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THE BEER LAW.

The Cause of Its Non-Observance. Should It be Abolished or Amended?

At the last monthly meeting of the town Council the Beer-law which came into force only last June was up for a great deal of adverse criticism and some unqualified condemnation. It was said some dealers had paid their license fee in full, some in part and some nothing at all. As all licenses expire on June 1st., the trend of opinion of the Council seemed to be in favor of abolishing this bye-law altogether or else of reducing the present license of \$100 to a much smaller figure. We sincerely trust the Council will remember that good or bad, the present license system was a serious attempt to deal with a very grave problem in our midst, and that it is worthy of much more sober consideration than it has yet received at the Council meetings. It is an easy thing to give this attempt at reform of a former council an ungracious kick, and while it may win the applause of an interested few, we do not believe this method of solving a moral problem will meet with a general approbation.

It may not be known the council of last year held a round table talk with a number of citizens who were interested in the proposed legislation, and some of the suggestions made at that time were incorporated in the bill. This final draft appeared in the nature of a compromise, and the fear was expressed that its failure to distinguish between soft drinks and lager-beer might prove its undoing. And the DISPATCH to-day is in accord with that criticism. If the law has not been generally observed, it is because it goes too far in seeking to control a traffic in a perfectly harmless and popular variety of drinks. The law might as well have controlled the sale of chocolates, ice cream, and peanuts for all the public cared. What stirred the indignation of the community was not the sale of non-alcoholic drinks, but an enormous traffic in lager-beer by a class of irresponsible dealers who were suspected of selling to minors, and of doctoring their drinks for those who wanted to take them "hard". It was at the instance of this aroused feeling, the council, after satisfying itself a beer with so small a percentage of alcohol could not be dealt with satisfactorily by the Canada Temperance Act, determined to obtain new legislation for dealing with this evil. We confidently believe if the act were now amended to treat with lager-beer alone, it would give entire satisfaction. Under the circumstances the temperance party would have no objection to licensing a traffic that cannot be regulated in any other way. It would be far better to keep the lager-beer business in the open, under a vigilant surveillance such as is provided for in this law, than to allow it to get into the hands of an altogether unscrupulous class of dealers. A license of \$100 is not too large. It should place the whole business in the hands of a few reliable vendors, who would have an interest in seeing that others as well as themselves should keep the law.

Carleton Co. Minerals and Bridges.

Last week Messrs. B. F. Smith, M. P. P., and Donald Munroe, M. P. P., of Carleton County, were heard before the Provincial government on the necessity of the development of the mineral resources of the county. They received assurance that the government would do all in its power to assist. There are several mining properties in the county which they felt should be developed, as gold, copper, coal and iron are thought to abound. None of these properties are far from Woodstock. The action of Messrs. Smith and Munroe in the matter is to be commended. Mr. Smith also impressed upon the government the necessity of providing a new highway bridge at Florenceville, and also to provide a bridge across the St. John river at some point in the parish of Kent, in the upper end of the county.—Fredericton Gleaner.

HEALTH FOR THE BABY.

A mother who has once used Baby's Own Tablets for her children will always use them for the minor ailments that come to all little ones. The Tablets are the best medicine in the world for the cure of indigestion, colic, constipation, diarrhoea, teething troubles and breaking up colds. And the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine contains no poisonous opiate or narcotic. Mrs. Wm. F. Gay, St. Eleanor, P. E. I., says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets with the best or result and know of nothing to equal them for the cure of stomach and bowel troubles. I do not feel safe unless I have a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

J. Jarvis Bedell.

The death of Mr. J. Jarvis Bedell, which occurred last Friday evening, after a long illness from pneumonia and incident complications, even though not unexpected for a week previous, came as a shock to his many friends. He was such an active, busy man and seemed of such a rugged constitution, that the people who saw him daily and knew him well could scarcely realize that they would see him no more. To the healthy, indeed, pneumonia is a peculiarly dangerous disease, as they too often attempt to fight it when they should be especially careful. Mr. Bedell was a son of the late Augustus Bedell, the first Register of Wills and Deeds for this county. He lived on the farm which was part of the grant by the Crown to his Loyalist ancestor. He, honourably bore an honoured name, was an affectionate husband and father, a kind friend, and a most worthy citizen, straightforward and honest in all his dealings. Of such men a community can not have too many, and each who passes away leaves a vacancy hard to be filled. Mr. Bedell is survived by his wife, formerly a Miss Carman, and two sons, Berton, who lives at home and Victor a civil engineer in British Columbia who was fortunately able to get home before his father lapsed into unconsciousness. A loyal member of the Anglican faith, Mr. Bedell attended faithfully to his religious duties, and was a true support to the church in every way. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the service in the Parish Church being held by the Rector, Rev. H. G. Alder. The pall bearers were J. T. A. Dibblee, C. H. L. Perkins and C. L. S. and A. J. Raymond. Burial took in the graveyard at the church.

The Markets.

