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### Crime and the Sale of Weapons.

The trial of David the Syrian for shooting his wife in the presence of a crowd of people at McAdam station last fall, brought out the fact that it is customary for foreign peddlars to carry weapons with them on their pilgrimages of trade throughout the country.

Last week two strangers were arrested in St. John for carrying concealed weapons on their persons. Lock, stock and barrel were dug out of their respective underclothing, and the curious couple were separated from their guns and put in safe keeping for the time being.

There are daily incidents of a similar character, occurring in every part of Canada, and we should be impressed with the serious aspect of having to live with the armed stranger within our gates.

Many of us think it bad enough that so many fatalities should occur every hunting season through ignorant or careless handling of firearms, and there is a growing feeling throughout the country against the sale of weapons to every brat of a boy who can pay the price. But the foreigner with his deadly weapons is a much graver problem. It should not be forgotten that a large proportion of our immigrants are those who have been rejected by the stricter examination of the U. S. officials. Not a few of these come to us with bad records behind them in their own country. David belonged to this class. His crime seems to have been no more committed under the impulse of "an acute transitory mania," than that of any other ordinary criminal. So far as we know every Syrian in this part of the country has had a brain storm at one time or another; and it has been usually been brought on by matrimonial infelicities. Fortunately, so far, their drunken quarrels have been among themselves. But who can tell what other absurd causes may be pleaded as producing an acute transitory mania in one of these ferocious strangers, and what decent citizen may next be his victim.

The matter is little mended when we consider the attitude of the better classes of our immigrants from Europe and Asia.

Whatever favorable impressions these may have formed of the commercial advantages in this country, they have no confidence in our maintenance of public order. Somehow the western anarchy of a miners camp of fifty years ago is believed by foreigners to be still the universal regime of Canada. This country, in the popular European notion, is still in an uncivilized or at best a semi-civilized state. As it is stated in a recent editorial on this subject in the Montreal Star, "When the immigrant lands in a Canadian port, the first thing he sees as he walks up the streets are windows full of deadly weapons for sale. What is he to think? He naturally congratulates himself on having bought a longer and sharper knife before he left home, and wonders if he had not better add to his arsenal out of the tempting display of murderous weapons spread before his eyes. Doubtless the "natives" of Canada carry these weapons, or they would never be offered for sale.

"To tell such a man that it is illegal to carry such weapons, or even to expose them for sale, is to tax his credulity very severely. He thinks you may have a motive for trying to catch him without his knife, as a Westerner feels insecure when he has left his 'guns' at home."

It seems strange that while the law equally prohibits an indiscriminate sale of deadly drugs and deadly instruments, there is no public feeling against this thriving business in murderous weapons. One asks oneself if it is not high time that some steps were taken to restrict the sale of firearms.

### MORDEN MEDICINES.

No sane mother would wish herself treated under the conditions of medicine or surgery of half a century ago. Why then should she give her little one the old-fashioned medicines of half a century ago, which more likely than not contain poisonous opiate, that cannot cure the child, but merely drugs it into temporary insensibility. Baby's Own Tablets is a modern medicine prepared with all the care and skill of modern medical science. And the mother who gives this medicine to her child has the guarantee of a Government analyst that it does not contain one particle of opiate or poisonous soothing stuff. This medicine cures all the minor ailments of little ones, and makes baby a healthy, laughing, happy child. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### McGee-Hovey.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Harrison W. Rogers, Northampton, Tuesday Jan. 7th, when Martha E. McGee and James C. Hovey were united in marriage. The Rev. E. C. Turner performed the ceremony. Mr. Hovey is manager of the Cobble Sixton Mining Co. and has made many friends in Northampton. Miss McGee is one of Northampton most popular young ladies.

### HOW WE STAND.

#### Mayor and Councillors Report on the Year's Work, and Give Facts and Figures of Interest.

The customary annual town meeting was held on Monday evening in the opera house. There was not a large attendance but those who were present listened attentively to the addresses by the mayor, councillors and others.

H. D. Stevens was called to the chair, and J. P. Malaney acted as secretary.

The first speaker was Mayor Munro who prefaced his remarks by thanking the electors for the trust they had bestowed on him. He said that he had always endeavoured to work in the interests of the town, and he had at least done his best while he filled the position as chief magistrate. He dealt with certain criticisms levelled against him, which he thought were intensified by the fact that he was a candidate in another capacity. He had been criticized for presiding at the Tenneyson Smith meetings. Well, he would do so again if he were called. As to the Beer Law; while the law was not what he wished, half a loaf was better than no bread. He wished that non-intoxicating beer should be sold in full view of the public. It was provided that the beer saloons should not be open after certain hours, also that no intoxicating liquor should be sold or kept on the premises and the inspector told him that in only two cases during the year did he find any intoxicating liquor on the premises. The Beer License was fought from its very beginning and the magistrate's decision was upheld, although, as he read the Judgment, if the party appealing had applied for a license it would have resulted differently. The mayor then dealt with the question between the Town of Woodstock and the Electric Company as to the putting in of a new wire for the electric light. The company declined to place the wire, and the town was advised that it was not best to do it under the contract. The town has made an offer to do half the work if the company will do the same, and he had taken the responsibility of informing the company that if the contract for lighting was not renewed, the town would pay back the one half cost contributed by the company. As yet this offer was not accepted. He explained the question of the new opera house and the wooden structure on top. An arrangement had been made with the Board of Underwriters in this matter, as to it not affecting the insurance of the town. There was \$36,737.08 received this year against \$41,184.00 in 1906; expended 39,001 this year as against \$40,746.20 in 1906. The debit balance at the bank today was \$1222.45. There were cheques signed in the treasurer's hand of \$584.00, and about that amount of cheques payable for taxes to the town, leaving the balance as above. The amount of assessment for the year was for \$32,000. Of this amount \$22,706 was paid promptly by taxpayers who took advantage of the discount. Since then only \$3364 had been paid, leaving \$5000 or \$6000 still due on the assessment of 1907. The new pump at the pumping station was to cost \$4727. 50% was paid on the arrival of the goods. 25% was paid when the pump was erected. That was paid; the balance was to be paid when the pump was taken over to the satisfaction of the council and to stand a test of 110 pounds pressure, which it does not, and until that time the company is liable to the town for so many dollars per day, according to the contract. During the year the town issued bonds to the extent of \$6000 which sold at par and nearly 4% of this \$3541 was paid on the pump; \$2110 on repairs to the steam engine, labour, etc., there being now a balance of \$880 in favour of this Permanent Improvement account.

