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OBITUARY OF THE LATE JOHN BARLEYCORN

New York, Jan. 26.—Simultaneously with the Prohibition-League nuptials came the death of John Barleycorn, an old and respected citizen. Mr. Barleycorn was aged 144—in the wood. He is survived by two children, Yeast and Raisin, who, in spite of their feeble strength, will try to carry on his work in this country. Mr. Barleycorn owned numerous distilleries in the United States and all of them were closed at the time of his death as a mark of respect. They will stay closed.

Mr. Barleycorn seemed quite strong at the time of his death and evidently got stronger with old age. A foul blow killed him. The strain of the recent war was too much for him also.

By the death of Mr. Barleycorn 100,000 bartenders are made orphans. There are millions of others who will mourn him. When he was laid to rest

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If Constipated, Bilious or Headachy, take "Cascarets"

Feel grand! Be efficient! Don't stay sick, bilious, headachy, constipated. Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, your breath bad and your stomach sour. Why not get a small box of Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest laxative-cathartic you ever experienced? Cascarets never gripe, sicken or inconvenience one like Salts, Oil, Calomel or harsh pills. Cascarets bring sunshine to cloudy minds and half-sick bodies. They work while you sleep.

there wasn't a dry eye anywhere—it was a case of red eye everywhere.

A broken heart contributed to Barleycorn's death. When Mr. B. put XX on his barrels twenty years ago he never thought the Prohibitionists would be giving him the double cross today. He never suspected that pints, quarts and gallons would pass on to the table of dry measures. He never realized that friends who used to see colored snakes would be looking for blind-tigers now. He never dreamed that guys who bellowed a whiskey tenor would stop and look for speak-easies. He never foresaw that it would be useless to holler for booze—that the only way to get it would be to keep still. He died in blissful ignorance.

The following codicils were read from Mr. Barleycorn's will today:

A lot of guys have water on the knee, but booze on the hip.

Wood alcohol's O. K. for an alco-

CHAS. W. HALL PRESIDENT OF R. M. ASSOC.

Dollar Day to be in February—Prospects for Successful Year in 1920—The Officers.

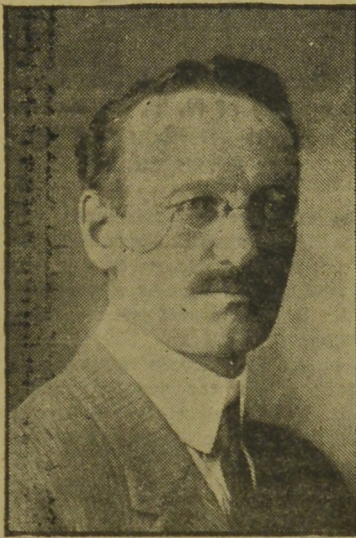
The Fredericton Retail Merchants' Association held its annual meeting last night. C. W. Hall is president for the ensuing year. Miss E. P. Alward, of St. John, Provincial Secretary, was present and addressed the Association upon the work which had been accomplished in the province since the convention on September 20th. Among other matters she mentioned that upwards of five thousand dollars had been collected for members in various places.

The financial statement showed that there was a satisfactory balance on hand.

The membership of the Fredericton Association is now about forty with prospects of increasing in the near future. The meeting was enthusiastic with the outlook for 1920 most encouraging.

Dollar Day

Among the future activities will be the annual Dollar Day which will be



CHARLES W. HALL

President, Fredericton Retail Merchants' Association.

held on some day in February, the date to be selected. A date also is to be set for a lecture by Frank Stockdale upon some topic of interest to the members of the Association. Mr. Stockdale has been here before.

Officers

Officers elected are as follows:
President, C. W. Hall.
1st Vice President, L. A. Slipp.
2nd Vice President, W. R. Sraser.
Treasurer, Charles Haining.
Secretary, R. H. Simonds.
Additional members of executive:—J. H. Fleming, C. H. Burt, D. J. Shea, Alex. Murray, J. Walter McKay, F. B. Edgcombe, J. J. Weddall.

CHILDHOOD CONSTIPATION

Constipation—that disordered state of the digestive tract which is nearly always caused by improper feeding—can be readily regulated by the use of Baby's Own Tablets. These Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative. They are easy to take and are absolutely free from injurious drugs. Concerning them Mrs. Joseph Dion, Ste. Perpetue, Que., writes: "I have nothing but praise for Baby's Own Tablets. When my baby was three months old he was terribly constipated but the Tablets soon set him right and now at the age of fifteen months he is a big healthy boy and this good health I attribute entirely to the use of the Tablets." They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

hol lamp, but don't try to get lit that way.

Prohibitionists have made New York a 9 o'clock town and have taken away its nightcap.

They've eliminated wine; they're after hard women, and it looks like soft music is all we'll have left.

Music is all that intoxicates now. Soon we'll be having jag bands.

There is just one thought that perhaps would please Mr. Barleycorn if he were alive today. Folks that live in Dry America will drink less water than ever before. There won't be so many chasers.

Mr. Prohibition and Miss Ann T. Saloon-League are now married. Let's hope they'll live happy ever after.

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AMERICAN GIRLS TOO BUSY FOR LEAP YEAR

New York, Jan. 27.—Leap year is far enough along now to demonstrate that it is only a shadow of its old self. The busy young women of Manhattan declare that there are too many opportunities for girls to make their own living nowadays to bother about proposing to young men who probably couldn't provide homes.

"Leap year is headed for oblivion," said one of these young business women the other day. "If records for the first days of this leap year were only available it would be found that the proposal average has never run so low. The answer is found in the 'help wanted' columns of the New York newspapers. There never has been a time when young women have been in such demand in all lines of business.

