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EDITORIAL

THE HOTEL BUSINESS

The Chatham Commercial puts forth the following stale arguments in favor of the sale of liquor in hotels:

The Newcastle Advocate makes a somewhat labored attempt to enforce the 'exit' of Mr. Willis from the hotel business in that town, though it is good enough to admit that apart from selling liquor, he kept a 'very creditable hotel.' Probably he did, but he did not do it out of the revenue he derived from the ordinary guest. Take any hotel man you like, and he will tell you that no service such as the average man will put up with can be provided for the rates which are usually charged. Go to any town you please, and it will be found that the so-called 'temperance hotel' is a very second rate affair, both in accommodation, service and cuisine, as compared with hotels where liquor is sold. Such places are usually shunned by men, who while they want no liquor, do want decent accommodation.

A temperance hotel may possibly pay its way in a large business centre where the number of guests is considerable, but in a small town like Newcastle, conditions are vastly different.

The Chatham Commercial knows and The Union Advocate knows, and every ordinarily intelligent person knows, that what may be called the standard plan for conducting a hotel with the sale of liquor is to make the profits from booze pay a large portion of the expense of the legitimate hotel business. This little scheme, of course, works out to the disadvantage of the temperance hotel, and the inevitable result is that the temperance hotel in most cases is a second rate affair. It is all very simple. The liquor selling hotel, subsidized by its booze profits, simply underbids the temperance hotel. The booze hotel gives first class service but will not charge patrons what such service is worth. Competition with the temperance hotel upon equal terms destroys the liquor seller's virtual monopoly of the hotel business. With that large portion of the public who want no liquor going to first class hotels where liquor is not sold it quickly becomes evident that the liquor selling hotel is of no real benefit to the community. In other words the booze hotel buys its legitimate hotel patronage in order to be able to continue reaping the profits from the sale of liquor.

With booze rolling out out of all hotels, they are all forced to charge what their services are worth. That is the basis upon which every other legitimate business is run. That is the only basis upon which the hotel business should be run.

A hotel which gives service which is worth \$4.00 a day ought to charge that price and not \$2.00 and make up the deficiency from its booze profits. Any honest patron of a hotel who receives \$4.00 worth of service from a hotel ought to be willing to pay \$4.00 and not ask the neglected and abused wives and children of boozers to help him pay his hotel bills.

CLASSIFICATION OF CROWN LANDS

The classification of crown lands in New Brunswick, which has been undertaken by the provincial government, is the most important step yet made towards a wise and proper development and conservation of the province's resources. With much show of reason it has been contended, and even now it is argued that farming and lumbering in New Brunswick are antagonistic to each other. If agriculture is developed, the lumbering industry will be killed, while if the lumber interest is allowed full sway, extensive farming is impossible, are the two horns of a dilemma which every New Brunswick government has had to face. It is self evident that farmers and lumbermen can not make use of the same land at the same time. Which interest shall be given the preference? Certainly farming and lumbering are both necessary to the proper development of the country's resources, and there ought to be no dispute over the proposition that the land most valuable for agricultural purposes should be so used, while the lands which will most benefit the province as timber areas should be retained for lumbering.

The government's classification scheme will doubtless disclose the fact that a considerable portion of the crown lands now under lease for lumbering are fine agricultural lands while other tracts which have been granted as farm lands will be shown to be better for timber growing.

The great benefit promised by the classification is that it will permit the government to make an intelligent disposal of the crown lands in the interests of the province as a whole. Everybody wants to see the agricultural possibilities of the province developed to the highest degree compatible with the fullest prosper-

ity, and no one wants the lumber industry destroyed, to the irreparable injury of the province. Classification of crown lands will enable the government to give proper encouragement to farming, while giving to the lumber industry all the protection it requires.

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Particular friends of the Miramichi Hospital, as well as the public generally, will doubtless be pleased, not to say gratified, with the splendid record of the institution, as disclosed by the report of the county council committee which inspected the hospital two weeks ago. Up to the time the report was made, one hundred and thirty four medical and surgical patients had been admitted to the Miramichi Hospital, and of this number one hundred and seventeen had been sent back to their homes cured or improved, while ten of the number remained under treatment. Only seven deaths have occurred in the hospital.

These figures make a splendid showing, and demonstrate clearly the fact that the Miramichi Hospital is rendering to Northumberland county especially an invaluable service. This county, however, is not the sole beneficiary of the Miramichi, as fourteen patients from places outside Northumberland have received treatment at the Hospital, thus showing that the good work of the institution is being extended to all who are in need, and who can avail themselves of it.

The council committee found everything clean and in perfect order. Cleanliness and orderliness and painstaking care, attention and treatment of patients by the medical and surgical staff and by the matron and nurses of the institution, have been conspicuous elements in the conduct of the hospital, and it is to the exercise of these qualities that the success of the institution, and its high reputation in and without Northumberland county is now due.

