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The Licensed Victuallers See Mr. Hardy.

WANT LESS RESTRICTION.

Spokesmen Say the Alliance Know Not the Wants of the Trade.

Solicitor Haverson Tells Exactly What Changes His Clients Want in the Present License Law, Which Seems to Suit Neither Side—To Close Saloons at Midnight and on Saturday at 9 o'Clock—Complaint Against the Druggists—The Premier's Guarded Reply.

The Ontario License Act seems to please nobody. Some time ago a somewhat numerous deputation of the more extreme temperance advocates asked the Ontario Government for a number of amendments to the law such as would be conformable to their views, while yesterday the Government had the spectacle presented of a delegation, hardly so numerous, but of similar weight in the community, and representing the Ontario License Holders' Protective Association, also petitioning for amendments which would remove many of the unjust restrictions which they allege they are suffering under.

WHO WERE THERE.

Among the petitioners were noticed the following members of the Association's Executive: Messrs. H. Maxey and T. Crooks, Hamilton; F. Collins, Dundas; John Caffey, Barrie; A. G. Smith, St. Thomas; J. McFarland, Kingston; E. Sullivan, Toronto; E. Dickie, the secretary; and James Haverson, the solicitor of the association. The other representatives were Messrs. W. Hopkins, J. Robinson, R. Allcock, V. T. Bero, J. K. Wilson, G. J. Leslie, John Holderness, T. K. Haffey, Toronto; W. Noble, Thomas Wilson, Hamilton; G. Henderson, Ancaster; John McCarthy, St. Catharines; W. Carter, Westwood; J. R. Higgins, Bracebridge; N. J. Frawley, Orillia; M. Quinn, Ottawa; John Sutton, Simcoe; W. R. Gladstone, Blackwater; and E. R. Smith of London.

WHAT THEY WANT.

The above-named gentlemen, through their spokesman, Solicitor Haverson, urged upon the Government the advisability and practicability of introducing legislation that would give effect to amendments to the existing regulations as follows:

(1) That the hour of closing hotels and saloons on week nights other than Saturday nights be 12 o'clock p.m., on Saturday nights 9 p.m.

(2) That the power of Municipal Councils to deal with liquor licenses be withdrawn, and the same vested in the Provincial Government.

(3) That holders of shop licenses be permitted to keep for sale upon their licensed premises cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, the same to be sold in unbroken packages. (See section 33 of the Liquor License Act.)

(4) That the removal and transfer of licenses to be in the discretion of the commissioners. (See II. sub-sec. 14.)

(5) That tavern license holders be permitted to supply liquor to guests, travelers, boarders and lodgers during prohibited hours. (Sec. 54.)

(6) That holders of licenses to sell liquor shall be eligible for members of Municipal Councils.

(7) That the License Act be so amended that the bar of licensed premises may be opened after the hours of polling on election days.

(8) That druggists be prohibited from selling liquor at all times or in any quantities, except for dispensing purposes.

(9) That holders of shop licenses be allowed to sell bottled liquors in sealed packages, in quantities of not less than one-half pint.

(10) That the defendant in all cases of infraction of the Liquor License Act be constituted a competent but not compellable witness.

MET WITH A WARM HANDSHAKE.

Upon entering the Council Chamber each delegate was received with the cordial handshake of Premier Hardy, who took occasion to remark that he was sorry that the limited accommodation of their hotel would not permit of all the members being seated. Hon. M. M. Gibson, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. Richard Harcourt and Hon. E. J. Davis were present at the Council.

MR. HAVERSON'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Haverson spoke first. He began to explain that the deputation represented the liquor traffic, and was composed of the Executive Committee and some of the more prominent members of the Licensholders' Protective Association throughout the province. It had been promised, he went on, time and again that a time would come when the License Act would receive the consideration of the Government. He thought it should do so now. In presenting the question to the Minister, he did so from the standpoint of what they considered a legitimate business, from a license standpoint. On the other hand, the temperance people did not understand the subject with which they were professing to deal. They were at the present time endeavoring to have the Dominion Government kill the traffic by a single blow. But they were not sure that that Government would feel safe in doing so, so they approached the Ontario Government to see if they could not strangle it by a process of restriction.

WHAT TEMPERANCE PEOPLE WANT.

Their avowed object in coming to the provincial authorities was the destruction of the traffic, and not that it should be placed on a legitimate basis and be fairly controlled by a license act. The License Act in their hands, he said, would simply be a method of destruction.

