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GIVING SHORT WEIGHT

Hon. Dr. Hanson says that his government is going to stiffen up on the Weights and Measures Act so that certain chain stores and others which have been chiselling will be checked completely. If necessary, the padlock will be put on the doors of those who violate the Act.

The recent investigations before the price spreads commission demonstrated that in certain cases the public were cheated right and left and it is good news to learn that the Government is to put a stop to these practices. We are fairly sure that none of our local merchants have been guilty of these practices, but if there are any such who have been guilty they should take warning. The public deserve this protection.

ON THE ROAD

The Daily Mail has been pounding city traffic laws. There is much to say about the laws covered by the Motor Vehicle Act. The Truro Daily News has some good advice in regard to traffic on the country highways. It says in part:

Now, right now, at the beginning of the season, is the time for vigilance, yes, sharp vigilance, on the part of those entrusted with enforcing the motor vehicle act.

There are people driving along busy thoroughfares with the apparent attitude that they are the only ones that count.

Motor fatalities have already occurred.

Every year some of Nova Scotians are killed in automobile accidents. Hospitals treat hundreds and hundreds of maimed motorists and there is property damage running into hundreds of thousands of dollars. This horrible toll is nothing more nor less than the price of carelessness.

No motorist, we verily believe, is malicious. He does not plan to destroy life or property. Rather the awful and growing loss is due to a lack of thinking and caution.

Here is where the police should come in. They are the ones who must make certain people think. Friends, relations, parents are helpless at times. But the police are in a position to command respect. And they must exercise that command.

There are two essentials to safe driving—viz., a safe car and a safe operator.

There are certain violations of the motor act which are more annoying than serious in their violation. As regards these the police should use discretion especially with strangers. But there are other violations that cannot be classed as anything but serious and as such should be the subject of unfailing police activity. The motorist that tears along a highway, darting in and out of traffic, splashing pedestrians, forgetful of crosswise traffic, foot and vehicular, should be jerked up at once by the officers of the law and punished by the court in a curative manner. Where a cure is beyond prospect then prevention should be the order. Absolutely no quarter should be shown the drunken or otherwise irresponsible motorist.

The other consideration in safe motoring, viz, a safe car, should be given far more attention than it has been. Cars that are not one hundred per cent dependable should not be allowed on the road. There are or have been cars going around without proper brakes. What protection is there against such deficiency?

The average motorist will see that his car is in shape for an announced inspection.

Such inspections do take place every year. But, as results show, they fail to meet the situation. The inspection that counts is the surprise inspection. If the motorist knew that his car was liable at any time for police inspection, and if he knew failure to pass inspection would be attended by real results, there would

be well advised to provide unannounced today.

The department of Highways would be well advised to provide unannounced instead of announced inspections. Such inspections need not be attended by abuse or discourtesy. It would have to be done with due respect for the rights of the general public.

SNAPSHOTS

Spring is still lingering in the lap of winter.

Officials who are entrusted with the duty of purchasing material and supplies for public institutions should avoid the appearance of taking bribes and small favors from those who sell these supplies.

Dave tells his friends that he will be a Federal candidate against R. B., so as to make the world safe for democracy. Dear, help us.

Education as a cure may be overrated. The bulk of the chain letters are written by hand, indicating that the dizzy sender is literate.

It is becoming almost summery enough to put on furs, according to a chic local miss, who weeps because she is misunderstood.

A Washington writer returned a chain letter to the sender with an analysis of its futility. The land must be full of these fugitives from chain letter gangs.

"The only real beauty is of the mind." Still very few modern men appear to be straining their eyes looking for "beauties of the mind" in a woman.

A French inventor has developed a death ray that will kill a mouse instantly at a distance of 30 feet and a cost of only \$2,000. But the frugal will probably stick to the five-and-ten mouse traps.

Calgary hospital has been left \$131,000 by the will of the late H. A. Percy, a pioneer hotelman, formerly of York County, N. B.

OUR MAIL BAG

NO DAYLIGHT TIME

May 18th, 1935.

The Editor,
The Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I saw in yesterday's issue of "The Daily Gleaner" that a petition had been signed by some 500 people who were in favor of daylight saving time in the city of Fredericton, and that the matter was up to the City Council for consideration at their next meeting.

Now why should the city council give decision in the matter before they have a vote from all concerned, as to whether every one is in favor of this or not? Some years ago this city had daylight saving time, and how many were in favor of it, and how long did it last? Why should we be governed by a few people, who want to sit up all night and sleep all day? Now why can't we all have a vote on this and see if the majority want it? I should like to hear from some one who started the ball rolling, to see what the idea is.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, if you would give this space in your valuable paper, and hoping to hear from some one else, in regard to this Daylight Saving Time.

Very truly yours,
R. STANLEY GOODSPEED.
Fredericton, N. B.

GOT NINE-POUNDER

Chester Morrison, of Brown's Ripples, near Southampton, yesterday caught a nine-pound salmon in the pool at that place. The fish was a large one for that part of the province. This pool was only opened up several years back and has proved a good one for fishermen. Tourists frequently go there to fish.

BERLIN, May 18—Munich and much of Southern Germany was covered by snow today after a continuous fall of 24 hours. The snow reached a depth of 7½ inches in the mountainous districts.

Provincial Convention of Tilley Government Supporters On May 22

Accredited delegates from the New Brunswick constituencies supporting the Tilley Government will assemble in the Capitol Theatre, Saint John, Wednesday, May 22nd.

Capitol Theatre has been rented for the whole afternoon from 1 o'clock until 6. Special provision is being made for the registration of delegates and platform accommodations, afforded local leaders of all sections, also Federal and Provincial legislators.

