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PROMPT ACTION.

Mr. W. T. Whitehead is entitled to, and is given great credit for the energetic manner in which he has taken up the matter of urging on the Dominion government Fredericton's claim for the federal exhibition grant of \$50,000 for 1909, and the Agricultural society and the city council have promptly acted on his suggestion to take every possible means for pressing the matter on the government.

Nearly three weeks ago when in Ottawa, Mr. Whitehead brought the question to the attention of the authorities and since that time, as the correspondence discloses, has been able to arrange with the bodies here immediately interested, for delegations to meet the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa on Tuesday next, to lay the matter before him.

A telegram from Hon. Dr. Pugsley on Tuesday last informed Mr. Whitehead that arrangement for the conference with Hon. Mr. Fisher had been made as per Mr. Whitehead's request, and that gentleman, who is now in Ottawa, will remain there, and accompany the delegates on their mission to the Minister of Agriculture.

Fredericton's claim on the Dominion grant for next year is one that has a good basis. By arrangement with the St. John exhibition authorities that city and this alternate in holding provincial exhibitions. This is St. John's year, and 1909 will be Fredericton's, so that St. John's claim would seem to be side-tracked for that reason alone. Besides when the grant was last given to New Brunswick it went to St. John and Fredericton has never had it.

The management of the Fredericton exhibitions have shown their ability to hold large and successful shows, open to the Maritime Provinces, and for many reasons they can fairly lay claim to the Dominion grant, which Mr. Whitehead, backed by the agricultural society and the city council, will make every possible endeavor to secure.

DANGEROUS MEN.

Mr. Charles Drinkwater, assistant to the president of the C. P. R., is dead at Montreal, aged sixty-six years.

The Glace Bay, N. S., Daily Gazette, owned by Hon. B. F. Pearson of Halifax, was burned out on Thursday.

There are only two bachelors in the new legislature—the Solicitor General and Dr. Taylor, and one of them is said to be already mortgaged.

The Tory oppositionists in the Nova Scotia legislature (there are only four of them in a House of 38) voted against the increased indemnity, as Mr. Hazen and his friends did in the New Brunswick legislature some years ago, but like Mr. Hazen and his associates also, they promptly pocketed the extra \$200 before leaving Halifax for their homes.

The government's action in dismissing Mr. Geo. Miles, caretaker of the Fredericton bridge, a man who was born and has lived all his life in this county, and replacing him with Mr. Jonah, an Albert county man, who has been a resident of this city only a short time, will be roundly condemned throughout this constituency. The dismissal was made on the recommendation of the four members for York, who for the first time reached an agreement on questions of patronage, and they will be held responsible for the outrage of bringing in an outsider to replace a York county man, who did his work faithfully, and whose only offence is that he is a Liberal.

RUNAWAY COUPLE

Bathurst Man Caught at Kiasston with Young Girl from Same Town.

KINGSTON, ONT., April 24—(Special)—This morning the police arrested Alfred Bedore and Annie Thompson, both of Bathurst, N. B. Bedore, who is said to be married, is 45 years of age, and the girl only 19, her father claims. She says she is nineteen. They were captured at a hotel. The charge is abduction.

McFARLANE--WOODBIDGE

We'll Known Young Couple Quietly Married on Wednesday Evening.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, "The Up-lands," Forest Hill, on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Alexander Sterling McFarlane, assistant principal of the High School was united in marriage to Miss Irene Woodbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Woodbridge of this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Cowie, rector of St. Ann's Church, in the presence of the immediate friends of the happy young couple.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was becomingly attired in a handsome costume of white silk and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses.

The bride is one of the city's popular young ladies with a large circle of friends, and the bridegroom is a leading member of the Fredericton teaching staff.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane have a large circle of friends who will wish them every measure of success and happiness.

FINED \$10 AND COSTS

Judgment by Col. Marsh in Gunter Assault Case.

Col. Marsh delivered judgment at the police court this morning in the case of the King, on the complaint of A. D. Gunter vs. Charles Wright. He found the defendant guilty of assault as charged, and fined him \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13, or thirty days in jail. His honor took the ground that as Wright and O'Ree were passing peacefully along the street Gunter had no right to threaten them with arrest. At the same time Wright in his evidence admitted having knocked Gunter down three times when he attempted to arise, and in this he had exceeded his right. He quoted from the law of defence to show that a man when assaulted was only justified in using sufficient force to repel the assault. If he went beyond that he became the assailant, and was liable to a fine. There is some talk of appealing the case.

CONDUCTOR'S SUICIDE

C. P. R. Man Jumped into Rideau River after Drinking from a Flask.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., April 24—(Special)—Robert Beatty, a C. P. R. conductor, after making his regular run on the fast freight last Wednesday, deliberately committed suicide today by jumping into the Rideau River.

He was seen to take a flask from his pocket and drank the contents, and after doing so he pulled his hat over his eyes and jumped into the river.

He was about 40 years old and leaves a widow and two young children.

HOT AFTER MOIR.

Slayer of Sergeant Floyd Tracked by Detectives and Soldiers.

GUELPH, ONT., April 24—(Special)—The latest word that has been received here of the movements of Moir, the fugitive slayer of Sergeant Lloyd, is to the effect that he is being followed by detectives, and heading for this city. It is thought he will be not long able to elude the authorities.

