

## THE WOODSTOCK DISPATCH.

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## THE SCOTT ACT.

The Governor in Council has granted a poll for or against the Scott Act in the County of Restigouche. Wednesday, the 26th of April, has been fixed as the date. A vigorous campaign is now being fought in that county. The temperance people are holding organization meetings and have good expectations of abolishing the license system in Restigouche. The Campbellton "Events" speaks editorially on the question as follows:—"The date has been fixed as above mentioned and it now rests with the temperance people to weld their energies and forces together to bring about the repeal of the license system, for we believe that the Scott Act is the best piece of temperance legislation on the statute books. True there are those who are opposed to the Scott Act, but we have yet to find one person who will deny our statement. Their objections hinge mainly on the question of its enforcement. "It can't be enforced" is the cry one hears from those who oppose it, and some of them little realize the damage they are inflicting upon the cause of temperance by this wail. . . . We believe the Scott Act can be enforced as well as any other law on the statute books, and further, we have seen it so enforced; but the best citizens of the place were in earnest about the matter, and did not hang their principles on a trivial matter of expediency. There can be only one way to look at the question: Is it right or is it wrong to regulate the liquor traffic by license? If right why give a few persons the monopoly of the business? One man has as much right to engage in it as another; if wrong, then by all means abolish the system by the adoption of the Scott Act. That can only be done by strong united effort on the part of all those who have the welfare of the community at heart."

Brother Anslow certainly does not leave us in doubt as to his attitude on this all important question. He has the courage of his convictions. Many of his readers will of course not agree with the views he has expressed. This is to be expected. Far be it from this little companion of the hearthstone to attempt to dictate or perhaps even to lead; but let us in the gentle spirit of friendly criticism, throw our small searchlight upon the ground that he has so well tried to cover. Let us endeavour to get a view point from which we can observe the different attitudes that are taken and the reasons that are generally given for taking the same. At the present time the Scott Act is in force in this town and county. As our brother Editor says, it is the best piece of temperance legislation on the statute books. No one will question this for it is the only one. License law can hardly be called temperance legislation, giving the term temperance its present popular interpretation. Though opinions differ, we feel safe in saying that there is not as much liquor sold in Woodstock as there was before the adoption of the Act. The great majority of witnesses support that view. So far the Act has been of service to the temperance cause. When strictly enforced it will suppress the sale of liquor to a very large extent. We can say that for it.

The system of high license has many advocates. They claim that the greatest objection to the liquor traffic is the fact that its sale is in so many cases attended by rowdiness, filth, obscenity and an indiscriminate selling to all classes of persons. They argue that under the system of high license these evils will be eradicated. There is much force in these arguments; but a law or system that gives a monopoly infringes on principles of justice. A system that permits one man to sell liquor and debars his neighbour from doing so is radically wrong. The argument that, if it is right to grant a license, one should be granted to every applicant, is a difficult one to overthrow.

A large number of persons contend that no set of men have a right to legislate to the effect that their fellowmen shall not use stimulants if they desire to do so. This is a weighty question. One thing we know: It is utterly and absolutely wrong to get drunk or to cause a fellow-man to become intoxicated. A line must be drawn; who will take the responsibility of drawing it? Another thing we know: A man may think he should be at liberty to drown himself. In one sense he may be right; but if he is pulled out of the water alive he can be sent to prison. Few objections are made to this law.

Lastly, is it not true that the Scott Act is but a law to regulate the liquor traffic after all? The laws of Canada permit its importation into this country and it must be sold. Is it not useless to try to read prohibition into regulatory legislation? Could not the advocates of prohibition achieve their aim by repealing the Scott Act? Are they not frustrating their own ends by supporting it? These are questions that are well worth considering.

## THE ESTIMATES.

The town council have at last got down to a semblance of the work that the ratepayers look to them to perform. On Friday evening after two previous unsuccessful attempts to approach the task of making up the estimates for the current year, they finally compiled their column of figures. The learned fathers seem to agree that little less than thirty eight thousand dollars will make this town a hive of industry and a home of happiness during the present year of grace. Thus the net assessment for 1905 exceeds that of last

year by three thousand four hundred and forty dollars. The avowed primary object of the present council is to bring the town out without a deficit at the end of the year. No one has yet invented a safer and surer way of accomplishing this feat than by increasing the assessment. "Lop off all the luxuries" seems to be the watchword. Some foolish and stubborn persons will maintain that different individuals may have different ideas as to the exact scope of this term "luxuries." They would even go so far as to assert that the council should first strive to promote the interests of Woodstock, exercising in the meantime a watchful care over the expenditure of the ratepayers' money. From these unwise parties there may be a kick coming. At any rate from an increased assessment of more than one dollar for every man, woman and child in the town some perceptible result will be looked for by all.

Last Thursday was the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln. The forty years that have intervened since the death of the martyred president have marked the most wonderful development that any country has ever known. The question whether its government at present is one "of the people and for the people and by the people" is one that will admit of argument.

