

NO LIQUOR CARRIED BY PARCELS POST

Hon. Mr. Pelletier Gives Out Statement—Decided on Merits of Case, Not at Instance of Temperance Body

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In an interview today, the Hon. L. P. Pelletier, Postmaster General, stated that after giving the matter considerable thought, he had decided to make a public statement as to the parcel post regulations bearing on the question of the transmission of intoxicating liquors. At first Mr. Pelletier declined to make any statement as to the regulations until the whole scheme was worked out and all the regulations drafted and issued.

However, in view of the numerous communications received at the department daily from those who believe in temperance principles, and in order to avoid giving these people so much trouble in writing the department on the matter, the postmaster general has come to the conclusion, that as his mind has been made up from the beginning on this point, he may as well let the public know that no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be transmitted by parcels post.

It has been incidentally remarked that perhaps the postmaster general was doing this to please the Dominion Alliance. Mr. Pelletier's answer to this is that he was not doing it at the special request of the Dominion Alliance or any other organization, which directly or indirectly might be considered as a political or quasi-political organization; that the question had been decided on its merits and to further the good administration of the postal service.

The postmaster-general was shown a letter recently published in the press in which the question was put as to why liquor should be prohibited from the parcel post, when it was considered permissible and proper for transportation by railway's steamboats, etc. Mr. Pelletier answered that he could give many reasons, but that he had no intention of discussing the matter at any length. He was satisfied to give two reasons for the moment. In the first place he had recently notified the postal employees (particularly those to whom care money is entrusted), that if they used liquor, they would be dismissed. Consequently, he was not going to be instrumental in putting liquor within reach of these employees who had been warned, and he told that he led them into temptation.

In the second place, Mr. Pelletier said there are many places where the sale of liquor is now prohibited and illegal, because the people have decided that it should be so. "Am I going to thwart their wishes by allowing the transmission of liquor by parcel post into the districts where the people have said they do not want it?"

In conclusion, Mr. Pelletier said the question is settled and will not be reopened.

It is known that Mr. Pelletier is a firm believer in temperance principles, and that before entering the government was for a number of years a member of an anti-alcoholic league of the Province of Quebec.

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WILL SEND TO WASHINGTON

Shippers Association to be Represented at Meeting at Which Potato Embargo Will Be Discussed.

Florenceville, Dec. 12.—At a largely attended meeting of representatives of the wholesale potato trade held here today Guy Porter, of the firm of Porter and Manser, Andover, was selected to represent New Brunswick at the meeting to be held in Washington on the 13th inst., at which the proposal of the American potato growers to have their government place an embargo on potatoes from Canada and other countries will be discussed. The provincial government has agreed to pay the expenses of the delegate selected by the potato growers.

After the selection of Mr. Porter to represent the case for New Brunswick potatoes, a resolution was adopted requesting that the provincial government send J. B. Daggett, secretary of agriculture, to go to Washington to assist Mr. Porter in urging the claims of New Brunswick potatoes. The potato growers have collected a lot of information with which to arm Mr. Porter when he goes to Washington, and as it will be shown that New Brunswick potatoes are free from disease, it is hoped that his mission will be successful.

A matter discussed at the meeting was that of inducing the provincial authorities to provide some machinery for the inspecting and grading of potatoes. It is said that from many districts potatoes are shipped very much as they are taken out of the ground, with little regard to the grading, either as to size or quality. In some cases damaged potatoes are packed in barrels with first class potatoes. The question was discussed at some length and in view of the advantage to be derived from assuring the maintenance of the excellent reputation New Brunswick potatoes have obtained in various markets, it was decided to appoint a committee to draft an act providing for the proper inspection and grading of potatoes being shipped to outside markets and to submit the same to the government at the next session of the legislature.

B. P. Smith was chairman of the meeting.

In Precarious Condition

William Treacart of King street, West St. John, received rather serious injuries yesterday as the result of an accident. Late yesterday afternoon he was removed to the General Public Hospital, where it was found that his condition was serious. His back was injured but no bones were broken. The unfortunate man, however, was suffering from internal injuries and late evening he was reported at hospital as being in a precarious condition.