THE HOURS OF CLOSING.

The first amendment the solicitor asked the Ministers to consider had reference to the hours of closing. With the exception of that one forcing the closing of the saloons at 7 o'clock on Saturday nights there was no statutory enactment fixing the hour of closing them. The hours of closing on week nights, therefore, varied from 9.30 to 12 o'clock at night.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: "What places do you know of which close at half-past nine?"

Mr. Haverson: "In Woodstock the hour is 10 p.m. and in Port Hope 9.30 p.m."

Hon. Mr. Gibson: "Where in the province is the hour later than 11 p.m.?"

Mr. Haverson: "In your own city of Hamilton, Mr. Gibson, the hour is 11.30 p.m."

An outburst of laughter followed this sally.

In Windsor, the spokesman resumed, the hour was 12 p.m. The association desired that the hour of closing be made uniform throughout the province, and suggested that it be made 12 p.m.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Turning to the matter of the hour of closing on Saturday, the advocate of the traffic contended that the law was adopted at a time when wages were paid on Saturday, and was thought advisable because it served to remove temptation out of the way of workingmen. As wages were now no longer paid on Saturday, but in many cases on Friday, the reason for the law, he thought, no longer existed. Why, therefore, he asked, should the hour of closing be 7 p.m. on Saturdays, when every other business man might keep his place of business open as long as he pleased? Taking Windsor and other towns on the border as examples, he asserted that a great deal of Canadian money was being spent in Detroit and other American cities, where bars were open later, rather than in Windsor. It was not unreasonable, he thought, to ask that the hour should be extended to at least 9 p.m.

TRANSFERS OF LICENSES.

Turning to the point of the removal and transfer of licenses into the hands of the commissioners, Mr. Haverson pointed out that since the adoption by the Ontario Government of the principle of one man one vote, with the provision that the elector should poll that vote in the district in which he resided, it simply meant that in a large number of polling sub-divisions the removal and transfer of licenses rested with less than a dozen voters, who were in [illegible] cases caretakers. He claimed [illegible] that commissioners appointed by [illegible] to, the Government would be [illegible] of dealing with it than would [illegible] the electors of a sub-division.

SALE [illegible] GUESTS.

In regard to the [illegible]ment proposed to allow the sale of [illegible]or to hotel guests and boarders in prohibited hours, the speaker suggested that, as the hotel was the home of travelers and boarders, it should be supplied with the refreshments which many homes afford. No reason could be given why the trade should be deprived of such a privilege. It was an extremely difficult thing for the license-holder to observe a law which was universally regarded by the traveling public to be unreasonable.

LICENSE-HOLDERS IN CIVIC POLITICS

Next the lawyer asked that license-holders be made eligible to sit in municipal councils. He considered it inconsistent that a distiller could be a member of Parliament, while an hotelkeeper could not represent his fellow-citizens in such municipal bodies.

CLOSING ON ELECTION DAYS.

Continuing, the speaker denounced the principle of closing throughout the whole of election days. He could see the point in keeping the bars closed while polling was going on, but saw no reason why they should not be reopened immediately the poll was closed.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: "What hour do you suggest to open them, 7 o'clock?"

Mr. Haverson: "Yes, that would do."

SALES BY DRAUGHT.

Proceeding, he said that a great deal of odium attached to the illicit sale of liquor came from its sale by druggists. Where a notice was served by a wife, he claimed, prohibiting the sale of liquor to her husband, the effect was destroyed by the fact that by simply signing his name, the latter could procure it from the druggist, who could sell in defiance of any such notice. Druggists were not required to have a license, and thus it was that many of them could afford to pay the penalty for a little illicit selling occasionally.

LIQUOR SHOPS.

As far as the proposed amendment dealing with the sale of liquor in shops was concerned, he thought it more in the interests of temperance to allow the sale of quantities of not less than one-half pint than to allow them quantities of not less than a pint and a half.

COMPELLABLE WITNESSES.

Touching upon the last clause, Mr. Haverson became very earnest. It was a Russian, not a British practice, to place a man in the box to convict himself. Under the Scott Act, which was a Dominion measure, the defendant was a competent, but not a compellable, witness. Under the Dominion Evidence Act of 1893, the accused was treated likewise. Why, he asked, should a different rule be applied to govern offences against provincial acts? The temptation to perjury was so great, to men who had their license at stake, and who had not too much of the fear of God before their eyes, that any advantages to be gained by the present system were acquired at too great a cost.

