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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST." - Peter.

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## Editorial Outlook

### A POOR KIND.

Twenty-eight hundred and ninety-eight immigrants arrived at Halifax in one ship on Wednesday. They were sent west at once. Ten different nations were represented, the majority being Galicians, but there were also Hungarians, Russians, Germans, Swiss, Bulgarians, Italians, Roumanians, Syrians and Greeks.

### LEPROSY.

Dr. John Hutchinson, a well-known English surgeon, at one time President of the Royal College of Surgeons, has been in India investigating into the cause of leprosy and its prevention. In a letter in the *London Times* he writes of fish-eating as a cause of the disease. He believes the Catholic fast days are responsible for the spread of leprosy, and says that wherever there is a risk of the people getting unsound fish, the use of fish on fast days should be forbidden. He says that wherever Catholic missions are successful leprosy increases.

### CUBA.

Cuba has just celebrated the first anniversary of its life as a republic. Marked progress has been made. The health of the island has particularly improved, owing to the sanitary regulations strictly enforced. Yellow fever is almost unknown, and the death-rate is the lowest ever known there. Schools have been established throughout the island, and increasing interest is being taken in education. The crops have been good and have brought fair prices. Those who know the conditions believe there is a good industrial future before the island.

### HIS APPEAL.

Our readers may recall the case of a Presbyterian minister in Minnesota who was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the church because he hired himself to the brewers to write and circulate anti-temperance literature. Having failed in attempts to have the Presbytery that deposed him reconsider his case and justify his course, he is now planning to carry his case to the General Assembly. To enable him to do this he has appealed to the rumsellers of Minnesota for money. His appeal to the rumsellers may succeed, for

he has done their dirty work, but his appeal to the Assembly will fail, unless he repents.

### JEWS IN RUSSIA.

The Jews can expect nothing but persecution in Russia, and they must eventually leave the country. The editor of the anti-Semitic paper of Kisheneff, where the recent massacre took place, in an article addressed to the Jews, says:

Become Christians and our brothers and enjoy all the privileges of Russian citizenship. If not, you have one year to go where you please. If that term has expired there must not remain a single Jew in Russia unless he is Christianized, and thereafter entrance to Russia will be forbidden to the Jews forever.

He probably expresses an anti-Jewish feeling strong enough to bring about what he says.

### THE ONLY WAY.

Discussing the Ontario prohibition situation, due to the Premier's failure to fulfil his promises, a prominent member of the Dominion Alliance is reported as saying that "from this time forth temperance workers will adopt a new policy in respect to the suppression of the liquor traffic. There is no doubt now but that the referendum was a delusion and a snare, and that neither Mr. Ross nor his predecessors ever expected to be called upon to implement any of the pledges made to the prohibitionists." "The day of passing long-winded resolutions which lead nowhere, and sending deputations to wait on governments, which result in nothing, is past. The only manner in which the temperance forces can accomplish anything is by binding their energies to bring about the election to the legislature of men pledged to temperance reform."

### TRYING TO STOP IT.

The great and increasing consumption of spirituous liquors in Prussia has moved the government to take steps to cure the prevailing drunkenness. An order has been issued directing all government officials to co-operate with temperance societies in combatting the evil. Special instructions have been issued for the starting of workmen's clubs where good food and wholesome popular literature may be obtained, but where alcohol is barred. The erection of numerous drinking fountains has been ordered. The general sale of fresh fruits and non-alcoholic drinks in railway stations and on the public highways will be encouraged. Systematic exposition of the evils of

alcohol will be provided in the schools. These are the most advanced measures yet adopted by any German State for dealing with drunkenness. They are welcomed by temperance workers as promising great improvement.

### CHAMBERLAIN AGAIN.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has followed up his Birmingham speech on preferential trade within the British Empire, by a speech in the House of Commons which leaves no room for uncertainty as to the intention of the government. He began with the declaration that there must be a closer trade relationship between the mother land and the colonies in order to closer and more stable political union. The main points of the speech, as telegraphed to the *Toronto News* are these:

Firstly, Food must be taxed, but increase in wages, which would follow, would be more than equivalent therefor.

Second, Extra revenue would pay old age pensions.

Thirdly, Tax on food would revive the decaying agricultural industry.

Fourthly, Fiscal rearrangement would revive Irish industries and agriculture.

Fifthly, It would enable the empire to strike against foreign nations like Germany, and

Sixth, It would protect home manufacturers from being swamped by trust productions of America.

Germany's attitude towards Canada, he declared, had forced to the front the question of fiscal imperialism. England must show Germany that she cannot wreak vengeance on Canada without suffering payment in kind.

He concluded with an emphatic declaration that he now raised this fiscal issue before the whole country, and that it is intended to press it upon the attention of all the constituencies.

The Premier spoke after Mr. Chamberlain, declaring his hearty agreement with what the Colonial Secretary had said. He asserted that England must have a fiscal weapon with which to meet those who might attempt to disintegrate the empire by fiscal means.

### ONTARIO.

A provincial prohibition convention, called by the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, met in Toronto, Thursday. The committee on electoral action recommended the organization of an electoral league in every riding, to be composed of bona fide electors, who will pledge themselves to support only candidates of whichever or whatever political party that fully engages on such questions to hold themselves free from party caucus, candidates and party affili-

ation to the extent that they may, according to the best judgment, compel whatever party is in power to grant the most advanced prohibitory legislation practicable within the power of the province, and to insist upon such measures or actions either by the government or legislature as shall make such legislation thoroughly effective.

In the election of officers, the name of Premier Ross, who had been a Vice-President for several years, was dropped.

A pleasing event of the convention was the presentation of a testimonial of \$1,000 and an address to Mr. F. S. Spence, the secretary of the Alliance. The address was beautifully engrossed and bound in a handsome album. The testimonial was subscribed by three hundred friends of the temperance cause in various parts of the Dominion.

The testimonial was worthily bestowed. Mr. Spence has been an able, unselfish and untiring worker in the cause of prohibition for more than a quarter of a century. We are glad his valuable services for the cause have received some recognition.

### NOTES.

Somebody has suggested that the eldest son of the Prince of Wales be called Prince of Canada, and the second son the Prince of Australia. The boys might have worse names.

Large numbers of French Monks and nuns, "brothers," and "sisters," expelled from France, are finding a home in Canada.

Mwanga, ex-king of Uganda, who has been in exile for half a dozen years, is dead. During the few years he reigned he was guilty of more atrocities than any other African king. He killed the missionaries and native Christians. The British government exiled him.

Premier Ross is getting some severe condemnation from men who have always supported him, for his failure to keep his promise in the matter of temperance legislation.

A message signed by a thousand representative St. John citizens, of both political parties, has been forwarded to Messrs. Blair and Tucker, the St. John representatives in Parliament, asking them to demand that the G. T. P. R. be required to make its eastern terminus in the Maritime Provinces and not in the United States.

Dr. Emery, of St. John, was offered the superintendency of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, but declined it.

The closing exercises of the U. N. B. took place Thursday. The graduating class numbered twenty-five.