"They proved their worth is the war in many lines from which they were supposed to be permanently barred. They showed there is no field in which they cannot excel. If the war had

lasted a few years longer they would have upset all our traditions and theories about women in industry, just as they upset the traditions and theories of Great Britain and France. Why, Great Britain even had a model of a warship which was entirely built by women. Do you suppose an intelligent of a ser which can build battleships is going around asking for the privilege of chauffeuring a gas stove and warming over the coffee of some young male person who hasn't half the business initiative of any progressive girl of today?

"Salaries never were so good where women are concerned. Of course expenses have increased too, but that doesn't frighten a woman as much as it does a man, because she has more ways of beating the game. A bachelor girl can cook all kinds of cheap meals in her apartment, even though she has only a gas burner to work with, but Mr. Man has to run out and spend his last available four bit piece for something to eat at a restaurant. So the business women of today is just getting on fine, thank you, and is not interested in leap year except as a reviva of ancient and dusty tradition.

NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

The first discovery of natural gas in the Province of Alberta of which we have record, took place in May, 1884, at Alderson, a station on the main line of the C.P.R., 35 miles west of Medicine Hat. The railway construction gang, boring for water, struck a heavy pocket of gas at a depth of 1,300 feet. A little later in the same year, gas was also discovered at Cassis, 6 miles further west, but while this well soon choked, that at Alderson continued to flow for many years.

In 1890, Medicine Hat, then but a small town, sank a well and found a small supply at 700 feet; four years later another attempt was made, and history tells how at the eleventh hour, with money all spent—facing bankruptcy—and despair and gloom in the hearts of the mayor and city council, a sensational flow was uncovered at a depth of twelve to thirteen hundred feet. The cheap, apparently unlimited fuel supply, both for commercial and domestic purposes, is largely accountable for that city's growth and present prosperous condition.

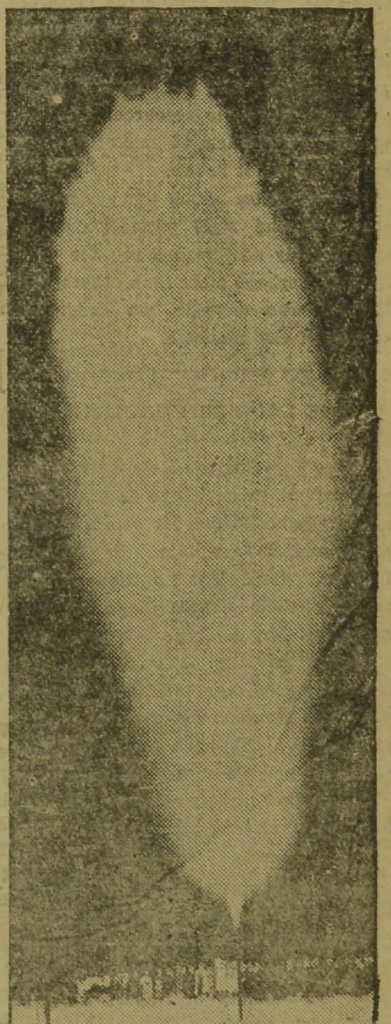
There are several known gas fields in the Province of Alberta, but as yet only two have been utilized for commercial purposes to any considerable extent, namely, the Medicine Hat and Bow Island fields. Bow Island lies on the railway line about half way between Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, 180 miles south-east of Calgary.

In 1912 the supply was piped into the city of Calgary, as well as distributed en route to the city of Lethbridge, Macleod and other towns, where it is used for both domestic and commercial purposes.

In the neighborhood of Pelican Rapids, Athabasca River, gas springs were known at least a century ago, and travellers going up and down the river, into the Peace River Country have cooked their meals there. Further well-known gas reserves are the Foremost Field, south of Bow Island, the Barnwell Field, midway between Bow Island and Lethbridge and the Viking Field, 83 miles east of Edmonton, and were it not for the difficulty of obtaining adequate piping, it is probable that this supply would have been utilized two or three years ago to furnish light, heat and power to Alberta's capital.

Prospecting is now going on in the Monarch Field, 40 miles southwest of Calgary, and at the Okotoks Field, 27 miles south. Along the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, in the vicinity of the apex of a well defined anticline similar to that one in the Okotoks Field, there are many pronounced gas seepages, and it seems probable that as in the former field, which had also a gas seepage, it will be a commercial producer.

The Imperial Oil Co. has commenced prospecting for petroleum along the last mentioned anticline, and it is stated, intends to carry vigorous prospecting from the International Boundary northwards to Hudson's Hope on the Peace River. The production of both petroleum and natural gas seems favorable. This company also proposes further prospecting at other parts away from the mountains, where it has selected grounds for operation. In many parts of the province in drilling for petroleum, gas has been found; and



Gas Well at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

indications are that there is an immense gas field remaining yet to be tapped, the exact location, size and probable capacity of which can only be proven by testing.

According to the report of the Canadian Bureau of Mines, in 1915, there was produced 4,378,947,000 cubic feet valued at \$1,037,919, which is equivalent to 23.7c. per thousand cubic feet—the heat that could be obtained from upwards of two hundred thousand tons of coal.

The Natural Gases of Alberta are known as "wet" and "dry." The former is a profitable source of gas line, and already a considerable amount of that fluid has been produced, with a probable greatly increased production in the near future. The Medicine Hat and Bow Island fields are "dry," but there is no reason to conclude that much of the gas yet to be found will be "dry"—rather the reverse.

Helium, a non-combustible gas, very nearly as light as hydrogen and invaluable for balloons, has been extracted in considerable quantity from the Bow Island gas at Calgary, and shipped to Great Britain for war purposes. The termination of the war, has stopped the manufacture, probably, however, only temporarily.

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