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ANTI-TREATING LEAGUE.

An Anti-Treating League has been organized in Montreal. Every total abstainer and every man who is not of a convivial turn will no doubt support the movement. Unquestionably, if solitary drinking became the rule there would be less of it. No doubt many a man who goes into a saloon for one drink comes out with several, because he has met some cheerful souls at the bar; and one can hardly imagine a row of men lined up at a St. John bar for any length of time, each paying for his own drink. Logically, there is no more reason why one man should buy a drink for another than there is that he should buy him a spool of thread or pay for his dinner, but it is a social habit hard to break. As a matter of fact, however, in England, where the treating habit is much less in vogue, the consumption of beer is by no means limited. The difficulty the Anti-Treating League will have to face will be to get the signatures of the class of persons it is desired to reach. Most of them would not readily agree to sign the pledge not to drink at all, or never to enter a saloon, as to drop the social side of the drinking habit. The promoters of the League in Montreal claim, however, that they will exercise an influence on many who are not reached by any temperance organization. The progress of the movement will be watched with universal interest.

NEEDLESS RETALIATION.

The Montreal Witness favors a discount on American money in Canada. Discussing the question it says:— The question of United States money circulating in Canada is likely to come up at the next session of parliament. Mr. Bickerdike is contemplating the introduction of a bill for the purpose of fixing a certain discount on United States silver. If not on United States silver, as well, the matter was discussed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association, in Toronto, and no doubt the executive would be prepared to assist in the preparation of such a bill as Mr. Bickerdike proposes to introduce in parliament, unless the United States will agree to take our money. The latter alternative is out of the question. The United States is not going to proclaim Canadian bills and silver legal tender. The best course, therefore, will be to fix a reasonable discount on all United States silver, bronze and paper money circulating in Canada. There is plenty of precedent for such an enactment in the practice of other countries, and the only wonder is that public opinion has not insisted upon such a course before, considering what a loss and nuisance the flooding of our country with United States currency has been and is. Aside from the feeling that our money should be as good in the United States as theirs is in Canada, there does not seem to be good ground for the contention of the Witness. In the lower provinces, which have such close relations with the New England States, and which are visited by so many Americans, a discount on American money would be objectionable. There is a real grievance in the amount of smooth or defaced silver sometimes afloat, but that can easily be rejected, just as is done with Canadian silver of the same sort.

A WESTERN EXAMPLE.

What provision has been made in St. John for the relief of those persons in the city, or temporarily located here, who have neither money nor work? The Associated Charities have an important work to do, but obviously this is beyond their sphere. The Salvation Army has provided a shelter, and asked for civic recognition, to aid in meeting the need referred to. What has been done? With more severe weather will arise a greater need. In Winnipeg last week a deputation waited on the mayor and urged the establishment of a men's shelter, for the unfortunates who are stranded in that city. The mayor replied that the council would render assistance. His proposition was that a fund be raised and some kind of work provided, so that able-bodied men could earn a meal or a night's lodging. It was decided to open a shelter at once and a strong committee has taken the matter in hand. In St. John the disposition apparently is to let things drift. The efforts of the Salvation Army should be given hearty support. Penniless men who are not considered by the public are not unlikely to prey upon the public.

THE INSANE.

The superintendent of the provincial asylum for the insane in British Columbia has visited eight of those institutions in New York state, and declares that they surpass by far all the asylums in Canada, and are only surpassed themselves by those of Germany. He says:— The New York institutions are equipped with the latest appliances and the grounds and buildings are

the finest that money can create. Fifteen thousand patients are cared for in these retreats, the largest having 4,000 people. The chief remedial agents are hydro therapy, a system of hot and cold water baths and the application of electricity. A complete system of classification of patients is made, and every opportunity given to those but slightly or temporarily deranged to recover their normal condition. Comparatively little has been done in this direction in Canada. The merit system of promotion also prevails in the New York institutions and promising young men are quickly promoted. The salaries paid are also much larger than those paid to men in similar positions in Canada.

In this connection it is gratifying to note that in the New Brunswick institution the new superintendent is endeavoring, with the co-operation of the commissioners, to alleviate and improve as far as possible the condition of the unfortunates whom mental derangement has removed from their families and from the pleasures of life. A contemporary rightly observes:—"No class of adults have larger claim upon the sympathy of the world, and no reasonable appropriation should be denied which is asked in behalf of this element in the community."

THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE.

Recorder Goff of New York plaintively says "it is a sad commentary on a republican form of government that the people have been compelled to have recourse to private agencies to enforce the laws." It will always be difficult under any form of government, to enforce laws that are in advance of the average public opinion, or which it is to the material advantage of a portion of the community to violate. There must be more than a law and the reputed machinery of enforcement. Public sentiment must be strong and clearly pronounced in favor of the law. Recorder Goff fully realized this fact, for in urging the formation of a civic club he said:—"What needs to be awakened is a public sentiment for the enforcement of law. Our public spirit seems to end when we have passed a law. The chief encouragement to the betrayal of the public interests is the indolence of the people. If we looked on the city as a corporation and each citizen as a stockholder, we would exhibit more watchfulness and our board of directors would exhibit a higher sense of responsibility." These remarks are as applicable in St. John as in New York. It is not enough to elect a city council and think no more about civic affairs for a year. It is not enough to pass a law and appoint officers to enforce it. Public sentiment must be behind the law and the officers, and its existence must be known and felt. In the last analysis the responsibility lies with the people.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has decided to accept the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce to visit Great Britain next summer. The itinerary suggested provides for a week in London, with a series of trips to various centres and industries in England and Scotland. Good results should follow this visit. The more the business interests of Canada and the mother country are brought into touch the better for both countries.

