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SATURDAY	11,342
TOTAL	61,886
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THE DRILL HALL

After all the agitation of years past, in St. John to have a drill hall only at the expense of the fall exhibitions? The militia department has called for the removal by the city of the present exhibition buildings, in order that it may erect a new drill hall.
If the buildings are removed there will be no more exhibitions for many years to come. But it is not really necessary to remove them. The government is not wedded to the Barrack Point site for a drill hall. It owns the property—that is all. If an equally desirable property up town were given it in exchange for the site of the exhibition buildings and grounds, the latter might remain undisturbed for exhibition purposes. The city council once secured authority to make such an exchange and still retains the power to do so.
Scarcely anybody favors the present proposed site for a drill hall. It is at the extreme end of the city—and in no sense convenient. If the city is really faced to face with the alternative of removing the exhibition buildings or providing an uptown site for the drill hall, the latter would be from every standpoint the more desirable course of action. Sooner or later the city might acquire more property near Sheffield street, and provide a fitting park in connection with the exhibition grounds and buildings. If it now throws up its hands all hope of future fair in that quarter must be abandoned, and there is no other available site, even if there were one as desirable. This subject is forced to the front by the action of the militia department, and the city must decide without delay upon the course it will pursue.

MONTREAL'S LIQUOR PROBLEM

The question of the early closing of liquor saloons is at present a very live issue in Montreal. The advocates of the measure only ask what is already the rule in this city—that saloons close at seven o'clock on Saturday evening and at ten o'clock on other week-day evenings. There is provision in a provincial statute for such closing, but it is optional with the city council and has never been brought into operation.
The temperance workers of Montreal got together on Wednesday and sent a delegation from the Protestant Ministerial Association, the Dominion Alliance, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to wait upon the police committee, and present a petition asking that the city take advantage of article 101 of the Quebec License Act, and close all saloons at seven o'clock every Saturday night, and at ten o'clock on other week-day nights. The Rev. G. G. Huxtable, secretary of the Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance, in presenting the case of the delegation, said that in the city of Quebec the council had recently passed a by-law on similar lines to the one the delegation were asking, and he had the testimony of the mayor and the chief of police that very great benefits had resulted. Saturday night drunkenness having diminished by over thirty per cent for the three months during which the by-law had been in operation. Mr. Huxtable added that the early closing movement in Montreal had the hearty approval of Archbishop Bruchési, whose temperance crusade among the French speaking people of the city and province has aroused so much interest.
Another speaker stated that early closing had done great good in Glasgow. Various speakers dwelt upon the value to the workingman's family of having the saloons closed early on Saturday evening. To this one spokesman argued that the closing of saloons at seven o'clock would lead to the opening of drinking clubs and unlicensed liquor dens, with allurement that would be more damaging to the youths of the city than the open saloons; but one of the ladies retorted that such an argument would suggest that it would be better to have no laws at all, or no police force.
One of the members of the police committee was Ald. Gallery, and this somewhat well-known politician tried to side-track the delegation, and at the same time made a very good point, which is apt to be overlooked. We quote from the Witness report:
"Certainly the object of your visit is a very good one," commented Ald. Gallery. "But it seems to me there is a more important thing you too ought to do. What about the quality of the liquor that is sold? Much of the liquor is poison. It is driving people crazy, and is filling lunatic

