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ALL THE LAW THEY ASK.

THE NEW LIQUOR LICENSE ACT MAKES BIG CHANGES.

Heavy License Fees and Heavy Penalties for Viclators-It Hits the Buyer as Well as the Seller-Prohibition for Places now Without License.

The mayor and a delegation of the common council went to Fredericton in a great hurry this week, or at least with as much haste as comported with the dignity of the chief magistrate of the winter port and his cabinet, including the high constable. The latter functionary is not usually an adjunct of civic delegations, but he went this time at the suggestion of several of the alderen, who probably thought that his presence in an official capacity wou'd lend an added impressiveness to the party, and convince the legislators from the coun'ry districts that the citizens of St. John were not to be trifled with when it came to making laws in respect to the sale and consumption of spirituous liquors.

The delegation, thus constituted, went prepared to deal with all phases of the liquor question and they succeeded in creating an impression, if not a sensation. They also succeeded in having some sections of the bill amended so that the city is in a better position under the law than if they had not 'gone. Previous to going the council had a special session at which all the aldermen joined in condemning the proposed measure and there seemed to be places. an impression that the legislature was intruding on holy ground in attempting to control licenses which the city had heretofore issued under its charter. The lawyers at the board, however, showed that there was no question of the government's right four months' in jail without a fine, and all to do as it pleased, and the only thing for subsequent offences six months in jail each. the city was to get the best terms possible.

On the evening of the same day the prohibitionists held a meeting at which the bill often, and it should make equally short was discussed, and though they admitted work of the dens of ill repute which now they did not know much about what was proposed, they resolved to protest against

The Licensed Victuallers' Association also held a meeting at which the provisions of the bill were the subject of protest, on account of the high fees for license and the new restrictions on the traffic.

Thus it was that all classes in St. John were opposed to the measure. A bill with such a scarcity of triends in the community chiefly designed to be benefitted by it was second, from \$100 to \$200, and for the never brought before the legislature, but it | third from \$200 to \$400, with forfeiture of got there just the same, and it will be the law of the land the moment the governor signs it, which will probably be by the time Progress goes to press.

The little snowball which has just created such consternation as a legislative avalanche was put in motion several weeks ago when, in an unlucky moment for the liquor interest, one man conceived the idea that he would apply for a license in Carleton. This aroused the prohibition sentiment there, and as prohibitionists get excited on ing to wards, but it a majority of the very slight provocation they not only killed the idea of a license in Carletou but undertook to have more restrictive legis!ation for all the rest of the country. They succeeded, in spite of the protests of the St. John members, in getting the passage of an amendment which was likely to cause all kinds of trouble by its operation, and then they began to agitate for the Scott Act. They still want the latter, and so do some of the liquor dealers. It both unite in the effort they will probably get the Scott Act

the meantime, Solicitor General White was engaged in the task of preparing a bill to consolidate and amend all the existing acts in respect to liquor, thus holly bringing to naught the amendment which had been tacked on to the old law. The Liquor Liceuse Act of 1887 has been superseded by that of 1896.

The feature of the new law which has caused the most comment is that the provincial government takes the place heretofore held by a city or municipality in controlling the issue of license and in receiving the fees. Each city or county has time. an inspector and a board of three commissioners appointed by the government. After these officials have been paid and a deduction made for any other expenses. half of the money remaining from the license fund shall be paid to the city, while the city is also allowed two thirds of the fines collected for violation of the act.

This would mean a great decrease o revenue to St. John, were it not that the license fees are increased to a figure that beats all previous records. An ordinary tavern license, which has cost \$150 in St. John, will cost \$300. As this rpplies to the resent year it is probable that a numb of the present licensees will be pretty closely pressed to raise the amount, and some of them may not succeed. Even at the former figure some applicants have had to delay the payment of the fee for weeks after the stipulated period, and the civic authorities have been accustomed to make allowances in this respect. For some of the smaller dealers to be now deadly cigarette with all the ease of a called on to raise \$300 at short notice may confirmed "chappie."

mean that they will go out of business. This year the same number of licenses, 84, will be issued as in the past, but in fu'ure there will be only 75 ordinary tavern licenses for the whole city.

This does not include the hotels. These have heretofore ranked as ordinary taverns but now they have a special license at a cost of \$400, and they are not allowed to sell on Sunday. There are six hotel licenses allowed, with an extra one should there be an hotel with accommodation for 200 guests.

Clubs, which have escaped license in the past, will have to pay \$300 each.