The total debenture indebtedness is \$141,900. Two floating debentures bearing 4 1/2% fell due. They were retired and \$2000 issued at 4%. This does not include the school debentures. Last year it was reported that there were \$8000 of school debentures, outstanding. The steam fire engine met with an accident and it was decided by a town meeting to have the boiler repaired. The total expense on this was \$2010.85. The engine is now in as good order as when she was first delivered in the town of Woodstock. He regretted that the receipts did not equal the expenditure, in the town affairs, but the council kept within its estimated expenditure, only the people not having paid their taxes, all—perhaps because of the scarceness of money. The ambition he had to bring the town out square was not realized.

Coun. H. G. Noble chairman of the Finance and other committees gave the figures of the receipts and expenditures on the departments over which he presided. He showed that total estimated expenditure was \$40,448.00. The actual expenditure was

\$40,135.00 Regarding the Scott Act while they had receipts for one year they had expenditures for two, as certain bills for last year's work were paid this year. He believed it would pay the town to put it in commission, let three or four men be placed in office to conduct the affairs of the town, who would devote their whole time to it. He thought this was the only satisfactory way to conduct town affairs.

Coun. Dunbar went over the work of the Water Work Department during the past year. He caused quite a laugh by saying that while the labour bill was higher this year than last, it seem that the higher wages you paid a man the less work he did. He thought the town should own the pumping and the lighting of town. He was sorry this was not the case as he believed in such municipal ownership. They talked about "boodle" "Well" said the speaker "I tell you there isn't much boodle in doing work for the town of Woodstock." (Laughter.)

Coun. I. W. Fisher said he had overrun his appropriation for the first time. He was proud of the confidence placed in him by the citizens. Before he was at the board he was quite a critic of town affairs, but now he knew what the town councillors had to deal with. He believed every citizen should set at the board for a year or two.

Coun. Burt had to admit having over run his appropriation on the streets. He thought the present system of graveling the streets would mean poor streets. This would be the case till the town got a crusher and did a little pavement work each year.

Coun. Sutton chairman of the Poor Committee said he started out to make a success of farming, but he failed, because, like the rest of the farmers he raised potatoes, expecting a banner crop, whereas he would hardly pay for his phosphate. The estimated expenditure was \$1300 and \$1349.10 was expended. There are now three inmates in the Poor House. A good lot of wood delivered to poor in town was from the poor farm. He was more in favour of the Beer Law than the Scott Act. The latter seemed to be run just to pay the lawyers and magistrates and officials. (Laughter.) As between the way the Scott Act is conducted here and a license, he favoured a license. Although he was as good a temperance man as any man. The temperance gospel will not stand by the Scott Act. They want the Scott Act but they don't want it enforced. He certainly did not believe in it, the way it was enforced.

Coun. Hagerman was applauded when he said he felt as if he would like to serve another year. The appropriation for sewer this year was only \$900, while expenditure was \$800. His other departments were well in hand.

The mayor referred to the Miscellaneous Department. This year \$939.00 was paid out in expenses in connection with the Milmore suit, which was started years ago, and the remainder of the amount paid was on account of legal expenses in the Town and Woollen Mill suit, the Beer License expense, the paying of the band in summer, the expenses of the mayor to the meeting of the municipalities association in St. John (amounting to \$10) and other incidental items which he outlined. The total amount was \$1749.52.

The chairman said that he had been informed that George E. Balmain had, after due consideration, been induced to offer himself as mayor; also that Messrs. N. Foster Thorne, A. F. Fawcett, Frank L. Atherton, James S. McManus and George Gibson were spoken of as candidates for the council.

Mr. Balmain, on coming forward, spoke of the high honour conferred on him by the large requisition signed by a great number of the leading men of the town, and said that having consented to run he would ask for support, not only in securing his election but after the election in doing the actual work in office.

Mr. Thorne briefly addressed the meeting, after which proceedings closed.

### Fifty Years Wed.

Fifty years ago on Monday, Jan. 13th, Mr. Alexander Henderson and Miss Violet Porter, the daughter of a Glasgow Scotchman, were made man and wife. The ceremony took place in St. John and was performed by the Rev. Mr. Storey a Presbyterian clergyman of that city.

In 1861 Mr. and Mrs. Henderson came to Woodstock and have been so familiarly known since that time that any special mention here is superfluous. But on the evening of their fiftieth anniversary a few friends and the members of the family assembly to celebrate the golden wedding. It is quite needless to remark that the event was most pleasurable, and Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, although weighted with years, are still youthful in spirit.

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