripture**"—Wine is a mocker.

"**Fuel Shortage**"—And boozers are short of money to buy what there is.

S. OF T. BRITISH RELIEF WORK

The Halifax sewing groups are busily at work, and expect to save many lives. Mrs. Sebright has sent us another lot of acknowledgments since last issue, from which we take one or two extracts.

"I am very grateful and appreciate the parcel which arrived the 15-1-43, and my little girl was so pleased, she thought the kind people must have known it was her birthday, so you see it was a Godsend for her, and I do thank you very much indeed. If you could have been here when the package was opened and seen the look of pleasure on my oldest little girl's face, you would understand what I am trying to say. Have not heard from my husband in H. M. Forces since 18-11-42 so am naturally very anxious."

"I thank you so much for the beautiful quilt, and the other garments for my little girl, Mavis. The pyjamas (two pairs) also the dainty little blouses and slip made her very happy, and she is a very lucky little girl to get them. It is so nice to know how kind and thoughtful these dear people are, and we do appreciate it very much, and once again, thanking you one and all."

"I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to the kind people of Canada for the gift of clothing, which we greatly appreciate. I am sure it makes one feel very proud to think that the people of Canada show so much thought toward us, and it makes us feel that we are more united in this conflict. I hope that this war will soon come to an end and that we will all be united to our dear ones again."

"I wish to send my thanks for the clothes I received for which I am very grateful, and I might add that as the children's daddy is away from home serving in H. M. Forces, these were truly acceptable."

"Thank you very much for the skirt you gave me, and both Mother and I thank you for your kindness in thinking of us."

P. E. I. SCORES AGAIN

No Liquor No Slackers
A few weeks ago several hundred prosecutions took place. Every military district and province in Canada had its share of drunk drivers. NO, NO, NO, P. E. I. did not have a slacker. P. E. I. is dry. Canada Breweries please advertise this.

J. Bryan Stewart in "The Daily Mail" (says Jan. 1943) "In areas raided by the I. & F. Germans have lost their morale. They drink like fish because they see nothing but a bad end to the whole business." This is the sort of discouragement medicine that Nova Scotia hands out to her people.

VERY APPROPRIATE

"In the Bavarian village of times may be bad, politics disturbing, but a jug of beer at the end of the day is a reward for the daily toil. The ritual never changes. Before drinking the Thick-set burghers spill a few drops on the sandy floor. This is in honor of the Devil. Amen. Pour it all out.

Band of Hope Corner

Mrs. C.H.C. MacLaren, G.P., Elmdale, Hants Co., N.S.

Glad that I live am I.
That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country lanes
And the fall of dew.

After the sun the rain,
After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life,
Till the work be done.

All that we need to do,
Be we low or high,
Is to see that we grow,
Nearer the sky.

"There is a song that we hear over the air quite often, it has a haunting melody which is very pleasant; however, sweet as the music is, a single line comes to my mind over and over, my attention is arrested every time I hear it. Here it is:
"This is Worth Fighting For."

It is a war song, written since this second world war began. The writer of the lyrics mentions many precious possessions that are priceless and which are being sadly and brutally ravaged. They are indeed worth fighting for, and many of our loved ones are doing just that. Many of them have laid down their lives. God grant we may be so inspired by the bravery and sacrifice that although not able to actually fight in the midst of the conflict, we may do our utmost at home to uphold the principles for which they are giving their all.

Of course I began to think of our boys and girls and realized they had had to fight to uphold and to preserve many precious things. Life is not too easy today for our young people; there are so many temptations in the way, and one needs to be a Super Creature to resist always, and to come of a Conqueror.

But is it not worth fighting for?
As you know my space is limited and although I could cite many precious things for which we are thankful, I will only be able to bring two or three to your notice, with the hope you all will think of many others.

The following are invaluable:
1. **GOOD NAME** is priceless; it is rated above great riches; to acquire it, one needs to be on the alert at all times, to escape compromising situations; needs to be strong to resist

On Feb. 20th, 1943 Saturday night published a fine picture of airmen having a cup of tea before their take off. This is according to custom. Would CANADIAN BREWERIES please publicly recommend that this custom be changed for a glass of beer.

WAR MEASURES

As the Journal has said many times, the fiction that liquor laws cannot be maintained even in war must not be accepted for a moment. We are not now dealing with drinking as a moral question—as was the case during Federal and Provincial authorities in recent weeks are war measures, their primary purpose the conservation of materials, money, time and energy for the defeat of our enemies. Thus the violator of the regulations is essentially a saboteur, and to the extent of his violation is impairing the war effort of the country. In this spirit public opinion will expect and welcome rigorous enforcement of the law—Ottawa Journal.

GENERAL ORDERS LIQUOR OUT OF CAMPS AND SALES IN ALL OFFICERS CLUBS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25—All United States Army officers' clubs as well as Army canteens and post exchanges are forbidden to stock or sell whiskey or wine from now on. War Department Circular No. 29 dated January 25, 1943, and signed by General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, contains notice that sale of anything stronger than 3.2 percent "near" beer is forbidden "upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States."

