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COMMENDABLE ACTION.

The action of the city council in declining further to be a party to the series of perjured statements made in the police court on the pretence of enforcing the Scott Act, and the city clerk's subsequent withdrawal of cases depending for proof on the evidence of hired spotters, will meet with the approval of the citizens, and these include men who desire the act enforced by every honorable means that the sale of liquor may be restricted as much as possible, yet object to the commission of the crime of perjury to attain that object.

So ardent a temperance man and Scott Act advocate as Ald. Weddall, had no hesitation in seconding the motion which has promptly resulted in discontinuing the cases which had their origin in the action of the spotters, and it will be a relief to the public, and it is to the credit of the city that the miserable campaign of deceit and false swearing has received a well deserved quietus.

It is the duty of the authorities to see to the proper enforcement of all laws, but when that cannot be done without witnesses perjuring themselves, and thus adding a crime most detestible in the sight of God and man, it were better even to put up with breaches of the statute, which, while regrettable and forbidden, are mild when compared with the taking of a false oath in a public court of law.

Surely those who are responsible for the enforcement of the Scott Act can achieve the very desirable end they have in view without employing men who have evidently placed themselves in a position to be denounced and prosecuted as perjurers.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

The determination of Sheriff Sterling to close up his extensive wholesale grocery business in this city, and to spend his declining years in relaxation from the cares incident to the conducting of a large mercantile establishment, severs a link with the past in the commercial life of Fredericton.

For forty-four years Mr. Sterling has been one of the active enterprising and successful business men of the city, and his career has been alike creditable to himself and to the city, which recognizes in him one of its most respected and public spirited citizens.

Although energetic and constant in the pursuit of his own personal affairs, Sheriff Sterling has found much time to devote to public matters, and his long and useful connection with the school board, board of trade, hospital board, and other public bodies, has been known and sincerely appreciated by his fellow citizens. A gentleman of keen intelligence, quick to grasp the details of a situation, untiring energy and honorable reputation, he has served the public faithfully in many capacities, and no doubt his retirement from active business will furnish him with still larger opportunity to act in the various public services with which he is identified.

That he may enjoy many years of life under his altered circumstances, with less care and worry, will be the wish of his numerous friends. His leaving to others the business activities with which his life has been filled, will doubtless inure to that end, and he may contemplate with satisfaction his long and honorable business career, and the already lengthy and honorable record of his public career.

THE PRUNING KNIFE.

The federal government, in view of a somewhat noticeable decline in the revenue of the country, which will only be temporary, and because of the great cost entailed by the construction of the new Transcontinental railway, has wisely decided to curtail the general expenditure this year by several million dollars without necessarily interfering with the proper conduct of the various public services.

Last session the opposition made a great outcry against the largely increased expenditure, although they were never known to object to any particular item if it related to their own constituencies, and it remains to be seen whether they will join with the government this year in cutting down the votes in many directions, so that an equilibrium may be preserved between revenue and expenditure.

The estimates for the current year tabled on Monday in the House of Commons show that the government has fulfilled its pledges of cutting down the expenditure as far as possible to meet the decrease in revenue.

The estimates total \$110,489,774, which is nineteen and a quarter millions less than the estimates of last year. The main estimates last session were followed by supplementaries which totalled ten and a half millions. It is understood that this session there will be no supplementaries or that they will be so small as to add little to the total of the main estimates made public today.

Of the total estimates for the coming year twenty-six and a half millions are for amounts authorized by statute and eighty-three and three quarter millions are to be voted by parliament. Of this a little less than thirty and a half millions are for expenditure on capital account and a little less than fifty-three and a half millions are for general expenses of administration and chargeable to revenue.

The amount to be voted for capital expenditure this session is almost thirteen millions less than the vote for capital account last session, and the amount for current expenditure shows a decrease of over six millions three hundred thousand.

HE TOOK IT BACK.

The newspaper which receives its inspiration and much of its "copy" from Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., has been boasting loudly of the terrible lashing that gentleman gave Dr. Pugsley in parliament on the Mayes' dredging contract, but as has been pointed out before in these columns the M. P. for York was compelled to swallow his allegations in the presence of his fellow members, although he made wry faces during the operation.

Mr. Crockett in the course of his speech proceeded to read a new affidavit from Mayes, containing apparently as many mis-statements as the one with which the public is familiar, and his charges and final back-down are thus recorded in Hansard:

Mr. Crockett—"Now this allegation with reference to the giving of a note to the Minister of Public Works when he was Attorney General of New Brunswick, in connection with this contract, is not the only serious allegation in that declaration. There is, to my mind, a more serious allegation than that, an allegation that more directly involves him as Minister of Public Works. The declaration states that after the Hon. gentleman (Mr. Pugsley) had become Minister of Public Works, after he had assumed control of this and all other contracts of the department, he sought to, and did hold up Mr. Mayes in the interests of Mr. McAvity and the payment of this graft."

Mr. Pugsley—I desire to say to my friend (Mr. Crockett)—and I say it in the strongest manner possible—and I am going to ask him now to accept my statement as a member of this House—that that is absolutely untrue, that I never held up Mr. Mayes, that just as soon as the estimates of the engineer were put into the department in the ordinary course and after the ordinary delays, the payment due to Mr. Mayes was made. The only exception was an amount of some \$4,000 or \$5,000, held back because Mr. Mayes had not performed his contract for cleaning out certain berths in the city of St. John which he had agreed to do in the contract with the city, and for which my department had agreed to be responsible. With that exception there was no holding back of Mr. Mayes' money. I will ask my hon. friend to accept my statement and not to read what I say is a false affidavit or persist in his statement.

