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POLLING IN ONTARIO IS TAKING PLACE TODAY; THE GOVERNMENTS LIQUOR POLICY, THE BIG ISSUE

Toronto, Nov. 30—The current of Ontario politics will strike another ripple in its course tomorrow when the electors go to the polls to select their seventeenth legislature.

In the six weeks of campaigning since dissolution only one issue has held public attention, that of the Government's liquor policy, and on this issue, according to political seers, old party lines have been cast to the winds.

Under the Ontario Temperance Act, brought into force in 1916 as a war measure, bars and liquor stores were banished from the province and in place of them a government commission has conducted dispensaries in certain populated centres for the sale of liquor on doctors' prescriptions. All parties, however, have concurred in the view that the bulk of the liquor sold by these dispensaries has been for beverage purposes.

Ferguson's Proposal.

Under the amendment proposed by the Ferguson government, doctors' prescriptions will be discarded and liquor will be sold at government shops to permit holders who must be 21 years or over. Shops are to be established only in districts which were not "dry" prior to 1916.

Premier Ferguson contends that this proposed system will kill the boot leggers' trade, put all liquor sales under government supervision and thus be more of a temperance measure than the present act. He points to a diminishing "dry" vote as shown by the two referendums to support his statement that the O. T. A. has outlived its usefulness.

Opposition Stand.

The Liberals, Progressives and the Prohibitionists, on the other hand, hold that the proposed measure will make liquor more readily obtainable and, therefore, will be a blow to temperance. These groups are demanding the continuance and more strict enforcement of the O. T. A. Churches of practically all denominations have taken a hand in the campaign and the charge has been heard that pulpits have been used for the waging of political warfare. The government forces have a candidate in all of the ridings but one, while the Liberals have about 60, Progressives 20, and Prohibitionists about 30 candidates in the field. There are a few representing other groups. Three Conservatives have already been elected by acclamation.

76 Seats Held.

The Ferguson Conservative government came into power in the last election held in June, 1923, securing 76 seats against 35 held by all other

groups combined. One seat has been added under the re-distribution measure of last year, making a total of 112. The re-distribution recast the ridings and adding greater representation to the big cities. Thus Toronto has 15 seats as compared with 10 formerly; while London, Hamilton, Ottawa and Windsor secure an extra seat each.

The polls will be open tomorrow from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. and the franchise is extended to women as well as men, subject to certain restrictions as to residence and registration.

Paper Returns.

Toronto, Nov. 30—On paper, 62 of the 112 seats in the Ontario Legislature ought to go dry in the general elections. But while 62 seats should, on paper, be dry, that calculation is based upon figures in the plebiscite of 1924, when the O. T. A. was upheld by 33,915 majority, distributed over that number of ridings as they would have been constituted under the redistribution acts, which define their present boundaries. Moreover, some of the majorities so figured are small. In addition, one strong dry riding in which the opposition thought they had a good chance, was lost on nomination day when W. D. Black, former Conservative member, was elected for Addington by acclamation through errors in the nomination papers, of the prohibitionist candidate.

Beyond all other factors in trying to prophesy is the one that this fight involves the fate of a party. It is the first time that Government control has been made an issue in such battle, a departure from the referendum and plebiscite practice that is not welcome by many who nevertheless stick by the Government. This is the element that makes prediction of results a hopeless task.

Voting Considerations.

It immediately raises the question as to whether 'dry Conservatives' will vote for the O. T. A. or for their party and whether 'wet Liberals' will stick to the official wing of their party and trust to time to bring about modifications in the measure, or support Ferguson candidates. Some observers think that Conservative defections will not amount to more than 10 per cent at the maximum and will be largely offset by gains from Liberals who would scrap the act. Others hold that the homogeneity of the Fergusonites as against the hotch-potch make up of the opposition will be a decisive factor. A good many base their belief in a Ferguson victory on the accepted idea that Ontario is too strongly Tory, generally speaking, to be turned over in a campaign like this.

ANNIE OAKLEY, CHAMPION RIFLE SHOT AND SHOW WOMAN DEAD

Greenville, O., Nov. 4—Mrs. Frank Butler, sixty-six, better known through out this and other countries as Annie Oakley, champion markswoman and showwoman, died in the home of a relative here last night. She had been in ill health a long time. Partially paralyzed since 1901, when she was injured in a train accident while a member of the famous Buffalo Bill's Wild West show that had been leading a retired life.

Annie Oakley's last exhibition in the East was in 1922, when Fred Stone put on a circus at Mineola, L. I., for the benefit of the Occupation Therapy Society. She demonstrated at the Mineola show that she still could shoot.

While here on that visit, Miss Oakley explained that Ban Johnson invented the term "Annie Oakley" for free passes.