A Canadian cabinet minister is quoted as having made the following statement with regard to reciprocity—Canada's stand on the reciprocity question was definitely put by Sir Wilfrid Laurier three years ago when he said that Canada has sent her last deputation to the United States capital. If the two countries are to discuss mutual trade relations again the next invitation must come from the United States. The attention of the annexationist press of the United States is respectfully directed to this statement.

Wireless telegraph is making notable progress. A Kansas City despatch says:—"Wireless telegraph messages were sent yesterday from Kansas City to Cleveland, O., 725 miles, without relaying. This is said to be the longest distance overland ever covered."

THE CANDIDATES

Invited to State Their Views on The Temperance Question.

An invitation has been extended by the temperance committee to each of the four candidates for the legislature in St. John city and county to attend the meeting to be held in Temperance Hall, Wednesday evening, at 8.30 p. m., and to express their views on the temperance question, especially on the legislation asked for by the committee.

All clergymen who are prohibitionists are also invited to attend this meeting.

The St. John school teachers claim that as a result of the change in the school year they will lose from one to seven dollars each, and they have appealed to the board to square the accounts. There are about 130 teachers in the city. A second appeal will be made to the board, as no act was taken on the first one.

BUILDING SCORCHED.

Midnight Fire Does Much Damage to Market Square Structure.

The five storey brick building on the corner of Dock street and Market Square, was the scene of quite a serious fire Saturday night. The building is owned by the Melick, estate, and is occupied by Wilcox Bros., clothiers; E. Friel & Co.; dry goods, M. Cohan, tailor, and Joseph Corkery, dry goods. About 11 o'clock a couple of men noticed smoke pouring out of the second-story windows of the building in the section occupied by Wilcox Bros., where they used for the showing of women's and children's clothing. An alarm was sent in from box 6, and the firemen were soon on the scene. The flames burned with a will and the section of the second story where the fire caught was soon a mass of flames, while the smoke was very thick and greatly hindered the firemen in their work.

From the Wilcox floor the fire caught in the rear section of M. Cohan's tailoring establishment on the third and fourth floors, and here considerable damage was done. About six good streams of water were being played into the building and the Salvage Corps did good work with their rubber covers.

The water and smoke did some damage to the stock in Friel and Corkery's stores. The building is insured for \$6,000. Of this amount \$4,000 is with D. R. Jack, in the North British & Mercantile Co., and \$2,000 with Tilley & Fairweather in the Sun company. Wilcox Brothers have their stock insured with R. W. W. Friel for \$6,000 in two companies; \$4,000 with the London Insurance Company, and \$2,000 with the Western Company. Wilcox Brothers estimate their loss at about \$9,000. J. Corkery had no insurance, though his loss will not be heavy owing to the excellent work of the Salvage Corps. Mr. Cohan left for New York Saturday afternoon and those left in charge of the establishment say that there is small insurance, but they do not know how much. The Friel stock is damaged by smoke, but is covered by insurance.

It is not known just what was the cause of the conflagration, but it is thought it probably caught under a stove in the Cohan apartments on the third floor and that the fire worked down into the Wilcox quarters on the second floor.

During the progress of the fire two boxes of hose burst, causing some delay.

OUTBREAK IS SERIOUS.

Twenty Five Cases of Diphtheria in St. Vincent's Orphanage.

The outbreak of diphtheria in St. Vincent's convent assumed quite a serious aspect Saturday. About twenty-five or thirty of the children are now suffering from the disease, the majority of the cases being mild. Edna McDermott, a little tot of two and a half years was the youngest of the patients, and had a very severe type of the disease, known as diphtheric croup. The only cure for cases of this kind is intubation. Dr. McCully, the throat specialist, performed the operation, assisted by Dr. McInerney. Their efforts proved unavailing, however, and the little one died last night.

The disease is thought to have been introduced into the institution by a girl from Fairville, who was admitted last week. There are eighty children in the orphanage, and every precaution has been taken to prevent the disease from spreading. A number of the sisters who are teachers at St. Joseph's school, Sydney street, have taken up their residence in the Mater Misericordiae Home so that they may continue their duties. The St. Vincent's school has been closed.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Tonight, the Myrtle-Harder Stock Co., will present an excellent melodrama, in 4 acts, entitled "The Tide of Fortune," in which they take special interest. The play is a good one, the lines being well written and the comedy of the taking kind. It deals with the ambitions of a country boy, who wishes to go to Congress, and who finally succeeds. The fine hand of a scheming woman is seen in every act, and her attempts at his downfall are many. The climaxes are thrilling, and call for repeated certain calls. The Vaudeville is a big feature and adds materially to the evening's enjoyment. A good advance sale is on, and a big house is expected. Tomorrow afternoon A Fishermen's Daughter, will be presented, with a full cast and all the scenic and electric effects. The company's engagement concludes on Friday night as they have previous contracts which cannot be cancelled.