Wholesale license, which now costs \$300 will hereafter be \$500. If the law is enforced there will be an end to retail sales under wholesale license. One provision of the recent law which was a dead letter was that a wholesaler could not sell in less quantities than two gallons, but anybody who wanted a bottle of liquor and did not choose to go to a bar room for it could get it at a wholesale store without trouble. The limit under the new law is one quart.

Another new provision is that brewers must pay a license fee of \$800, one half of which goes to the city.

Druggists must keep a record of all sales of liquor, and cannot sell in quantities larger than six ounces without a doctor's certificate, nor can they sell during the hours prohibited for other

The penalties under the act bit all around

and ought to be a terror to evil doers. For selling without license, the first offence means not less than a fine of \$50 or three months' jail; the second offence is This will make short work of the widows on whom the chief inspector has levied so get clear by easily paid fines.

The wholesale man will have to keep sharp lookout. For allowing a person to drink on the premises the fine is \$40 for the first offence and \$80 for the second, while the person who drinks will have to pay from \$10 to \$20. The wholesaler is also not allowed to sell to persons who intend to retail if they have not a license.

For selling on Sunday, the fine for the the first offence is from \$50 to 100; for the license. The person who buys during such hours may be fined from \$2 to \$10

Then there are stringent provisions as to sales to minors, inebriates, and intoxicated persons, with a liability for damage when a person supplied with liquor gets injured in consequence of it, or committs any damage. No bar can now have half a dozen entrances, but is limited to

Licenses in St. John are issued accordratepayers of any ward vote against license in it none shall be granted, and this vote may be taken every three years. In Carleton, where there is now no license, none can hereafter be had and this is the case with all districts in the province where there is now no license This means prohibition in all such districts.

Such are a few of the many provisions of the new law, and it is no wonder that it has been a big surprise party to the public in general and the publicans in particular. Their New Waiting Room.

At one time this week the dream of the long-suffering public was at last realized in the presence of a waiting room at the head of King street, but it was not a fixture. One of the new cars, No. 40, broke an axle and was compelled to stand there for over two days. On Tuesday evening the disabled car was boarded by about twenty odd "passengers" most of whom were intent on going to the rink. What was their disgust when informed that the electric car was stationary and that they

were about a quarter of an hour behind

Remove Rings Before Washing. A well-know lapidary cautions those who own turquoise rings to remove them when washing the hands, lest the color be injured The explanation of the change from blue to green that sometimes takes place in the stones is that they are affected by acid emanations from the skin as well as by certain elements in some kinds of cologne and other perfumes. The changes in the color of the topaz are believed to be due to light and heat, as experiments with the stones show that strong sunlight will bleach

Feminine Smokers.

Although the new woman era in this city still appears in the dim prospective, yet there is evidences of her masculine propensities almost daily. It was only a short | ment. time ago that five St. John maidens were seen sitting on the stairs of a stately but unoccupied residence puffing away at the

AMOUNTED TO A FRACAS.

A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING IN HALIFAX SOCIETY.

One Lady Jostles Another Who is Therefore Moved to Make a Remark-The Retort Was Keen But Not Courteous-Cakewalk Episode in High Tones Circles.

HALIFAX, March, 19 .- Human nature is pretty much the same wherever you find it; whether it finds its pleasure in the hightoned receptions of "scciety" or in the common festivities of the "cake-walk." The heart is alike in both spheres; it is only the outside veneer of "culture" or "refinement" that makes the difference. The methods at the "society" reception and at the cake walk are different. In the one the object often is mainly to conceal one's real feelings and opinions, while at the cake walk the participants in that plebeian amusement take little trouble to disguise their sentiments. Rough and ready is the motto; give and take their principle, and everything goes happily unless the police parties for a loan of \$40 to which the are called in to interfere and preserve the retort was "the woman is mad."

But sometimes the difference in "tone" of the "society" reception becomes almost unrecognizable in its manifestation from the style of behavior at the cake-walk. What little advantage there is may be in favor of the latter.

An instance of this sameness occurred in fashionable "society" in this city last week. It was at a reception in a hospitable mansion on Spring Garden road, that has often been the scene of pleasure-making by much of the youth and beauty and chivalry of Halifax. There were miny guests in attendance, and the "function" was going as merrily as a marriage bell. The generous hosts were as usual indefatigable in their endeavors to see that everybody was in the way of securing a full share of the enjoyment that might be expected and success was apparently crowning their efforts. Suddenly the uproarious cakewalk spirit manifested itself on the part of two of the dames present. As has been stated the scene is laid in a Spring Garden road mansion and besides the host and hostess, the other members of the company of guests, and the servants, the dramatis personse were two ladies, one of them residing on Hollis street, and the other on Morris street. Both are exceedingly "well connected."

