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OBJECTION TO BEER AND WINE

Rev. G. G. Hacker in Sermon Urges Against Voting for Sale by Glass

QUOTES FROM QUEBEC

Basing his arguments on the manner in which the licensed sale of beer and light wines in Quebec had worked out and declaring an attempt was now being made in British Columbia to bring back the old-fashioned saloons only under a different name, Rev. G. G. Hacker in his sermon at the Methodist Church last night urged against voting for the sale of beer by glass at the forthcoming plebiscite.

In 1919, Mr. Hacker said, the people of Quebec had voted for the licensed sale of beer and light wines presumably to reduce the consumption of hard liquor, eliminate the bootleggers, do away with the drug evil and decrease drunkenness by encouraging the drinking of beer. The plebiscite, which was passed called for beer not exceeding 2½ per cent and wines and cider not exceeding six per cent. This was tried for a while but it was found that the people would not use the stuff for it was not strong enough. When the present premier of Quebec came into power he appointed a committee of five to deal with the situation. The alcoholim contents was gradually increased to 6, 8, 10 and 12 per cent.

Sales Jumped

In 1921, Mr. Hacker said, the sale of light beer had been 6,500,000 gallons. In 1922, with the introduction of the heavier alcoholic content, the sales jumped to over 21,000,000 gallons and in 1923 to over 25,000,000 gallons. It was found that Quebc was still importing over 500,000 gallons annually of hard liquor. Brewery stock, which during the light beer period was valued at $15 a share, jumped in a single year with the heavier beer to $185 a share.

Further figures given by Mr. Hacker showed that $22,000,000 a year was spent in Quebec for education, $26,000,000 for butter, milk and other dairy products, and $28,000,000 a year was now spent for beer. In Montreal there were 307 licensed beer saloons and 500 grocery stores in which beer was sold. Some of the latter sold more beer than groceries.

Keep Down Convictions

There had been a decided effort on the part of the government and its officials in Quebec to keep down the number of convictions for drunkenness, Mr. Hacker declared. The standard had been so lowered that no man was arrested for drunkenness now unless he was lying dead drunk in the street or some public place. Still police court records in Quebec showed there were nearly as many convictions as in former years.

The prominent Catholic editor, Dr. Dorion, said that government statistics showed a decrease in drunkenness but "we know there has been a great increase.'

Men and Women Drunk

A. B. Macdonald had been sent to Quebec by the Curtis Publishing Co. of Philadelphia to investigate conditions. He had found hundreds of men and women hopelessly drunk in public places. One lady reporter in Montreal had counted over 1,000 women drunk in public places. A great evil was the advertising that beer was especially good for weak mothers and growing children.

The number of drunkenness convictions in Montreal in 1921—the last year of light beer—had been 552. In 1922—the first year of heavy beer—drunkenness convictions totalled over 1,000. In 1922 128 persons had been brought to hospital unconscious from the effect of drugs. Fourteen of these people had died. Court officials admitted that a million dollars worth of drugs had been peddled in beer clubs and dance halls during 1922. Raids on farm houses in the Gatineau Valley showed seizures of 343 gallon barrels, 11 drums and many jugs of moonshine whiskey. Forty men were arrested in one hall including the mayor of Gatineau. In another raid 55 bootleggers and moonshiners were captured. In montreal a still producing 2,000 gallons a day had been seized. The infant mortality in Montreal in 1922 was the largest proportionately of ony city on the North American continent.

Warns British Columbia

Mr. Hacker concluded his sermon with the prediction that like results would follow if the licensed sale of beer was introduced in British Columbia. "Four years ago the Moderationists repeated the statement that the bar room was a failure and they never wanted to see its return. Yet now they are trying to bring back the old fashioned barroom only under a different name.

FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT PORT ESSINGTON BAND

Large Funeral Took Place at Cannery Town When Native Son Buried Friday

The late Philip Roberts, one of Port Essington's naive sons, was buried at that town on May 30 at 3 p.m. Death occurred from pneumonia on Tuesday, May 27. He was about 45 years old, and leaves a widow and seven children.

The funeral was largely attended, being one of the most impressive that have been seen at Port Essington. Rev. W. H. Pierce read the services, and the pall bearers were Mark Bolton, A. Innes, J. Nelson, Jas. Innes, Ben Brown and W. Brooks. The cortege was preceded to the cemetery by the Port Essington band, and was followed by a very large retinue of mourners. Many floral wreaths conveyed the sympathy of the whole community to the sorrowing relatives. Among the cards on the wreaths were noticed the names of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bolton, ladies of Essington band, R. Cunningham and Son Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Brown, Miss Lottie Flewin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spaulding, Mrs. G. Munro, Mrs. R. Herring, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kameda, Mr. and Mrs .H. Kishimoto, ladies of the Salvation Army, Mrs. M. Swanson, Miss M. Pierce, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Pierce, and many others.

The funeral was held under the auspices of the Port Essington Band, of which the deceased was president at the time of his untimely demise.

FRANK DOCKERILL HAS MEETING AT TERRACE

In Forcible Manner Objects to More Land Settlement Until Those Already There Make Living

TERRACE, June 2. — Frank Dockerill, candidate for the Provincial party, made his first appearance before a Terrace audience on Friday and was well received. He proved to be a clear and forcible speaker and dealt in a convincing manner with the ends and aim of the Provincial party, emphasizing the fact that they were not a permanent third party but a body of men recruited from the ranks of both the Liberal and Conservative camps.

