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INTERESTING SITUATION

That liquor is sold during prohibited hours is no news to the license commissioners and inspector. They were not ignorant of the fact. For years there has been an understanding that the hotels need not live up to the strict letter of the law. If occasionally it seemed necessary to impose a fine, there followed a period of official somnolence, during which business went on as usual.

The new feature in the case in the production of evidence secured by a detective and presented to the license commissioners by the Temperance Federation, in proof of the assertion that the law has been continuously violated in the hotels. It has never been difficult to secure such evidence, for the simple reason that the hotel proprietors knew perfectly well that there was no disposition on the part of the authorities to enforce the law to the limit. They had come to regard it almost as a right to sell liquor after hours, so long as there was not too much noise and serious disturbance. All classes of citizens who indulged in the social glass knew that no one need hurry to get drunk before the legal closing hour, for there were still the hotels. This traffic was sanctioned by custom and tacitly endorsed by the authorities. It was not regarded as at all improper to disregard the legal closing hour, so long as the business done thereafter was "a quiet business." The protests of temperance people were disregarded, or met with a challenge to produce the evidence. Custom had practically made legal that which was illegal. The unwritten law prevailed. Behind the men who sold was the tacit consent of the government that they should sell. And the most singular feature of the case was that saloon keepers who closed their places sharp on time looked on complacently while the hotels made profits during prohibited hours.

There is now a new set of conditions. A government is in power which declares that the law must be enforced. The Temperance Federation has submitted evidence that the law has been constantly violated in the past. This body has also presented petitions against the renewal of certain licenses. The supreme court this week will determine whether there are or are not too many saloons in certain wards. If there are too many the number must be reduced. There is also a movement in favor of having the screens removed from all saloon windows, so that there will be an unobstructed view from the outside of every saloon and beer shop in the city.

The whole situation, therefore, takes on a new aspect. Not for very many years has general interest been so keenly aroused on this whole question. It is perfectly clear that the announcement of Premier Hazen that the law would be enforced has greatly heartened the temperance party, and proportionately disappointed those who advocate the system that has prevailed in the past.

It is perhaps regrettable that the work of the detective was not extended to show how many unlicensed places there are in the city in which the initiated have no difficulty in securing liquor at all hours.

CIVIC CONTEST

The civic elections take place to-morrow. The most important issue to be decided is that relating to the method of electing aldermen. Each voter is asked to state whether he favors the ward system, the district system, or that of electing each alderman by the vote of the whole city. The return to the ward system was made in the hope of better results than had been secured under the former system. This hope proved delusive, as the results were, if anything, less satisfactory. The district system has not yet been definitely worked aut, and is therefore very vague. Evidently the contest is to be between the ward system and the system of election by the vote of the whole city for each candidate. Experience shows that the ward system is even less satisfactory than the other, and there will be a large vote in favor of its abolition, and it should be large enough to effect that result.

The contest for the mayoralty is exceptionally keen. Mayor Sears has developed unexpected strength as the campaign has progressed, due in a large measure, no doubt, to the fact that he threw himself into the recent provincial contest at the call of his party with such disastrous results.

Apparently the keenest aldermanic contest is in Dukes ward, where Mr. Potts is giving Ald. Vanwart the fight of his aldermanic life. There is a lively campaign in one or two other wards, but taking the city as a whole the total vote will not be large.

RATHER UNCALLED FOR

Mr. Recorder Skinner, before the license commissioners on Saturday, deemed it unnecessary in the interests of an applicant for a liquor license, to insinuate that the Every Day Club is not a well conducted institution.

He had read that certain criminals had met at the Club before committing a crime with which they were charged. Also there was unseemly noise at the club.

It is no doubt perfectly true that criminals as well as drunken men at times enter the club. There is one door in St. John open to every man. But neither criminals nor drunkards are made in that institution.

The proprietor of a saloon, in ejecting a drunken man from his place, was heard by a member of the club to make this remark: "Go down to the Every Day Club—they want men like you down there."

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the institution its motives are perhaps as high as those of the advocate of a licensed saloon in its immediate neighborhood. Moreover, its doors are as open to Mr. Skinner as to other men, and he could easily learn for himself whether it is an influence for good or evil.

The Chinese government intends to purchase, immediately, forty torpedo boats and four gunboats. For the reorganization of the navy and the purchase of new ships and guns various nations actively competed, and the report states that the orders will probably be divided between representatives from Great Britain, Germany, and Japan.

A reign of terror is said to prevail in Hayti. Until some strong nation does with Hayti what the United States has done with Cuba these conditions are likely to recur with frequency.

The address of Mr. Ames before the Canadian Club tomorrow evening, on the Canadian west and its resources and possibilities should be one of great interest and value.

THE MILITARY SPENDTHRIFT.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Those who have learned with amazement, that Canada is spending more than $5,000,000 a year on the militia, a service which ten years ago cost less than a third of that amount, will also be interested in the fact that this sum mentioned does not represent the whole of the outlay. As in the case of the postal service, no inconsiderable portion of the annual cost is borne by the public works department. Thus, in addition to the millions spent directly by the militia department in the last three years, the public works department expended on works for the benefit of the militia department the following amounts:

1907 (nine months)	$272,509
1906.	371,003
1906.	416,334

The public works department has also borne certain expenditures on account of maintenance of buildings, etc., so that altogether the expenditure on the militia charged against the public works department, and not appearing in the militia department accounts, comes to the tidy total of $400,000 per annum. Ten years ago the expenditure under this head was less than $100,000. For the coming year Sir Frederick Borden is asking parliament to give him no less than $466,000, and further supplementary estimates may add to this amount. The outlay is visible. The return in value is not.