The fracas, for "fracas" the disturbance those ladies caused it may truthfully be called, arose in a simple way. Whether accidentally or intentionally cannot be stated, but the Hollis Street lady jostled against the Morris street dame. This action led the latter to make a remark concerning the jostler to a friend with whom she was vivaciously conversing. It was to the effect that she "had been drinking." The representative of Hollis street overheard the half audible aspersion which had been uttered.

She turned square round and glanced at the woman who had made the insinuation and little wonder, for it was a statement which had far better been left unsaid. This savage rejoinder was immediately forth-

"I may have the fault you charge, but I can at least pay my debts. I do not need to run head and ears into debt to keep "in society" as you do. I would not speak as you have done regarding one of whom you have often borrowed money in order to make a show at such affairs as this. Were it not for the money you have obtained from me and from others, and the shop-keeper's bills you leave unpaid, you would make a poor appearance indeed in

This was said in so loud a tone that every one in the large room could hear the words, and while many pretended not to know what was going on, every ear was strained that not a syllable of the sweet seandal might be lost.

The Morris street dame turned pale and red in quick succession, as she managed to stammer out some reply or excuse, but this only served to aggravate the situation, for the Hollis street assailant, now that her blood was up was evidently determined to teach such a lesson as should never be forgotten, either by the victim of the scourging which was in progress, or by those who were unfortunate, or fortunate enough to witness it. So the changes on the enormity of women setting themselves up as "society ladies" and pretending to criticisze short comings in others, whether in "society" or out of it, who were beholden to friends or tradesmen for the wherewithal to keep up appearances in that precious "society"

In the momentary lulls of the battle, which outdid Corbett and Fitzsimmons for wordy ferocity, the swell "society" spectators of the melee fairly shook with subdued excite.

How long this "cakewalk episode" at this "society function" would have lasted no one can tell; when the finish would have come no one knows; but at last the host appeared and constituted himself the re- | an idea of running for alderman at large.

feree. Calmly but firmly he requested that THEY FAILED TO AGREE the participants be separated and he locked as if he wished the crowd could be disper- HUSBAND AND WIFE WHO PULLED sed. He went further and gave directions that both ladies leave his house immediately. This order was obeyed and peace once more prevailed. Yet it was only an outward calm for a storm of indignation raged in the breasts of the kind entertainers and the guests were throbbing with illconcessed excitement. A vow of secrecy was supposed to have been taken, by the company, but some one broke it. "Society" is the poorest kind of a secretkeeper, as this incident most notably

An "Onlooker" who writes some additional particulars to PROGRESS states that Mrs. C- and Mrs. L- had formerly been great friends but for some reason had "fallen out" before passing the compliments outlined above. According to the report there was a demand made by one of the

AFTER THE OFFICES.

Some of the Candidates Talked About in Connection With the License Law.

Chief Clark ceases to be inspector of licenses when the new law comes in force, and though the government will appoint an inspector he has no hope of being the man. A slight sounding of the intentions of the government showed him that he was out of the race, and now the question is who the new inspector will be.

The salary is not a large one, but it is enough to be worth seeking. It has not been fixed but will range from \$500 to \$700. Of course, were the inspector a man who could be approached on the boodle principle, he might contrive to make the office worth \$5,000, until his game was brought to an end.

The chief applicant for the position up to date is John B. Jones, late of the Televery early start and to have been hand as soon as the bill was if not a little before it. The names of other applicants have not transpired, but undoubtly there are others, and the appointment of Mr. Jones is by no means a foregone con-

The three commissioners have a still smaller allowance, but like commissioners in general they will consider the position of mer count than the pay. They will each get from \$150 to \$300 a year, and there are a number who are willing to serve at that figure.

A name that has been frequently mentioned in this connection is that of W. C. Rudman Allan, but it is said he does not want it. Ald. McGoldrick, however, is understood to be willing to add this to the offices of trust and dignity already held by him. Geo. A. Knodell and James H. Pullen, both of whom were candidates on the government ticket last election, are also mentioned. So is A. W. Macrae, and then there is R. C. John Dann.

