

The Swedish System of Prohibition.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In my last letter I promised to explain in full my proposed modification of the "Swedish System" as applied to the sale of intoxicants. Briefly, under this system the purchaser is licensed and the seller makes no profit. It would work out something like this, if I wanted to purchase alcoholic beverages.

First, I would make application to the Controller, said application being backed by two reputable citizens, who certify that I am not under age, nor a drunkard nor criminal, nor imbecile.

The Controller, being satisfied as to the facts, issues a license to me. This license consists of a pocket book containing a number of coupons,—say 100. On the inside cover is the short form of license signed by the Controller, also a space on which is posted my photograph and (if considered necessary) my signature appears below. The seal of the Controller covers a corner of the photograph, so that no other photograph may be substituted. For the license I pay two dollars, or two cents per coupon, to cover cost. This license will be good for at least 100 weeks, or two years. Payment could be made in revenue stamps.

Armed with my license I go to procure a bottle of liquor. There would be one or more dispensaries in every locality. The persons dispensing liquor would receive a salary to be paid out of the profit made on the sale of intoxicants. It would cost the total abstinence nothing. Spirits should be sold in quarts, pints and half-pints (or even smaller quantities) but the quart should be the limit. Each bottle should be sealed at the Controller's bottling establishment. This would prevent adulteration. It would be no one's interest to push sales.

I present my license at the dispensary. The coupons are numbered. The official tears off coupon No. 1, stamps it on the back with his name and the date, say May 1st, 1918. On the face of coupon No. 2 he stamps the same name and date. Coupon No. 2 cannot be served by anyone, anywhere, until it is a week old at least. For No. 1, coupon I receive say a quart of whiskey. On May 8th or any later date I may make another purchase. This time I need, we will suppose, a pint of brandy. I present my license. The dispenser notes that coupon No. 3 bears a date a week old. He gives me the pint, stamps the back of coupon No. 3 with name and date (May 8th), tears it out and files it. Before returning me the license he stamps the face of No. 3 coupon with the same name and date that he puts on the back of No. 2. This prevents me from purchasing a bottle of any size until May 15th or some later date.

There are many details into which I cannot enter now, such as equivalent quantities of wines, beers, etc., and the amounts to be allowed sailors and fishermen on the Banks or on the Labrador coast. There should be special regulations for special cases. The prices for each size of bottle and for each class of liquor should appear on a fly-leaf in the license, also a short abstract of the law relative to the use of the license.

The following, at least, should be made offences punishable by fine, imprisonment, suspension or loss of license for one, three, six or twelve months or longer. These are drunkenness, disorderly conduct, treating, impersonation, transfer of license to another, obtaining a license by false pretences, to which should be added

omission in the case of a dispenser guilty of any infraction of the law. My contention, Mr. Editor, is that a law putting this or a similar system in force would be backed by public opinion. The fear that the privilege might be withdrawn would compel every sane citizen to see to the proper enforcement of the law. The present law is, to my personal knowledge, broken every day and the breach thereof winked at. I do not break the law myself, but at the same time I shall do nothing to enforce a law which is not based on justice. There are many like me in this respect.

Further, Mr. Editor, it is not possible, by Act of Parliament, to force people to change the habits of years without doing great injury and injustice. The race has been drinking ever since Noah came out of the Ark and the habits of centuries are not changed in a single year. Let us, therefore, consolidate the positions which Temperance has won, and not, by holding positions which extremists have temporarily gained, risk a total defeat.

Yours truly,

WARWICK SMITH.

Express Drivers on Sympathy Strike.

The drivers of the Newfoundland Express Co. went out on a sympathy strike this morning and as a consequence business houses along Water Street, who have a large number of packages to ship by express, are greatly inconvenienced. It appears that one of the number had a falling out with the manager over an increase in wages and was thereupon discharged, and the others in sympathy with him walked out on strike.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia to-day. The Clyde left Campbellton at 9 a.m. yesterday, outward. The Dundee arrived at Port Blandford at 12.40 p.m. yesterday. The Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 6 p.m. yesterday. The Glencoe was not reported since leaving Belleoram. The Home was not reported since leaving Springdale on the 10th inst. The Wren was not reported since leaving Trinity.

McMurdo's Store News

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12. Among the goods that have lately arrived for the Christmas trade, the Compact Toilet Set makes a sensible and very acceptable gift. The men's packet contains Dental Powder, Toilet Soap Powder, Shaving Soap Powder, the Ladies' Dental, Talcum, and Toilet Soap Powders. These are excellent value. Price \$1.10 a box. Another late addition to our list of Toilet goods consists of the Cutex Travelling Manicure Set, which is a very completely made up thing, and contains everything that is necessary for this purpose in travelling. Very useful in its way. Price \$1.50 a pkg.

Armenian Relief Fund.

Amt. previously acknowledged \$165.00
Rev. S. A. Dawson, King's Cove 2.00

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind W., fresh, with snow showers. A small schooner was sighted this a.m. bound west. Bar. 29.95; Ther. 30.

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Copy of Telegram Received by Mayor Gosling, Dec. 12.

"The Convent of Mount St. Vincent is safe; all pupils safe and well."
"F. S. BROWN, Mayor,
"Charlottetown, P.E.I."

Here and There.

DIED SUDDENLY.—Mr. Newnham, clerk in charge of the telegraph office at Bay Roberts, died suddenly there on Monday last.