The progress of the Miramichi Hospital has been very satisfactory indeed, and to its founder, Mr. Ernest Hutchison, and to all others who have worked so faithfully to promote the efficiency and usefulness of the institution, its record must be a source of the greatest pride.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

A good place to put away spare money today is at the Newcastle post office, where Postmaster Troy is ready to hand out the government three year war saving certificates in denominations of from \$25 to \$100. These certificates are selling at 14% discount which makes the cost of a \$25 certificate \$21.50; a \$50 certificate goes at \$45, and a \$100 one at \$86. Inasmuch as these certificates are the same as money to those who are prepared to save for three years it will be seen that keeping them is a great deal more profitable than keeping money itself. \$86 in money will be \$86 three years hence while \$86 in war savings certificate will be \$100 three years from now. The money that the government borrows from the people on this plan will not have to be borrowed elsewhere. Therefore by buying these certificates the small investor can not only make money for himself on the enhanced value of the certificates, but by taking them can save the interest on other loans which in the last analysis, the people, including the small investor, of course, would have to pay.

Other Opinions

(From the Chatham World) NEWCASTLE POST OFFICE MYSTERY—The editor of The World should not be so impatient with Newcastle's mail service. His letter was delivered thirty six hours after it was mailed. Advocate mail despatched an equal distance frequently requires five days to reach its destination. The mail service from Newcastle seems to be conducted on the plan of going around the world to get to your neighbor's back door—Advocate.

Our shiretown contemporary should detail J. Dover to solve these mysteries. We have asked the Newcastle postmaster and the P O Inspector for a solution of the mysterious failure of a letter dropped at 7.30 p. m. for Chatham to get into the mail bag for Chatham that night and have received no information. J. Dover might be usefully employed to investigate this and the other delays spoken of by the Advocate.

MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Victor H. Arbeau who died December 12th, 1915:

Dearest husband thou'st left us, Gone to dwell with God above, Gone to meet our other loved ones, In that Mansion house of love, Thou hast left a world of sorrow, Thou hast crossed the swelling tide And gone to meet our Saviour, Over on the other side, You have left and hearts behind you Where you once made glad your home, Left your wife and child behind you, But we know God's will be done, You have found a friend in Jesus, Better than our earthly friend, And one who was ever near you, And with which you to the end, We must all prepare to rest you, For to us you cannot come, Again as to be one family, In our Heavenly Father's home, And how sadly we do miss you, In the dusky even-tide, For your room is very lonely, Where I used to sit by your side, Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, And if Heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tear is shed, WIFE AND CHILD.

"That Letter"

Dear Editor:
YOURS RECEIVED.
AND.
CONTENTS NOTED.
I.
AM NOT.
A DETECTIVE.
AND IF.
J. L. STEWART of the Chatham World.
WANTS.
TO KNOW.
WHAT'S WRONG with the Newcastle post office.
HE.
WILL HAVE to do his own.
INVESTIGATING.
FOR I.
AM NOT.
AS BIG.
AS.
THE POSTMASTER
AT NEWCASTLE.
AND IF.
I.
WENT TO him.
AND ASKED him.
WHY.
THAT LETTER.
TOOK SO long.
TO GET to Chatham.
I MIGHT.
LAND.
IN.
THE MIRAMICHI Hospital.
AND IF I didn't.
AND.
HE TALKED.
TO ME.
AND DIDN'T.
SCARE ME to death.
I KNOW he would.
ORATE.
ME.
CLEAN AWAY.
FROM THAT Letter.
AND THEN.
J. L.
WOULD BE.
SORE.
BECAUSE HE hadn't.
SEEN THERE.
TO.
ORATE BACK.
SO.
I'M GOING.
TO LEAVE it all.
ALONE.
AND.
I HOPE that J. L. Stewart.
WILL COME.
UP HERE.
AND ASK.
J. M. TROY.
ABOUT IT.
AND THEN we'll have.
THE BIGGEST.
ORATING MATCH.
EVER STAGED.
BUT IF.
J. L. STEWART wants to know.
THE TRUTH.
ABOUT.
HIS LETTER.
I'LL TELL Him.
IT TOOK.
AN HOUR.
TO SEND.
THAT LETTER.
AND.
THIRTY-FIVE HOURS.
TO READ.
THE ADDRESS.
JAY DOVER

