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EDITORIAL

THE TEMPERANCE HOTEL

The exit of Mr. E. Lerol Willis, as proprietor of The Miramichi Hotel, brings the liquor question to a head in Newcastle—at least, insofar as that question relates to the hotel business. Mr. Willis has been compelled to give up the hotel business because he was not allowed to sell liquor. It is asserted in some quarters that Mr. Willis has been "hounded" out of business—that he has been persecuted.

The Union Advocate regards it as unfortunate that a change of management of the Miramichi Hotel should have occurred under the circumstances that brought this change about. Mr. Willis is a very capable hotel man, with qualities of a gentleman kind, courteous and charitable, and it would be regrettable if the town should lose such a personality.

But to say that Mr. Willis has been "hounded" or "persecuted," is to ignore facts. Mr. Willis took charge of The Miramichi Hotel some three years ago, with the clear knowledge that the sale of liquor in hotels was prohibited by law, but until very recently he disregarded the law in that respect, and more or less openly continued the sale of liquor until the strict enforcement of legal penalties restrained him. It may be claimed that when Mr. Willis came to Newcastle he was assured that he would not be molested in the illegal traffic which he supposed carrying on. The fact that such "assurance" did not protect him, does not mean the enforcement of the law against him "persecution." No one could have any right to assure Mr. Willis of immunity from the penalties of breaking the law, and as an intelligent business man, Mr. Willis must have recognized the fact that he was "taking a chance" when he accepted any assurances that he would be permitted to sell liquor with impunity.

It appears to be reasonably clear that Mr. Willis assumed the management of the Miramichi Hotel, with the purpose of running the hotel as a hotel and of selling liquor, as well; that the penalties imposed upon him for violating the law financially embarrassed him; that with the profits from the sale of liquor cut off, revenues were insufficient to render the hotel business, in itself, profitable; and that he was, therefore, compelled to quit business in Newcastle.

This suggests some very pertinent questions. What is to be done about it? Aside from the objection raised against the Miramichi Hotel as a liquor dispensary, the house under Mr. Willis' management was a very creditable hotel. Is Newcastle to be left without adequate hotel accommodation? It seems evident from the manner in which the law has been enforced against the Miramichi Hotel, that the further illegal sale of liquor will not be tolerated in a Newcastle Hotel. Can a first-class hotel be conducted without profits from the sale of liquor? These questions must be answered.

Obviously, Newcastle must have proper hotel accommodation, and such accommodation undoubtedly can be provided without assistance from liquor profits. The hotel business has no more necessary connection with the liquor traffic than has the grocery, dry goods, hardware or furniture business, and like any of these businesses, the hotel business can be profitable in itself, if it is conducted upon the same legitimate basis as other businesses, and with the same degrees of business ability and intelligence as are required in the conduct of other businesses which are not allied with the liquor traffic. Hotels are being so conducted in other places, and a hotel can be and will have to be conducted in the same manner in this town. Newcastle is now a temperance hotel town, it is up to the temperance people to see that the new temperance hotel is a success.

The Union Advocate is informed that there is a fair prospect of arrangements by which Mr. Willis may regain control of the Miramichi Hotel. It is to be hoped that such arrangements will be made. Mr. Willis is capable of conducting the sort of hotel that is required in Newcastle, and if he can obtain control of the property upon such terms as will permit a hotel to be run successfully without selling liquor, there is no doubt that he can—and will, if he takes charge of the business again—make a success of the Miramichi as a temperance hotel.

A SUGGESTION TO COUNTY COUNCILLORS

While the county council was in session last week there was a good deal of talk about Patriotic Fund affairs being administered without the county councillors knowing anything about what goes on. Discussion of the question has made it plain that the county councillors are, ex-officio, members of the executive committee of the two Northumberland Patriotic Fund Societies, which look after the various branches of the fund.

Executive committees are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is easy to say that if the councillors do not attend the meetings, it is their own fault, but it is somewhat difficult for some of these gentlemen to attend the meetings, and quite out of the question for all of them to be present at every meeting. Yet it is desirable for several obvious reasons, that one or more members of the county council should attend each meeting.

