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CONCERNING LICENSES

The theory that it is better to license beer shops in order to ensure police supervision of the traffic does not work out well. It did not save the lives of John Dugan and Lizzie Hayes, nor does it prevent the drinking of strong liquor in the beer shops or in living rooms connected with them, into which customers may easily retire for that purpose.

The theory on which the existing system is based appears to be that there are certain persons, apparently quite a number of them, who are determined to violate the law, and that it is better to invest them with a certain degree of legal authority, the most notable fact in connection with which is that under the cloak of authority to gather people in and sell beer to them, they are able to have such orgies as the one which has resulted in the death of two persons.

The theory also assumes that if they had no license these people would still sell beer; but the police should be able to learn about it. If there are not enough policemen the number should be increased. There is no objection whatever to the sale of beer by law-abiding persons, but when the city facilitates violations of law by granting beer licenses to improper persons, it becomes a partner in the evil that results therefrom.

OUR WHISKERED PANDOORS

Attention will now be centred for a few days upon Sussex, where the militiamen are in camp. It is regrettable to observe in general orders that "the growth of hair is sadly neglected in nearly every unit in this military district, and that attention must be called to the unseemly length of hair of many officers warrant officers, N. C. O.s and men, as well as to the utter disregard in many cases shown to the regulations relative to the moustaches, whiskers and beards."

Whether the hirsute appendages are to be blown off, or singed off, or pulled out is not stated, but it is clear that war will be waged against hair and whiskers. The man whose pride it has been to wear a flowing beard on his bosom, or ambrosial locks upon his shoulders, must bring them to the altar of sacrifice and go shorn to his tent. While this is quite different from being "trimmed" by an enemy, the experience will nevertheless have its unpleasant features for the man who is proud of his antipathy to the barber. The officers will, of course, be able to point out that the whiskered legions of the czar are no good when compared with the smooth-faced Jap and this may have some effect on the mental attitude of the hairy units in the military districts of New Brunswick. There will also be some fun at the bonfires.

AN OBJECT LESSON

If all goes well, some new wharves and warehouses will be built on the West Side. The story of the last one built on the East Side is given in brief in today's Times. The lesson should not be lost on the citizens. Those aldermen who knew that the McLeod warehouse was not built according to the original specifications should develop a little more courage and a more watchful habit when the next contract is being carried out, even if they have to look over the ground themselves. The taxpayers who are now paying for repairs to the McLeod warehouse, and if predictions are fulfilled will have to pay a great deal more, should interest themselves in the next contract and see that inspector's reports are not smothered or disregarded, nor changes made in the specifications. Their quarrel is not with the contractor, but with the officials and the aldermen who are sworn to protect their interests. The next piece of work that is done should be of the class that stands the test of use.

LAWSON AND EQUITABLE

It would be strange indeed if Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, of Frenzied Finance, did not discover some relation between the Equitable affair and Standard Oil. The part taken in the Equitable investigation by Mr. Henry C. Frick is made the text of Mr. Lawson's diatribe in Everybody's Magazine, in which he traces through Mr. Frick the fine Italian hand of the Standard Oil magnates in the present enquiry and he further makes the affair the pretext for an attack on the management of two other life insurance companies. The article is in his customary lurid style, as follows:—

The man who at the present moment is distinguished by the fatal favor of Henry H. Rogers is the iron and steel, coke and coal magnate, ex-partner and opponent of Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick. This wonderfully able person fell under the eagle eye of the master of "Standard Oil" during the great "frenzied finance" market of 1901 to 1903, and was artfully enlisted in "Standard Oil's" conspiracy to draw and quarter that long-horned bull of them all, J. Pierpont Morgan, by taking from him the billion-dollar Steel Trust and shaking him out of his grip on the three big insurance companies, the New York Life, the Mutual, and the Equitable, and the dummy and stool-pigeon subcorporations which went with them. Rogers's blandishments easily captivated Frick, for the abler the man the more quickly he succumbs, and since that moment the great Steel Master has been growing and growing until his personality looms high above the narrow world of Wall street, and older financiers "walk under his huge legs." Few of those who note his girth and bulk and the wonders he performs dream that this man is but the latest manifestation of Henry H. Rogers.

It was under Rogers's masterly guidance that Frick executed the tremendous Steel Trust coup and took control of that great organization. And could there be a more triumphant vindication of "Standard Oil's" magic than the fine supremacy of this Henry C. Frick in the Equitable scramble? My story had no sooner precipitated the wolf-eat-wolf exposure within the great insurance institution, than the fierce exigencies of the inside situation compelled all the frenzied financiers of Wall street to range themselves with one or other of the thieving factions—all but Frick.