So far as appears, Sheriff Sturdee is not to the front as an applicant. Probably he is satisfied with the increase of revenue which is likely to accure to him under the act passed last week for his benefit.

The appointments will be made at once. as the law is already in force.

Warning to His Worship.

Mayor Robertson got an anonymous etter, the other day, but not one of a threatening nature. It was merely in the nature of a warning. There had been some talk of a requisition to His Worship to accept a third term, despite his expressed intention to retire. The letter warned him that such a requisition, if it materialized, would be a device of the conservatives who feared he would be in the way of their plans if he was a candidate for Ottawa. By getting him to run for the office of mayor again, and securing his deteat, they hoped to weaken him so that he would not be to the front in the Dominion centest, or that if he was he need not be feared. The mayor is not yet quite sure whether the letter is the work of a friend or an enemy, but in the meantime nothing more has been heard of a requisition.

Miss Dickens and Her Flowers.

Miss Mamie Dickens, the eldest daughter of the novelist, makes her home at quaint old Dunton rectory, in Brentwood, Essex, England. The love of flowers, which with her amounts to a passion, is fully gratified in this beautiful country. Her real life work consists in ministering to the poor and sick. She was born in Furnval's Inn, in March, 1838, when Round after round was fought, and the Charles Dickens was about 26 years old, more courageous guests had formed a ring and father and child grew up, almost, as it were, together. It is not to be wondered at that she is like him in thought, taste. sentiment and even looks.

Candidates Come Slowly.

The last week has not been fruitful in developing candidates for civic honors, and about the only name really to the front in addition to those already mentioned is

AT CROSS PURPOSES.

The Trouble Began After the Honey moci Ended-The Wife Undertook to Show Her Authority and Succeeded-Why One Man More has Joined the Exodus.

During the last week, as the culmination of long standing family trouble, St John has lost the citizenship of a well known and respected North End carpenter. Although a joiner by trade the gentleman in question left his home in a very much disjointed

question took unto himself a wife. The proverbial honeymoon had hardly subsided when the fair bride commenced to assert her rights as the better half. The young husband, naturally of an easy going nature, submitted to the prolonged ordeal, considering it at first more coquettish actions than earnestness, but matters grew worse and at times the bridegroom's lot was a most un-

It appears that before the husband er. tered Hymen's bonds he had built a large house, part of which was tenanted, the remaining portion being occupied by him and his aged parents. He acted in a commendable way towards his mother and at the time of, and after his marriage still continued in his goodheartedness towards them. It said that is his attention to the old folks was food for the green-eyed monster which was rapidly overcoming his new spouse The first move in this game of family checkers was in the direction of the land of the tree. The wife wished her husband

to throw up his trade here and work in the adjoining republic while she would stay in this city. She said he could make big money in the states and after accumulating considerable worldly goods he could return | ladder. home and enjoy it. He went, and after a short stay received a pathetic letter from his wife full of sighs and pleas of lonesomenes and closing with announcing her intention of leaving immediately to join him. The husband sent her passage money and it was not long before husband and wife were again side by side. Dissatisfaction soon again made itself apparent and she made a speedy return to this city while her husband laboured on at the hub. Once more in this city the wife quarrelled with one of her husband's tenants about the storage of a piano and a telegram brought home the alien carpenter with all haste. To satisfy his wife the tenant was evicted. The wife next wanted to live in a flat self-contained, but her husband in this case however compelled to think of the matter differently, and arrangements were almost completed for the rental of a flat when a repture between the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law upset the scheme. The husband came home from work one day and found his wife had flown, bag and baggage. Numerous and longed conferences with a view to conciliation were held but the wife was as adamant. All the while the husband bore his affliction without uttering sentence of his trouble to even his most confidential friends. He endeavored to make satisfactory arrangements for the reestablishing of a home but it was no use, his wife did not see it in the same light. The whole matter was brought to a rather

abrupt close within the last ten days. One day last week, while the newlymarried couple were living apart, the wife called at a neighbour's house to borrow the key of her former home from the tenant who was calling there. After getting what she wanted out of the house the wife locked the door and put the key in her pocket. The tenant returning from her call found her house locked up and reported to the landlord. A new lock was put on and a new key given to the tenant. When the wife returned the next day and found she could not gain admittance by the old key she seized an axe and began to demolish the door. Again the landlord was notified and in a gentle but firm way relieved his wife of the weapon and ordered her back to her mother's home where she had been staving. The tenant, who occupied the much abused flat, reported the matter to the police and both husband and wife were summoned before Magistrate Ritchie. The case was dismissed.

