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Does Prohibition Prohibit?

The Case for the Moderates.

THE OUTPORTS.
(By WARWICK SMITH.)
ARTICLE VIII.

St. John's has so often been called a "rum-hole," that the case quoted in my last article "An Informer's Fate," might be cited as instancing only the attitude of the Capital of the country. Now what are the facts as regards the administration of the law in the outports? Putting aside for the moment, the large amount of drugs and patent medicines consumed outside St. John's, which has largely increased since Prohibition, let us confine ourselves to a consideration of the smuggling and "moonshine" making.

Ask any decent, respectable outport man what is his opinion on Prohibition, and he will answer in terms like these: "I voted for Prohibition—but not for this." Now that may be taken in two ways. He may have voted for Prohibition thinking it would make Newfoundland a bone-dry country. He knows it is not. Or he may have voted for Prohibition thinking he would, as usual, be able to get his jar full when he came to St. John's in the Fall of the year. It cannot be denied that this argument was extensively used by the advocates

of Prohibition in order to catch votes, or, perhaps, because they believed it themselves. At any rate there is plenty of evidence that men came to town in 1917 with their jars and were disappointed when told that only those who were sick could get any liquor and then only eight ounces. A clergyman informed me that he has information from most reliable sources that smuggling and drunkenness are on the increase along the whole Southern Coast from St. John's to Cape Ray, and that Customs Officials are powerless to do anything to stop it, because whole settlements are on the watch to aid the smuggling of

liquor. I am not saying this on official information, because the officials know, or pretend to know, nothing about it. At headquarters nothing is, I believe, known about it. Persons whose word I cannot doubt have assured me that smuggling goes on to an alarming extent; but they, naturally, refuse to give me the names of persons and places, because it would then be my duty as a Customs official to bring it to the attention of my superiors.

As for "moonshining," no person who meets outport people can have any doubt about it. Another clergyman informed me that many of his parishioners are making "moonshine" for lack of the imported article. A writer in the Trade Review of April 10th, states:

"The women and even the children drink the stuff in nearly every northern outport, and every second man you meet is blinking his eyes from soaking himself with the poison. They drink it instead of water and it leaves bad effects. It was made from apricots, raisins, etc., last fall, but they use now only

molasses and it is much cheaper." I have also been assured by dozens of respectable people that they have seen, with their own eyes, the manufacture of "moonshine." Further, the police avoid going into houses on brewing days, which are as well known as baking and washing days. Can anyone blame them after the trouble at Flat Islands last year? A man-of-war arrested the Flat Island "moonshiners," but none of them was ever called before the Court since.

Why are these things so? Because public opinion is against total Prohibition. Whatever good has been done by Prohibition is counter-balanced by the introduction of a great evil into this country. That evil is contempt for the Law, and that is one of the first steps in the direction of Bolshevism.

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Harbor Grace Notes.

(Special Correspondence.)
Mr. James Sheldrake, a well known and respected resident of Water Street East, who went to St. John's by Saturday week's early train to enter the General Hospital there, died on the following Wednesday, at the age of 64 years. Shortly after the examination at the institution, which showed that he was suffering from an incurable internal complaint, the end came. The remains were conveyed by Thursday's afternoon train to this town, when the funeral took place from the station. Interment was at the Methodist Cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest in mother earth. It is believed that his son, William, who is employed at Sydney, will come here shortly to dispose of the large property in the East End. His wife predeceased him by some 18 months.

Mr. E. Simmons has recently purchased from Messrs. J. & J. Yetman, of the South Side, the schr. Pandora, 55 tons. She is to be used in general coasting business.

The schr. Snowbird, R. Parsons, master, came off dock on Wednesday last and sailed for Carbonear on the following day.

Mr. E. Simmons' schr. Dorothy, J. Pike, master, sailed for St. John's Tuesday last with general cargo for her owner.

The many friends of Mr. E. D. Freeman will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his recent painful accident. He fell through an open hatch and badly sprained his left arm while performing his daily duties at Strapp's Pharmacy, of which he is manager. His friends trust that he will soon be completely recovered and able again to use the limb freely.

Miss Mollie McKay is now recovering from an attack of influenza.

Mr. Geo. Stewart arrived from Bell Island Saturday evening in his motor boat, the G. L. Stewart, bringing a few passengers and a little freight. Mr. H. Tilley also arrived about the same

time from the Island with a large number of passengers but no freight.

The many friends of Mr. Eli Stowe will be pleased to learn that he is now able to get about town again. Mr. Stowe has been ailing for some two years past, and at one time during that period it was feared the end to his long life had come. Even doctors expressed their belief that he was not going to live much longer; but the critical point has passed and he is still on deck with a fair prospect of regaining part of his lost strength, if not all of it.

Potatoes are at present very scarce in Harbor Grace, and in no wise cheap. It is stated that they can be obtained on the South Side at \$7.50 the barrel. At that figure—and that is even cheaper than it was expected they would be—many people here will have to let their cultivated land go to weeds this year owing to inability to procure the article at even a smaller figure than the above for seed purposes.

Now that there is so much talk of world famine, and so much said as to how people should economize, would it not pay the Government to distribute to those who may require them, potatoes sufficient to set out their ground, accepting as a return say two barrels to one in the fall of the year? Otherwise many people will not set their ground out this season, and that will mean a harder tug on the other foodstuffs, such as flour, etc.

The Government should not have to be reminded of this way of helping the people, whose money, and not theirs, they handle. If a world wide famine is to be prevented, then why—and when there is an avenue of escape—should an article such as the potato, an all-around saver on the poor man's purse, be refused those who have land and are unable to get sufficient for setting purposes, either through their scarcity or the inability on the part of the people to purchase them. It is time to start something now and not when it is too late, if the Government is to help the people.

A popular young tailor while on

her way home the other night received quite a shock. Living in a far end of the town, and hearing so much talk of the "dress-up," she became a little nervous after leaving the centre of the town. However, all went well until she reached some distance beyond a popular street, when a loose piece of fencing began to rattle with the wind. With the exclamation "Oh, my!" she made a bee-line for the opposite side of the street, only to meet her shadow on a stone wall. Hence the young lady's firm resolution to cultivate the acquaintance of some worthy "gallant," and if good looks and all that sort of thing count for much, the road to her destination assumes a rosy hue.

But not alone does the "dress-up" hold terror to this young lady. Another young tailor, very popular, was also the victim of a shock some few nights ago. When she was about to indulge in her beauty sleep, she happened to glance toward the window. Pressed close to the glass was the face of a "dress-up." Whoever the individual assuming the "dress-up" role is, he is very easily frightened. The young lady shortly got rid of him by the aid of another. There must be a "button" loose somewhere.

CORRESPONDENT.
Hr. Grace, April 19, '20.

He Has Tried Them and Got Results.

WHY A. J. MACLEDO PRAISES DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

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