Mr. Dockerill objected to making the freight rates a party issue with the government, his attitude being that every new settler was one too many until those already on the land could make a living and until proper marketing facilities were arranged.

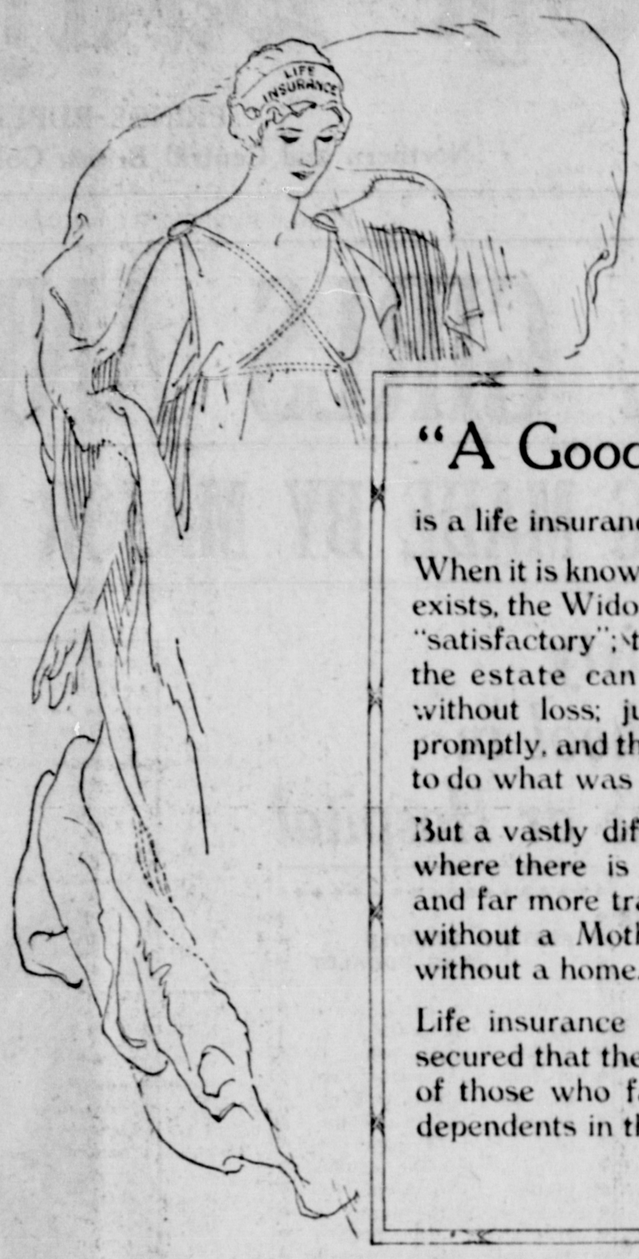
His speech was preceded by a short address by Mrs. Sundal, who urged the women to assume the responsibility the vote had given them and to bring up their children with their duties as citizens in view.

PARENT-TEACHERS PRIZE DAY TERRACE

School Decorated and Tea Served at Close of Event

Friday was a gala day at the Kitsumgallum school when the prizes offered by the Parent-Teachers Association, were awarded. The school was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers and the walls were hung with exhibits of the children's writing and drawing. Mr. Griffin spoke a few words of welcome and explained the purpose of the prize. Mrs. Geo. Little, vice-pres. of the P.T.A. gave a short speech on behalf of the association. Mr. Burnett, convenor of the committee which selected the prizes, awarded them.

Tea was served at the close of the meeting, the tea table being in charge of Mrs. Griffin who was assisted by Miss Waldron and some of the older girls.



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The Man in the Moon SAYS:—

"Shake a leg there Sheba" is the latest way of saying "Will you kindly hurry."

MOTHER goes to church while father gets the meals. That's modernism.

IF a wife wore a microscope all the time she might be able to see the good qualities of her husband.

SOME men get the cold shoulder and others feel it warm. But why should a shoulder be so important?

A YOUNG man went to call on a girl. He got a piece of her father's mind; the dog got a piece of his trouser leg. This is the law of compensation.

ONLY a man who makes his living from fishing or who eats at a restaurant knows what is meant by "Poor Fish."

SOME of the girls have not the cheek to wear rouge.

HOW is a man to go fishing, when these elections are so bothersome?

THERE would be the devil to pay if the family physician should tell all he knows.

WHY does not some enterprising Prince Rupert person park his car right across the middle of the main thoroughfare? Many get very close to it, but nobody has quite succeeded in stopping traffic altogether.

THE only thing I regret is that I did not get up a little political party of my own before nomination day.

IT is wonderful how some people get along. They fool away their money on such trivilities as beef, bread and vegetables when there is not even a saxaphone in the house.

AMONG the ephemeral things of life are dieting, dancing, religion and lacrosse. Among the things that do not change are rheumatism, baseball, youth and age.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

June 2, 1914.

A private syndicate has a well down 850 feet on the Queen Charlotte Islands and, if indications are true, oil should be struck at another 450 feet. The Prince John took a number of oil parties to the Islands last night. J. W. Couvert, mining engineer, who has just gone south from an investigation of the oil fields at Otard Bay recommends Vancouver investors to get in on it.

The city council last night received a communication from William Manson, M.P.P. stating that the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co. has plans before the government to enter the streets of Prince Rupert with electrical energy.

William W. Rush, president and general manager of the Rush-Portland Mining Co., writes to the Daily News from Stewart complaining of the activities of claim jumpers.

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"Doesn't that mule ever kick you?"

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