THE ALLIANCE CRITICISED.

And then the speaker turned his attention to the alleged reforms asked for by the Dominion Alliance some time ago. "We know something about the liquor traffic, they know little or nothing about it. All they want is to have it abolished," was his emphatic comment. There were, he went on, but one-half the number of licenses to-day that there were 20 years ago. The Alliance people would have the dealers close the bars at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Why didn't they ask them to close at 1 p.m., it would have been just as well as asking to have it done at 4 p.m.?

LIQUOR AT CLUBS.

Ald. Spence had said, he continued, when complaining of the liquor selling by the clubs: "Look at the clubs. The very moment that the licensed houses are shut up, then the clubs do their best business, particularly on Saturday night and on Sunday. Men that take liquor are not to be shut off because hotels are closed at early hours. They can get their liquor elsewhere."

Commenting on the alderman's remarks the solicitor said that no one would be better pleased than the liquor dealers if the sale were to be prohibited in the club rooms. They were not licensed and injured the trade.

SALOONS ARE RESTAURANTS.

The temperance people had asked for the abolition of the saloon altogether. Mr. Haverson ventured to remark that all the saloons were restaurants as well and provided as many meals as most of the hotels. He thought they were, therefore, a necessity. An hotel was a place where men received board, lodging and "spiritual" refreshment. Supposing a man was only wanting refreshment, what harm was there in his going to a place where it was sold?

PUBLIC BRANDING NOT WANTED.

The temperance people also proposed that a man's license be marked for every conviction, that if convicted" should be written across the face of his license. As the law required a man to expose his license the speaker contended that it was enough for the dealer to be punished in a proper manner without resorting to the ancient process of public branding. Diverting, he claimed that some specified time should be constituted sufficient for an offence to be legally forgotten. As it was, a man might be convicted now, and if again convicted 10 years hence, it would be a second offence. He thought the time allowed should be four years as in the English act. The speaker believed that the demand of the other delegation for the restriction of the age limit from 16 years to 21 years of age was only made to hamper the trade.

FAIR TREATMENT ASKED FOR.

In conclusion, he said that all they asked was that the trade be treated fairly, and if they were so treated they was no trade which would endeavor to live up to the laws more than the one he spoke for. They would always be ready to do right in the matter. He hoped they would receive the consideration of the Government when they came to treat the License Act.

ON BEHALF OF SHOPKEEPERS.

Mr. Smith of St. Thomas followed in a short address on behalf of the shopkeepers. He contended that if the licenses were taken away from these gentlemen, instead of selling ale by the dozen to private houses they would simply have to sell it with a wholesale license and deal in larger quantities. He also asked that the shopkeepers be allowed to deal in tobacco. He thought the requests were reasonable.

THE PREMIER'S GUARDED REPLY.

The spokesmen of the deputation having been heard, Premier Hardy concluded the interview with a few remarks. The question, he said, was a most important one. The case of the deputation had been put before the Government in a very clear and able manner, and would receive their serious consideration. It had been said in some of the newspapers that the late Hon. Mr. Balfour had proposed some temperance amendments for adoption. This the Premier characterized as a misapprehension. He knew of none such. He thanked the deputation for attending in such numbers and explaining their case so fully and fairly.

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DISMISSED OFFICIALS

His Excellency Said to Desire Some Explanation

BEFORE SIGNING ORDERS.

The Movement for a New Liberal Organ at the Capital.

Free Press in Disfavor With Local Liberals — It is Now Expected Parliament Will Meet Early in March — That Case of Leprosy at Three Rivers — The Great Jump in Mining Business in British Columbia—Civil Servants Reinstated — General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A report is current in political circles that His Excellency the Governor-General has returned unsigned a number of orders-in-council dismissing certain public officials. Before assenting to them he desires, it is said, to consult with the Premier in regard to the reasons which have led to the proposed dismissals.

NEW LIBERAL PAPER.

The movement for the establishment of a new evening Liberal newspaper at the Capital is well under way. It is expected that this latest accession to the journalistic field will make its appearance at the end of January. The design is to cut into the business of The Ottawa Free Press, which is in disfavor with many local Liberals. Stock is being canvassed for on the ground that the paper will be the official Liberal organ here, with a job printing and lithographing establishment annexed, which is to get any of the Government business going in that line outside the Printing Bureau. The title of the new concern is The Chaudiere Press.

