

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 1896.

At length the Privy Council has given judgment in the case involving the right of Ontario to pass a prohibitory liquor law and the decision is virtually a decision on the rights of all the provinces in the Dominion. This settles the question of jurisdiction, and future legislation must be guided by this judgment which appears from despatches now at hand to be anything but a simplification of the matter and will doubtless give rise to much debate as to what it really means. It appears the Dominion Government is the only power to prohibit the importation, but the power is vested in the provinces to prohibit the manufacture, unless it is intended for sale outside the province, and again the provincial law would have no operation in those cases where the Scott Act is in force. These seem to be the salient points of the judgment. The power to prohibit unconditionally and always has existed, but the question has heretofore been, where does it lie? It now appears to be divided, one section in the local parliament, and the other in the federal. It was long ago settled that the federal parliament has no power to pass a license act, for such a statute, applicable to the whole Dominion, was passed in 1853 and was promptly pronounced ultra vires by the Privy Council. On the other hand the local government has power to pass just such a law, and we have an instance of it in Nova Scotia. No doubt such a distribution of legislative powers appears perplexing to the lay reader who does not understand the provisions of the British North America Act and the decisions interpreting that complex statute. Looking at the question of prohibition in the light of these decisions on the Scott Act—itsself local option prohibitory act—and on the various license acts, it appears the local parliaments have power to pass a law to license the sale of liquor, and by the last decision, to prohibit its manufacture for use within such province, but it also appears that the federal parliament is the sole power to prohibit its importation.

Our readers should bear in mind that when the powers were divided between the federal and provincial parliaments in 1867 the question of prohibition was not the only one to be dealt with and the legislative power was distributed according to the relative importance of the subject matter of legislation to the province or to the Dominion. In principle there can be no distinction between the manufacture of brick and the manufacture of whiskey. This simply involves a question of property, a power to produce, and the protection of that power is a civil right, and as "property and civil rights in the province" fall within the purview of the provincial parliaments, it does not seem strange the Privy Council should decide as it has on this point. So it is settled the province can prohibit the manufacture of liquor. In importation is a far different matter, involving different principles of legislation. The question of importation is one of trade and commerce, and as the federal parliament alone can make laws in "regulation of trade and commerce" it alone has power to prohibit such importation. And probably for the same reason the power to prohibit liquor coming from one province to another is vested in the Dominion parliament. The difficulty in settling this question of jurisdiction has arisen in the past from a desire to assign the matter wholly either to one power or the other without recognizing the double aspect of the question. We may now hope to see the provinces pass laws to prohibit the manufacture and the Dominion to pass the necessary supplementary legislation, and then, if there exists a very earnest public opinion at its back, prohibition in every sense of the word may ensue.

—CHAS. RHODES has fallen. In the southern part of Africa, a small republic, known as the Transvaal, a state friendly to England, having for its sovereign ruler President Kruger. Near this republic is some territory controlled by the British-Chartered South African Company and south of this again is Cape Colony, a British possession. Cecil Rhodes was premier of Cape Colony up to a few weeks ago and is also a director in the South African Co. and a multimillionaire. Such was the standing of one of England's foremost colonial statesmen, but his lofty position has made his downfall only too more painful.

About the first of this year Dr. Jameson made his famous raid on this Transvaal republic for the purpose, it was said at the time, of preserving the lives of imperiled women and children, but President Kruger, who had been a member of the British government, had a much less chivalric motive induced the worthy doctor to play the role of a Don Quixote. In spite of this, however, Jameson was lauded by the home press and his celebrated raid was the theme of some very stirring verses by the poet laureate. Immediately after these events had transpired, Jameson and Rhodes returned to England where Jameson underwent a kind of mock trial for his conduct in Africa. He was regarded as a hero, not a culprit, but as his invasion of a foreign state was unauthorized by his own government it was a breach of international law and a pretense, at least, on England's part, of punishing Jameson was necessary in order to satisfy the Transvaal authorities. Hence the famous trial of the doctor in London. At this juncture President Kruger again hinted that Jameson had a more sinister motive in view in invading his territory than protecting life, and suggested the rich mines of his country were tempting to the Englishman's avarice, but without avail, for public feeling was strong in the doctor's favor and no Kruger lay low until a more reasonable time. That Jameson eventually outwitted Joseph Chamberlain in the matter is now notorious, and also it is notorious that British justice has been surpassed by Transvaal justice, for it appears that Jameson's raid had been instigated by a body of men at Johannesburg known as the "reform committee," and the Transvaal authorities tried for high treason and found them guilty and gave them, John H. Hammond, Col. Francis W. Rhodes—brother of Cecil Rhodes—George Farrar, Lionel Phillips and Charles Leonard, were confined to death. These sentences, however, have been commuted.