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FIRE IN WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Dec. 19.—(Special)—A fire last night in the retail apothecary store of H. Paxton Baird, corner of Main and King streets, did considerable damage, though it is expected that it is fully covered by insurance. There is \$1,000 in the Queen, and \$2,000 in the Royal, on the building. The insurance on the stock is not known.

OBITUARY.

Miss Katherine McCarthy.

Miss Katherine McCarthy, youngest daughter of Daniel and Ellen McCarthy died at her home, 24 Pond Street, yesterday morning. She had been ill for over a month. She leaves two sisters, Maggie, and Lena and one brother Florence McCarthy, of Butt and McCarthy.

Rev. John Reid.

Rev. John Reid, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian memorial church of Brooklyn, N. Y., died early yesterday morning of apoplexy. The deceased was born in St. John, his father being Robert Reid, at one time keeper of the almshouse. The deceased has lived in the United States since the removal there of his parents when he was quite young. For sixteen years he was pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Yonkers, New York. From there he went to Detroit, where he remained for four years as pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church. His Brooklyn charge he had held for the past six years until his death. He is survived by a widow, who was a New Jersey lady, and one son and two daughters. One brother and a sister are living in the States, Robert and J. McN. Reid of Reid Bros., St. John, are nephews. The father of the deceased will be remembered by many of the older residents of the city.

Arthur S. Hunter.

The death of Arthur S. Hunter, took place suddenly Saturday morning, at his father's home, Wright street. He was twenty-nine years of age, and was a son of Samuel C. Hunter. He had a severe attack of pneumonia on September, from which he never fully recovered. A few days ago he was taken ill, and pneumonia was developed. His condition was not believed to be serious, but early Saturday morning he passed away. Mr. Hunter was for some years, a shipper for the Park's Cotton Mills. He was well known among amateur athletes and has frequently taken part in different contests.

James P. Caie.

James P. Caie, a well known citizen of St. John, died at an early hour Saturday morning. He was a son of the late Hon. W. S. Caie, of Kent county. Mr. Caie, with his two brother-in-laws, Frank and Sidney Patterson, now of St. John, founded the Right-Brother Review, which is still in existence. He afterwards came to St. John, and for some years represented the late Joseph Finlay, on the road. He later embarked in business for himself, being senior partner in the firm of Caie and Wilson, wholesale grocers and commission merchants. Mr. Wilson resigned after some years, and the business was carried on under the name of Caie and Co.

About four years ago Mr. Caie saved a young man from drowning, in the Restigouche river. Archie Frith, fell into the river, and would have perished, had not Mr. Caie, who was near-by, fishing, swam out and rescued him. The effect ultimately cost him his life, for he received injuries from which he never recovered.

He is survived by four brothers, Robert, of Yarmouth; John, of Kent Co.; H. Arthur, of Boston; and Joseph, C., who went west some years ago. He has one sister, Mrs. Wright of Righibucto.

His widow is the daughter of the late James Pierce Patterson, of this city.

The children are Mrs. T. B. Tozer, of Campbellton, William, May and Helen, who reside with their mother, 29 Paddock street.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

Col. William Cunard.

The death of Col. William C. Cunard, who for many years was a resident of this city, took place at his residence Frederickton, on Saturday evening last. Col. Cunard was seventy-six years of age. He was of Loyalist descent, was born and educated in St. John, and was for many years prominently identified with military and civil life in the province of New Brunswick. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Caroline Shaw.

Early in life he became a lumber surveyor in which occupation he continued for many years. In 1866 he was lieutenant in Portland Battery and subsequently succeeded Major Farmer. When Col. Cunard was appointed to the position of military storekeeper for district No. 8 he was succeeded in the battery by Joseph Ewing. Col. Cunard's services in connection with the military stores were valuable. In 1880 he retired; to be succeeded by the late Col. Baird, of Woodstock (N. B.) The 3rd Regiment, Canadian Artillery, was at one time commanded by Col. Cunard. He was a most capable officer and was regarded as an authority on matters relating particularly to artillery.

He was a member of the executive and vice-president of the Historical Society, and an active member of the Masonic order. He was one of the oldest members of No. 1 salvage corps of this city and also belonged to the Loyalist Society. Messrs. Robert and Richard Dalton, of Indian town, are cousins. A member of one of the Canadian batteries during the Boer campaign was a relative to deceased. A N. Shaw, of this city, is a brother-in-law of Col. Cunard. Deceased was prominent in the liberal party here.

He was a sufferer from Bright's disease and had been confined to the house for about a week. His death was heard with regret. Thomas C. Quinlan, son of Robert B. Quinlan, of Sleeth & Quinlan, Carleton, died early yesterday morning after some weeks' illness. He was thirteen years of age. The bereaved family will have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

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