Mr. Crockett—I hope the hon. minister has not understood me as stating that this statement is true—

Mr. Pugsley—But, Mr. Speaker, an hon. member of this House cannot read a statement concerning another member which that member says is false.

Mr. Speaker—The statement of the Minister of Public Works, as a member of this House, must be accepted.

Mr. Crockett—I understand that, and I do accept it.

In view of Mr. Crockett's abject backdown, when confronted with the absolute denial of Dr. Pugsley, it is idle and foolish for his newspaper to attempt to mislead its readers as to what actually occurred in the discussion.

A LARGE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alonzo Barker took place at ten o'clock this morning from his late home George street, and was attended by a large number of prominent citizens. Rev. J. H. MacDonald conducted an impressive service at the house, and interment was made at Springhill. The list of mourners included Mr. Frank Barker of Boston, son of the deceased. There was a large number of beautiful floral offerings. Mr. J. A. McAdam was the officiating undertaker.

BY ACCLAMATION.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Hon. Jermie L. DeCarie, the new Minister of Agriculture in the Quebec government, was elected by acclamation in Hochelaga county today, many Conservatives signing his nomination papers.

Mr. George McArthur, of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen.

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This is what we want you to come and learn by examining and investigating the offering of goods which we make in

OUR HOME GOODS SALE

In addition to the articles which we advertised in our first bulletin we today call your attention to a few others.

	Reg. Price	Special Price
Glass Top Tea Table	\$9.25	\$5.95
Light Oak Tea Table	4.50	3.25
Mahogany Writing Table	10.00	4.20
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Oak Chiffonier	18.50	12.75
Ash Chiffonier	15.50	10.95
Parlor Cabinet	18.50	13.50
Music and Parlor Cabinet	30.00	22.00
Oak Cobbler Seat Rocker	5.00	3.85
Cobbler Seat Rocker, Mahogany Finish	3.50	2.65
1 Set Dinners, Spring Seat	32.00	26.50
1 Set Dinners, Leather Seat and Back	46.00	36.00
2 White Enamel Beds, brass rail, bow foot	7.75 ea.	4.95 ea.
1 White Enamel Bed, Brass Filling	16.00	9.95
12 Springs	\$2.50 and \$5.50	\$1.00 to \$3.00

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\$9.50 Kitchen Cabinet	\$6.00
\$8.50 Kitchen Cabinet	\$5.00

Special for Saturday Feb. 6th.,
1 Doz. Tumblers for 17c

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Grand Xmas Sale

Gifts of Useful and Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas

Fancy and Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Fancy Lace Collars, Christmas Box of Filling, Ladies Fancy Belts, Cushions Toys, Table Linen, Towels Ladies Hosiery, Ladies and Childrens Gloves, Ladies Fancy Side and Back Combs, Childrens Mitts, Scarfs, Toques, Boys Gloves, Sweaters, Underwear, Mens Ties, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Ladies Winter Coats and Hats for Half Price.

A. A. BELMORE 408 QUEEN ST.

Beet Reformers in their day. I test I think I would just as soon have a poor man as a rich man. I have never had to find with the judges. Mr. Mackenzie said: "Mr. T. C. Irvine, a Liberal leader, in his quaint pinky Scotch style, in a speech before the death of the late Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, drew a picture of the late Mr. Mackenzie as a man of great energy and ability, and as a man who was not afraid to stand up for his principles." Mr. T. C. Irvine of Toronto, while speaking of Mackenzie's ideas.

Profit in Apples.

A despatch from Vernon, B.C., says that sixty-five tons of apples have been taken from 161 trees at the Coldstream orchards there. At 43 pounds to the box, this would give a total of 3,023 boxes. This immense yield was of the variety known as Pewankee, and as the same quality of fruit is retailing in the local stores at Vernon at \$1.25 a box, the returns from these two acres alone would be something over \$3,778, or \$1880 an acre gross.

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Spring and Summer Goods

To be held in our Fur Room adjoining the main store
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Wednesday and Thursday Feb. 3rd and 4th.

As this is the First Exhibit of its kind to be held in Fredericton and as we have taken a great deal of pains in selecting goods, we will allow a special discount of 10 per cent on all goods bought from our room.

We have English, American and Paris Styles to select from.

Remember the date Feb. 3rd and 4th.

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Big Skirt Sale
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These skirts are made in Panama, Venetian, Serge and Vicuna cloths, Colours are Black, Navy, Green, Brown, and Fancy and are all stylish and up-to-date Gored and Pleated skirts. To know their value compare style and cloth with price,

5.25 Panama cloth skirts for	3.50
4.50 Venetian cloth skirts for	2.25
5.25	3.90
6.00 Cheviot skirts	3.50
9.50 Serge skirts	6.50

Still a few DOLLAR Muslin Waists left.

R. L. BLACK YORK ST.

WAS IT YOU?

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A. J. RYAN, Druggist

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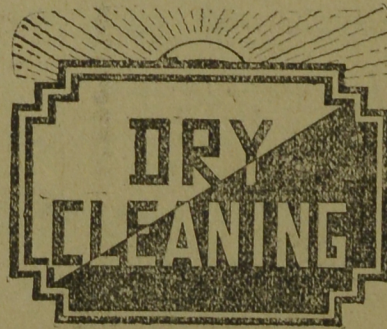
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