The heavy snow storm that came last week was very beneficial to the lumberman and also to those who still had produce to haul to market. Immense quantities of hay and potatoes were sold in the past week. There was also a good demand for oats but they are very scarce.

Potatoes held firm until the last of the week when a drop was announced. Hay has remained at the former figures but a first class quality seems difficult to get hold of. There is a good deal of it in the county yet, however, but those having the better grades seem determined to hold on to it until the price stiffens.

Can it be that the price of butter has come up to stay up? That looks to be the case. Farmers in this region have, comparatively, never got fair prices for their dairy products, although those who have to buy the year round are of different opinion. Of late years many Carleton Co., farmers have been supplying what they call "private customers" in St. John and other cities. Last season many contracts were made for a year's supply at 20 cents per pound. Later in the season other contracts were made at a greater price. This year contracts have been made for a year's supply at 25 cents in some cases. By this method the good butter maker gets what his good butter is worth. The city consumer is willing to pay more when he is sure of getting butter that suits him in every way.

Beef has gone up in prices lately but there is no material change in the prices since last week.

At principle points throughout the county the dealers are this week paying prices averaging as follows:

Hay, pressed.....	\$7.00 to \$8.00
Oats.....	.45 to .48
Potatoes.....	1.10 to 1.15
Butter.....	.24 to .26
Eggs.....	.14 to .16
Pork.....	.07 to .08
Beef.....	.07½

What Happiness is.

The secret of happiness is inward. People had good times when there were no friction matches, no steamboats or railroads, no sewing machines, no postage stamps, no comfortably heated homes, no telegraphs or telephones. The elements of happiness are not in things, but in human nature itself. But the fairer conditions, the greater opportunities, which the marvellous modern inventions afford to the masses of our humanity, should augment our joy and expand our hopes. The most obvious fact of human history is that of progress. The race is following a flying and a growing ideal. It is inspired and saved by hope. Every helpful invention, every improvement of sanitary conditions, every new ray of intellectual and spiritual illumination, every scientific achievement, every amelioration of physical suffering, every new avenue of enjoyment, every victory of righteousness, every faithful deed in lowly and lofty places, increases the splendor and the power of our vision of the future.

Butter Paper for sale at this office.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Freight Rates and Other Matters Discussed--Election of Officers.

The Board of Trade held their annual meeting in the town hall on Monday evening last. The attendance was small, but a very interesting evening was spent.

The election of officers resulted as follows: J. T. A. Dibblee, President. Mayor Balmain, Vice President. T. C. L. Ketchum, Secretary. I. E. Sheasgreen, Treasurer and Collector. Council—Alex Henderson, James Carr, A. D. Holyoke, Donald Munro, James S. McManus and E. W. Mair.

The matter of freight rates was brought up by the president, who thought that in view of existing arbitrary conditions something should be done to bring the matter before the railway commission.

After the question had been discussed for some length a committee was appointed, composed of President Dibblee, E. R. Teed and Donald Munro, M. P. P., to make out a statement of the facts and place it in the hands of F. E. Carvell, M. P.

Our streets and sidewalks came in for a lot of criticism by the members present.

I. E. Sheasgreen thought the board should memorialize the town council to issue a bond for \$20,000 to put the streets and sidewalks in a permanent condition. The small sum being spent each year was only thrown away.

Alex Henderson said he had some experience with the making of streets and sidewalks and the only way to get permanent streets was to dig out the loam and put in a good foundation of broken stone and gravel. He spoke of the piece of sidewalk laid down last year between the Bank of Montreal and Troy's restaurant, which had withstood the frost, while most of the sidewalks of the town had heaved up and cracked.

James Carr spoke along the same line. The past season had been a wet one and the water went a greater depth into the soft soil, and thereby caused more danger when the frost came out in the spring. He advocated a stone crusher and steam roller.

After some further discussion A. D. Holyoke moved that the town council be asked to call a meeting of the ratepayers to discuss the question of building permanent streets and sidewalks. Carried.

Base Ball Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Woodstock Base Ball Association was held in the press office on Monday night and was largely attended, President Gibson presiding.

A report from Mr. Gibson of the transactions of last summer was made and accepted.

The officers for the current year were then elected as follows:

Hon. W. P. Jones, honorary president. James A. Gibson, president. A. G. Bailey, vice-president. J. P. Malaney, secretary-treasurer. C. M. Aughterton, N. F. Thorne and the captains of each team additional members of executive.

Charles Donnelly, official umpire.

A motion was passed that the junior league be allowed the use of grounds with the privilege of charging admission for matches with outside teams, the same not to conflict with regular matches, subject to the approval of the owner of Island Park.

A general discussion on base ball topics ensued. Possibly only a three-team league will be formed. Among the surprises were the changing of the name of Bullet nine to Wellingtons and the "signing" of Frank McRae with that team, and the withdrawal of Ryan and Lynn from the former Wellingtons, and their "signing" with the former Cubs.

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