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BY A NARROW MAJORITY

The Board of Trade Decides Against The Travellers' License.

Final Summing Up of the Arguments by Speakers Pro and Con.—President Fisher Appointed on Council of Maritime Board of Trade.

The long delayed vote of the Board of Trade on H. P. Baird's motion that the town council be recommended to abolish the license imposed on commercial travellers representing wholesale houses was reached on Monday evening.

There was not a large attendance. For some reason or other members, generally seem averse to discuss the question, or if they do so, they wish that the discussion be practically with closed doors.

Monday evening's discussion was opened by Jas. Watts who, speaking as a free trader, was opposed to all restrictions on trade, and claimed that by allowing the traveller free access to Woodstock no one was injured and everybody reaped the benefit.

Wm. Dibblee contended that one of the principles of free trade was the imposition of direct taxation. He questioned whether the board was well advised in urging the town council to deal with the matter and contended that if the tax was removed from commercial travellers, it should also be removed from every other workman who was called to pay a license. The tax was just and equitable. It did not aim at the traveller, but the principle was that anyone doing business in the town, not a ratepayer, should be asked to contribute his share.

T. C. L. Ketchum thought the board had a right to make the recommendation, which the council was not necessarily bound to act upon. The wholesale commercial traveller did not compete with town labor, as other traders did. If Woodstock enforced the tax why should not every town in Canada do the same, and if so, would not it lead to the increased price of goods.

A. E. Jones favored the tax. By means of it only the best class of travellers came to town. By removing it we would injure the business of the town.

A. Henderson thought the only solution of the matter was for those who wished to abolish the tax to put their hands in their pockets and make up the deficiency.

F. B. Carvell referring to an article attacking statements he had made at the last meeting, claimed that what he had there stated was, in the main, correct. In the case of St. John, that city in 1879 was involved in a case representing the principle of taxing commercial travellers. An appeal was taken to the supreme court of N. B. which decided that the act under which St. John collected the tax was ultra vires, which act was passed in 1870. The supreme court of Canada reversed the decision of the N. B. supreme court, holding that St. John did not have the right to impose the tax. In the case of Fredericton, an act was passed in 1863 giving the city the right to impose certain licenses upon a number of persons, including commercial travellers. After confederation a section of this act, excepting persons exhibiting samples, or obtaining orders for firms not doing business in the city was repealed. A tax was imposed on a man named Fairbairn, who appealed to the Supreme Court, which upheld the right of the city. In the meantime the decision of the Supreme Court in the St. John case was reached and Fredericton did not proceed further with the matter. He claimed that under the incorporation act the right to impose the license in the town of Woodstock was implied, although it was true that an act of 1882 was that under which the town actually worked.

C. J. Tabor opposed the license. He knew that the town paid many times over the amount of the license that was collected.

After Mr. Baird had made a few remarks in concluding the debate, a vote was taken with the following result: For the resolution, H. P. Baird, C. J. Tabor, W. R. Snow, Jas. Watts, T. C. L. Ketchum. Against,—Wm. Dibblee, A. Henderson, A. E. Jones, F. B. Carvell.

Williamson Fisher, president, was elected on the council of the Maritime Board of Trade.

UPPER ST. JOHN CAMPS.

Interesting Description of the Source of Great River, etc.

Although we have been settled here at work some time we have been so busy that we could hardly get time to write at all to our old and esteemed friend, THE DISPATCH. But, last week, we received a very pointed hint that if we were going to do anything in

that line this winter it was about time for us to get a grip on ourselves. We acknowledge the truth of the assertion and tumble accordingly.

We need not tell our old friends not to expect anything of interest from us, because they knew long ago that we were not cut out to shine as literary lights and to all strangers we will give this wholesome advice, "if you are looking for something of interest turn to another column for of all dry items there is nothing can hold the candle to "wood's items" for "dryness."

I do not suppose that outside of lumber circles there are five persons in every hundred who fully realize the meaning of "Upper St. John." Few who live in Woodstock or below and who see the grand old river rolling majestically by their doors can think of it, as dwindled down to a brook so small that one can walk across it, dry footed with low shoes on. But such is the St. John that ripples pleasantly by our door, here, near the border line of Maine and Quebec. Follow it a few miles farther and you find the spring from which it flows, and therein quench your thirst, while less than half a mile away you may get another drink out of Penobscot.

Five miles from the boundary of Quebec and Maine, you find in Bance Co., two lakes, about one hundred rods apart, and on an exact level. The waters of one flow into the Bay of Fundy, the other flows into the St. Lawrence via the Chaudiere.

The lumber cut will be much smaller here than in former years. As yet it is hard to form an estimate.

Murdock and McCollom are cutting on the upper Big Sou West. Their cut will be mostly in Quebec.

Guy McCollom is cutting on the American side of the Big Sou West.

Frank Graham is on Turner Brook and T. Lynch and Son are on Sweeney Brook, about seven miles above Baker Lake.

There are very few Carleton Co. boys here this winter and the crews are, mostly, and in some cases all, French.

Edwin Melville, of Lansdowne, who has for several years been book-keeper for G. McCollom & Son, and later for J. Ed. McCollom, is with Murdock and McCollom in his old capacity. "Tommy" Hammond is clerk for Guy McCollom, while your humble servant fills a like capacity for T. Lynch & Son.