To meet the situation, how would it do for the councillors from each parish to attend the meetings in rotation? By this plan representatives from Amwick, Chatham, Gleneg, Hardwicke and Rogersville, would each attend a meeting of the East Northumberland executive every fifth meeting or about once in ten weeks, while the councillors from the parishes of Blackville, Blisfield, Derby, Ludlow, Nelson, Newcastle, North Esk and South Esk, would each come to the West Northumberland meetings in Newcastle every eighth meeting or about once in four months. This is based on the assumption that two councillors would attend each meeting, instead of the two councillors from each parish attending a meeting together; it might be better to have only one from each of two parishes at each meeting. Such a scheme as is here suggested would not be hard to work out, and by making some such arrangements among themselves the county councillors could easily keep themselves in touch with Patriotic Fund affairs, to the benefit of everybody concerned.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Newcastle certainly will have to mend her ways. Brer Stewart of the Chatham World, spent four mercenary days in the shi-town last week, and found conditions far from his liking. He went home feeling as ill-tempered as a bear with a sore ear and unburdened his mind in the following language:

"A SAMPLE OF OUR NEWCASTLE MAIL SERVICE—A portion of our County Council report which was mailed at the Newcastle post office at 7.30 on Thursday evening, did not reach Chatham till Saturday morning. I had not been put into the Chatham bag, and probably wandered around among the railway mail clerks till it got here via Campbellton or Moncton."

"HOTEL CHANGES—Scott Act enforcement in Newcastle has driven Mr. Willis out of business as lessee of the Hotel Miramichi. The receipts of the house decreased so much after the closing of the bar, that he could not pay the rent, and Mrs. Foley, the owner of the building, has cancelled the lease and is now in charge. The Scott Act closed the bar, and broke the hotel man, but the consumption of liquor does not seem to have decreased, judging from the fact that two bushels of empty bottles were gathered up by the servants of the hotel on Friday morning."

The editor of the World should not be so impatient with Newcastle mail services. 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.

MORE RAILWAYS NEEDED

Two motions in the County Council last week drew attention to the further need of railway facilities in Northumberland County. The Council adopted a motion by Councillor Jimmo, of Hardwicke, asking the C. G. R. to build a line from Loggieville to Escuminac, and a similar motion from Councillor Scmers, of South Esk, was adopted, asking for a line from Newcastle up the North-west Miramichi and on to Tobique. There is little reason to hope that either request will be seriously considered by the government at present, but that does not lessen the real necessity of the roads asked for, if the country is to be properly developed. The districts through which the proposed lines would pass are susceptible of great development, as they are rich in natural resources. Another district which should be served by a railway is that on the north side of the Miramichi from Newcastle down to Tracadie, to which point a privately owned railway now extends. If the government would take over this line, and build the other three branches suggested, it would have a group of profitable North Shore feeders for the main line.

Color is given to the claim that Mr. Willis was "hounded" and "persecuted" by the statement too frequently made, that while he has been vigorously prosecuted for violating the liquor laws, other offenders still manage to carry on illicit traffic. Whether or not this statement is true, The Union Advocate does not presume to say, but we are loth to believe it. But if Chief Lucas and Inspector Ashford can do anything to remove all doubt in the matter it will do no harm to do it.

Is any real effort being made to work out a plan for day time electric service in Newcastle? Several businesses are being hampered in their operations for lack of a day time service, and nowhere is the service needed more than at the Miramichi Hospital. The council committee which inspected the hospital last Friday morning noted the inconvenience resulting from the lack of current in the day time and made bold to say that they hoped the defect would soon be remedied. Every body hopes so, too. But will the defect be remedied soon? Is anybody going to have the defect remedied?

