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THE SUNDAY INQUIRY.

The inquiry into the charges preferred by the Lord's Day Alliance brought nothing of importance to light that was not known before and which has not been commented on by the press again and again.

No one thought for an instant that liquor was not sold in St. John on Sunday but the charge of open violation has not and cannot be sustained. In fact the difficulty of getting proof even if secret sale was so great that the services of a scout were necessary and he at the instance of the president of the Alliance broke the Sabbath and drank liquor in order to get the evidence he submitted. The ability to consider this a proper act lies with few persons. Dr. Fotheringham's zeal we think in this instance perverted his good judgment.

Commissioner Smith's expression of what he thought was right and wrong as far as the sale of soda water on Sunday is concerned may not have been necessary but it was frank and above board. Few people will consider it a crime to sell soda on Sunday.

It is no harm to sell milk and yet the few loaves of bread that have been supplied on Sunday have created quite a disturbance in the minds of alliance members.

The alliance had plenty of witnesses but their evidence failed to support in any marked degree the charges that were made in their memorial. All the evidence of the officers and officials went to show that St. John is a well ordered and quiet city on the Sabbath. The efforts of the Lord's day Alliance to convey the impression that this is not so must reflect upon the community and yet in spite of their assertions the people know that the Sabbath is well observed, not, it may be in the matter of church attendance but certainly in respect for the day.

If the inquiry results in the government taking the Sabbath observance law into consideration and making it a more consistent statute then good will have resulted.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

Two appointments made by the local government to fill the offices of sheriff and clerk of the equity court seem to have been satisfactory to the people if the lack of adverse comment is any indication of approval.

The applicants for the position of high sheriff were only two in number Mr. R. R RITCHIE who secured the appointment and Mr. W. C. RUDMAN ALLAN Both gentlemen were officials of the province and both strong supporters of the administration. Mr RITCHIE possesed the advantage of being a lawyer and this may have turned the scale in his favor. At any rate Mr. Allan does not seem to take the appointment of Mr Ritchie to heart and has no doubt heartily congratulated him ere this.

The remarkable feature of the vacancy was the scarcity of applicants. That one of the most important and honorable offices in the gift of the government should not be sought for more eagerly is surprising. The government can be congratulated upon its promptness in filling its vacancies. It has been shown that delays in making appointments are dangerous especially in St John.

Mr Regans appointment as clerk in equity will no doubt prove very satisfactory He has not been a persistent office seeker and the willingness of the government to accede to the wishes of himself and his friends will not be to its disadvantage in the future.

IMPATIENT PATIENTS.

People so frequently blame a doctor for failng to perform impossibilities that at the recent meeting of the British Medical Association a distinguished physician undertook to state the case fairly, and show that some of the burden of failure ought to rest upon the patients.

As human beings have become sensitive to pain, he said, they have got into the habit of requiring treatment that produces immediate results. Thence arise two evils dangerous experiment with drugs and needless recourse to surgery.

The average invalid, said this medical man, wants to know at once what is the matter with him. The doctor cannot always tell, and would like to await developments. But the patient insists on being dosed, and as often as not demands that an 'operation' be performed. If he were content to go to bed and keep still, his ailment might cure itself; yet if the doctor suggests this, the patient concludes that 'nothing is being done' for him, and he hastens to call another doctor.

Two things the public needs to realize: that the best physicians do not travel with knives in their hands,—since they know that surgery has its pains and perils, as well as its successes,— and that they are increasingly averse to dealing out drugs.

The great men of the profession win half their victories with pure air, cleanliness proper diet, and insistence on exercise for well people and rest for sick ones. Less famous physicians would be glad to follow their example if men and women would possess their souls in patience and forego the desire to turn their stomachs into apothecary shops. Give the doctor— and nature—a chance.

Mrs McKinley and Gen. Grant.

Brigadier General Frederick D Grant recently returned to this country from the Philippines on leave of absence, and told how eager many of the Filipinos are to observe American holidays, to wear American clothes, and to honor the American Government.

The resemblance of the General, in appearance to his famous father is very striking. and especially when he is in military uniform.

