

Temperance Column.

NOT A SINGLE ISSUE

Since the plebiscite on the liquor question last October in Nova Scotia, it has been frequently stated that the people of Nova Scotia spoke on a "single issue," and that the "verdict was unmistakable." It might be to the advantage of some individuals to say so now, but they won't convince everybody that it was so.

It is not a fact, and anyone that will look at the matter fairly will be compelled to admit it. One of the painful things to the true prohibitionist is that it is not the truth, and that the people did not have a chance to speak on a single issue. If it had been so, the results would have been far different, and would have been much more satisfactory to the prohibition people. I have no way to prove what was in the minds of those responsible for bringing on the plebiscite, though I think I could make a close guess, but I do know positively what was in the minds of a multitude that voted government control. I was actively engaged in the campaign and talked face to face with many who declared their purpose to vote government control.

In every single instance the deciding factor was other than their attitude to liquor alone. In every case the decrease in taxes, the increase in public revenue, the old age pension, or elimination of the smuggler, was given as the reason for their attitude. Many who were prohibitionists as far as the liquor was concerned fell for the promise of temporal gain. Money is the "acid test" in a prohibition campaign as well as in other issues. As early as July I noted a rumor in the newspaper that should Nova Scotia vote wet that there would probably be an old age pension in that province. I mentioned then that if the issue was mixed up with such things as old age pensions, the reduction of taxes or the like, that Nova Scotia would go wet.

Now instead of a "single issue" there were no less than half a dozen, for certain, in the minds of the voters, however these ideas might have got there. Let us see. There was the issue of Decreased Taxation; Increased Public Revenue; Old Age Pension; Increase of Tourist Traffic and Total Abolition of the Smuggler. Now it is absolutely useless for anyone to try to avoid or evade this or to deny it. All these issues were blazed abroad in all the advertising done by the backers of government control. In all this immense volume of literature not one single word was ever said in defence of liquor itself, nor did anyone hint but what we would be far better off morally, physically and spiritually without it, but in every instance some form of temporal gain was held up as a reason for voting for the sale of liquor. Let anyone deny it if they can!

The verdict might have been unmistakable as taking in all the issues, but it was not by any means a verdict on the liquor question alone.

In the face of these facts what is the use of anyone using such phrases as "unmistakable verdict" and "single issue."

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The knowledge of thyself will preserve thee from vanity.—Cervantes.

OBITUARY

Kenneth M. MacDonald

The death occurred on Monday, Jan. 27th, at his home in Barker's Point, after a long illness, of Kenneth Malcolm MacDonald, at the age of thirty-six years. He was a well known and highly respected young man. He gave a bright testimony to the saving power of Jesus' blood, before he passed away. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Inez; his mother, Mrs. Berton MacDonald, of Marysville; three brothers and a sister: Hanford MacDonald, of Devon; Lorne, Cecil and Vera, of Marysville. The funeral was held from his home and was conducted by Brother F. A. Watson, assisted by Rev. S. A. Mullen and Rev. H. Burns. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery at Marysville.

Mrs. Mercy Ann Bowers

On January 27th Mrs. Mercy Ann Bowers passed away at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. Edgar Landers, at Sandford, N. S. The deceased was in her eighty-third year. She had been ill for some time, yet the end came suddenly. She was a faithful follower of Jesus, was a member of the R. B. Church and was always at the services when able to be there. She will be greatly missed by all. The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29th. Interment was made in the Sandford cemetery.

Besides the many friends she leaves to mourn two step-daughters and one step-son, Doris, of Wisconsin; Mrs. Edgar Landers, of Sandford, and Reuben, of Kemptonville. To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy.

HARTLEY E. MULLEN

Mrs. Levi Mullen

On Wednesday night, Jan. 29th, Mrs. Levi Mullen, of New Tuskett, N. S., departed this life at the age of 67. She was formerly Mrs. Jacob Vickery, of South Ohio, Yarmouth Co. The deceased leaves to mourn besides her husband, two children by a former marriage; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Harding, and a son, Claude Vickery, both of Yarmouth Co.

The funeral was held at the residence on Friday and was conducted by Rev. H. C. Mullen. Interment was made in the Havelock cemetery.

Mrs. Eleanor Sabean

There passed away at Havelock, Digby Co., N. S., on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, Jan. 28th, 1930, the oldest resident of this community in the person of Mrs. Eleanor (Ellen) Sabean, widow of the late Simon D. Sabean, who departed this life in 1892. Had she lived till March 20, she would have been 94. Her death came peacefully as one falling asleep, and seemingly from no other cause but old age. Her faculties were remarkably well preserved for one of her years, and her general health good, having been up and dressed and about the house until in the afternoon before the death messenger came. The deceased was of a kindly disposition and a woman of good Chris-

tian character, and one most highly respected by all who knew her.

A Baptist in faith, she was a loyal member of the New Tuskett Baptist Church, having been baptized on May 15th, 1858, by the late Rev. Charles Randall.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Kinsman Mullen, of New Tuskett, N. S., and seven children. The children are Rev. Frank W. Sabean, of Littleton, Maine; Frederick, of Ashmore, N. S.; Mrs. Charles Knowlton and Mrs. Thos. Roberts, of Essex, Mass. Mrs. Samuel Hutchins, of Rossway, N. S., and the Misses Nellie and Eliza, at home. The two last mentioned have devotedly cared for their aged mother for a number of years.

The funeral took place on Thursday p. m. at the residence and was conducted by Rev. H. C. Mullen, pastor of the local Reformed Baptist Church. The discourse was given from a text chosen long ago by the departed, II. Tim. 1:12. Two of her favorite hymns were sung: "The Home of the Soul," and "The Solid Rock." The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the Havelock cemetery, there to await the resurrection.

Mrs. Hanford Lovely

The death occurred on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22nd, at the Community Hospital, Fort Fairfield, of Mrs. Hanford Lovely, of Perth.

The deceased, who was seventy-one years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mose Delong, of Lakeville, Carleton Co., and is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. B. W. Good, of Portland, Me.; Mrs. L. Tompkins, of Wapske, and Mrs. T. A. Bourgeois, of Perth; two sons, Wallace Lovely, of Portland, and Charles Lovely, of Aroostook; also four brothers, Mansfield, Aaron, Mose and William, all of Carleton Co.—Perth News.

Note.—Mrs. Hanford Lovely was a charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church here, a faithful Christian, a loving mother and a kind neighbor.

MRS. FRANK NEVERS

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION, AN OBTAINMENT

Sanctification is not an attainment, although men are trying to attain it. Among the heathen they are torturing the body and washing in sacred rivers. Among the Papists they are fasting and practicing abstinence. Among the Protestants they are seeking it by growth and good works. All these are human striving. Entire sanctification is obtained as a gift from God, without any human merit to procure it. It has to be received by simple faith. "Not of works lest any man should boast." Let us not strive to attain, but by faith obtain this most precious gift, in all the plan of divine salvation.—Christian Witness.

BEECHER ON FORGIVING

"I can forgive, but I cannot forget," is the way of saying "I will not forgive." A forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it never can be shown against the man.

Life would be a perpetual flea-hunt if a man were obliged to run down all the innuendoes, invecities, insinuations and suspicions which are uttered against him.—Beecher.