Of sixty-seven counties in the State of Alabama twenty have laws prohibiting the sale of liquor. Moreover, in these counties a man who gives a glass of liquor to a guest is guilty of a misdemeanour. The courts recently decided, however, that a host was not liable who placed the bottle and a decanter on the table. Query: Would the host have been liable if he had pulled the cork?

Governor Handy of Indiana has announced that he will appoint no man to office who drinks. One reporter says that "as he issued this decree a steely light glinted in his eyes." Some heartless old toppers will claim that in this glint they recognize their old friend the Three Star Shine or the well known Manhattan Ray.

The town clerk has been instructed to order two hundred tags to be furnished the owners of dogs upon registering their animals. Two hundred will do first rate for samples.

We regret that lack of space in these columns compels us to print the editorial article, "Our Future," on page seven of this issue.

J. HOLLIS LINDSAY, of Woodstock, N. B., so well and favorably known as a pianist of merit, has gone to Chicago, where he has obtained a scholarship entitling him to all the privileges of the American Conservatory of Music. Mr. Lindsay's career will be watched with deep interest by his musical friends throughout the Provinces. [The above is from the 24th annual report of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind. This report shows that during the past year 154 persons, 95 males and 59 females, have received instruction at that institution. The number registered Dec. 1st, 1904 was 133, the others having graduated or remained at home. Of the number in attendance at that date 81 came from Nova Scotia, 31 from New Brunswick, 9 from Prince Edward Island, 11 from Newfoundland and 1 from Quebec. The school has a technical department in which basket-making, brush-making and cane-sewing are taught to the boys, and where the girls receive instructions in crocheting, weaving, sewing and the use of the sewing machine. The students also have the opportunity of receiving a thoroughly scientific training in massage. The new school building was first occupied on Feb. 14th, 1904. The cost of erection and equipment was \$64,990.96. Superintendent Fraser reports the outlook for the school bright and promising. The institution certainly deserves every success.]

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## Courtesies Of The Street.

A hansom cab driver had just picked up a fare and was driving furiously along a crowded street when the wheel of his cab just managed to graze a horse which a very thin youth was driving.

"Now, then, can't yer see me?" bawled out the latter angrily.  
"No," was the reply; "yer whip's in front of yer."—London Tit Bits.

## MARRIED.

ELDER EVANS.—On April 15, 1905, at the residence of the bride's parents, 226 Jarvis Street, Toronto, by the Rev. Canon Wade assisted by the Rev. Canon Cody, D. D., John J. Elder, of Toronto, (formerly of Woodstock, N. B.) to Florence, third daughter of John D. Evans.

## DIED.

WETMORE.—At Clifton, Kings County, April 15, H. P. Wetmore, late representative of John Tobin & Co., of Halifax, aged 39 years, leaving a widow to mourn her loss.

HARRIS.—At Richmond, on April 11th, of heart disease, William Harris, aged 59, leaving a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

## Easter Bells

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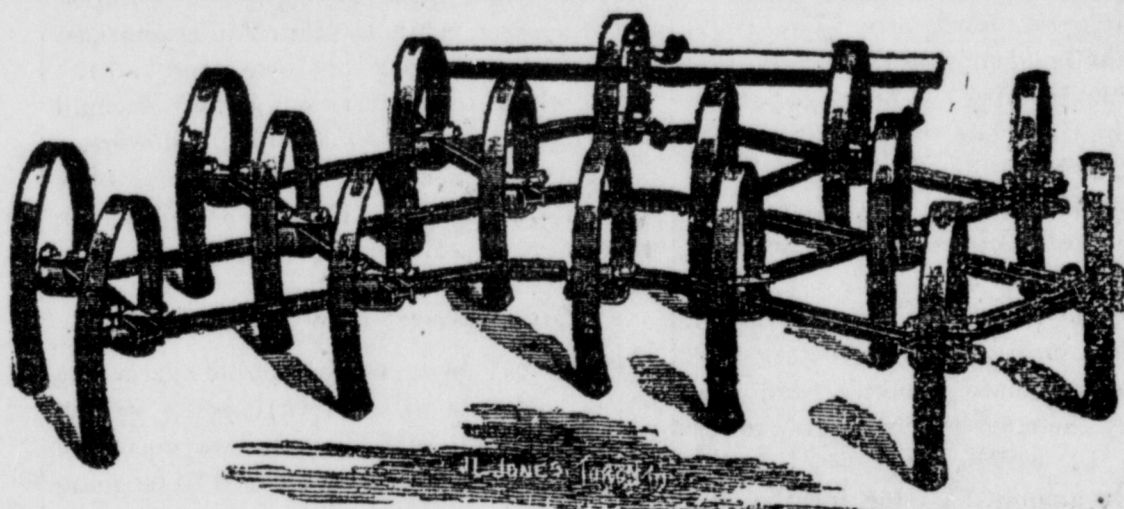
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