asylums and jails and penitentiaries. We have inspectors to look after the quality of the milk, meat and other things, but here is liquor sold every day of such quality that it is poisoning people and sending them crazy." He suggested to the delegation that they might advocate a law which would prevent the sale of poisonous liquor.
Mrs. Radford asked if that would put the money back into the men's pockets? Ald. Gallery said the point was that a man might take one glass of 'good' liquor and be no worse for it, yet the same man might drink a glass of bad liquor and would go crazy.
Mrs. Radford pointed out that it was a question of a man's nervous temperament. She had known men who had been drunk on one glass of liquor and other men who had been sober after drinking the contents of a bottle. "What we want," she said, "is to lessen the temptation to men and boys and young people by lessening the number of houses the temptation is open to them."
Ald. Gallery said with all due respect to the lady's observations he maintained that men were seriously affected by adulterated drink.
Mr. Patterson agreed that Ald. Gallery's remarks were exceedingly important (hear, hear), and he mentioned an experience in his own practice of an elderly man having gone to him last December and complained that he had been into a saloon and after having one drink he felt a sort of 'drowsy' condition, and remembered no more until he came to his senses while lying on the streets in danger of being frozen to death. The question suggested by Ald. Gallery was one for consideration, but the delegation were there not for the purification of liquor but simply to ask for the enforcement of article 101 of the Quebec License Act.
It is evident that the temperance people are not to carry their point without opposition, for the Witness report continues:
After the delegation had withdrawn Ald. Le Lapointe, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, called at the meeting. He did not address the committee, but in a conversation after adjournment, said the Licensed Victuallers were preparing to ask the legislature to remove the power municipalities now had to close up saloons early in the evening. If the government failed to meet their desire, it was the intention of the Victuallers to ask for compensation, as a part of the trade they had paid a license for had been taken away.
Meanwhile the illegal liquor traffic is causing the chief of police a great deal of worry, and he has asked for at least one hundred more men. In an interview on Thursday Chief Campbell said:
"I have decided on having a more thorough supervision over the places where liquor is sold. In this connection I have requested the police to make a report recommending several changes with regard to these places. I am going to insist that women be prevented from serving in saloons, as I consider this practice most demoralizing. In my opinion, that is not the vocation they should follow. Already I have been informed that several hotel-keepers have dismissed their waitresses from their bars."
There are other regulations which the police have received instructions to enforce regarding the sale of liquor, and I am keeping a close watch on a number of hotels throughout the city, so that they may be in a position to place complaints against them when the time arrives for the renewal of their licenses. The police are not asleep. We have succeeded in convicting scores of hotelkeepers, during the past ten months for illegal selling.
We are also keeping a sharp and constant supervision over places where it is claimed that liquor is being sold without a license. Only 'redoubt' servers with permits have been closed and the occupants prosecuted. Unless one follows the officers in their daily work it is difficult to fully appreciate what the police are accomplishing in a large city like Montreal.
It is well known to those who have occasion to observe the amount of work to be done by the police, that the force is doing all in its power to meet all demands, and I am in hopes that before long my request for at least one hundred more men will be granted, and then I will be in a position to give the citizens a more thorough supervision. I have every confidence in the force but I must repeat that with the number of men at my disposal for actual patrol duty I cannot expect more work to be done than they are at present attending to."

The American people are studying the new Canadian tariff, especially the intermediate proposition, with an eye to possible developments along the line of reciprocity. Some Canadian manufacturers apparently fear that this intermediate tariff may be made useful by their United States competitors.
The Times yesterday contained more columns of paid advertising than any other St. John paper. It led its closest competitor by 3 1-2 and its lowest competitor by 12 columns. The Times has the circulation that appeals to the Christian advertiser.
The opposition wisely decided not to prolong the budget debate at Ottawa. There will be plenty of talk when the items of the new tariff are taken up for consideration.
The general consensus of opinion appears to be that the new tariff will be of service, without disturbing trade or creating any undesirable new conditions.
The letter "A Plea for the Boy," which appears in today's Times, is worthy of the thoughtful attention of the Christian people of St. John.
The Empress of Ireland must call at Halifax for the mails that were carried past St. John to that port. Could they farther go?
The transition from autumn to winter has been so gentle and kindly this year as scarcely to be noticeable.

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It is easy to tell the teller. How best he can carry his pack. But one can see a burden's weight. Until it has been on his back. The up-turned mouth of pleasure. One passenger's carter's work. But give it a slip and a writer tip. Was never made on earth.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

NO MOTORS THEN. Motorist (whose car has stopped dead five miles from anywhere, to wife) — "Here's a pretty fix; there isn't a drop of spirit left in the car." Wife — "It's pretty certain the ancients knew nothing about motoring, or they never would have written, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'"

A CROWING PART.