From the Auditor-General's report it appears that the amount of printing, engraving, lithographing, etc., given out to private firms in Ottawa by the Government last year was about $16,000. Mortimer & Co. got $10,131, George Cox $7218 and Paynter & Abbott $150, these being the full list of beneficiaries. There might be some other pickings available under the new Government.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

Considerable uncertainty prevails in town regarding the meeting of Parliament. The sooner the better, Ottawa people say. The Free Press says: "From what can be gathered in official circles, it is the intention of the Government to summon Parliament to meet at the earliest possible moment, which will probably be the first week in March. It is also the purpose of the Government to go on next session with a new franchise bill, a civil service act, and a new superannuation bill. In accordance with the promises made, steps will be taken to provide the necessary legislation for carrying out the prohibition plebiscite.

THAT LEPROSY CASE.

A despatch was received to-day from the Mayor of Three Rivers, respecting the alleged case of leprosy in that city. The Premier wired Mayor Cook that he would order the medical expert, Dr. Smith, in charge of the Lazaretto at Tracadie, to investigate the matter, but Mayor Cook states that the suspected Chinaman had been sent to Montreal, the Provincial Board of Health having ordered his release from temporary quarantine, as there was nothing to indicate that he was afflicted with the scourge.

MINING BUSINESS JUMPING.

The customs returns from the mining districts of British Columbia to the department, especially from Trail and Rossland, show business jumping by leaps and bounds. Assistants have been placed in both these places, making a staff of seven in all. The department is still awaiting a nomination for the office of collector at Seine River in the Rainy River district.

GETTING BACK TO WORK.

A number of Public Works employes who were temporarily laid off are to be found again on the departmental pay rolls, having been taken on within the last week.

One of the five temporary clerks notified some time ago that the Agriculture Department that their services would not be required after Dec. 31 two have since received a cancellation of that notice, and will continue in the department.

MR. DUNN IS OUT.

Mr. Dunn, collector of customs at Huntingdon, B. C., has been dismissed on account of offensive partisanship. The notification was sent out from Ottawa yesterday. It was established that he was on the stump during the June elections.

POULTRY FOR ENGLAND.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion Dairy and Agricultural Commissioner, is visiting Renfrew and other places in the district in connection with the poultry trade. Large shipments will be sent from the Counties of Carlton and Renfrew to the Old Country market.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Andrew Onderdonk, the Trent Canal contractor, was here to-day on business with the Railways Department.

Commander Spain left to-night for Owen Sound.

The vacation at the Supreme and Exchequer Courts began yesterday and will last until January.

Judge O'Brien of L'Orignal arrived here to-night. He says the Canadian Pacific's new line to Ottawa is completed as far as Alfred. It is being constructed with a view to its being a double-track road. It is expected that the line will reach Ottawa next summer.

There was not a Minister in town to-day.

H. H. Gildersleeeve of Kingston and Mr. Britton, M.P., were here as the advance guard of a Kingston deputation, but had to telegraph their associates not to come, owing to the absence of Ministers.

Mr. Riley, American Consul-General for Ottawa, has his annual report nearly ready. It will show that the volume of exports from Eastern Ontario to the States is quite up to the average.

The Curfew law will go into effect on Jan. 1.

Hon. Peter McLaren was in the city to-day.

Empress Hotel, corner Yonge and Gould-streets, R. Dissette, proprietor; comfortable rooms for winter months. Charges moderate.

LED ASTRAY

OR—THE BLIND MINSTREL AND THE DESERTED HOUSE.

UNREST IN CHINA.

The New Viceroy is Hated—Fears of Insurrection—Li Hung Chang May be Proclaimed Emperor.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—A special to The Examiner from Vancouver, B.C., says: Latest advices from Canton state that the new viceroy is bitterly hated by the masses; that he messes and muddles up official business; is firm where he should be easy, and exhibits ferocity when he should exercise discretion and tact.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition are said to be pouring into the Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces through every available channel, and the viceroy is reported to be very uneasy, because he has reason to believe secret societies are very active throughout Southern China.