DOUGLASTOWN SCHOOL
Following is the standing of the leading pupils of Douglastown Superior School for last term, as shown by the monthly examinations:
Grade IX—Annie Benn and Clara Firth 77, Clyde Gulliver 57, Haze Wood 54, Norman Dickens 53, Annie DeWolfe 52, Robert Wood and Thomas Cowie 50.
Grade VIII—Bertha Atkinson 68, May Russell 65, Burton Walsh 60, James Walsh 59, Albert Dinan 57, Barbara Craig 55, John Cowie 54, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Mary Hutchison, Johnston Getlike, Arthur Roy and Arthur Wood 50.
Grade VII—Josie Breen 75, Rudyard Henderson 71, Marion Gray 70, Eloise Anderson 65, Mary Walsh 63, Jean Gulliver 60, Weldon Jardine 60, Rachel Anderson 57, Geo. Jessamin and Annie Young 55, Yorston Benn and Gladys, Steeth 54, Yvonne Vautour 51, Magtie Wood, Wm. Sickles and Geo. Driscoll 50. Present every day—Eloise Anderson.
Grade VI—Jack MacCosh 84, Max Russell 77, Margaret Simpson 75, Willie Firth 65, Bella Wood 64, Marion Cameron 61, Dorothy Atkinson 60, Arthur Young 55, David Hutchison 53, Everett Spurr 53, Andrew Lee 52, Gordon Dickens 50, Margaret Wilkinson 50. Perfect attendance—M. Russell, L. Wood, C. Atkinson, D. Atkinson, E. Spurr, W. Firth.
Grade V—Emmett Hagarty 96, May Sickles 91, Jack Craig 82, Dick Pittman 65, Harry Simpson 64, Letta Spurr 60, Helen Dickens 57, Audrey Baie 55, Bert Wood, Patrick Lloyd, May Dinan, Emily Daigle. Perfect attendance—M. Sickles, H. Simpson, L. Spurr, H. Dickens.
Grade IV—Mary Sullivan 95, Helen Kirkpatrick 96, Elsie Anderson 86, Mona Wood: 82, Kathleen Young 80, Frank Russell 80, Arnes Wood 70, Mamie Boudreau 50. Perfect attendance during term—Mona Woods, Elliot Cowie.
Grade III—Edith Gulliver 92, Marjorie Henderson 84, Fred Simpson 80, Harvey Jessamin 77, Ray Simpson 74, Osborne Sickles 73, Arthur Spurr 68, Katherine Falconer 67, Harry Gray 64, Frank Wood 61, Richard Anderson 60, Roy Gray 59, Annie Gulliver 58, Rudolph Craig 57, Bernadette Dinan 56, Margaret Campbell 56. Perfect attendance for term—Harvey Jessamin.
Grade II—Frances Sullivan 99, Helen Cameron 94, Leslie Anderson 92, Richard Lee, Angus Firth 85, Helen Gulliver 84, Alf Simpson 38, Cornelius Dinan 82, Stella Nolan 80, Bertha Dickens 72, John Kirkpatrick 67, Joseph Cowie 56, Charlie Wood 51.
Grade I—Crumbly Driscoll, Vera Cameron 100; Cameron Jessamin, Howard Devereaux, Violet Anderson 92, Norma Taylor, Clarence Spurr 88, Annie Dufferin, Harry Williston, Gertrude Dufferin 50. Perfect attendance for term—Clarence Spurr.
Pie Jeremiah Lantag has returned from the front minus his left arm and left eye. He has done well his part.
The first I. O. D. E. afternoon tea of the season was held at Mrs. McEwen's store Saturday by Mesdames F. E. Neale and A. E. Taylor and realized \$11.00.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This section of the Act to amend the Rates and Taxes Act is published under a resolution of the County Council at their annual meeting in January 1917. The Assessors and non-resident ratepayers will take notice, as the section will be strictly enforced.

The said Act is further amended by adding thereto the following section: "153 It shall be the duty of the Board of Assessors for each Parish in each County to prepare before the first day of July in each year a schedule containing a description by metes and bounds of each parcel of real estate in the said Parishes respectively, in respect of which at least two years County school or highway taxes have accrued or in respect of which the County school or highway taxes or any portion thereof shall have been due and unpaid for more than one year or in respect of which any special assessment or instalment or portion thereof shall have been due for more than one year with the name of the person or persons assessed as they appear upon the last assessment list of the said Parishes and a statement of the amount due in each case and such statement when so prepared shall be by the several Boards of Assessors for each Parish filed with the County Secretary." (Sgd) E. P. WILLISTON, Secretary-Treasurer, Northumberland County, Newcastle, N. B., Jan 31st, 1917

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With the appointment of Col H W Laird, of Regina, as Senator, to succeed the late Senator Davis, the Liberal majority in the upper chamber is now reduced to one. The standing is 40 to 39. There are still 11 vacancies and when these are filled the Conservatives will have a majority of seven. Mrs Watson J Touchie will receive at her home, Manse Street, Loggieber in the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Feb. 7th

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