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PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT.

It would be interesting to know just what per centage of those who are clamoring for a more rigid enforcement of the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, have taken the trouble to carefully read over and digest the provisions of this Act. It should be borne in mind that when the Intoxicating Liquor Act was passed in 1916 the British Empire and its colonies were engaged in the most awful war in the world's history, and people were then in a mood to stand for very drastic legislation restricting the liberty of the subject. The Intoxicating Liquor Act was framed to meet the needs of the hour, which means that it was probably the most drastic legislation ever placed on the statute books of this province. It was so drastic and revolutionary in fact that less than a year later the government which enacted it on appealing to the people for a new mandate went down to defeat. Perhaps it would not be correct to say that the enactment of a prohibitory law alone was responsible for the defeat of the government, but undoubtedly this legislation lost it thousands of votes, particularly in the northern counties of the province, where temperance sentiment is not so pronounced as in the southern section.

Now that the law is on the statute books it is being constantly urged by well meaning people that it should be rigidly enforced, and we notice that the independent Telegraph-Journal makes bold to say that its non-enforcement has become a public scandal. For the enlightenment of some of these people we would like to call attention to section 8 of the act which says:

"No person shall use or consume liquor in the province purchased and received from any person unless it be purchased and received from a licensee!"

The entire revenue at the disposal of the provincial government would be inadequate to enforce this section of the act, as it would simply mean that in order to do so a stop would have to be put to rum running on the Northumberland Straits and Bay of Fundy. The job is one for the Federal government but not for the Provincial authorities. So long as rum runners are allowed to function there will be people in the province who will not find it necessary to buy their liquor by prescription from licensees. Yet we are told that the provincial government should carry out its pledge and enforce the law.

Now here is another gem from the act which makes rather interesting reading:

"No person, mentioned in sec. 39 (which relates to the use of alcohol for mechanical and scientific pursuits) having liquor in his possession, shall use or consume, or allow to be used or consumed, any of said liquor as a beverage."

How is the Chief Inspector and his staff going to enforce this section of the act?

Now here is another section which must to any reasonable person seem very difficult of enforcement:

"No liquor prescribed by a physician under this Act shall be consumed or drunk by any person other than the sick person for whom it has been prescribed."

If the government were able to limit the sale of liquor under the Intoxicating Liquor Act to "sick" persons it might be possible to enforce the section here quoted, but the issuing of prescriptions is in the hands of duly qualified physicians and the government has no say in the matter. It would require a much larger staff of inspectors than is at present employed to prevent those who purchase liquor by the "per" system from treating their friends. The law allows a man to keep liquor in his private dwelling, but it does not permit inspectors to search such places for intoxicants. How then can the inspectors prevent a man who has purchased liquor on a prescription from violating the law by taking friends to his home and giving them a drink?

Enforcing the prohibition law as our zealous temperance friends want it enforced is not nearly as easy a task as it looks. An enormous quantity of liquor has been seized by prohibition officers during the past year, and many thousands of dollars have been collected in fines, but John Barleycorn is still a hero bold of noble enterprise and ready to sink or swim. There is no doubt that the Intoxicating Liquor Act now has many friends and supporters but we are inclined

to believe that the number would not be so great, were the authorities to take a notion to enforce every section of it right up to the limit.

Thoughtful observers will watch a certain Episcopal church in Houston, Texas, with interest. The church property is worth a million and a half. The pastor says the property must be sold and half the proceeds given to other churches or to charity—or he will resign. Even churches can get rich and forgetful. Sometimes church boards are like other folks. Piling up money is pleasant; spending it wisely is hard; giving it away is impossible. That church down in Texas, if it takes its pastor seriously, is going to have to decide just what church service is all about.

Helium gas may prove the salvation of undersea divers, and change the whole course of marine engineering. When we read about laboratory experiments to develop something that is apparently no good to anybody, we wonder what's the use. Then a simple announcement in scientific journals shows us that tired men, wearing eye shades, working all night in laboratories, have not worked in vain.

"Civility," says Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet and philosopher, "is beauty of behavior," which too often, alas! isn't the behavior of beauty.

There is always a certain suspicion that attaches to the author who "brings out the truth" in his latest book merely because he thinks it will take it into several editions.

King Ferdinand must have been reading about the wrestling matches on the royal train, and it is evidently his intention to get the Queen out of the clinches by Christmas.

None is so blind as the man who tackled the bum moonshine. The old order is reversed. Nowadays all whiskey is bad, but some of it is worse.

It was Sir Joshua Reynolds who first painted The Age of Innocence, but of late she has been doing it herself not quite so successfully.

Indications are that the process of elimination may in time solve the grade-crossing problem.

There is now a great rage for every sort of antique except last year's car.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

So far bunk is the only thing discovered on Mars.

Well, a nice wet day now and then is not so bad. Ho, hum!

We should forgive the young people for being young. They'll outgrow it.

What the South needs is a fashion dictator who will prescribe cotton stockings.

Personally we'd rather talk to Venus than to Mars.

It's the way he looks on the return trip that tells the go-getter's story.

Short though it is the football season is long enough. Unlike baseball, it couldn't be taken seriously for six months.

Despite the pessimism of the long-distance prophets November has been showing its customary respect for the calendar.

A Russian beauty says Russian women are beautiful because they have suffered much since the revolution. Well, so far as suffering goes, considerable is done in beauty parlors.

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One of the most enjoyable social events of the season at Barker's Point was the house warming last night at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Merritt built on the site of the one destroyed by fire July 8th, last. A large number of neighbors and friends, not only from Barker's Point but from Fredericton, Marysville, Devon and Mauderville, assembled at the home where cards and dancing were indulged in. Five tables of cards were played and old and new dances were enjoyed to the excellent music furnished by an orchestra composed of Mrs. Lula C. Vanstone, James White, Mel Chapell and George Baxter.

At intermission delightful readings were given by Misses Christine Stafford of Marysville and Irene Fitzpatrick of Fredericton both of which were much enjoyed by all present.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were presented with a very handsome electric reading lamp. On behalf of those present Robert J. Scott made the presentation in a very clear and well worded speech which was gracefully responded to by E. G. Merritt on behalf of himself and Mrs. Merritt. Light refreshments were served and "all went merry as a marriage bell". The new house was inspected and greatly admired by the guests and Winslow Clark the contractor came in for a large share of the praise.

Late Miss M. M. Kilburn.
The funeral of the late Miss Margaret Matilda Kilburn took place Friday afternoon from her late home, Charlotte street and was attended by many. The service was conducted by Rev. F. H. Holmes assisted by Rev. Dr. Weddall. The pall-bearers were J. S. Scott, James Pringle, Dr. H. H. Hagerman, F. J. Donohoe and W. A. Erb. Members of the W. C. T. U. of which the deceased had been an active member, attended and hymns were sung by members of the Wilmot Church Choir.

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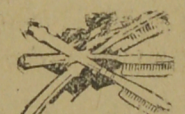
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