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THE POLICE SCANDAL

The disgraceful scandal in connection with the police force, which has so stirred the city, is entirely due to laxity in the enforcement of the Scott Act and for this condition of affairs the chairman of the Police Commission is directly responsible. Had an honest effort been made to enforce the law, we would not have had the spectacle of policemen in uniform drinking in public bars, there would have been no free drinks for them with an additional supply thrown in for use in the police station, and there would have been no drunkenness among the members of the force. Men who sell liquor are not philanthropists and it is not reasonable to suppose that their wonderful generosity in this case was inspired by love for those whose duty it is to enforce the law. They simply acted on the principle that one good turn deserves another. In other words, they rewarded the policeman for not doing their duty and the latter accepted the reward with a feeling no doubt, that the liquor dealers under the free trade system which had been inaugurated, could well afford to treat them generously. This thing has been going on for months and it is little wonder that the members of the police force became debauched and shamefully neglected to perform the duties for which they are paid with the money of the taxpayers of this city. With liquor supplied to them as free as water how could it have been otherwise?

It has been said on behalf of the chairman of the Police Commission that he had no personal knowledge of the grafting being carried on in his department. That might be a very good story for the marines, but there is nobody in this city silly enough to believe it. If he did not know that the policemen were negligent in their duties he certainly should have known it. If he did know it he should lose no time in placing his resignation in Mayor Hooper's hands, and if he did not know it he is entirely unfit for the position he holds and should get out of civic politics before he is put out by the votes of an outraged electorate.

The police records of the city show that not a single Scott Act fine was collected in Fredericton between the month of December, 1911, and the month of July of the present year. We have the statement of Chief Hawthorn that in March last he prepared a list of offenders and was going to lay information with Police Magistrate Marsh. Why didn't he go ahead and lay the information? Because, to quote his own words, "I WAS ORDERED NOT TO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMISSION." And, he further says, to have gone ahead in the face of orders to the contrary would have meant the loss of his position. We believe that Mr. Hawthorn is telling the truth, and that his word will be readily accepted by the people of this city. It is now up to Ald. Guthrie to explain what right he had to interfere with the chief of police in the discharge of his duty. Why should he be so anxious to shield men whom the chief of police had reason to believe were violating the law? Unless he can explain this matter and explain it satisfactorily the people of Fredericton will be justified in holding him directly responsible for the disgrace which has been brought upon the name of this fair city.

Quebec Telegraph: Mr. Pelletier says that Mr. Armand Lavergne has adopted the motto that we owe nothing to England, while his motto is "that we form part of the British Empire and should do our duty as citizens of the British Empire which is precisely what Sir Wilfrid says and has been saying all along. It is a great pity that the Postmaster-General and his bosom friends, Mr. Seigny of Dorchester, who declared that his stomach revolted at the sight of a British flag

waving over a warship in the harbor of Quebec and Deputy Speaker Blondin, of Champlain, who wanted holes shot through that flag to breathe the air of liberty, did not preach the same doctrine during the campaign of 1911.

The action of the Police Commission in dismissing Chief of Police Hawthorn came as a surprise to many citizens and has called forth considerable hostile criticism. The opinion prevails in many quarters and not without reason that the Chief has been made a scapegoat by those in authority over him. If, as he alleges, his hands were tied by the chairman of the police commission he cannot very well be blamed for the non-enforcement of the Scott Act. What assurance have the public that conditions will be any better under Chief Hawthorn's successor? There certainly will be no improvement if Ald. Guthrie is allowed to rule over him.

The methods employed by the Chairman of the Police Commission are evidently appreciated by his masters in the Flemington government, judging by the rewards he has received. He is a Legislative engrossing clerk, he is clerk of the County Court and he is also Crown prosecutor for this district. The public of late have been getting an insight into the nature of the services he has been able to render the party in this city.

London Advertiser: The beneficiaries of the Borden-Bourassa alliance are now classing Mr. Bourassa as a Liberal. There will be no truce between Laurier and Bourassa. They stand at opposite poles on the navy question. So do the Government and Mr. Bourassa, but a little thing like principle was not allowed to come between them when the Conservative party could make use of the Nationalist leader.

The Orangemen of the city will celebrate Guy Fawkes day tomorrow by attending divine service in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. The Orange order is a great institution with lofty principles but it has in its ranks some men who are no credit to it and it is not necessary to go outside of Fredericton to find them.

We wonder what our old friend, Rev. Dr. McLeod, editor of the Maritime Baptist thinks about the Fredericton police scandal. Being fairly well acquainted with some of the chief actors the reverend doctor's views will no doubt appear in print in due course.