Previous similar regulations, established by law, had been applied to army posts, canteens, etc., but officers' clubs had been permitted to sell strong drinks. Although not so announced, this order, in effect, is an enforcement of the anti-entertainment law passed by Congress in 1901. The "Dry" have been clamoring about the nullification of this act of Congress.

temptation; courageous in dangerous and difficult surroundings. One must be clean in speech and action, only then will he be well-spoken of. Sometimes it takes time and many a heartache to win the respect and admiration of the crowd, but, is it not worth fighting for? I think so!

Good Health is another treasure to possess without which one cannot realize Happiness, achievement and security. There are many restrictions and denials we must adhere to be strong physically and in good health mentally, morally and socially, but self-discipline and self control have their rewards and **good health** is worth fighting for.

To understand in a very humble way that we possess God's favour is a joy beyond all bounds, but it is something to strive for, and one cannot be too young to plan and to educate toward its fulfillment. One needs to practice reverence for things holy; for our Bible, our Church and for all uplifting influences. One needs to be studious, prayerful, thoughtful and thankful; one must show love, kindness and mercy to those who are not as fortunate as we are, and one can only help and be a comfort to those in dire need who are enjoying the fruits of the spirit.

In all our undertakings, whether young or old, we must be humble, sincere, truthful, obedient, honest, unselfish and temperate in all things; building a character that will not allow us to stoop to any degrading thought or deed; to keep the spirit of the valiant and unafraid; that will help us to see the finest and loveliest in everything around us and will keep us fighting to uphold the better things in life, not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. **This is a sacred trust.**

May never be a success as the world measures success, but to have the approval of our Heavenly Father and the respect and friendship of our fellow beings is a rare treasure and worth fighting for.

What is success? It is achievement. How do we measure it? By the benefits it confers. Wealth is not necessarily the measure of it. For a man may be successful and never rich or he may be rich and fail of success. True success is measured not by dollars but by service, and health. Character, education and industry are the foundation stones upon which it rises. (from my scrap-book.)
More ANON! CHEERIO!

The importance of the new order lies in the stoppage of the sale of liquors in officers' clubs. These new restrictions are looked upon as being concessions to the pressure which has been brought to bear upon the Congress, the President and the army heads by the parents of soldiers to keep liquor out of the camps. It may of course mean that General Marshall believes in enforcing laws, because they are laws.

This leaves 3.2 beer still on sale at army canteens some soldiers have reported that some of this is really 4 percent and more alcohol.

REPEAL RATIONING! CALL OFF THE WAR!

Do you hear the newspapers howling? "Stop the War! It's creating bootlegging of oil, bootlegging of tires, bootlegging of sugar, bootlegging of coffee!"

Do you hear the columnists screaming? "Repeal rationing! It's creating black markets! It's making criminals of our grocers, butchers, our gas station owners, our garage proprietors! Call off the War, repeal rationing or the country is undone."

Nope there's nothing like that. Nary a howl, not a single scream, no newspaper ranting, no tearing the hair, no gnashing of teeth. Nobody excited. All is calm.

Why? Because it's merely our daily food that's being stopped now, it's only the necessities of life that are being rationed. And newspaper's old pal, the reporters buddy, the columnists "kick kick," the editors pot skunk, the publishers perpetual "angel," dear old "Booze" isn't mixed up in this. What a difference that makes!

No one claims prohibition of food or tires makes traitors of patriotic citizens or criminals of honest people. Neither does the rationing of liquor. It only LABELS them for what they are in heart and mind.—The National Prohibitionist.

ARE YOU HAPPY ABOUT THIS? STORE SALES SOAR.
HOW MUCH DID YOUR TOWN SELL?

Sales by stores for the year ended Nov. 30, 1942, were as follows:

