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LESS LIQUOR IN SASKATCHEWAN

The following striking pronouncement on the success of the Saskatchewan legislation abolishing the bar rooms in that province is contained in a letter written by Hon. Walter Scott, premier of the province, to D. F. Glass, of Vancouver:

Dear Sir:—Replying to your querie concerning the situation in Saskatchewan in relation to intoxicating liquors, I may state that we have lived now in rather more than one hundred days without a bar room in the province and without a licensed liquor business of any sort or any sale of liquor (excepting sale by a commissioner under the government in a limited number of stores where sale is by package and subject to stringent restrictions), and I have yet to hear any report or testimony in respect of the new order of things other than that the consumption of liquor and drunkenness have been enormously lessened. Everywhere I go I am told of this man and that man who formerly wasted money and damaged their efficiency in and by drink and who are now regularly sober and better off both in health and pocket. To comprehend the real significance of such cases, one needs to listen to the testimony of the wife of such a man.

In Saskatchewan the bars were closed primarily as a war measure and for the period of the war. The act provides for a vote of the people on the question of reopening the bars to be taken on a date subsequent to the termination of the war. One thing I venture to declare with the utmost confidence, which is, that if the decision rested with the wives, mothers and daughters of Saskatchewan, no bar would ever again be opened in the province. Which must not be taken to mean that I expect that the bars will reopen, because I believe the contrary.

Without any reservation I am able to say, after three and one-half months' experience of our new system, that in its operation it is proving quite as satisfactory and beneficial to the people generally as the government which took the heavy responsibility of inaugurating the system anticipated.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,
(Signed) WALTER SCOTT.

MANITOBA TRUSTEES, CONVENTION

A meeting of the executive of the Manitoba School Trustees' Association was held in Winnipeg on Friday, October 29, to make arrangements for the program for the annual convention for 1916.

The convention will be held in Winnipeg on February 29, March 1 and 2, 1916, and further particulars will be announced as soon as possible.

The dates for the annual meetings for the local and municipal school trustees' associations thruout the province, and also special meetings for organization where necessary, will be announced as soon as final arrangements have been made.

DEATH OF SIR CHARLES TUPPER

Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran Canadian statesman and the last survivor of the Fathers of Confederation, died in England on Saturday, October 30, at the age of 94 years. In the 40's and early 50's Sir Charles was a country doctor in Nova Scotia. In 1855 he entered politics as a Conservative and became Premier of Nova Scotia in 1864. He represented his province in the negotiations which led to the formation of the Dominion of Canada, and after Confederation was accomplished in 1867 became a member of the federal house and later held several cabinet positions. He was knighted in 1879 and became a baronet in 1888. Sir Charles was High Commissioner for Canada in London 1884 to 1887 when he returned to Canada to become Finance Minister. The next year he returned to the High Commissionership, but in 1896 again entered the Dominion cabinet. For a few months prior to the defeat of the Conservative party in 1896 Sir Charles was Premier of Canada and he was leader of the opposition until 1900 when he was defeated and finally retired from political life. After his retirement Sir Charles spent most of his time in England. For some years he lived in London in the summer and in Winnipeg in winter. During the last few years he lived at Bexley Heath, Kent, England, when death occurred.

The title passes to a grandson, Charles Stuart Tupper, a barrister, who is a lieutenant in a Highland regiment now in training at Winnipeg and soon to proceed to the front.

MANITOBA HORSE BREEDERS' ACT IN FORCE

All Manitoba farmers and horse breeders will be interested in knowing that a proclamation has been issued by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, bringing into force on and after November 8 the new Horse Breeders' Act, passed at the 1914 session of the provincial legislature. The new act provides for the enrolment of stallions under a system of inspection. In view of this it will be necessary for enrolment to begin as early as possible as this first inspection in the province will entail considerable work. The provincial department of agriculture is now sending out particulars regarding the working of the act, together with application forms. All owners of pure bred stallions enrolled last year are receiving these by mail. The department is anxious to reach every man who has brought a stallion into the province since the last enrolment and urges each one to make application for enrolling stallion at the earliest possible date. Any stallion which is not properly inspected and enrolled cannot be placed in service in Manitoba in 1916, and the department seeks the hearty co-operation of all in order that the inspectors may begin work immediately. All owners of stallions, therefore, should make application to the provincial department of agriculture, Winnipeg, without delay, enclosing the enrolment fee of \$2.00 together with certificate of pedigree by registered mail.

PROHIBITION AND BUSINESS

The Vindicator has the following:—

"As a matter of sheer common sense we know that if the liquor business were abolished the people would buy more of farm products, more of clothing, more of flour, more of meat, more of every commodity than they now purchase.

"The experience of no-license cities has ever shown that where the saloons are closed men buy more cigars and tobacco in spite of the frantic effort made by the liquor business within the past few months to persuade tobacco dealers and growers that it is to their interest to fight prohibition.

"In fact, outside the liquor business there is not a single industry, line of trade or business the interests of which would be adversely affected by prohibition. The cooper will not make whiskey barrels or beer barrels, but the demand for flour barrels will be much greater. The manufacturer of saloon bars will find his market gone, but will find a bigger market for home furniture opened. The man who builds buildings for liquor selling and liquor making will build factories and homes. The man who makes beer and whiskey bottles will make milk bottles.

"All this is determined by the simple rule that the people are going to buy the things they want, the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life and that their buying will be enormously increased when the liquor traffic stops robbing them.

"When a brewery in West Virginia was closed it was converted into a packing house which immediately gave employment to ten times as many men as the brewery had ever done."

A MORAL QUESTION

Single Tax really is not a question of taxation at all; it is one of morals. The fiscal feature of the movement is simply incidental, just a means to an end. The chief and real purpose is to restore the natural order; Single Tax, realized, means the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.—Mrs. Mary Fels.

JAPAN'S POLITICAL SCANDAL

Nineteen members of the Lower House of the Japanese Diet and Mr. Hayashida, Chief Secretary, have been committed for public trial in connection with alleged election bribes, announces a Reuter message from Tokyo.

BAD WEATHER REPORTED

Winnipeg, Nov. 8.—A heavy storm of snow and sleet seems to be general thruout the West. No regular weather reports are as yet to hand owing to the wires being down and the telephone system disorganized. This storm, if as general as supposed, will put a stop to threshing operations for a considerable time, perhaps entirely suspend them. Bad weather had little appreciable effect upon the market this morning, its bullish effect being more than counterbalanced by a lack of buying orders from exporters.

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