Getting Good Prices.

G. E. Corbett of Annapolis Royal was in the city yesterday. In conversation with a reporter Mr. Corbett said the fruit growers of the Annapolis Valley were not complaining about conditions this year. The apple crop was not large, but the orchardists were getting satisfactory prices. In many cases, where apples last year sold for \$1.50, this year the price had been \$2.50 and \$2.75.

Many Subscriptions.

Miss Gunn acknowledges the following subscriptions for the Playgrounds Association: Hon. J. D. Hazen \$50; O. E. Barbour \$20; Mrs. James Stratton, A. F. Lady Tilley, Mrs. Dr. W. W. White, Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, E. L. Rivington, Mrs. Percy W. Thompson, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. H. A. Powell, W. E. F. George Warwick, J. A. Tilton, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, John O'Regan, Mrs. Tennant, John E. Moore, R. P. & W. F. Starr, F. C. Smith, Mrs. John Sealy, Thomas Bell, T. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. James Harding, W. E. Earle, \$5 each; Mrs. C. H. Peters, \$2; Mrs. Beavie Macaulay, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Dr. Merrill, Mrs. E. M. Shadbolt, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Silas Alward, \$2 each; Mrs. Dr. Schofield, Mrs. J. R. Woodburn, L. Dunn, Mrs. Dr. Bonnell, Mrs. Dr. Bishop, \$1 each.

A Pretty Ostrander.

"The Standard" has received from F. W. Munro, the Main street druggist, a very pretty calendar. A view of life in the primeval land entitled "The Advance Guard," makes a very attractive picture on the front of the calendar.

Lots of Beef.

It may possibly have been intended to demonstrate that there was no real cause for the present high prices in the beef market, but when about nine o'clock last evening while the streets were thronged with Christmas buyers a herd of cattle was driven up King street.

A Serious Accident.

While putting clothes on a line stretched from a window in her dwelling early last evening a woman residing on Brusel street was given a bad fall and miraculously escaped serious injuries. Medical aid was hurriedly sought, and the woman is reported to be resting comfortably.

Consumers' Coal Co.'s coal burns as well as it looks.

DIED.

GILLESPIE—In this city, on 11th inst., Julia, wife of Arthur Gillespie, Funeral from her late residence 60 Erin street, on Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock to Cathedral for High Mass of Requiem. Friends invited to attend.

BARNHILL—At his residence, Manawagon Road, Lancaster, on the 12th inst., William Frederick Barnhill, in his fifty-second year. Funeral on Sunday the 14th inst. Service at the house at 1.30 p. m.; funeral at 2.30 p. m.; interment Fernhill Cemetery. Coaches will leave head of King street at 1.00 p. m. (Please omit flowers.)

FOUND DEAD ON THE ROAD NEAR HOME

Hugh Nicholson Stricken While at Work—Collapsed in an Effort to Reach the House.

London, Dec. 12.—Cabled confirmation of the refusal of the Costa Rican congress to ratify the oil concessions sought by the British concern with which Lord Cowdray is connected was received here today. A member of Pearson firm said:

"We shall not go back to any of the countries which have rejected our offers unless we are requested to do so. Regarding the reports that Lord Murray of Elibank hopes to reopen negotiations in connection with the Colombian concessions we shall not take any further action except on the invitation of the government of Colombia. It is now a serious question whether or not our opponents by their opposition have raised the price of the concessions to such a point that they will not be profitable to any one."