Apparently anxious for peace, the hus band next sold his \$700 house for \$350 and left last Monday for the Western States. His wife knew not of his journey until long after his departure. So ends the story.

Thought it was the Comet.

One evening last week a party of city folks returning from a celebration in Carleton had an experience while walking from the scene of festivility tothe ferry. The weather, late storm, and present cleared atmosphere were being discussed with the usual astronomical examinations when suddenly there was a loud report followed that of D. McArthur, who is said to have by the bursting and showering of a huge body, throwing a glare all around. I this issue.

The merry party stopped still and in the light of the flash they looked ghastly. When their voices were at last discovered one was heard to gasp "the comet!" Then each one in few and heated ejaculations told of Perrine's great satelite due on the morrow but in all probability a little ahead of stime A second heavenly demonstration occurred followed by a prolonged seplechural blowing and discharging of cannon. A faint idealof an American warship putting into the harbor either with a leaky bottom or with hostile intentions, again seized the party. but their fears were allayed when the ferry gate-keeper informed them of the Lake About eleven months ago the joiner in Superior's safe arrival and her signalling for a tug.

COST THEM SUPPORTERS.

Result to the Halifax Aldermen From the Recent Firemen's Contest.

HALIFAX, March 19 .- "I don't care which it is, gentlemen, but you must drop either Spellman or Murphy if you are to have my vote." are the words attributed to Alderman "Neddy" O'Donnell in replying to canvasses made to him by members of the fire committee on behalf of Captain Connolly for the chiefship. So Murphy, it seems, was dropped, and "Neddy" voted for Connolly who was thus elected by a majority of one. The chances are that that vote will lose O'Donnell's election next April, for it is said to have cost him thirty supporters who have gone over to Mr. W. E. Bremner.

The fire committee also agreed to purchase the Horton extension ladder, a machine that has been rejected more than once, and which will cost an enormous amount to maintain as well as to put into a condition fit for use. Additional horses will have to be hired, another driver engaged and more "call men" secured to work it. One of the committee is a shareholder in the company which owns the

Ald. Mosher has his weather eye on the mayoralty for the not distant future. Promises of support when the time comes, from south-end aldermen were made to induce him to vote for Connolly. He voted that way, but will the "support" be fortcoming? Ten to one it will not. That support is sure to go elsewhere-further south.

Ald. Hubley gave notice of reconsideration after the vote was taken which elected Connolly chief, and now it looks as if the contest were to be begun over again with renewed vigor. Chairman Kyan will not run, but Ex-Captain Broderick, of the old un'on engine company, may. He would have to change only vote to beat Connolly, ventured to disagree. He was afterwards | it is quite possible that, while Ryan could not do this, Broderick might. The attempt to accomplish this will he made, as soon as the winter port delegates return from Ottawa, if Alderman Outhit is back he will vote against Connolly, but it is not probable he will return in time, so that the fight will have to go on with that ward 6 alderman eliminated.

How to Become Pretty.

Mrs. Leslie Carter became pretty by learning to hold up her chin. She has features too pointed for beauty, but by lifting her head a charming expression was given her face. Emma Eames is another woman who became beautiful by holding up her head. Her nose is too big, her mouth too small and her face too hatchetty for good looks. Notice the loveliness of her pictures-that head raised with the sweet ethereal expression in the face. Most women can improve their locks by carrying the chin up; not too high, but clear of the collar.

A Lesson to Fublishers.

The Co-operative Farmer of Sussex was most unfortunate in the fire in that town. losing the most valuable portion of a newspaper's assets, the subscription lists. The request is made that subscribers will kindly hand in their names and the dates to which their subscriptions are paid to. This will be a tedious task and the experience of the Farmer will perhaps be a lesson to other publishers to place a duplicate list of subscribers in some place besides the publication office.

Is a Pretty Calender.

Among the many calenders received since the beginning of 1896 is one issued by the Surprise Soap Co. at the beginning of the present month. In the bright coloring and grouping of the figures there is much originality displayed and the calendar is certainly one of the most attractive that has been received this year.

Announced Next Week

The name of the prize essayist on the subject "How best to Conduct a Model Dairy", for which a prize of \$25 was offered by E. H. Turnbull, proprietor of the Alderbrook dairy store will be announced next week. The essays are being udged

Arrived Too Late.

Correspondence from Charlottetown. Sydney and other places reached Progress Friday morning too late for insertion in