Credential cards for delegates will be procurable from members of the legislature in each constituency or electoral candidates, as well as from the chairman of the district. These credentials carrying voting privileges will be listed at the time of registration.

Premier Tilley says he anticipates the most representative convention party in recent years. His chain of visits lately, he said, has given him the opportunity to personally see how unitedly in earnest the electorate is in the forthcoming ballot when the constructive policies of the Government may be reaffirmed at the polls.

The convention program will include some special musical features.

Veniot Swears Liquor Landed Near Home

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men coming from the boat wading in the water. He was about 75 or 80 feet from them.

Carried Burlap Cases

They were carrying stuff and were met at the water's edge by two men who put it in the truck. It was in cases with burlap around them. He stayed there a short time. While he was there about five trips were made. He went to the house and said nothing about it. A few days later he saw in the press a report of a lot of liquor seized on the road from Campbellton to St. Quentin, coming from Bathurst.

"I felt certain that was the goods landed there".

In July, 1933, he did not see any boat landing liquor at his shore. That month he was in hospital in Montreal. When he came home in August, from his bedroom window he saw boats land liquor on his shore. Contrary to the Hansard report, he could not see the police patrol boats from his bedroom window. When he returned from hospital, he used to drive in the daytime for his health. He made a trip "around the basin" every fine day.

During that period, fixed by those drives, he saw liquor being landed and smuggled. One morning at about two o'clock, from his window, about 28 feet from the ground, he looked "right down on the shore". It was a fairly moonlight night. He saw a good-sized open boat and men in it. He heard an automobile but did not see it.

He saw two men coming from the direction of where the automobile probably was. The same performance occurred as in 1932, except there was no burlap, but there was tin packages. He judged from 30 to 35 packages were taken from the boat. He judged the packages contained alcohol.

Boats In Harbour

Turning to another charge, Dr. Veniot stated that once in 1932 and again in 1933 he saw two boats at Bathurst, although the evidence given yesterday seemed to indicate it would not be possible for him to see those two boats in June, 1932. He was not going to claim he saw them there in June but in the latter part of May. "I can't help but swear that I saw what I considered to be a revenue patrol boat had tied there," he affirmed referring to the latter part of August, 1933. "I may or I may not be mistaken. I firmly believe I am right". This he declared, while pointing out at the same time that the police evidence was to the contrary.

When he spoke of "third degree"

methods, he continued, he had no idea to suggest in the House of Commons that force had been used. From what he was told he was led to believe that intimidation had been used. However, he was in court during the Williamson case when Constable Russell was being examined and he thought he was justified in using the term "third degree" in connection with Williamson.

He did not refer specifically to the Scott case in Parliament, he continued. He did not use the word "threat" in the House of Commons. The minister of justice had asked for the name of the prisoner and the officer, which Dr. Veniot gave him in a letter. In the letter the word "threat" was not used, however, but he stated Scott was subjected to "a very severe questioning".

He saw the destruction of liquor at Bathurst from a distance only. The evidence he presented before the commission in this connection was all voluntary. He did not seek it. In connection with the destruction of the ship's stores, he would never have made a charge in the House unless he had received the answers to inquiries which he did receive, Dr. Veniot asserted.

His main charge in connection with the dump was that officers were not left in charge between loads.

Cross-Examination

Under cross-examination by Mr. Dougherty, Dr. Veniot said from reading the record of this investigation he did not think Scott had been subjected to third degree methods. He did not hear Scott's evidence, however, he pointed out.

In 1933 a view from the police office four houses from his own, was obstructed by a barn, while that from his own house was not. The police could hear as well as from his own house, however, He did not notify the police on either occasion, 1933 or 1932.

"No, I won't say that I assumed it was liquor. I was convinced of it. He was morally certain it was liquor which he saw landed on his shore. He did not hear of the "33" gang being caught, but from the press reports he believed the 1932 smugglers were caught, but by the land crew, not by the police patrol boats.

"I don't interpret it that way," Dr. Veniot affirmed when asked by Mr. Dougherty if he was satisfied from the evidence that orders for the destruction of the stores came from Ottawa.

Asked by Mr. Ramsey why he did not call the police, Dr. Veniot said in 1933 he was unable to call them on account of his illness and in 1932 he did not.

Dr. Veniot referred to public reports which he said stated he had reported liquor being landed on his shore in 1931. This had been stated by the preventive service, but he had made no such reports to that service, Dr. Veniot declared.

Statements he said the police made in 1934 to the effect that his shore was muddy and that the boats could not get there were false, the Bathurst member asserted.

Recess was taken for ten minutes.

Albert T. Hinton

Albert T. Hinton, Bathurst, called by Mr. Dougherty, denied that his truck driver Frank Paulin who gave evidence last evening, had told him that he had got alcohol from the truck in which he was hauling it for the police.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Hinton said he did not remember Paulin telling him. The latter had worked for him for 14 years and had been trustworthy.

John Comeau, Petit Rocher, another trucker who hauled liquor for the police from Shippegan to Bathurst, said he did not remember if Paulin had told him that he and Ackman had got alcohol from the cans in Paulin's truck. Dr. Veniot had no questions to ask.

"The commission is closed," declared the chief justice at 8.27 p.m.

KINGSCLEAR

A card party under the convensorship of Edias Goodine was held on Friday night in Ste. Anne's Parish Hall, Kingsclear. Cards were played at eight tables. The prizes were won by Anna Polchies, Lillian Polchies, Alfred King, Earle Myshrrall. After the play, a cushion on lottery was drawn for, Miss Theresa Rogers, Boston, U. S. A., being the winner.

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