

LIQUOR WAR IN AROOSTOOK.

Canadian and American Officials are After the Liquor Dealers.

[The following is taken from the Bangor Commercial, dated Houlton, March 31, and it is interesting reading.]

This section of Aroostook county is in the midst of a red hot liquor war which is being fought with all the ammunition that can be secured from the machinery of the law and in consequence Houlton is a very dry town and there is no indication of a change in conditions for some time to come. Dozens of places where liquor was reported to be sold have been raided successfully and unsuccessfully and in instances some places have been raided three or four times in as many days.

County Commissioner Dunn is active in the work which is being extended to other towns near Houlton with somewhat remarkable result. The lines are gradually being extended and the plan of attack includes a general round up. The clergy are uniting with the laymen in enforcing the liquor law strictly to the letter and the effect of the fight was clearly evident at Monday's town meeting when, after the hottest fight in years, it was voted to raise \$5,000 for a free high school and thus withdraw from \$2,000 to \$2,300 yearly from the Ricker Classical Institute which has been in point of fact Houlton's high school since its establishment.

It is said, with a show of authority that the vote disavowing the Ricker Institute from the town's support was influenced greatly from the fact that men identified with the institution have been leading in the liquor agitation.

County Commissioner Dunn is a trustee of the institute and two of the professors have been active in enforcing the liquor law. Opinion is divided about the wisdom of the town's action at the meeting, but the activity of the prosecutors of the violators of the law continues unabated and in fact increases daily.

One of the most sensational liquor raids in which Canadian officers and three deputy sheriffs of Aroostook county participated occurred Monday noon at the boundary line near Bridgewater as a result of which John H. Stewart, proprietor of one of these international liquor depots which abound on the invisible line between English and American territory, was brought before Justice J. R. Weed in Houlton, Wednesday and on being found guilty was fined \$100 and costs from which he appealed under bonds.

The raid was not accomplished, however without a struggle in which a Canadian officer was figuratively dragged from England to the United States by force of arms, after he had served a writ upon his man on English soil. The arrested man, however, in dragging his man across the line fell into the clutches of a trio of Uncle Sam's deputy sheriffs who promptly put him under arrest for illegal liquor selling.

In order to understand the complications confronting the official enforcement of prohibition along the boundary line the "boundary stories" will bear description. The proximity of the dividing line agreed upon in the Ashburton treaty to populous Aroostook and New Brunswick communities has created a genius of industry known as the boundary store whose proprietors by an ingenious arrangement endeavor to evade officers of either the United States or England engaged in the suppression of illegal traffic in liquor. The stores are built so that the Ashburton line runs through the middle of the building, being half in New England and half in Canada. Maine officers in attempting to seize liquors on this side of the line almost invariably find on a arrival that the contraband goods, by a clever twist of the wrist are resting on English soil and versa. Frequenters of the boundary stores can with easy facility acquire a full fledged jag of Maine whiskey on the Pine Tree side of the store and if arrest is imminent can carelessly stagger across the floor with his original package and wait for the government requisition papers. Or, if he likes, he can produce double sight on the English side of the store, if he prefers to drink under the roar of the Lion and then with a side seek protection under the screech of the Eagle.

It is to destroy this International policy of shifting responsibility at which the officer of both the New Brunswick province and Aroostook are aiming their efforts. The Stewart boundary store is situated, the officials say, in one of the toughest sections of Maine. It is on the St. John's river, on the plains of Bridgewater, near the "Rogue's Roost," the section in which young Dan Murphy hacked his father to death with an axe last spring.

It is the section where for years no officer dared to go alone to make an arrest either local or criminal without taking his life in his hands, and where many crimes, murder among them, have gone unpunished from the fact of its lawlessness and the failure of justice to reach the guilty parties.

Justice Weed, who tried the Stewart case said of the section: "I was custom officer there years ago and I know what I am saying when I say that it is the Monquatt of Maine. Monquatt is the toughest place in Canada, not far from the line Florenceville, New Brunswick. Why I recall the murder of young Green there in the '70's. He was killed by the stroke of a sled stake near the site of the Stewart place. His murderer was then known yet no arrest was ever made. He lived a few days after the death blow, a warrant was applied for but was never granted. The locality has of course, grown better since, but it's a tough section and the sooner the state is relieved of these boundary stores, the better law and order and the fewer murders we will have up this way."

It is to such section of Aroostook that Deputy Sheriffs Martin Lawless, A. B. Smart and Alden Gerry, of Aroostook, drove Monday with an aide. Word had come from Deacon Colpetts, of Woodstock, the active leader of liquor law enforcement on the Canadian side of the line that he would be there with a warrant for Stewart's arrest. They agreed to "give drives" so to speak to surround Stewart with officers of both countries simultaneously and thus to make an international roundup.