General Grant has just passed his fifty-first year and is himself a graduate of West Point. His career has been curiously varied. He was for a time a Colonel of cavalry; afterward he was United States Minister to Austria; still later he became one of the Police Commissioners of New York City; during the war with Spain he was once more a Colonel; then he was made a Brigadier-General of Volunteers, and recently was advanced to the same rank in the regular army.

In connection with his appointment to his present rank a pretty story is told that illustrates the kindly heart of Mrs McKinley.

As the President and she sat talking one evening, Mr. McKinley told her that he had that day decided to give General Grant this last advance, and Mrs McKinley expressed her pleasure at learning of the intended promotion, and added:

'Don't you think, dear, that it would be nice to send a note to Mrs Grant, telling her that you had decided to appoint her son? It would be so much nicer for her to get it direct from you thon to read the official announcement in the papers. I can imagine how a mother would like to know of her son's promotion.'

The President agreed, and going to a writing-table, he penned a little note stating that, at Mrs. McKinley's request, he wrote to tell Mrs. Grant that he would take pleasure on the following day in appointing her son 'Fred' to the rank of a Brigadier-General in the regular army.

Mrs. Grant, the venerable and beloved widow of the great soldier and statesman, was greatly touched by Mrs. McKinley's thoughtfulness of her.

Daughter—There will be literary people there.

Mother—Yes, and be on your guard with them.

Daughter—But how shall I know them, mother?

Mother—By their hair, long in the men and short in the women.

Miss Passay—When I watched the dear old soldiers pass by I thought how splendid it must have been to have had the privilege of living right here in the midst of the exciting times of the great Civil War.

Johnnie Fresh—Then you were abroad during the war, were you, Miss Passay?

Clothes never make the man, but when
A girl puts on a skirt
That drags through slush and dirt—
Well, she's a woman then

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VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

My Wilderness.

A little, idle, leafy way
By the cool brink of the river,
Wild and sweet and far away;
Set with hill and brake and hollow
Never careless foot can follow
To the reach of murmuring beach,
Or the lapping shallow
Where the lilies always quiver
In the light of early day.

A step—a grassy turn, at most,
Up the slanting of the hill,
And the traveller is lost—
Lost e'er he has time to tire,
In the yellowing fern and brier,
At his breast the nodding crest
Of the sumach's crimson fire,
And above—beyond him—still
The old forest, bright with frost.

At his side and all along,
Welcoming the lonely comer,
Little streams do run and throng—
Merry as a morning lover
Coming forth to tarry over
Some sweet path his lady hath—
And anon in copse and cover
Sighing for the vanished summer.
Like the closing of a song.

Here the dark pine doth assume
State as master of the realm,
Palaced in his ancient gloom;
And each vassal and defender,
At the deep rock comes to render
All the gold that it will hold,
Heaped and piled in blossomy splendor,
As in some gigantic helm.
Shorn of favor and of plume

Even the laughing of the spring,
In the joyousness of climbing
Grows a forgotten thing,
Like a far off, plaintive flute
At the great hill's bowery foot.
Changing in the one sole tone
Till the distance makes it mute
The sweet round of simple singing
Sings what nothing else can sing.

Oft my spirit slips away
From the heat of worldly places
For an hour in Arcady;
And the joy of it is worth
All the penalties of birth—
Merely to lie in reverie
A little hour on God's green earth
In that most dear of wildernesses
Twice a thousand miles away,

The Rejected Manuscript.

Out-rejected manuscript!
Unluckiest of all my rhymes
Thy soaring wings a score of times
The editorial shears have clipt.
The editorial frost has nipt
Full oft my budding hopes of thee
Condemned to still return to me,
Out rejected manuscript!

Out-rejected manuscript!
I know not why they send thee back,
Nor rhyme nor reason dost thou lack—
With both I find thee well evnipt,
In heart and brain the pen was dipt,
Wherewith I wrote thee, line for line,
And yet thou'rt paled no decline,
Out rejected manuscript!

Out-rejected manuscript!
O child of my bewildered brain!
Thou givest me a grievous pain
Each time I find thee homeward shipt;
Yet back again though thou hast oft been whipt
From many an editorial den.
Here goes—send thee out again,
Out rejected manuscript!