Another detachment of soldiers from London barracks is expected to arrive today to assist in the search. Moir's capture is not looked for without a fight.

BRIDEGROOM'S DEATH

Foreign Nobleman who Married New York Lady died on His Wedding Trip.

NEW YORK, April 24—(Special)—A cable to Theodore P. Shontz, of this city, announces the sudden death in Paris, of his son-in-law, the Duc De Chaulnes.

The Duc and Miss Shontz were married in this city recently and were in Europe on their wedding trip.

TOWN THREATENED.

Serious Fire Raging at Raymond, Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, April 24—(Special)—A serious fire threatens to destroy the town of Raymond, fifteen miles from Jackson.

Appeals were made for help but were countermanded because the water supply at Raymond was cut off and since then communication with Raymond has been lost.

SULLIVAN WON.

LOS ANGELES, April 24—(Special)—After twenty five rounds, Mike Sullivan was last night given the decision over Jimmy Gardner. Referee James Jeffries.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

LICENSE FOR FREDERICTON.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir,—More than a month ago we published that portion of the Gospel according to St. John which tells the story of the marriage of Cana of Galilee, and we then asked the Scott Act people to give some explanation of the facts that Jesus Christ, whom they claimed to be their Saviour, turned water into wine, so that the wedding guests could drink it. There has been no response to this request, and we challenge the Scott Act people to produce a passage in the Bible which condemns the use of wine in moderation.

This new fangled fad of total abstinence and the abuse of every man who has anything to do with the liquor trade or who drinks liquor, is altogether a novelty unknown to the Scriptures, but it is hardly worth while to quote the Bible to the preachers who write for the Scott Act Committee, for they have long since abandoned its teachings, they no longer preach the Gospel, but they get on a platform and howl against the use of liquor. In the meantime their churches are deserted except by women and old men, and the cause of religion is injured.

Some time ago a letter appeared, which was supposed to have been written by Pecksniff, in which it was stated boldly that anyone who used liquor could not have a correct opinion on any subject. It would be ridiculous to undertake to refute so absurd a proposition, for all our great men have been users of liquor, and some of them have occasionally perhaps taken too much. The great William Pitt, who was Prime Minister of Great Britain for about twenty years, drank a great deal of wine. The great Chancellor, Lord Eldon, who occupied that dignified position for even a longer period, was

also a large consumer of port wine.

To come to our own country, Sir John A. Macdonald, who is pretty well thought of by the people of Canada, and who was virtually the ruler of this country for about a quarter of a century, drank liquor, and sometimes even went on a spree. The greatest man that the Methodist church in the Maritime Provinces ever possessed, took a glass of wine or something stronger occasionally, and at times perhaps rather too much, yet who would venture to compare the howling dervishes who abuse better men from temperance platforms with this noble old man whose memory is revered by every Christian of whatever denomination who knew him.

The old time clergymen of this country were not afraid to take their wine or even their whisky, and yet we will venture to say that their work in the cause of Christianity was far more effective than those of their successors. Why is it that the churches have lost their grip of the working man in our great cities? It is because the preachers instead of attending to their proper business have been seeking to usurp the functions of government and control the country. Half a dozen preachers and three or four laymen get together, call themselves an Evangelical Alliance or a Temperance Federation, and then go to the government and demand that this or that should be done at their dictation. The government that listens to such people is in a fair way to be ruined, because they can never be satisfied no matter how much is conceded to them.

Now let some Scott Act writer point out any passage in the Bible that forbids the moderate use of wine or explain the conduct of the Saviour in providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana of Galilee.

LICENSE COMMITTEE.

WANT MORE PAY

MONCTON, April 24—(Special)—E. Charters, Point du Chene; A. Fraser, Ferrona Junction; D. Montgomery, Alberton, P. E. I.; E. A. Jean, River du Loup; J. A. Therberg, Campbellton, I. C. R. telegraphers, leave on the Maritime express tonight for Ottawa, where they will interview the Minister of Railways for the third time in connection with increase of wages.

The telegraphers will push their application for increase of pay and shorter hours to the conclusion. The matter has been urged on the department for a year past, but up to the present a basis of agreement has not been reached.

STRAITS NAVIGATION

Point du Chene-Summerside Route Practically free of Ice.

MONCTON, N. B., April 24—(Special)—The steamer Empress will make her first trip on the Summerside Point du Chene route today.

The straits are reported to be fairly free from ice, but yesterday a quantity backed into Summerside harbor.

Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, will return home this evening.

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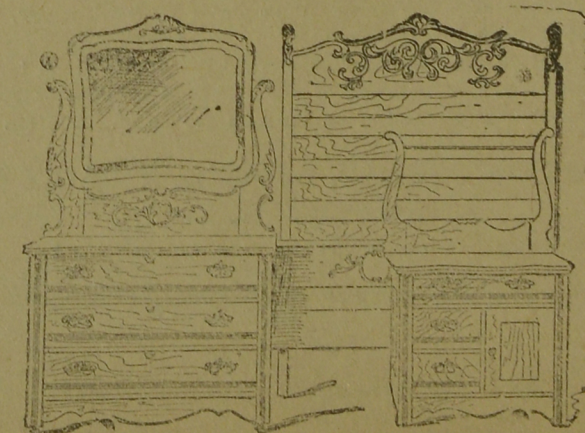


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