What is His Worship Mayor Hooper going to do about the disgraceful scandal which has arisen in connection with the police department?

CHURCH SERVICES

REFORMED BAPTIST.

Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 2.30. A good temperance program. All are cordially invited.

BRUNSWICK ST. BAPTIST.

Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, pastor. The usual services will be held tomorrow. In the Sunday School the subject of Temperance will be considered. Strangers made welcome.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith. 11 a.m.—Subject, Jesus the True Vine. 7 p.m.—Subject, Christian Life and the Temperance Question. 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes. All welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. Neil McLaughlan will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School, Senior Bible Classes and Bible Study Union at 2.30. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

THE NEW BANK

The branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which opened for business on Thursday, has excellent quarters in the Howie building on Queen Street. The staff is composed of Mr. W. M. McKee, the manager, and Messrs. C. I. Call of St. John, and M. E. Mullins, who comes from the Halifax branch. The Bank of Commerce is one of the greatest financial institutions in Canada and is pretty certain to handle a good share of the banking business in this city.

CANADIAN BOY WINS IN FLAG CASE

Newark, N. J., Nov. 8.—J. B. Betts assistant state commissioner of education, upheld today the refusal of Leofric Temple, formerly a pupil at Cedar Grove public schools, to swear allegiance to the American flag, and ordered that young Temple be received back to school, from which he was recently expelled. Young Temple said he was acting under his father's instructions in refusing to swear allegiance to the flag.

The boy's father, Frederick Temple, is a native of St. John (N.B.) and for some years was manager of an insurance company in Montreal. He was at the same time an officer in the artillery branch of the Canadian militia.

"The salute to the flag and the pledge at the school assemblies are not mandatory by law," the assistant commissioner said. "Therefore the boy breaks no law. Of course the board of education of Cedar Grove has the right to pass rules for its schools. But such rules must not infringe upon any one's rights. The boy's citizenship must follow his parents until he is of age to choose for himself. It is within the boy's rights to refuse to pledge allegiance to any other flag or government but his own."

SERIOUS WASHOUTS

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REMARKABLE FRESHET.

In the main river the rise in water has been remarkable. Since the beginning of the rain the river has risen seven feet and early this afternoon was fully three feet above the point reached about a fortnight ago.

The water then was rising at the rate of an inch per hour. The low-water wharves all were covered and it is probable that some of the high-water wharves also will be submerged.

Railroad construction work in this section all has been hung-up as a result of the heavy rains and probably will not be resumed until next week.

HAS NEW POSITION.

Mr. E. E. Hilton has accepted a position as traveller and demonstrator for a large firm of dyestuff manufacturers. He will locate in Montreal and cover all territory east of Toronto and down through Maritime Provinces. His previous experience fits him well for his position, he having had three years in the laboratories in England after serving three years apprenticeship under his father who was manager of a dyeing and finishing company. Previous to his coming to Marysville he was with the Falls Co., Norwich, Conn., as chemist and dyer for three years and a half. Mr. Hilton's host of friends in Fredericton and vicinity will be glad to hear of his success.

POPULAR LECTURE

Keep Thursday evening the 14th inst., for the New Kirk, when the Rev. Allan Pollock, D. D., LL. D., will give a popular lecture on "The Land and Genius of Burns." Of special interest to all lovers of Scotland and Burns. Tickets 15 and 10 cents at McMurray's and Hall's. 487—Nov. 9.

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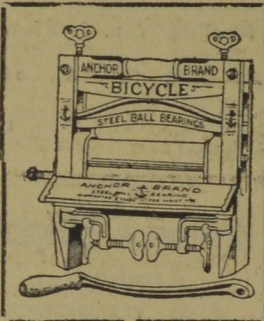
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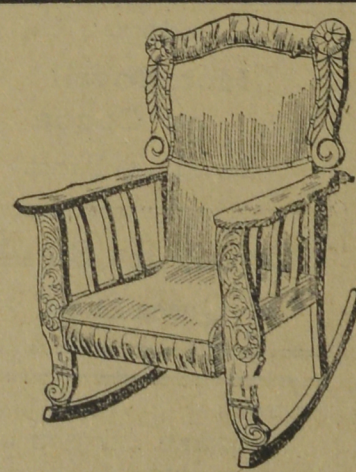
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The Furniture Man KING STREET

The eighth annual convention of the Order of Railway Track Foremen of America will begin in Boston, Nov. 18.

The Butchers' Union at San Francisco, Cal., will take action on a proposition to reaffiliate with the international union.