LOCAL BOWLING

The following are the bowling results on Black's alleys last night:

CITY LEAGUE.			
Sweeps			
Fooshey	87	87	103-287 95 2-3
Ferguson	96	88	91-275 91 2-3
Masters	80	93	89-262 87 1-3
Gambila	91	87	95-273 91 1-3
Sullivan	79	107	93-279 93 1-3
	443	462	471 1376

Tigers.			
Belyea	87	98	85-270 09
Gilmour	101	90	78-269 89 2-3
Hinchman	72	92	102-267 89 1-3
Harrison	85	85	85-263 88 1-3
Moore	92	110	115-317 105 1-3
	437	475	476 1388

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

M. R. A. Ltd.			
Ward	77	76	101-254 84 2-3
Henderson	79	80	99-258 86 1-3
Stubbs	75	68	89-232 77 1-3
Burnham	78	74	80-232 77 1-3
Holman	79	81	121-281 93 2-3
	388	379	490 1257

T. McAvity & Sons.			
Ramsay	74	79	81-234 78
Henderson	65	77	68-208 69 1-3
Mcneil	79	68	71-213 72 2-3
Trifits	78	78	80-243 83 1-3
Fooshey	89	75	94-258 86
	398	390	410 1198

The game of the City League to night will be between the Ramblers and Pirates.

THE VIC'S ALLEYS.

On the Victoria alleys last night in the Two Men League Burton and McLeod took four points from Ferguson and Roxborough.

The scores follow:

Ferguson	93	84	86	91	93-447 89 2-3
Roxborough	100	95	90	82	103-470 94
	193	179	176	173	196 917

RAILWAY WON.

The St. John Railway team won the match from the Germania street Y. M. C. A. team by eleven pins. The scores follow:

Germania Street.			
Lewis	86	87	81-254 84 2-3
Simms	75	70	75-220 73 1-3
Harding	83	88	72-243 81
Coughlan	78	78	85-241 80 1-3
Dick	88	88	77-250 82 2-3
	407	411	410 1208

RAILWAY TEAM.

Taylor	69	73	85-230 76 2-3
Nickerson	67	76	106-249 83
Thurston	89	78	82-249 83
Tumple	81	78	82-237 78 2-3
McIntyre	87	87	90-254 84 2-3
	393	381	445 1219

ROLL OFF.

Jas. Downing won the roll off with a score of 114; John Allison was second with 106.

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An address by ADJUTANT CUMMINGS, of Salvation Army, Centenary Brotherhood, Centenary Schoolroom, Sunday, 3.30 p. m. All men welcome. This will be an eye-opener to people not in touch with settlement work.

ST. JOHN MAN IS PRESIDENT

Wm. J. Wetmore Heads Travelers Association—Membership is Now Over 1200—Flourishing Financially.

Halifax, Dec. 12.—The Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association met tonight and elected the following officers:

President—William J. Wetmore, St. John, by acclamation.

Vice-President for Nova Scotia—W. H. Harrington, by acclamation.

Vice-President for New Brunswick—J. E. Petrie, by acclamation.

Directors for Nova Scotia—H. E. Pyke, H. C. Palmer, C. W. Smith, F. A. Graham, H. I. Wetmore, E. A. Corbin, A. Milne Fraser.

Directors for New Brunswick—Geo. D. Ellis, A. E. McKenzie, J. H. Pritchard, A. W. Banks, H. C. Simmonds, James Pringle.

Treasurer—O. E. Smith, Halifax, by acclamation.

Secretary—Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner.

The membership of the association is 1,267 of which 700 are registered at Halifax and 567 at St. John.

The association lost thirteen members by death during the year.

The total resources of the association now amount to \$97,732.06.

LOCAL MILK DEALERS

CLAIM DANGER OF CORNER IN SUPPLY

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farmers, and that the deliveries were made to consumers at the lowest possible figures, consistent with giving the milk dealers a livelihood.

E. A. Schofield, when interviewed last evening, said there was no foundation for the idea that the Farmers' Dairy and Produce Company were trying to corner the market in milk or anything else. "The situation is simply this," he said, "members of the company are sending their milk to their own headquarters in St. John. If dealers or anybody else want milk they can buy it from the company's headquarters in St. John. It is there for anybody who wants it. Some dealers have been getting their supply from the Farmers' Company at their headquarters in St. John. I haven't anything more to do with the company than other shareholders."