At the height of the howling, snapping, and biting, when the air was full of blood and hide and hair, then, as a god from a cloud, out steps Henry C. Frick and announces that he will head a committee to settle the whole trouble and turn over the Equitable to strong people who will know how rightly to administer it. Today he is engaged upon this very project, and I have not the slightest doubt but that "Standard Oil" would eventually have had the institution manned with its own employes from top to bottom but for the uprising of the people throughout the country against the "System." And when the house-cleaning in the equitable is over, and it comes the turn of the New York Life and the Mutual, in which the conditions are even worse than in the Hyde institution, "Standard Oil" will again be putting forward Frick, or whoever his successor happens to be, to go through the same lergerdemain. For Henry C. Frick, with all his eminence—and measured by the yardstick of modern business he is a great personality—will sometime find himself cast aside—like others—the rejected tool of the master of all frenzied financiers.

The astounding statement is made in the report of Francis Hendricks, State Superintendent of Insurance, that on the payroll of the Equitable Life Assurance Society at a salary of $25,000 a year is still carried the name of a man who has been dead for thirteen months. In the same list are three other names of men who for a long time have been out of the employ of the society. One of these draws a yearly salary of $20,000, another $15,000, and the third $3,500. No clear explanation was offered concerning this condition, but in the case of the man long since dead it was said that possibly the $25,000 a year was being paid in the form of a pension to his widow.—New York Herald.

ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS, June 24.—Public examinations were held in the Academy during the week and grading exams. will be held next week. So far the pupils have acquitted themselves creditably.

Mrs. G. A. Boot, who has been an efficient instructor of the manual training department, has accepted a position under the educational department of New Brunswick as travelling instructor in manual training for the towns of St. Stephen and Milltown.

A handsome new motor boat, designed and built for C. Wand, E. A. Mills, is about completed and will be launched in a few days. Her dimensions are: Length, 31 feet; breadth, 6½ feet; depth, 3 feet. She will be driven by a twelve horse-power double cylinder opposing auto engine, manufactured by the Toronto Gas and Gasoline Engine Co.

Revs. Douglas Hennecon of Annapolis and C. W. Perry of Granville Ferry returned from Liverpool on Wednesday, where they had been attending the session of the Methodist conference.

The Annapolis Royal brass band, under the superintendence of Prof. Gordon, is rapidly improving and will give a band concert on the grounds of Fort Anne on the 30th inst.

Dr. F. S. Anderson, W. M., of Rothsey Lodge, Bridgetown, was in town on Thursday and attended the funeral of the late Edward H. Knowles at Granville Ferry.

HARCOURT

HARCOURT, June 24.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Laskin Morton, of Kent Junction, came down Thursday night to spend Sunday with Robert Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ferguson of Greenwood, Nova Scotia, are visiting the former's mother and other relatives here.

Rev. J. F. Estey of Richibucto visited L. J. Wathen yesterday and today.

A few days ago Milledge Van Buskirk, proprietor of the Eureka House, sold a 4-year-old colt for $175. He has one or two more of the same quality.

WHAT THE KING WORE

King Edward, at the ball recently given by his sister, the Princess Henry of Battenberg, wore (as did all the gentlemen present) what is now known as frock dress—namely, plain evening dress with knee-breeches, black silk stockings and black shoes without buckles. His Majesty sported besides a number of miniature Orders the broad blue ribbon of the Garter, but the particular finish and cachet to his costume was given by the Garter itself with the motto in resplendent diamonds worn under the Royal knee. Several other knights of the most noble order were present, adorned with the ribbon and star, but it was noticed that the Sovereign was the only one that wore the garter itself in the position for which it is obviously intended.

NEWS FROM OTTAWA

Ottawa, June 25—T. Ahearn, the pioneer of the Ottawa Electric Railway and Ottawa electric light business in Ottawa, received on Saturday a beautiful gold locket from a number of those who were associated with him in starting both these enterprises and who remained continuously with him.

Ex-Alderman Starr, who was one of the contractors on the short line of the C. P. R. passing through Maine, died today aged 72.

The idea which prevailed a week ago that the opposition was going to permit public business to go through without much talk has been exploded the past week, and has shown that as a matter of fact R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, cannot control his followers even if he was disposed to do so. It is whispered around that he may resign the leadership at an early day. Before accepting the position he laid down certain conditions which the party were to observe and it is said these are not being fulfilled.

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T. B. BLAIR'S APPOINTMENT

He Will Be New Manager of Royal Bank Here.

T. B. Blair will take charge of the Royal Bank here, and is expected in St. John immediately to assume the duties of manager. It will be remembered that Mr. Blair's resignation from the Bank of Nova Scotia, which took place last winter, caused considerable comment; and it was subsequently hinted that he would enter the services of the Royal Bank, and definite announcement to that effect has since been received.