DENIS A. MCCARTHY.

The Exposition and the Fair.

There is a city by an inland sea,
Built with the treasures of our Western land;
The spoil of wealth, and mind, and toiling hand,
The gifts of lavish nature, fair and free,
Like gems are set with skill and harmony
In noble halls, which rose at Art's command,
'Mid flowers and cooling fountains zephyr-fanned—
A picture of Eden, as it yet may be.
But the great exhibitions present cities,
'What seek you? Beauty? Turn your eyes and see;
Which of the marvels you so dearly prize
Proves the builder's art displayed in me?
Your towers shall fall, stilled be your traffic roar—
Here I shall be, till Time is known no more.'

NENETTE M. LOWATER

The Water Lily.

The Star looked down, and, on the lake afar,
Thought his reflection was another star.
Its glowing beauty won his instant love,
And lured him from bright fellowship above.
A leap of light—a flash upon the lake!
The fallen Star too late knew his mistake.

Kind Heaven, in pity for his deep despair,
Bade him shine on, a Water Lily there;
And now, fair nights, he upward lifts his eyes,
Responsive to his brethren in the skies.

GEORGE BEDLEE.

Bishop Potter at Manila.

From far away Manila comes a story which is being told at the expense of Bishop Potter. The bishop, always ready to laugh at an agreeable story, won the life of the party that sailed to Manila with him some months ago.

Not until entering Manila harbor did the bishop's smile change to a look of apprehension. A government officer had just boarded the steamship and was putting the passengers through a series of questions. There were twenty of these questions and each person who sought admittance to the port was required to answer them to the satisfaction of the officer.

When it came Bishop Potter's turn he told his name, age, birthplace, profession and everything else with his usual promptness and candor. Then came the last question on the list. The officer, knowing the distinguished visitor, hesitated for a second, looked embarrassed, and then asked:—

'Are you a polygamist?'

Bishop Potter stopped smiling and a look of serious apprehension came over his face.

'Have I got to answer that?' he asked.

'Yes; it's one of the requirements,' the officer replied.

Again the bishop hesitated. The officer grew more embarrassed. Then, as if with much effort, the bishop exclaimed:—

'No; I'm not a polygamist.

Everybody laughed except the officer, who wondered why it was easy to ask silly questions of men of Bishop Potter's standing.

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News of the Passing Week.

In the Nova Scotia Provincial election held Wednesday, the Conservatives succeeded in electing but two men.

The C. P. R. Co., have decided to establish a pension fund for its employes.

Gen'l Hutton has been appointed to the chief command of forces in Australia.

As a result of the musical festival held in St. John this week a local musical organization has been formed.

Oct. 1st was the last for paying taxes in St. John to save discount. The amount paid in was $77, 870 56 compared with $98, 114 32 paid in 1900.

A Manila despatch of Sunday says that an insurgent attack on U S. troops resulted in some sixty of the latter being killed.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall reached Vancouver on Monday

R. R Ritchie a son of the late Chief Justice Ritchie has been appointed Sheriff of St. John.

The St. John Musical Festival held this week was a musical but not a financial success.

This week the British defeated a large force of Boers, killing two hundred and wounding and capturing three hundred more.

The Sussex Exhibition was opened Monday Evening by Premier Tweedie.

Sixteen hundred troops will mobilize at St. John on the occasion of the Royal visit

The Twenty-Eighth annual meeting of the Maritime Presbyterian Synod opened at St. John Tuesday.

A fire in the Opera house block Truro on Tuesday did $30,000 damage.

Fire originating in the Mississippi hotel, Clayton, Iowa, Sunday morning, destroyed five buildings and ten residences, comprising the principal part of the town. Estimates of the loss range from $50,000 to $100,000.

The members of the Tremont Temple church, Boston, on Sunday refused to accept the resignation of Rev Geo C Lorimer and have undertaken to reduce the present church debt by $100,000, it being understood that Dr. Lorimer will remain under such conditions.