Location	Alcohol	Spirits	Wine	Beer	Total	Increase in sales over last year	Decrease in cents omitted
Amherst	\$ 23.00	\$173,616.90	\$ 16,815.00	\$ 131,976.25	\$ 322,431.15	855,195	
Annapolis	28.80	44,069.70	8,789.50	25,380.40	78,248.40	13,770	
Antigonish	30.35	143,524.65	8,328.95	72,662.10	224,546.05	30,841	
Bridgewater	12.15	81,885.90	10,616.85	47,314.25	139,929.15	30,992	
Dartmouth	26.25	389,581.65	30,472.85	425,855.50	845,946.25	239,893	
Digby	134.35	61,999.00	14,368.25	25,856.50	112,352.40	32,976	
Parsons - Hfx.	189.05	550,493.25	40,315.25	299,890.50	935,294.45	249,850	
Hollis St. - Hfx.	4.75	527,853.50	9,890.05	857,842.90	925,597.20	142,077	
Gottingen St. - Hfx.	6.20	397,967.30	33,010.65	325,270.65	716,254.20	68,937	
Kentville	96.20	217,394.65	21,159.65	148,378.40	387,028.90	44,635	
Liverpool	85.90	121,315.40	12,600.70	78,186.05	212,108.05	55,854	
Lunenburg	5.10	118,900.60	15,172.20	39,164.50	173,244.40	24,665	
New Glasgow	66.20	255,054.60	26,955.90	165,824.35	447,913.35	112,352	
North Sydney	1.10	44,493.15	3,260.10	26,452.00	74,202.35	10,277	
Pictou	8.60	191,468.65	6,658.10	117,781.85	315,915.20	183,984	
Springhill	30.45	68,602.00	15,490.65	86,486.70	170,699.80	11,129	
Stellarton	5.10	130,496.20	16,604.15	112,938.00	254,043.45	65,452	
Truro	36.35	480,347.55	37,624.10	586,366.45	1,094,374.45	47,960	
Westville	15.45	82,119.45	5,299.35	76,409.35	163,824.20	55,274	
Yarmouth	141.60	550,493.15	3,260.10	26,452.00	414,698.60	156,329	
Sydney	141.60	487,045.30	39,519.05	309,553.85	807,259.80	169,458	
Whitney Pier	1.05	361,424.30	22,611.75	259,130.45	643,168.15	188,372	
North Sydney	1.65	155,512.40	10,596.15	110,039.65	276,149.55	91,536	
Glace Bay	49.25	246,431.20	23,870.50	228,289.70	498,740.95	141,093	
New Waterford	13.65	156,267.80	25,394.55	164,647.60	346,320.90	99,132	
Sydney Mines	47.95	155,814.99	14,515.20	127,746.15	277,924.20	67,954	
Inverness	1.10	212,456.10	21,892.35	150,167.05	384,615.50	106,329	
Cheticamp	18.75	35,223.10	1,404.75	17,784.95	45,431.55	15,624	
Port Hawkesbury	38.91	38,916.80	1,767.40	24,325.50	65,009.70	7,264	
Dominion	10.41	10,415.45	2,979.45	11,394.75	24,979.65	57,256	
Sackville St. - Hfx.	48.25	717,505.45	14,592.10	1,127,765.70	1,920,863.25	182,918	
New Aberdeen	4.95	99,717.80	15,826.95	117,765.70	233,309.40	176,107	
Guyshoro	2.10	18,150.25	2,849.70	10,930.90	30,967.25	2,894	
Chesler	56.70	47,180.10	6,904.45	31,579.35	84,820.60	18,668	
Mulgrove	6.50	61,063.25	4,400.90	67,883.40	133,354.05	16,486	
St. Peters	3.25	25,209.40	5,501.25	26,384.05	57,047.95	10,312	
Weymouth	1.10	39,163.85	7,240.55	23,503.95	60,909.45	32,682	
Aricath		15,316.45	2,294.80	21,069.15	38,680.40	13,665	
Agricola St. - Hfx.	89.55	459,192.60	32,655.00	408,015.40	899,952.50	178,079	
Joggins		18,151.00	4,630.30	28,249.00	45,029.20	16,882	
Malbone Bay		33,896.65	4,647.30	19,117.90	58,561.75	9,290	
Methuen		35,955.60	5,524.25	29,101.10	60,680.95	29,466	
Canso	12.00	20,329.95	2,139.15	20,159.80	42,640.90	11,553	
Mal Order, Hfx.	695.60	402,718.13	20,948.65	11,631,192.10	1,587,554.48	766,057	

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'NEW DREAM HIGHWAY' FREE OF LIQUOR

It is interesting to watch the kind of buildings which appear on a new highway. It is essential that gasoline be purchased conveniently. Therefore, gas stations quickly spring up. Next come refreshment stands. Too frequently these are "road houses" which increase the number of fatal accidents on the road.

The new highway, costing \$70,000,000, connecting the vicinity of Harrisburg with Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has every feature known to science to make it safe. Moreover, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has decreed that there shall be no establishments on this "dream highway" where intoxicating beverages may be sold. The commission does not want the safety of the highway endangered by drinking drivers.—Union Signal.

BOTTLE AND CORK

For this trick, the requirements are primarily an empty bottle and a cork a size or two too small for the neck. Hold the bottle horizontally and place the cork just inside the neck. Then invite anyone to blow the cork inside the bottle. You will find that all will think it easy, but there is, of course, a catch in it.

It is impossible to do this trick by blowing directly on the cork with the mouth. If, however, anything in the form of a tube with narrow bore is obtained, it will be found that, by blowing gently through this on to the centre of the cork, the latter will go into the bottle. Available articles which readily suggest themselves as handy for the purpose are a cigarette holder, pipe stem or even a stick of macaroni.

"How's the baby?" inquired the neighbour of the new father. "Fine," said the proud parent. "Don't you find that a baby brightens up a household wonderfully?" pursued his friend. "Sure does," said the parent with a sigh; "we have the right going most of the night now."

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