It appears, in fact, that there is every prospect of the masses rising in the southern provinces in the near future, and in such a determined manner that the insurrection will not be easily suppressed. It is feared a step like this will lead to the overthrow of the present Chinese dynasty, and all that is needed is for Li Hung Chang to declare in their favor to lead to his being Emperor of China.

MUST TELL ONLY WHAT THEY KNOW.

A Ruling by the Behring Sea Commissioners Which Will Save Time.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 17.—A ruling was made yesterday by the Behring Sea Claims Commission on a subject of vital importance, which has frequently been a question of difference between contending counsel. It was regarding the proportion of seals secured outside of those shot by hunters, and Judge Putnam, speaking for the Commissioners, said that it had been decided to restrict the evidence of witnesses on this point to their practical experience, and to also limit the number of witnesses to about half a dozen.

Capt. Byers, the first witness called in regard to seal killing, estimated the number lost at five per cent.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Detroit People Under Arrest.

Gaston Pelissier and his wife Hannah, who kept a boarding house at 297 Second-street, Detroit, were arrested at the Union Depot last night by Detective McGrath. They are wanted on a charge of grand larceny. It is claimed they skipped out with a quantity of jewelry and other articles belonging to the boarders. Pelissier told the police that he would rather be tried in Toronto than in Detroit.

Try Watson's Cough Drops.

Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, cor. Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Proprietor. 135

Pember's Turkish baths, evening, 50c. 129 Yonge.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

Ho, every one that writeth with the pen and that enscribeth with ink, for verily thou shalt be satisfied with the Uranium metal pen and Pomeroy's ink. If it is a good thing we have it. Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Ladies 75c.

You can buy fine goods at the price of common goods at Treble's expiration of lease sale. Bath robes, $7.50, selling $6; fur-lined gloves, $2.75, sale price $2.20. 53 King-street west.

NICE PATRIOTS THESE,

They Aim at the Annexation of Canada, the Independence of Cuba and Various Other Things.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Patriotic League of America was formed at a meeting at the New Amsterdam Hotel last night, with the following among its objects: The inspiration and extension of patriotism, the maintenance of the broadest interpretation of the Monroe doctrine; the independence of Canada, with a view to political union with this country; the admission into the Union of Hawaii and the islands adjoining the country on the east, the completion and control of the Nicaragua Canal, and the independence of Cuba.

These officers were elected: T. St. John Gaffney, president; Col. C. H. Denison, first vice-president; Col. Ethan Allen, second vice-president; Francis Wayland Glen, third vice-president; A. R. Kretsman, treasurer; Capt. C. T. McCrystal, secretary, and A. J. Terney, recording secretary.

An address was issued to American citizens, in which it was demanded that they take immediate steps for the recognition of Cuban insurgents, and to bring about Cuban independence. The establishment of six naval stations on Great Britain near our eastern coast, and others at Vancouver, Quebec, St. Johns, Kingston and the Niagara River, was regarded as a standing menace to this country.

"No agreement for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration should ever be gratified," reads the address, "except on the condition that all her (Great Britain's) maritime fortifications south of Halifax and those along the southern border of Canada shall first be dismantled and destroyed."

The league hopes to establish branches throughout the country.

Caught His Eye.

The attractive display card in our window, styled, "Don't swear because you have paid seventy-five cents for similar gloves elsewhere, our price, 45 cents," has caught the eye of almost every pedestrian on King-street east. We have only twenty dozen of these celebrated gloves left. For another snap to-day we place on sale 25 dozen English Mock Buck Gloves, worth $1.25, at 89c a pair. We defy any house in Canada to produce the value we are offering in Christmas neckwear. Another lot of new high-grade silks opened to-day—see them. Sword, 55 King-street east. Phone 282.

Vitality and warmth is imparted to the system by good digestion. To maintain these use Adams' Tutti Frutti. See that the trade mark name Tutti Frutti is on each 5 cent package.

Largest Wine Vaults in Canada.

The public would do well to visit our extensive wine vaults before ordering their wines and spirits for the holidays. We keep a large assortment of all the leading brands on this market. We invite you to call and see for yourselves. Mara's, 79 and 81 Yonge-street. Phone 1708.

The best remedy for toothache Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price 10c.

A Holiday Tip

Don't go shopping and buy for your husband or brother an expensive Christmas present, with the request to have the bill sent to him on Jan. 10. It is the thought accompanying the gift that tells—not its value.