The Stewart liquor depot is a rare specimen

of the ingenious boundary liquor dealer's art. It is really two buildings, one on each side of the Ashburton line, separated from each other by a space of four feet running from the street to the rear save where the buildings join each other by a covered passageway.

The building on the English side has an iron barred door, never opened save in cases of extreme necessity. The Americans structure has its latch string always out to the thirsty. This is so because there is more likelihood of the Canadian official visits. Should he come he must enter the American door or batter down the barred English entrance. By that time the contraband would be safe under the Stars and Stripes. If the American officer appeared the goods would slide through the passageway into England. Across the street is another depot kept by a man named McMullen with similar international complications. This, too, was to be included in the international raid.

Colpetts was on hand to greet the American officers. He is over 70 years of age but as agile and fearless as a youth of 25. He has for a long time been the most feared of all Canadian border enforcers of the Scott Act. He also had an old score of three years' standing with Stewart which he intended to settle that day.

The plan was that he should tackle the Stewart place while the American deputy sheriffs should try their luck at the McMullen shop. As the Aroostook men approached McMullen's they were espied by the latter who dove behind a counter, secured a long club, and then locked the door. On the officers displaying their shields the door was unlocked. No liquors were found. Meanwhile old Colpetts was having an exciting time single handed in the Stewart store. Entering by the American door he hastened through the rear passage way where he entered the English side of the building. There he found Stewart and made known his business by serving his warrant on him for the offense of three year's standing.

Stewart, who is young, strong and muscular, suddenly took a dislike to English territory and grabbing Colpetts attempted to drag him through the passage way leading to the land of the free and the home of the brave. Colpetts, despite his age, resisted stoutly and both rolled over on the floor. Stewart was too strong for the old Canadian and by sheer force dragged him into the American side of the building. No sooner had they reached the room, however, than they were surrounded by the three Aroostook deputies who had entered just like in the melodrama.

There was a dramatic scene of rescue, warrant serving search and seizure and general exodus of a few supers who had dropped into see the fun. The curtain was rung down as the proprietor marched out in custody of the Aroostook deputies, laden with a few spoils of the chase; Colpetts, the baffled border agent, bringing up the rear smiling triumphantly upon the success of the international incident.

Colpetts' warrant was of no avail, however as Stewart was on his native heath again so he contented himself with coming down to Houlton to tell his part of the story. This is but the beginning of a series of raids along the immediate border which the Aroostook and Canadian officers are planning.

According to records the number of saloons in Aroostook is less this year than formerly. About 50 men have U. S. licenses. In April, County Attorney Shaw will have an inning at court when a day of reckoning will be set for the liquor sellers. The county will collect over \$5,000, but it is said to have cost a pretty sum to enforce the prohibition law in this section.

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PERSONAL.

Frank Rankin, Grafton, is sick with the grip. Miss Bessie Sanderson returned on Saturday from St. John.

Miss Katie Rankin, Grafton, left St. John on Thursday for New York for a visit.

Miss Vera Connell returned on Saturday from St. John where she has been visiting.

Rev. J. A. Cahill, Centreville, preached in the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

Miss Ella Gallagher has returned from Boston where she attended all the leading millinery openings.

Miss Margaret Ross returned last week from a three weeks visit to Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Bangor.

J. Arch Connell returned on Friday from a three months visit to his sister Mrs. George Fisher, Chatham.

Mrs. Charles F. Manuel left on Saturday last for Presque Isle to visit her daughter Mrs. Webster Henderson.

A. L. Tremlet who held the position of head waiter at the Hotel Minto, Moncton, during the winter has returned to Woodstock to resume his position in John Gallagher & Sons' Marble Works, a position he has held for the last five seasons.

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CARDINAL VAUGHAN FOR POPE.

Newspaper Gossip on the Subject.

PARIS, April 8.—The London correspondent of Le Matin says that the successor of Leo XIII. will be Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster. It is declared that His Eminence was approached recently on the subject, but has not yet given his answer. English Catholic circles are assured that the election of the English prelate is certain. Germany is said to be the prime mover in this new movement. When the Kaiser found it impossible to have his favorite Cardinal named he is said to have turned in and worked for Cardinal Vaughan. Fully one-third of the Italian Cardinals are said to be favorable to his candidacy. Three French members of the sacred college are also laboring to bring over the other French Cardinals to support Mgr. Vaughan.

Reports that reach Paris as to the Pontiff's health continue to be contradictory, but the best informed circles here are perfectly convinced that His Holiness is slowly passing away.