Jack's Wife And Kiddies

Dear Editor:
IF YOU.....
WERE IN France now.....
FIGHTING BOSCHES.....
AND DOING your bit.....
TO KEEP them out of Canada.....
AND THAT means Newcastle.....
YOUR WIFE.....
AND KIDDIES.....
WERE LEFT.....
ALONE.....
AND BECAUSE they were.....
HUMAN.....
AND ONCE in a while.....
GOT HUNGRY.....
FOR CANDY.....
ICE CREAM or something.....
AND YOU wanted them to have it.....
AND THEY went to store.....
AND BOUGHT it.....
WITH MONEY.....
PROMISED THEM.....
WHEN YOU "Signed On".....
TO FIGHT for rest of us.....
WHO.....
CANT.....
OR.....
WON'T FIGHT.....
AND THEN.....
SOMEBODY KICKED about it.....
AND CALLED.....
YOUR WIFE.....
EXTRAVAGANT.....
AND SAID.....
SHE HAD.....
NO RIGHT to spend her money.....
THAT WAY.....
WOULDN'T YOU.....
HATE.....
THE PEOPLE.....
WHO BEGRUDGED.....
THESE THINGS to the ones.....
YOU LOVE.....
WHEN YOU.....
WERE DOING.....
MORE FOR those.....
STINGIES.....
THAN THEY.....
EVER COULD.....
DO.....
FOR YOUR kids and.....
THEIR MOTHER?.....
IF.....
JOHNNY CAUUCK.....
IN KHAKI.....
THINKS.....
THAT WHAT.....
HIS WIFE and kids.....
BUY.....
AND EAT and wear and do.....
IS ALRIGHT.....
I THINK so, too.....
AND.....
AS LONG.....
AS HE.....
HELPS.....
TO KEEP.....
DER KAISER.....
AND HIS.....
KULTUR.....
OUT OF this country.....
I'M WILLING.....
FOR.....
JACK'S PEOPLE.....
TO HAVE all the good things.....
THEY WANT and then some.....
I THANK YOU.....

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FRENCH CHAMPION WHO WILL NOT LEAVE ARMY TO BOX



Word, which has just come from France indicates that Georges Carpentier, the French boxing champion, will not leave the French army to fight Jess Willard, Les Darcy or any fighter in America. It is reported that he has said that he would not engage in a boxing bout until the war ends. In the above picture he is shown at the French front, where he is doing heroic work as an aviator for the army. With him is Merl La Voy, of Chicago, who has been making battle films under the auspices of the American Relief Clearing House.

Annual Session of Municipal Council

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Coun. Anderson said there was not one load of mud taker ashore now for every ten that was landed a few years ago. It was poison to some kind.
Coun. Watling said everybody was fishing. The digging of mussel mud was too hard a job for them.
Coun. Sinclair was glad to see that the agricultural society had taken up the mussel mud matter. He believed that it would benefit one-tenth of the people. He didn't agree with all that Mr. Swin had said about sidetracking the scows and wharves. As he was running with the herd now, more was expected of him at Fredericton.
Coun. Swin said he was not aware of the conditions when he spoke. He had understood Mr. Fisher to say that an expenditure of \$45,000 would be required.
Coun. Burchill moved that Council look with favor on the proposition, and that Coun. Swin be our representative to act with the delegation from the Agricultural Society.
Coun. Burchill said representatives of the agricultural societies could be incorporated as a board to own and manage the plant.
Coun. Ryan didn't believe in a delegation of one man.
Coun. Schofield said that each of the societies would appoint one or more delegates.
Motion passed.
Adjourned till 2 o'clock.
FRIDAY
The Warden called Council to order at 10.30.
The Warden appointed the following committee under the scab-of-fess resolution—Doyle, Anderson, Burchill, Park.
Coun. Lamont moved a bylaw prohibiting cattle running at large in the parish of Blisfield between John A. McDonald's easterly line and Jas R. Weaver's westerly line.
Adopted.
Coun. Lamont moved that \$10 be paid C. E. Fish for assessing in Newcastle parish.
Parish officers were appointed for North Esk on motion of Coun. Sinclair.

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE
MIRAMICHI, N.B.
CORDWOOD WANTED
Wanted at once at the Power House, a quantity of 4ft. Cordwood, either Hard or Soft. Apply at the Town Office.
A. H. MACKAY,
Chairman Water and Light Committee

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