The Royal Bank has become one of the most enterprising, progressive and popular of the larger Canadian banks during late years. Readers will remember it as, formerly, the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. It has prospered signally during the past two decades. Taking for illustration, the year 1886, its capital then was $1,000,000—with reserve fund of $120,000, and total assets $3,800,000, whereas at present the capital is $3,000,000, reserve fund $3,000,000 and total assets more than $34,000,000. During the year 1904 alone the assets exhibited the remarkable increase of $6,000,000; equivalent to a half million dollars increase during each month of the year—a wonderful showing.

Within the past few months the statement has been made that the amalgamation of the Royal Bank with another large bank—the Merchants' Bank of Canada—is in contemplation and likely to be consummated shortly. The latter has a capital of $6,000,000, reserve fund $3,200,000, and total assets of more than $40,000,000. Should they unite, they will together form an imposing and powerful institution, possessing total assets aggregating the enormous sum of more than $75,000,000 and taking rank, with respect to magnitude, as third among the banks of Canada—an eminent and enviable position to attain.

A few years ago parliament was asked to sanction the alteration of the name of Merchants' Bank of Halifax to that of Royal Bank of Canada. The application was granted.

Mr. Blair is cartily congratulated in becoming identified with a bank so far-sighted and of such great promise for the future, and no less heartily the Royal Bank is congratulated in securing the services of one who has established himself firmly in the esteem of this community. It is hardly necessary to assure the bank that in appointing Mr. Blair to the management of this important branch, they have selected one who is entirely persona grata to the citizens of St. John and who is known and favorably regarded in many sections of the maritime provinces and the new manager and the bank are wished the fullest measure of success.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Richard Phillips

Fredericton, N. B., June 25—(Special)—Mrs. Richard Phillips, wife of Inspector Phillips, of the local board of health, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon after a lingering illness from cancer. Deceased was a prominent W. C. T. U. member and took an active interest in all moral reform matters and was well known in temperance circles throughout the province. Besides her husband there survives one son, R. Louis Phillips, traveling salesman for A. F. Randolph & Sons, and two daughters residing at home.

Miss Mabel Fairweather

At an early hour Saturday morning, Miss Mabel Lillian Fairweather, daughter of the late Frederick R. Fairweather, of this city, died at her residence, Rothesay. She has been teaching at Netherwood, and was in poor health for about three years. Miss Fairweather was a young lady of great brilliancy and the highest scholarly attainments. The funeral took place from her late residence, Rothesay, at 2.15, Sunday. Rev. A. W. Daniel concluded a short service at the house and also officiated at St. Paul's church. Burial was in Fernhill. The funeral was largely attended. Relatives of the deceased were pall bearers. A number of beautiful floral tributes from friends and relatives were laid on the casket.

Mrs. Eliza Dickson

Truro, N. S., June 24—(Special)—Eliza, relict of Chas. T. Dickson, aged seventy-five, died tonight of a complication of pleurisy and heart trouble. She was a daughter of the late Ebenezer Harris, of Brookside. The funeral will be Monday afternoon.

James Sutherland

Woodstock, N. B., June 24—(Special)—James Sutherland, for many years a resident of this town, recently making a home with his son Albert, died at an early hour this morning from general debility, aged seventy-nine years. The burial will take place in the Methodist cemetery tomorrow.

GRAND FALLS

GRAND FALLS, June 24.—A party of Grand Falls young men, composed of ex-Mayor A. J. Martin, Orrin Davis, Charles Burgess, J. J. Gallagher, Abban Burgess, Angus McLeod, and Alfred Burgess, started for Woodstock yesterday in Orrin Burgess's gasoline launch. An accident not only prevented the trip, but almost caused the loss of two lives. Within a few miles of town, below the fishing grounds, the propeller struck a sunken log, causing the boat to lurch in such a way as to throw Angus McLeod and A. J. Martin in the swift and deep water. Martin was almost immediately picked up by the boat, but McLeod, who was unable to swim, had gone down the third time and was unconscious when rescued by Charles Burgess, who heroically jumped overboard after him. Only after the most energetic and prolonged exertions was McLeod resuscitated. The boat was run ashore and a new propeller blade placed instead of the damaged one, but the almost fatal accident had put a damper on the spirits of the party, and instead of completing the journey, the boat was turned around and the return trip to Grand Falls made in safety.

Mrs. James F. McCluskey, wife of J. F. McCluskey, died yesterday after a protracted illness. The deceased was born in Boston fifty years ago, and was married there in 1885. She is survived by a husband and two children, Frank aged 18 years and Lena aged 16 years. The deceased had been in a sanitarium in Quebec for a year, but her health was not much improved, and she has been in failing health since her return. She was a woman of good education, having taught in the Boston public schools in her youth. She was of a kind and obliging disposition and will be greatly missed in the community.

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