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Premature.

THE DISPATCH was informed yesterday that the report current about town that the People's Bank had sold their mill property to Mr. H. Sharp, of Monticello, is entirely premature. No sale had been made yesterday.

Mr. Tozzleton (with swelling muscles)—What would you do if you and I were all alone in the house and you should see a burglar crawling through the window?

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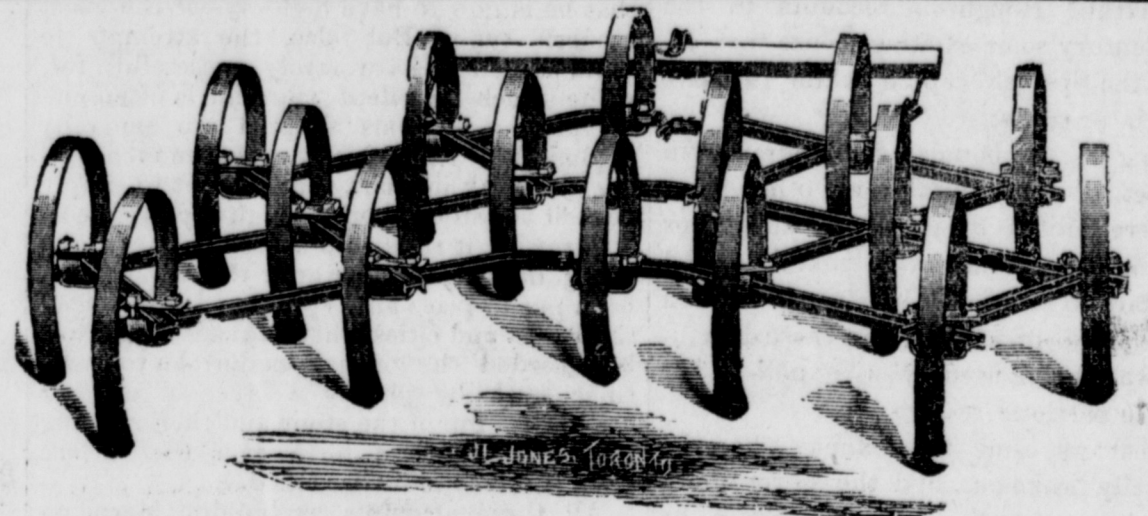
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1895, made between the said Henry C. Cliff, of the one part and Thomas R. Cameron, of the Parish of Andover, in the County of Victoria, Carpenter, of the other part, and which said mortgage is recorded in the Victoria County records office in book "S" on pages 253, 254 and 255, and is numbered 8411, in said book, and which said mortgage was duly assigned by the said Thomas R. Cameron to Bridget Ann Lynott, of Edmundston, in the County of Madawaska, administratrix of the personal estate and effects which were of Patrick Lynott, deceased, who died intestate, and which said assignment is recorded in the Victoria County records office in book "S" on pages 312, 313 and 314 of the number 8445 in said book, there will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by said mortgage, default having been made in the payment of the amount due thereon, contrary to the proviso for the payment of the amount secured by said mortgage, be sold by me, the undersigned Bridget Ann Lynott, administratrix, as aforesaid, at public auction, in front of the Court House, in Andover, in the County of Victoria, on THURSDAY THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE next, at the hour of three o'clock, in the afternoon, the lands and premises described in said mortgage as follows—all that certain piece parcel or lot of land and premises situate lying and being in the Parish of Andover in the County of Victoria and Province of New Brunswick and bounded as follows—beginning at a cedar post at the south east angle of lot number two granted to Robert Brown in block eight, thence west fifty-two chains to a cedar stake thence south sixteen degrees along the line of lands owned and occupied by George L. Brown until it strikes the side line of lands formerly owned by and occupied by Susan Murphy widow of Elias Murphy thence east until it strikes the base line of the river lots thence northerly along the base line of river lots to place of beginning—containing fifty acres more or less, the same having been granted to George W. Murphy and distinguished as part of lots three and four of block eight, together with the buildings and improvements thereon or in anywise appertaining.

Dated at Edmundston, New Brunswick, this third day of April A. D. 1899.

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NOTICE.

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Dated this 14th day of March A. D. 1899.
A. J. BEVERIDGE,
President.
J. C. HARTLEY,
Sec. for Company.
N.—B. Every owner of logs or other lumber or timber intended to be driven by said Company during the coming season, must file with the Secretary a statement of the same, on or before the day of the Annual Meeting, and no lumberman can become a member of the said Company, nor be entitled to vote at its meeting until said statement has been filed.

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