The weather here for the last two months has been perfection itself, only a trifle warm, but no rain at all. Even the chronic weather grumbler has forgotten his woes, and rather ruefully allows that he has seen worse falls than the present.

Perhaps we have said enough this time and so we will say Au Revoir hoping you will be satisfied.

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To secure a good photograph, one of the main requisites is that the place where they are taken shall be suitable for the purpose. This is the case with E. M. Campbell's new studio, above Noble & Traflet's store on Main street. After being burned out, in the fire in the Manzer building, Mr. Campbell immediately started in to find new and better quarters than he had, and his present gallery is the result. It has been specially fitted up for the uses to which it is put. There is lots of room, that is the first thing that strikes the visitor, then there is lots of light, qualification No. 2; then there are all the up-to-date appliances, qualification No. 3, and No. 4 qualification sums them all up and throws in the expert photographer, Campbell, himself. The capacious waiting room faces on to Main street, and off it is a little dressing room. The studio proper is in the rear and is so large that any kind of a photo can be taken, with the particular lights and shade that may be desired. The roof light is of ground glass, which produces that softening harmony and effect in photos, which it is impossible to get with the ordinary glass. The dark room for developing photos is large and roomy, and just what a photographer most desires. In fact, Mr. Campbell has now, in all its appointments, a model studio, and is prepared to do better work than ever before. Anyone patronizing him in his new quarters may expect to be more than satisfied with the results.

Broke His Leg.

Wm. Cole met with a very painful accident on Monday afternoon. With his father, he was working on Mr. Jas. McRae's building, shingling. He slipped from the roof and fell a distance of between twenty and thirty feet breaking his leg below the knee. It was a very painful fracture and Mr. Cole has suffered great pain. He is getting on as well as can be expected.

SENSATION FROM TOBIQUE.

Men For The Woods Assalt and Rob Two Travellers.—

They Claim They Have Been Stoned, Beaten and Robbed of Over One Hundred Dollars.—Story Corroborated.—Attempts To Catch The Culprits Not Successful.

A correspondent from Perth vouches for the truth of the story of a barefaced highway robbery which happened on the afternoon of Nov. 1st, 7½ miles from Perth, on the Tobique river road. "The person who was robbed is well known in Woodstock, Elias Abord. He was driving down to Perth when he was met on the road by three teams, which were going to the woods for McNair, two of the teams being a long distance ahead of the last team. As soon as the last team got close enough to Elias' team, they commenced to throw stones at the horse. Elias stopped and then the men for the woods started to beat Elias and William Hedad, (a friend who was with him), stoned the waggon and were not satisfied with that but took \$65 from Elias, and \$29 from William Hedad and departed leaving the latter in a 'pretty bad condition, so bad that he could not come co Perth. It is about time that such tricks as this were stopped. There has been two other such affairs done this fall by young men going to the woods. The above statement is taken from Elias himself who looks the worse off from his punishment."

A lumberman from the Tobique section says that this story given by our correspondent is generally credited in Victoria county, and that efforts have been made to catch the offending parties, but so far without success.

Our Bath correspondent, dealing with the same affair, writes:—"Most people around Bath know Elias Abord, the Assyrian peddler, but some of those who thought they could recognize him by sight, were badly mistaken the other day. No body would have suspected who was the man sitting on Abord's peddling cart, with two echymotic patches around each eye, a battered and muddy hat, with his clothes presenting suspicions of having been contaminated with mud and gore. But upon closer inspection it was discovered that this repulsive sight, was one and the same with the aforesaid Elias. Upon inquiries concerning his appearance he rolled forth a most excitable stream of anathemas in Hebrew or Greek about having been tackled, waylaid and robbed on the Queen's Highway at Red Rapids on Tobique. As an account of the robbery will be sent to DISPATCH from Andover we will not repeat it.

Known In This County.

A San Francisco paper of a late date contains this item which may be read with interest by some people in this county:—

J. F. Turner, a real-estate agent, was sentenced by Judge Cook to ten years' imprisonment at Folsom penitentiary for perjury. He immediately gave notice to appeal to the Supreme Court, and obtained a stay of the execution of the judgement. Pending the hearing of the appeal he will remain in the county jail.

Turner has been a source of annoyance for several years, and although frequently arrested on charges of swindling, he succeeded until recently in escaping conviction. The Grand Jury indicted him about a year ago on a charge of having swindled J. P. Frenna, in the sale of a piece of land in Fresno county. During his trial for that offense he gave the testimony which resulted in his conviction for perjury.

He swore at the trial that a deed introduced in evidence by him was one of the papers connected with the land sale in which Frenna was interested. In his testimony Turner was corroborated by Lizzie F. O'Donnell who was employed by him as a typewriter. It was subsequently learned that the deed had been drawn by the woman at Turner's instance, after his arrest on the charge of having swindled Frenna. The case was called to the attention of the Grand Jury, and both Turner and his typewriter were indicted for perjury. When Turner was brought to trial the O'Donnell woman turned against him, and showed how she had drawn the deed at his request. It was mainly on her testimony that Turner's conviction was secured. After his sentence the charge of perjury against Miss O'Donnell was dismissed, on motion of the District Attorney.

Lt. Colonel Vince.

Major D. McLeod Vince of the Brighton Engineers received word from Lt. Col. Maunsel yesterday morning that he had been gazetted Colonel.

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