But the developments at the trial of the reform committee men prove that President Kruger's insinuation last winter to England, that there was something more than knight errantry in Jameson's raid on his country was well founded, for the telegraphic communications produced at the trial prove beyond a doubt that there was a plot arranged between Cecil Rhodes and the "reform committee" to plunder the Transvaal and get possession of its mines. So what was at first regarded as a noble move in Jameson now marks a national dishonor, bringing down and disgrace to Cecil Rhodes and his base conspirators. The true object of the raid was to obtain booty, and that Cecil Rhodes the noblest Roman of them all—could yield to his cupidity and join in a plot to plunder a peaceful state would seem a striking illustration of the truth of Walpole's favorite maxim—every man has his price.

Our readers should note the change in the sailing of the steamers of the Yarmouth Steamship line. From now till the end of June there will be only two trips a week, the steamer Yarmouth performing the service, the Zetia in the meantime undergoing improvements preparatory to the opening up of the tourist season. There will be no boat from Y. month to the 10th inst.

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Property Transfers.

Since our last issue we have received information of the following property sales and exchanges which have taken place in this town, viz.: W. Chipman, Esq., has sold to Mr. A. S. Curry, of the firm of Curry Bros. & Best, his house property, including the large barn and horse stable, together with a small lot of land attached. Mr. Chipman contemplates removing to Wolfville, where he will permanently reside. Mr. Mark Curry, of the same firm, has purchased of Mr. James Messenger the property upon which he has been residing and which he purchased about a year ago, and known as the Jared Troop property. The situation is one of the best in the suburbs of the town. Mr. Messenger moved into the cottage opposite the late town school, has purchased a house lot adjoining the Baptist parsonage, and contemplates building a residence for himself there in the near future. In the meantime he will occupy the house now being vacated by Mr. Mark Curry on Washington street.

Another quite important real estate transaction is the exchange of properties between Mr. Howard I. Menno and Mr. Henry Wallace, the former gentleman having obtained the first term piece and the stone now occupied by T. A. Foster as a meat market.

OTHER TRANSFERS.

Rev. Jas. Taylor, of Kingston, has sold his farm to Mr. Menno, of Halifax. Mrs. J. H. MacLeod, of Annapolis, has purchased the Hilda property, which will be occupied by Mr. Menno. Mr. Menno, of the firm of Curry Bros. & Best, has sold to Mr. Menno, of the firm of Curry Bros. & Best, his house property, including the large barn and horse stable, together with a small lot of land attached. Mr. Chipman contemplates removing to Wolfville, where he will permanently reside. Mr. Mark Curry, of the same firm, has purchased of Mr. James Messenger the property upon which he has been residing and which he purchased about a year ago, and known as the Jared Troop property. The situation is one of the best in the suburbs of the town. Mr. Messenger moved into the cottage opposite the late town school, has purchased a house lot adjoining the Baptist parsonage, and contemplates building a residence for himself there in the near future. In the meantime he will occupy the house now being vacated by Mr. Mark Curry on Washington street.

Important to General Merchants.

The by-law of the Municipality of Annapolis respecting "hawkers, peddlars of goods and traders, who are not ratepayers of the County of Annapolis," has been approved by the Governor-in-Council and has now become law. The following sections are those now in force:

"That all peddlars, hawkers of goods and traders, who are not ratepayers of the County of Annapolis, shall pay into the funds of the municipality the sum of forty dollars, upon which payment the Clerk shall issue a license under the seal of the municipality to the party or parties so applying, and such license shall be valid for the space of one year from the date thereof and no longer, providing such by-law shall not affect the sale of products of the farm, the forest or the sea."

Death of Robert McGill.

The many friends of Robert McGill, of the Thorne Road, a gentleman who for a number of years past has been cultivating extensive lumber property, will learn with deep regret his death, which took place at his residence on Friday morning, the 10th inst. of the late McGill. He married Sarah Ann, daughter of Joseph Durand, Esq., of West Hallowell. A widow and family, consisting of seven daughters and two sons, together with a large circle of relatives, are left to mourn the loss of one who for the past few years has been suffering from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy.

Motion for Change of Venue in Wheeler Case.

The motion for a change of venue in the case of Peter Wheeler, charged with the murder of Annie Kempton at Bear River, will be made by C. S. Harrington, Q.C., probably on Friday next before Mr. Justice Henry at chambers. The ground will be taken that the people of Digby county have become prejudiced against the prisoner through the articles in the press, and a change of venue to Yarmouth is requested. Mr. Condon will be asked on that ground. Mr. Condon will set out in the interests of the government.

Installation of Officers.