"A man was brought to him one day," she said, "who had rented out his baseball pass. Ban Johnson looked at it filled with neat holes, and suggested that the man had been letting me use it as a target. Now the term is in use in Australia and England, as well as in America."

Miss Oakley formerly lived in Newark, Nutley and East Orange, N. J., and she visited Newark last year on business.

She was born in Woodland, Darke County, O., and when nine began to use an old musket belonging to her brother. At eleven she bought her first real shotgun. Four years later, in Greenville, O., she defeated Frank Duffer, afterward her husband, who, with a partner, had been shooting against all comers. A year later, when they were married, Mr. Butler became his wife's manager.

In her prime as a marksman, Miss Oakley, with her husband, visited many European countries and received awards and honors from many crowned heads. The present King

George of England, after watching her in an exhibition, remarked, "You are the best rifle shot in the world."

While traveling abroad she matched her skill with many of the best shots of Europe including members of royal families in countries she visited, beating them all. She was received and treated as a distinguished visitor by many of the rulers. In Berlin, she shot the ashes from a cigarette in the mouth of the Crown Prince, later the Kaiser.

When "Buffalo Bill" Cody saw her given an exhibition he engaged her immediately to travel with his show.

In 1902, in a trap shoot meet at Nutley, N. J., she figured in a twenty-five bird event, breaking the twenty-five straight. The next day she hit ten live birds and followed that up with twenty-five straight hits on the range. In Pinehurst, N. C., where she spent her winters for many years, in April, 1922, she broke 100 clay targets straight shooting from sixteen yards. It is believed that this feat never has been duplicated by a woman. In recent years she had been teaching women how to shoot.

Gymnasium in Old Gaiety.

Wilmot United Church has secured the use of the Old Gaiety Hall as a gymnasium for three nights a week as part of the scheme for four churches to unite and maintain a physical instructor and superintendent of Boys' Work. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are to be the nights. L. H. Buckley who is in charge of Boys' Work for the Y. M. C. A. in the Maritime Provinces is expected here shortly to make final arrangements. It is not expected that an instructor can be secured for Fredericton before a date early in the New Year.

F. D. Tweedie of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
AT GAIETY THEATRE

"Kid Boots" is the photo play at the Gaiety for Wednesday and Thursday. And now we have the widely known Yiddish play-boy, Eddie Cantor, as a movie star in a picturization of "Kid Boots." And it is surprising what a smart piece of film drama can be worked out from a musical stage show.

Clara Bow, Billie Dove and Lawrence Gary are the capable support for Mr. Cantor in a story that travels fast.

Florenz Ziegfeld, who produced the stage show, gave this picture his personal supervision and it has a certain characteristic Ziegfeld skill and crisp know-how. Frank Tuttle directed and the results measure up fully to "The American Venus." "The Palm Beach Girl" and other Tuttle affairs.

CIGARS CHOICE OF SMOKERS IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 1—The ever-prevalent cigar is one of the most striking sights in the streets and cafes of Berlin and other German cities. Cigarettes are plentiful and their use is increasing but the cigar is still the popular smoke. The pipe is seldom seen in public places, and then usually in the mouths of visitors. Cigar stores abound in which a "smoke" of sorts can be bought for as little as 2½ cents. For the equivalent of a nickel a good sized one of fair quality is obtainable. It is difficult to pay more than a dime for the best German made cigar.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT

Electoral District of York-Sunbury
SUMMARY OF RETURN OF
CANDIDATE'S EXPENSES

There is below set out, as required by Section 79 (5) of the above Act, a summary signed by the official agent of the return of election expenses made to me by him on behalf of Peter J. Hughes, one of the candidates at the recent election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, which said return is on file at my office and may, on payment of a fee of twenty cents, be there inspected and extracts taken therefrom at any reasonable time during the six months next after the Fourth day of November, being the day upon which the said return was furnished to me.

Dated at Fredericton this 23rd day of November, 1926.

JOHN B. HAWTHORNE,

Returning Officer.

SUMMARY

Election Expenses of Peter J. Hughes
Receipts
Contributions, etc. \$250.00
No of persons from whom received, 1.
Payments
Candidate's personal expenses \$14.00
Postage 3.00
Hire of premises 30.00
Services 50.40
Goods supplied 37.55
Advertising 71.15

Total \$206.10

No. of persons paid, 7.

Dated at Fredericton, N. B., this 22nd day of November, 1926.
E. ALLISON MacKAY,
Official Agent.

Escorted the President.

The time-honored custom of escorting the president home in the early hours of the morning with the skirl of the bagpipes was observed this morning by the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew after the smoker at the Odd-fellows' Hall.

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