"As to the charge that we are going to raise the price of milk there is nothing in it. Nobody is trying to corner the milk supply."

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate westerly winds, fair and milder.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The weather has been fine today throughout Canada. Cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and mild elsewhere.

Min. Max.

Prince Rupert . . . 30 46

Vancouver . . . 46 60

Edmonton . . . 20 36

Battleford . . . 23 34

Calgary . . . 18 38

Medicine Hat . . . 32 44

Regina . . . 14 37

Winnipeg . . . 46 58

Port Arthur . . . 24 42

Perry Sound . . . 24 32

Toronto . . . 22 50

Kingston . . . 14 46

Ottawa . . . 24 32

Montreal . . . 10 30

Quebec . . . 4 30

St. John's . . . 26 38

Halifax . . . 20 22

Mission Band Concert

The junior mission band of the St. John Presbyterian church gave a most enjoyable entertainment in the school room of the church last evening. About forty children took part and the programme consisted of a doll song by nine girls; screen song by twelve girls; piano solo by Letta Cairns; vocal solo by Elsie Seaton. The performance was finished with a beautiful cantata entitled "A Fairy God-Mother's Lesson."

SHERMAN LAW DENIES RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH

Sam Gompers Says It Permits Labor Organizations to Exist But Kills Coalition of Them.

New York, Dec. 12.—Labor organizations are allowed to exist in the United States, yet the right of coalition, union and free speech is denied them under the Sherman anti-trust law, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asserted today in an address at the fourteenth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation. The regulation of industrial corporations was the general topic of discussion by Mr. Gompers, John Hays Hammond, President of the National Civic Federation, President A. B. Garretson, of the Ontario and Quebec Federation of Labor, and others. The annual banquet of the association was held tonight.

Samuel Gompers cited a recent case in which a labor body was dissolved by the courts and other cases in which individuals have been indicted because they struck in sympathy with fellow workers.

"The working people in the Anthracite regions of Pennsylvania are now threatened with the loss of their rights, for the employers are attempting to take their rights from them. It is the duty of the miners' union to see that conditions they now remain unchanged and the employers should be compelled to maintain the conditions by the moral force of associated effort of workers."

"Mr. Gompers said it was 'a shame' to think that some of these miners should be indicted under the Sherman law, 'because they sympathize with their fellow workmen. 'Do you see the position in which our movement is placed by this Sherman law?' he asked. 'We can do nothing.'"

"In the past five years, 250,000 more persons became affiliated with the American Federation of Labor than in the previous five years. But for all that, there is not an organization in the United States that does not exist at the sufferance of our country, or allowed to exist for political reasons. They exist at the permission of government. The right of coalition, of union, and of free speech, is, however, denied under the Sherman law. Their liberty has been assailed."

MAY INTRODUCE CANADA'S HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME INTO ALBANY, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Canadian system of hydro-electric development can be operated successfully in this state, in the opinion of Adam Beck, chairman of the system in the Province of Ontario. At the request of the conservation committee and Governor Glynn he today conferred with the legislative committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of state employment of electric energy from waters of the Barge Canal and other sources.

The cost of electricity to municipalities in the provinces had been reduced nearly fifty per cent. since the system had been in operation, he said. He also expressed the opinion that corporations antagonistic to the scheme exerted less influence in Canada than in this state.

Governor Glynn plans to recommend hydro-electric legislation at the regular session of the legislature in January.

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York County Election TO BE HELD JANUARY 7TH.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—It is probable that nominations for the constituency of York, N. B., vacated by the appointment of Hon. O. S. Crockett to the bench, will take place on December 31, and polling on January 7.

NOVA SCOTIA TO HAVE "PRO" HOCKEY

Halifax, Dec. 12.—The hockey situation has been finally straightened out, and Nova Scotia will have organized professional hockey this winter. Representatives of the respective clubs met here today and arranged all the details for a four team league. It will consist of the Socials, Crescents, New Glasgow and Sydney.

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