Put loving thoughts, well wishes and a couple of Quinn's fifty-cent Christmas puff scarfs into each package and it will bring joy to the recipient.

SENATOR COX HONORED.

The People of Peterboro Tender a Banquet in Compliment to a Former Valued Resident of the Town.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 17.—The citizens of Peterboro to-night tendered a banquet to Hon. G. A. Cox, on his elevation to the enate. The Senator was formerly a resident of Peterboro, being at one time Mayor, and also ran for the House of Commons, and the citizens thought fit to show Mr. Cox that they appreciated the honor done him. When the local C. P. R. express arrived at 8 o'clock from Toronto with Hon. Mr. Cox and a number of other Toronto gentlemen, it was met by the fire brigade and a delegation of citizens. The Oriental was then repaired to, where one of the finest tables ever laid in Peterboro was furnished to satisfy the wants of the guests. During the evening speeches were made referring to Mr. Cox's career, as well as to the great interest which he took in the district of Peterboro. Among the guests present were: Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Belleville; Messrs. H. P. Dwight, W. R. Brock, Robert Jaffray and E. R. Douglas, Toronto. A number of the chief magistrates of neighboring towns were also present.

IT IS NOT HARD TO DECIDE

What to Give for a Pretty and Useful Christmas Present.

Lots of people have not yet made up their minds what they will give somebody for a Christmas present, and in this respect a visit to Dineens' fur store, King and Yonge-streets, will be of much benefit in enabling one to make up his or her mind. Dineens are showing some very suitable Christmas gifts in fur goods. Their stock is an expensive one and includes all of the very latest fashionable garments made up from the choicest skins. The prices at Dineens are lower than elsewhere, because the famous firm buy and sell for cash and the big store at King and Yonge-streets does an immense trade.

Suitable for Christmas gifts are ladies' jackets, capes, caperines, victorines, muffs, scarfs, ruffs, gauntlets, caps, collars, collarettes, fur-lined cloaks and wraps, men's fur coats, caps, collars, cuffs, and gauntlets, all of which are shown in great variety at Dineens'.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., day, 75c.

Tramps Make a Fire.

Nightwatchman Pollock and Policeman Van Winkle discovered a small blaze in a stable at the rear of 129 King-street east this morning at 2.30. An alarm was given from box 24 and the fire was extinguished before any damage was occasioned. Tramps who sleep in the place are supposed to have caused the fire.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Children Free.

Adams & Sons Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis-street, Toronto, Ont., are sending out some very handsome paper dolls with moveable heads and bodies. They send a set of sixteen for nine cents in stamps or a sample one for the children free. ed

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is soothing.

To the frog his puddle is a vast ocean, and the man who never used a quick index for his ledger knows not what he has missed. Don't be a frog.

It is the thought accompanying the gift that tells—not its value.

Grand & Toy, Stationers and Printers, Wellington and Jordan-streets, Toronto.

Turkish baths open day and night, 129 Yonge.

FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS.

Opening of the Elm-Street Shelter Last Evening—Pleas for a Worthy Institution.

A large gathering assembled at the Toronto District W. C. T. U. headquarters, 56 Elm-street, last evening, on the occasion of the opening of the Girls' Shelter there.

Mayor Fleming occupied the chair.

As Mrs. Rutherford, President of the W. C. T. U., stated, in the course of a brief address, this Shelter was started on Dec. 23, 1896, at 5 Elm-street, but it outgrew its borders, and the Union found it necessary to remove the home to their own buildings, known as Headquarters, upon which $200 has been expended.

ITS OBJECT.

The following extracts from the Management Committee's first annual report explain clearly the aims of the Shelter:

"Many girls come to the city with mistaken ideas about gaining a livelihood, and when found on the streets, without money or friends, they are brought or sent to the Shelter, their friends are communicated with, or work found for them, and in the meantime they are taught housework and sewing.

"Formerly Inspector Archabold was obliged to take these girls into his own home at very great inconvenience to himself, rather than leave them on the streets, to drift into danger and sin, or send them where they would be contaminated by jail life.

"This work presents its strongest claim, inasmuch as it is preventive in its nature."

The building occupied during the past year has been the means of sheltering about 140 girls, averaging five days to each girl.

ITS BENEFITS.

The Union claims for the Shelter: First, it is saving to the municipality by preventing an increase of criminals; second, it supplies an ever-increasing demand for help in homes, and last, but not least, it is a means of untold good to the girl herself.