At the last regular communication of Rothesay Lodge, No. 41, R. N. S., the following officers were installed in office for the ensuing year by T. G. M. Esq., Col. W. E. Starnett, assisted by the District Deputy, Bro. Wm. M. Forsyth.

Bro. Wm. M. Forsyth, M. W.; W. A. Kinney, S. W.; E. G. Bishop, J. W.; John W. R. T. Esq., E. M.; Robert Moore, Secy.; Richard Shipley, S. D.; Wm. Jesse Hoyt, J. D.; Henry B. Shaw, S. S.; John W. Piggott, J. S.; John H. McLean, Tyler.

A Bible Conference and Grand Missionary Convention will be held at the church at the Clarence church during next week. The great theme to be presented throughout this assembly will be "The Holy Spirit in Mission." This is the theme of the age, and ought to occupy the mind of every follower of Christ. Pastor Kinley will have with him for his special work Evangelist Dinwiddie, who has been with us for some time, and who will illustrate much of the work from a large chart prepared by himself. A hearty invitation is extended to neighboring churches of all denominations to participate in the Assembly to be received at this conference. Opening service on Monday, 18th inst., at 7-45 and continuing every evening at same hour.

Our carpenters, masons and painters are all now busily employed. Building operations are good, and many of our residents are having their houses improved by a new coat of paint. Mr. Harry Sargent and assistants have just completed painting the pretty cottage of Rev. J. Campbell, on South Street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Caldwell. The taste displayed in the selection of colors reflects much credit on Harry, and the work has been performed in a thorough manner.

In the last report of the G. W. P. of B. S. of T. we find the following from Annapolis West: "Only three reports have been received by Deputy W. Mills, P. G. W. A. The Order in Annapolis West is holding its own. There are many to blame the Scott Act Inspector and Jew to help him. But there is promise of an advance against the liquor traffic. The Deputy notes that there are good Divisions there are Bands of Hope."

The representation of teachers at the Teachers' Institute for the counties of Kings and Hants, lately held at Berwick, was very gratifying, some one hundred and fifty being in attendance. Among others who took part in the model lesson teaching, taking for his subject "Geography."

The schooner *Shafter Bros.*, Capt. LeCain, arrived on Saturday, and the schooner *Glenis*, Capt. Chute, on Monday. The former will load with 200,000 ft. of lumber from New York and the latter will carry a cargo of 150,000 ft. of spruce boards to London. The cargoes of both vessels are being shipped by Mr. H. J. Crowe.

Local and Special News.

—The Westport fog alarm is again in operation.

—Fresh Pine Apples, Bananas and Blood Oranges at F. G. Falvey's.

—Hector MacLean, Esq., returned from his Cape Breton visit yesterday.

—Pinnacles, Bhabar, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Foxberries at Crowe & Parker's.

—HEAVER Plug is the highest grade and richest flavored Chewing Tobacco made. Try it.

—"Don't be deceived." Insist on getting the genuine TONKA Smoking Mixture; 10 cents a package.

—Belle Division is to give an entertainment in Dodge's Hall, Belle Isle, on Wednesday evening, May 20th.

—To arrive a cargo of Culin and Nut Coal, for blacksmiths, which will be sold cheap. Nelly & Kinney.

—The shipment of pulp wood by the Milton Pulp Wood Company for the month of April amounted to 1060 tons.

—Rev. Mr. Wade, of Aylesford, has a very speedy passer by Woodbury's Pilot, that can show a 40 clip to wagon.

—Mrs. A. S. Curry and son, Master Lawrence, leave today on a four day tour among relatives at Framingham, Mass.

—Miss Ella Mack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mack, of the late Mack farm, has returned from an extended visit among relatives at Sterling, Mass.

—If your ambition to retire from business, or to have your business retire from you? Advertising judiciously will make the distinction in your favor.

—It will pay you to use "Longfellow" Cough Cure. It is far superior to any other kind. You can get it at J. E. Schaffner's, Lawrenceville, N.S.

—Miss Laura Knight, daughter of G. V. Knight, Esq., left on Wednesday last for St. John's, N.S., to visit her sister, Mrs. Foster, at Portland, Me.

—On Monday last, Edgar Cecil Plant, of Great Barrington, Mass., a young man of 20 years, shot his wife, stabbed his infant child, and shortly after suicided.

—J. W. Cobb, late proprietor of the International Hotel, has been arrested in Boston, and is now in the hands of the law.

—Sir Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, has accepted Mr. Laurier's invitation to accept federal office. Mr. Mowat is now 76 years of age, but still full of health and strength.

—The Bishop of Nova Scotia (Dr. Courtney) will hold a confirmation in St. James' Church on Saturday evening next at 7.30. Also in the church at Lunenburg on Saturday morning at 10.30.

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