DO IT FOR ST. JOHN.

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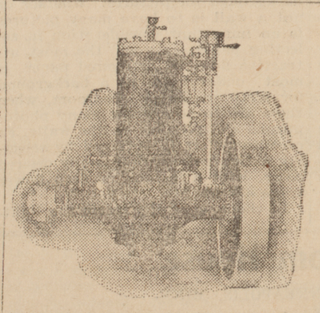
Store open till 11.30 p. m. Saturday, April 18th, 1908.

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THE COW-BELLS

Not because of their own music
As they tinkle down the lane,
But from memories interwoven
Would I hear the bells again,
With their jingle, jingle, jangle
As up from woodland tangle
Bess and Moll come home.

Melody I've heard that's sweeter
Swelling from the thrushes' throats;
But there's country peace and quiet
Mingled in the cow bells' notes,
With their jingle, jingle, jangle,
As up from woodland tangle
Kate and Nell come home.

Possibly because I'm weary
Of a city's ceaseless strife,
That my heart swells out in longing
For the quiet rural life,
Where, with jingle, jangle, jingle
From lowland, dell and dingle
All the cows come home.

—Elizabeth D. Preston.

IN LIGHTER VIEN

IN THIS CLIMATE

Teacher (in kindergarten physiology class)—'Harry, can you tell me the function of the pores of our bodies?'

Harry—'They are the things we use to catch cold with.'

EVIDENCE OF GENIUS

Hyker—'Browning's wife must be an intellectual woman.'

Piker—'Why do you think so?'

Hyker—'I notice he seldom has any buttons on his clothes.'

CARRIES WEIGHT

'Pa,' asked Freddy, 'what is a social scale?'

'Generally speaking,' replied Pa, 'it's a place where they weigh money.'—Bohemian.

WHAT HE GETS

Edgar—'Does your mother give you anything when you're real good?'

Jimmy—'No; but she gives it to me good and proper when I'm not.'

AN ORNAMENT

Town Visitor (to a small applicant for a holiday)—'What is your father?'

Small Applicant—'E's me father.'

T. V.—'Yes, but what is he?'

S. A.—'Oh, 'e's me stepfather.'

T. V.—'Yes, yes. But what does he do? Does he sweep chimneys or drive 'buses, or what?'

S. A.—(With a dawning light of comprehension)—'O-o-w! No, 'e ain't done nothin' since we've 'ad 'im.'

PROVING IT

General Tipsky was a Russian, and so was General Topsky.
They asked their rude assailants if they wouldn't kindly stopsky.
But their yellow Jap antagonists were heathen shy on manners,
And they used the fort's defenses as a place to plant their banners.
So the generals hiked to Russia where they called each other quitter,
Liar, knave and scoundrel, till the quarrel grew quite bitter;
But they settled up the matter to the public satisfaction
By shooting up each other in a sanguinary action.

New York American.

KEEP THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS CLEAN

(Maritime Merchant.)

The sanitary conditions of many of our public buildings are notoriously disgraceful. We have observed this wherever we have gone in the provinces, and have found a very painful contrast to what we have found in the United States and in Europe. We are at a loss to understand why those who have authority in connection with our public buildings suffer things to be as they are. It cannot be because of the expense that would be involved in keeping them clean; soap and water are cheap and the labor of applying them does not cost much. It is only in line with the customary carelessness to be seen on all sides in relation to public property. The people don't take an interest and consequently everything is slovenly—paper and peeling are thrown on the sidewalks, the streets are allowed to accumulate dirt, the public walk on the grass, many do not respect private property. Is it surprising that public buildings are dirty? Perhaps we need to reform the attitude of the public with respect to all these things, but meantime a good start might be made on public buildings. If we can succeed in getting them put in presentable shape the others might follow by force of example. The condition of our public buildings is no good advertisement for us.

CONCRETE LOT MARKERS

Of particular interest to real estate owners is a new application of concrete which is described in Cement Age, namely, for the manufacture of markers for lot corners. Pine and oak stakes have been found to be of too temporary a nature for this purpose, while even the solid stakes of iron, or the galvanized or common pipe soon succumb to the corrosive forces to which they are subjected. The stone corner is probably the next best, for if of good composition it lasts for many years. But they are not always handy or easy to obtain, are hard to shape, and lack, as do the other markers, a practical means of identifying the man who is responsible for their setting. The concrete monument offers a marker which can be easily constructed to suit the individual ideas of different men, and if properly made, it is good for ages. The size and shape are matters on which there will be a variety of opinion, and which would differ to meet certain circumstances and conditions. A marker which has been adopted for general use is four inches square at the top and four by five inches at the bottom, and twenty-four inches in length. These are planted nearly level with the surface of the ground, slightly mounding the earth about them so that just the face appeas above the soil. This affords protection from contact with wagons, etc. The beveled top edges are about half-inch to avoid chipping. This also gives the stone a more finished appearance. The markers are square, this being the most practical type to make and handle. A round or conically shaped monument is restless in travel and therefore more subject to breakage, as well as being more difficult to pile in storing. The cost of markers of the type described is said to be thirty cents.

DOMESTIC TROUBLE FOR ANOTHER GOULD

New York, April 19.—Frank J. Gould, whose domestic affairs have been the subject of so much publicity in the past few days, addressed the following telegraphic message to the Associated Press today:

"HotSprings, Va., April 19.

To the Associated Press, New York.

"Alleged interviews with me are untrue. I have refused and most positively refuse to discuss my personal affairs.

(signed) "Frank J. Gould.

Handsome Buffets

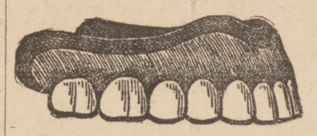
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