The name implies not a home, but a temporary shelter, where the friendless one is cared for till a home is found and she is fitted to enter the same. In some cases investigation is necessary before a girl can enter a place at service. In the meantime she is kept and cared for in the Shelter, enjoying the advantages of a Christian home.

If it were not for this provision, she would be condemned to mix with criminals, under which there is seldom the same incentive to a Christian life. Sometimes it is found that a girl has left home without the knowledge of her parents, who, when written to, are rejoiced to hear of her whereabouts, and take her home again. In cases where a girl is sick or incompetent she is sent home.

Thus these girls, mercifully saved from swelling the ranks of the criminal class, or a burden upon our city, will remain respectable, self-sustaining members of society.

Outside the W. C. T. U., the Shelter has practically only two sources of income, voluntary subscriptions and a grant from the City Council of $200. There is no charge made any girl for board or lodging; whatever she may choose to give is voluntary, and out of the fulness of a grateful heart. Because of the heavy debt on Headquarters the funds of the District Union are not available for this work; the money has to be raised by special effort.

MANY SYMPATHIZERS.

In his opening address, Mayor Fleming praised highly the good work which Miss McIntyre has been doing among young women in the city, and wished the Shelter increasing prosperity.

Addresses followed from Miss McIntyre, superintendent of the Shelter; Mr. James Massie, ex-warden of the Central Prison; Rev. G. A. Eaton, pastor of Bloor-street Baptist Church; Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. Robert Kilgour and Staff Inspector Archabold.

During the evening appropriate vocal selections were rendered. Before the program was completed Mayor Fleming was obliged to leave to attend other meetings, and asked Ald. Hallam to take the chair.

An appeal was made for donations to assist in furthering the interests of the Shelter, and $51 was handed into the treasury on the spot.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served in the dining room and the evening ended in pleasant social intercourse.

THE ELECTION COURTS.

Hon. William Paterson Holds the Seat for North Grey—Major Beattie's Case on Tr. 1.

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 17.—The North Grey election petitions were called to-day at 2.30 before Justices Street and Falconbridge.

In the protest against Hon. William Paterson leave to intervene was refused and the petition was dismissed with costs. The cross-petition was withdrawn.

The London Petition.

London, Ont., Dec. 17.—Court to try the election petition against Major Thomas Beattie was opened this afternoon at 1.15 o'clock, Justices Ferguson and Robertson presiding. The seat was held by a majority of 41. Mr. Osler, Q. C., for the petitioner, made application for a bench warrant for three witnesses, McCurdy, O'Hearn and Peel, who, he alleged, had been spirited away to Rossland, B. C.

The first witness was William Fitzhenry, a G. T. R. barkeman, who deposed that he and other voters had been paid money and got tickets in Detroit to come and vote. He said Mr. Graydon, barrister, of London gave him $10 at the Russell House, Detroit. He gave $5 to another man for a ticket to London.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up in the examination of George Johnson, who testified to rough treatment received at the Liberal-Conservative rooms, where, he claims, to have been detained against his will.

At the expiration of lease sale our silk umbrellas are selling at 20 per cent. discount—$5, sale price $4; regular $2.50, selling at $2. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W., evening 50c.

BIRTHS.

GRANT—Dec. 9th, the wife of H. M. Grant, of a son.

DEATHS.

LEE—On Monday, Dec. 14, 1896, Christopher Widmer Lee, aged 56 years.

Funeral on Friday, 18th, at 2.30 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 23 Isabella-street, to St. Luke's Church.

McKEGGIE—At the residence of her son-in-law, J. D. Laidlaw, 78 St. Albans-street, on Wednesday, the 16th December, Marianne McKeggie, relict of the late John McKeggie of Stayner, in her 83rd year.

Funeral private from the above address on Friday, the 18th, at 3 o'clock.

SAUNDERS—At No. 7 Spadina-road, on Wednesday, 16th inst., Minnie Beatrice, youngest daughter of Ald. Saunders.

Funeral private.

EARTHQUAKE IN WALES

Southern England Was Also Shaken Up.

TWO STRONG SHOCKS FELT

Houses Trembled, Beds Moved From Their Places and Doors Opened.

The First Shock Lasted Thirty Seconds and the Second Was Shorter but More Severe—People in Windsor, Cheltenham and Other Places Rushed From Their Homes, But No One Was Hurt—One Woman Died From Fright—William Astor's Daughter Makes a Second Matrimonial Venture—Other Cable News.

