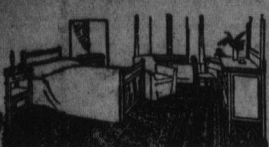


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**IN ST. JOHN SINCE LAST MAY**

Interesting Facts Learned by The Standard at Police Headquarters and County Gaol—Remarkable Now to See a Drunken Man—No More Habitual Drunkards—Saving of Over \$200 a Month in Gaol Maintenance.

There is an old saying of which writers used to be very fond—"the times change and we change with them." Isn't it a good thing that we do change in some respects?

The particular change we must have struck almost every thoughtful person this holiday season is the difference which the New Brunswick Prohibition Act has made in the celebration of both Christmas and New Year's Days. In former times these days were ones to be marked by the common sight of drunken men in the streets. "Celebrating" another man would say with a smile, while the woman who witnessed and slighted thought of the home which would be tragic instead of happy, for the mother and children.

The sheet at the police court used to be filled with names in the week following Christmas. This year there are only a very few.

In the streets the sight of a man intoxicated would today be thought very strange indeed, and late at night is as safe as noon day for anyone to walk to their home.

Then there can be no question as to the amount of human happiness which this act and its splendid enforcement has produced. In the recent cold snap there was, no doubt, much discomfort but it appals one to think how much greater would have been the suffering if the homes of many had not been well provided with fuel. Last year, when the bars were open, the money found its way into the pockets of the men who owned those bars, while now the families are well provided for and the little ones care for and kept warm.

At the movies it is no uncommon sight to see whole families, the hard-working mother, the eldest daughter holding the littlest one by the hand and the father, all enjoying the pictured world flashed upon the screen and all happy together. No more wondering how father will be when he gets home on pay day, but comfort and enjoyment in the return of the wage-earner. No shrinking quietly into a corner for fear of a blow, but the children running joyfully to meet "Dad."

A very large amount of credit must be given Chief Inspector Rev. W. D. Wilson and Inspectors Crawford and Barrett for the faithful and efficient way in which they have discharged their duties, also for the great assistance given by Chief of Police Simpson and his police constables.

Comparative Statement.

The actual figures show that from December 25th, 1916, to January 1st, 1917, there were 46 cases, while last year, the number of arrests for drunkenness was 24, while during the same period from Dec. 25th, 1917, to Jan. 1st, 1918, only five were arrested for the same offence. Not one woman has been in the jail for drunkenness since May 1st, not even one of the "old timers." The officials speak with interest of the improved appearance of these habitual offenders, who when met upon the street look like different men and women.

That the act has made no difference in the number of juvenile criminals is a deplorable fact stated by the chief of police. Juvenile crime has increased to a very large degree not only in the city and Dominion, but in every part of the world since the war. The absence of a parental discipline may account for this in some way, but in the city one cause is the lack of a proper place for these young sinners against the law.

In the city court during December, 1916, there were 46 cases, while last month the number was not above 16 or 18 for all causes. That there has been a marked difference in the number of prisoners since the first of May is testified to by another official who names the figures as an average of 14 to 15 persons in jail (for all crimes) as against 40 to 50 before the passing of the prohibition act. Before May 1st there have been as many as 85 people occupying lodgings at the city and county expense. On January 3rd, a year ago, there were 15 in jail (for all crimes), yesterday there were 10 only. The saving to the city amounts to an average of \$200 each month.

These facts show if evidence were needed that no one act has effected such a comparatively short period of time and the results of the reform are far-reaching.

An interesting fact is that in the last few months the prohibition act has greatly affected the numbers of those arrested for debt. The figures are for 1916, there were 2,115 cases as against 649 civil suits last year. Many of those who are summoned are able to pay the money instead of going to jail. Women whose husbands in the last year have been arrested for drunkenness and beating bear testimony that the pay envelope now is handed to them in fact, they never knew what the husband earned, but had to accept the small residue which was left after the liquor had been bought and consumed. Wounds which were in the last year handed the full pay envelope, and he able to finance the household in comparative comfort with the father of the family reformed and working steadily.

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W. B. Tennant was the first witness called. He had not paid the \$20,000 to Thomas Bell direct and did not know personally whether Mr. Bell got the money or not. The witness had given the money to George B. Jones of Apohaunt and asked him to give it to Mr. Bell. He did not remember whether the money was in a package or was counted nor did he remember whether this sum was paid after the Nova Scotia Construction Company had received the contract for the Valley Railway.