HAD TO BE MEDICALLY TREATED.—An intoxicated lad of 18 years was taken to the police station last night. He had to be attended by a city medic and then was sent home.

Ivoroyd: Mirrors, Brushes, Combs, and Manicure Sets, made up in that beautiful Imitation Ivory known as Ivoroyd. These things make very pleasing Christmas Gifts. Just opening at TRAPNELL'S.—dec12,17

SENT HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.—The Vigornia Red Cross Branch has sent a quantity of dressing jackets, sterilized bandages and other necessary supplies to the Halifax Relief Committee.

Gem Rings, Pendants, Brooches, Chains, Wrist Watches, and all the different lines of pretty jewellery most suitable for Xmas Gifts, just now in at TRAPNELL'S.—dec12,17

ALL SAFE.—Mr. Louis Malloway, of Witless Bay, received a message from his daughter, who is a pupil at the Sacred Heart College at Halifax, stating that all the pupils were safe and were staying at the college.

DIED.

Of heart failure, on the 10th inst. Anne Pike, aged 55, dearly loved wife of Lemuel H. Simmons, of Whitbourne, leaving a husband and eight children, six daughters and two sons, who will mourn the loss of a good and loving wife and a kind and affectionate mother. Sleep on, beloved: sleep and take thy rest; Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast; We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best. Good night. Good night.

John Dooley's Dream.

John Dooley is a solid man, I'd like to let you know; he told us of a dream he had about two weeks ago. That day he put a spot upon the crackle, so he said, so he had this dream when "Tachius" got the better of his head. I dreamt, said John, I saw a man just when I fell asleep, he looked to me as if one time he used to fish the deep. A tall, sturdy man was he beside a gate he stood, so of course I raised "me old hard hat" because I thought I should. Who are you, sir, I said to him, and what place may this be. 'Tis Heaven, said my friend, and then to me he showed the key. My blow my eyes, I did reply, at last I got my wish, to see the man in charge of it, who like myself caught fish. My name I said 'tis Dooley, sir, at which the saint did smile, and then I told St. Peter how our fat ran into oil. That was the Spring of Green Bay, in the good old days of yore, and then I told him all about the "boots the 'savilers' wore. There's many a man in Limbo, said St. Peter with a grin, and if they had to mind their feet they yet would not be in. On earth they might have been to-day had they been more cute. You're right, said I, St. Peter, if they wore the Hi-press boot; with that St. Peter said, my man, all what you say is true, take my advice, John Dooley, 'ere I take my leave of you, now when you pass up Water Street drop into Bowring's shop and buy a pair of rubbers with the red line round the top,—adv.

Milady's Boudoir.

A BEAUTIFUL FIGURE.

No woman whose chest is flat and in whom the bust is, in consequence, poorly developed, driven to rely on art or science to make up for the deficiency of nature. Not that nature has been the chief sinner in the production of the figure that is lacking in a most important detail. Nature always aims at perfection in all she attempts but when the human factor intervenes to thwart her intentions, the result is invariably the spoiling of what might have been a finely achieved example of femininity.

But all hope of beauty need, by no means, be abandoned by the flat or hollow chested. Flatness may be overcome by scientific expansion of the lungs which, in consequence, develops the chest and also by the development of the pectoral or chest muscles which cover the ribs in front. The combined effect of this development and filling out, both from within and externally, is often very considerable and quite astonishing. It is all a question of deep breathing in conjunction with especially applied exercises. Special foods also help to develop the requisite degree of roundness of the bust.

Bunions and their accompanying distortion of toes, affliction of corns, aching of the feet and ankles, cold feet, chilblains, etc., are among the penalties inflicted upon wearers of footwear that encompasses the feet not wisely but too well. There is little harm in the moderately elevated heel but the exaggerated high heel is the cause of much misery, not only to the foot itself, but to the wearer's "lumbar" muscles.

Badly fitting boots and shoes, therefore, exercise a profound effect on the health. They militate against beauty of form, carriage, feature and complexion.

Over One Million Dollars Raised

At a Jewish Fund Banquet at New York.

New York, Dec. 2.—A campaign to raise \$5,000,000 in New York city for Jewish war charities and an additional \$1,000,000 for the comfort of Jewish soldiers in camp was begun to-night at a dinner given for about 650 men and women by Jacob H. Schiff. The \$5,000,000 is to be part of a fund of \$10,000,000 gathered in the entire country.

The total subscriptions at the end of the dinner were \$1,029,000. Other large contributors besides Mr. Schiff were William Fox, \$40,000; Nathan Strauss, \$30,000; Mortimer L. Schiff, Walter E. Sachs and Felix M. Warburg each \$25,000; Jacob Weissheimer, Charles Winnheimer, Julius Kayser, Adolph Zukor and H. R. Rosen, \$20,000 each. There were a dozen pledges of \$10,000 each and scores of \$5,000 or more.

EXPRESS PASSENGERS.—The following first class passengers are on the incoming express: M. Sheppard, Miss M. Baulons, B. Tulk, F. Pearce, Hon. R. A. Squires, M. Hooper, Rev. A. J. Dee, Mrs. L. Lawrence, A. Smith, Rev. Hogan, L. Smith, Mrs. J. Palmer, C. A. Lingwell, L. C. Mews, W. J. Moore, P. C. Mars, H. N. Cockburn, W. and Mrs. Pearcey, J. Bishop.

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WM. WHITE,
H. E. GREAVES,
Executors.

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