Stranger (to star) — "You won't refuse me a ticket to come and see you?" Once acted — "The cock. I crowed three times each night."

DIRIGIBLE BUT NOT DIGESTIBLE.

Enthusiastic inventor — "Colonel, my aeroplane would be invaluable in time of war; it would entirely take the place of the horse." Colonel — "Ah, but could we eat it in time of siege?"

MOST IRRITATING.

"I am so very much annoyed by my servant has just been killed on the railway. Only half his body has been found, and with the other half are my keys." — Bon Vivant.

PROUD OF IT.

A provincial paper announced the sudden death of a celebrated person in the following terms: "The illustrious Prince of Wales, who has done the office of this paper the extensive house of dying within its walls."

BRO. DICKEY AND BROT WILLIAMS.

(From the Atlantic Constitution). "How come day always paint Death right on a pale horse?" "Does you reckon de men angels will have wings in glory?" "Arrest de poor boy, knock up with nothin' of right or wrong (except a scared conscience), forced to fight for himself from the cradle (if he had one) every time pickin' or pushing him down; what chance is there for him with his environment and no sympathy from anybody? None whatever!"

What is yo' opinion of de race problem?

"Ter keep 10 yards ahead of Satan on a plank road what he can't set free!" "Wen does you think de world gwine come ter a end?" "De Lord know! But I done quit payin' house rent in advance!"

A PLEA FOR THE BOY

To the Editor of the Times.
Sir—I have been reading the opinions given on the "boy problem" of the city with great interest, a subject in which for years I have been deeply interested, and in which my sympathies are with the poor boy, brought up with no idea of right or wrong (except a scared conscience), forced to fight for himself from the cradle (if he had one) every time pickin' or pushing him down; what chance is there for him with his environment and no sympathy from anybody? None whatever!
The respectable boys are well looked after outside the home as well as in it; but the poor boy, with no home training and perhaps an inherited tendency for evil, no good influence, no helping hand stretched out, no comfort anywhere, is left to his own evil nature, and some say, "arrest de poor boy, knock up with nothin' of right or wrong (except a scared conscience), forced to fight for himself from the cradle (if he had one) every time pickin' or pushing him down; what chance is there for him with his environment and no sympathy from anybody? None whatever!"

As one of a number of the Order of The King's Daughters, who were interested and tried to interest others in the uplifting of these boys by getting them some place of their own; I believe our Lord will require their souls at the hands of the Christian people of St. John.

They are boys, with a boy nature, and the coming men. The men of means have their clubs, orders, etc.; the good boys have their home influence, affection, besides Y. M. C. A., boating and other clubs, temperance and boys' brigades, while these boys are delinquent because they have not the home training and means, which makes them eligible for membership, although filled with the same longings and ambitions as the better boy; but they will have their clubs, and follow the leading of other boys and men; as they cannot hire a room, they must get some secluded place, where, in some place, out of the way of police, and so the tendency is still downward, and they become gangs. Many of these boys have talent for composition, singing, speaking, singing, etc. It has been proven. One of the worst of the boys amongst whom Mr. Whitney worked, and who was a hard drinker, has been saved through the efforts of one or two lady workers, and is now filling a good position and exerting good influence. Give these boys a clubroom, with gymnasium work, good influence and kindness, and this endeavor to break up the tawdry gangs.
It means sacrifice of time, energy, and money on the part of Christians, but the reward will be sure. Pity the poor boy, with his discomforts at home and his training for evil instead of good, and give him a chance. The discouragements and failures for a time may be almost heart-breaking, but it is worth the trial. Even the stranger enemies are led after and our own poor boys left out in the cold.
The King's Daughters are trying to do their best for the girls of this class, but a crying need is a curfew bell rung and enforced for the young girls, who will walk the streets at night and chide the shame of no police matron in a city like St. John!

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