Mr. Jones called attention to the fact that evidence showed the money was paid after the contract was let.

Mr. Tennant said he asked Mr. Jones to take the \$20,000 over to Mr. Thomas Bell. Twenty thousand dollars went to the St. John committee.

Mr. Tennant said he did not pay \$2,000 to the St. John committee and he did not know who did. He subsequently got \$2,000 from Mr. Bell. It went into the county fund. He got it himself as county treasurer. He did not pay \$4,000 to Kings County fund. He did not pay anything. He did not know what was done with the \$20,000 paid to Mr. Bell. He had a half interest in the N. S. Construction Company's profits. All the amounts he received from the N. S. Construction Company were accounted for. There was \$8,200 in addition to the \$120,000.

Mr. Tennant said he might have got an extra \$13,000 from drafts. He was still a partner in the Nova Scotia Construction Company and the drafts had no connection with any election. He had never been asked by any member of the government for a contribution to campaign funds. None of the \$400,000 mentioned had gone for election purposes.

In regard to the \$8,200 mentioned the witness said he had used this amount and the \$2,000 referred to above was a part of that amount. The witness had taken advance profits on more than one occasion.

He had been paid an advance profit of \$100,000 and made himself liable for \$50,000 of working capital if it were needed. He had also secured \$100,000 as advance profits on a private contract. He had been paid the \$100,000 for securing the contract and did not know when the receipt was sent to the company. Half of the \$400,000 taken from the Royal Bank was in the office and half in a strong box in the Bank of Nova Scotia. This \$400,000 was largely invested in U. S. Steel, Southern Pacific and a St. John laundry. It was not an uncommon thing for him to have cash in a strong box in one of the banks. In 1908 he had kept \$12,000 in a private box in the Bank of Nova Scotia for several months and he would have taken the whole \$100,000 in cash if he could have got it.

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**LETTER OF THANKS**

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 24, 1917.

Dr. Walker,

Pres. Board of Commissioners,

General Public Hospital,

St. John, N. B.

Dear Dr. Walker:—

I feel that I should not allow another

day to pass without acknowledging in

this way the inestimable services rendered

us, and our stricken city, by the

General Hospital of St. John. I do not

believe that I need to thank you in

words, for I know that you will understand

our hearts in trying to have you

understand in all its meaning, the deep

sense of obligation under which we

management and staff of Victoria General

Hospital feel themselves placed, because

of the invaluable relief so promptly, and from my own personal

observation, so interestingly and gladly

rendered our tired and weary attending

and nursing staffs in the noble band of

women—nursing angels, sent us by

the General Hospital of St. John. And led

by Miss Retallick, how well they

worked, easily and cheerfully, adapting

themselves without a murmur or comment,

to the more or less confused and

disorganized conditions of the first days

of the disaster. Apparently to them there

were no disorganized conditions and so their

relief work was of a dual nature, both

the sufferer and we were relieved, the one

of pain, the other of anxiety. We shall

never forget you and them, and shall

hold in pleasant remembrance all that

relates to the kindly efforts and sacrifices

made for us by your institution. We can

do no more now than make this acknowledgment, less than

this we would be ashamed to do, and from

the depths of our aching hearts

**FUNERALS**

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Johnston

was held yesterday afternoon from

her late residence, Upper Loch Le-

mond, where the body was taken this

morning from the residence of her

daughter, Mrs. George P. McMurray,

27 Richmond street, following service

by Rev. R. T. McKim. Interment was

in the family lot at Lake View

cemetery.

The funeral of Dennis Daley took

place yesterday morning at 8.45

o'clock from his late residence, 35

Brussels street, to the Cathedral for

requiem high mass by Rev. W. L.

Remond. Interment at the new Catholic

cemetery. One daughter of the

deceased, Mrs. G. Gamache, is a

resident of New York.

The funeral of Arthur M. Sanction

took place yesterday afternoon at

2.30 o'clock from his late residence,

James street, to St. John the

Baptist church, where Rev. P. J. Murray

conducted the burial service and in-

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cemetery.

We hope we shall never never under-

similar conditions have occasion to re-

ciprocate your splendid and cheerful

assistance.

If I may be personal it will be to

say that, of the many events, and ex-

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