London, Dec. 17.—Two strong shocks of earthquake were felt throughout Wales, the Midlands and the South of England early this morning. The first shock occurred at 3 o'clock and the second at 5.30 in the afternoon. Houses were shaken, beds moved from their places, doors forced open and furniture overturned. Telegrams from all quarters concur in the statement that the first shock was of 30 seconds duration, and was followed by a loud rumbling sound and minor in tremblings of the earth. The second shock was shorter, but more severe. Many people in Windsor, Cheltenham and other places rushed out of their houses, ut no one was hurt. The Cathedral at Hereford was damaged somewhat, but no other serious damage is reported.

At Hereford the rumbling sound was followed by two crashes. Men and women rushed from their houses into the streets and one woman died from fright.

At Ruthven the shocks were accompanied by thunder and lightning and for 15 seconds there was a distinct movement of the earth. At Liverpool the shocks were followed by thunder, lightning, and hail, and there were similar manifestations at Bridgenorth, where the streets at first seemed to be on fire for several seconds. After this there was a violent report, followed by a heavy shock. Only a slight quaking sensation was felt at Manchester, Birmingham and in the northwestern part of London. The damage was not serious anywhere.

The area of the seismic disturbances was unusually wide, extending hundreds of miles from London north to Lincolnshire, west to Lancashire, south through Wales to Taunton, and southeast to Southampton, over 200 towns and villages being affected. There were, however, no fatalities except in the case of the woman who died from fright at Hereford. The telegraph lines were not affected. The attaches of the Greenwich Observatory say that the galvanometer showed a very slight disturbance at the time of the shocks. The authorities at the Stoneyhurst Observatory say that their galvanometers showed no indication whatever of a seismic disturbance.

A Vote Catcher.

"Wait until the meeting of the Board of Control on Friday and you will see some fun," said an alderman yesterday. "Some time ago a proposition was made to establish a register at the City Hall for all men out of employment in order that the heads of departments might be able to distribute the work fairly. The proposal was that one of the present staff would be able to attend to the work. But the Mayor saw a chance to make a little capital out of the matter and promised Mr. Gurofsky, a prominent member of the Trades and Labor Council, the position of Chief of the Bureau. Ever since the gentleman in question has camped at the Hall, and the alderman have been thoroughly canvassed to support the appointment. They hardly know what to do, as they are afraid to vote against it for fear of the Trades and Labor Council, and yet they realize that there is absolutely no need of increasing the existing staff. A bluff will be made by the Mayor to-morrow to put the matter through, but there is little likelihood of the scheme passing Council before the election and still less of its doing so afterwards."

There's Lots of People Like Him.

Editor World: Enclosed please find an article which I would be pleased to have inserted in your valuable paper. I am greatly taken up with The World and intend to become a subscriber at the beginning of the New Year.

Yours respectfully,

Palmerston, Ont.

Teachers' Reading Course.

The list of books for 1896-7 to be taken up in connection with the Teachers' reading course, omitted from the announcement in The World yesterday, is as follows: "Psychology Applied to Teaching," Baldwin; "Education From a National Standpoint," Fouillee; "How Canada is Governed," Bourinot.

That Butter Case.

At the Sessions yesterday, J. E. Morrison was found guilty of fraud and fined $25 and costs. This is the outcome of the butter case that was tried in Police Court the other day. Morrison is a commission merchant. William Willard of Port Perry shipped him butter and could get no accounting for it.

Funeral furnishings. Gormally & Somerville, 172 Queen St. West. Tel. 5355

Unsettled To-Day, Colder To-Morrow.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 2 below—16; Edmonton, 12 below—6; Qu'Appelle, 2 below—zero; Winnipeg, 14—20; Port Arthur, 28—34; Parry Sound, 10—34; Toronto, 16—36; Ottawa, 6—24; Montreal, 8—20; Quebec, 4—14; Halifax, 28—22.

PROBS.: Unsettled; local falls of rain or sleet to-day; colder northwesterly winds to-morrow.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is easily applied and affords instant relief. Price 10c.

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Dec. 17.	At	From
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Lahn	New York	Bremen
Vancouver	Halifax	Liverpool
Nestorian	Glasgow	Boston
Germanic	New York	Liverpool

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