John McDonald, as agent for W. K. Vanderbilt, has closed a deal with Julius and M A Fleischman of Cincinnati for 12 brood mares in foal to the great sire Hamma. The amount paid is not made public. These mares will be shipped to France where Mr. Vanderbilt is racing his horses.

Henry Brooks, 30 years of age, was drowned in the harbor at Sydney Mines, N. S; Tuesday, by the upsetting of a boat. He leaves a widow and one child.

The first meeting of the committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, which has charge of the arrangements for the national conference on reciprocity will be held in Philadelphia on Oct. 18.

The constitutional convention has addressed a letter to Gov Gen. Wood informing him that the changes which he suggested should be made in the election law, have been made and that the convention, deeming its work completed, is ready to dissolve. It is probable that Gen. Wood in his reply will suggest a dissolution.

The Cunard line steamer Sylvania, Capt. Pritchard, from Port Natal for Boston, which put in at St. Vincent, S. V., Sept, 22, with boilers leaking and after repairing proceeded on her voyage returned Monday with her boilers leaking again.

The cricket match between the All Philadelphia team and B. J. T. Bosanquet's English eleven which was begun on the ground of the Merion Cricket club at Haverford, on Friday, ended Monday in a victory for the Englishmen who won by a margin of 63 runs.

The verdict of the coroner's jury which investigated the explosion of the port boiler of the steamboat Trenton in the Delaware river, Aug 28, which resulted in the death of 24 persons, was rendered at Philadelphia Monday. The jury was unable to charge criminal neglect on the part of any of those who constructed the boiler or those who operated the boiler.

Gen. MacMahon, of the Board of the National Soldiers' Home, speaking for the board, said Sunday at Milwaukee: The board has decided to maintain canteens at all the homes, for the good and sufficient reason that experience has taught us that it is better for the veterans and for the people in the communities in which the homes are located.'

At the Vailsburg, N J, cycle track Sunday, the match race between Michael and McFarland was won by Michael. Time, 7 42 3-5, 7 59 5 5 Champion, in his ride against the world's record, covered the mile in 1 15 flat, beating the record made by G R Butler at Buffalo recently by 1 1 5 seconds. The five mile professional open was won by John Fisher, Chicago, time 11 03

The London Daily Express publishes a report that Lord Kitchener, has asked for 25,000 more seasoned mounted men and for power to hang rebels, traitors and murderers without reference to the home government 'Immediately on his return from the continent,' says the Daily News, 'the king summoned a meeting of the council to consider Lord Kitchener's position. It is understood that his majesty assumed a very strong attitude and closely questioned ministers upon their proposals

Word was received in St John, N B., Monday night that the barkentine Bahama which went aground Saturday night in the Petitcodiac river, was lying on her beamends on the river banks Her mizzenmast is broken and her yards and topmasts gone. Her hill has been very badly damaged by beating on the rocks. It is said that there was no insurance on the barkentine which was valued at $10,000

The annual sophomore freshman rush at Harvard was held Monday. Owing to the fact that Coach Reid of the football team had forbidden any candidates for freshmen and 'varsity football to enter the rush, the sophomers had the advantage in numbers and won the contest easily. The rush lasted about an hour and a half. No one was hurt seriously and all ended amicably with the classes cheering each other from the steps of University Hall.

The schooner Myra B. flew the yellow jack at quarantine Monday night at St. John, N B. Monday afternoon one of her crew, Joseph Barton of Maitland, N. S. was declared a smallpox suspect at the general public hospital where he had gone for treatment as a typhoid fever patient. He had been ill since Friday on the schooner. The board of health immediately on learning of the matter, sent the schooner into quarantine. The Myra B. went there from Boston and is ready for sea bound for Boston.

The senate sub committee of the committee on military affairs Monday at Washington began the investigation of charges against Lieut. Col. H. O S Holstand of the army, in connection with the alleged Manila hemp combination. The charges were preferred by Major Hawkes formerly a volunteer officer. In brief, the charges are that other officers in the army and some officials in the civil departmen Col. Holstand attempted to form a combination to control the output of hemp from the Philippines, using their official position and influence to further their ends.

The financial condition of Venezuela is best exemplified, says a despatch from

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