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### A WIDE-OPEN TOWN!

The Police Commissioners of this city have passed a resolution ordering the Chief of Police to permit the gambling houses to conduct their nefarious business openly. It is not necessary for the Times to say one word in condemnation of the action of these public-spirited and enterprising gentlemen. If there be not a sufficient number of people in this place having proper regard for the reputation of our city to rise up and demand, not the rescinding of such a reactionary resolution, but the immediate dismissal by the provincial government of commissioners who have but recently been appointed by it, and have such a perverted idea of their duty to the community, we shall be very much disappointed. It is not necessary to comment upon the matter further. God knows there are plenty of secret pitfalls digged and nets spread for the feet of the young men of Victoria without the doors of gambling houses being thrown invitingly open. We really believed we had passed the stage when such an outrageous attempt to throw back the hands of the clock on time and place us upon the level of a western mining town of the United States had forever passed away. It seems we were mistaken. The citizens of Victoria had no conception of the manner of men who have been placed over them, although they might have guessed if they had not wittingly shut their eyes. But these men have revealed their presence and placed themselves in a position where they can be reached; and if the law-abiding and self-respecting people of Victoria do not reach forth and grasp them and deal with them as they deserve to be dealt with, then we have been very much mistaken in regard to the sentiments of this place. It is time for a thorough clean-up, and before it is completed we believe a certain element which has managed to lodge itself by some means or other high up in the councils of the province will be sorry it did not remain in the obscurity in which it can only thrive.

We congratulate Mayor Hayward on the firm stand he has taken in this matter. He truly represented the attitude of the people and he deserves, and will receive, the thanks of the people.

### "REGULATING" VICE.

The action of the late police commissioners in passing resolutions instructing the police to "regulate" gambling in the city has been excused on two grounds. The Colonist says the resolutions were injudicious; Mr. Price says the work was hastily done, that other resolutions passed at the same time if they had been published would have shown that the commissioners were anxious to do their duty in the matter of the suppression of other forms of vice, and that if there had not been a political contest on nothing would have been heard of the matter. Well, we consider the action of the commissioners was more than injudicious. It was wrong. It was an attempt to defy the sentiments of the community. The day has gone by when an excuse to license gambling—for that is what it really amounted to—will be tolerated in any part of the Dominion of Canada. The fact that the commissions of the officials were immediately cancelled in itself proves that the work was something more than injudicious. Mr. Price is also entirely wrong in saying that we had not been heard of the resolution. It would have been published in the Times and in the Colonist, too, we believe, because both papers have put themselves on record in this matter. It has been represented to them that gambling is an "industry," an attraction. It brings people to a town and makes it lively. All we have to say is that even if our existence depended upon the countenance of such practices it were better for us to give up the civic ghost than permit them. It is true that, like other forms of vice, gambling can be made to hide its head. It can be driven into secret places; and it can be made a discreditable thing to be found in the company of those who practice it. The community can be saved to some extent from the curse it brings upon its votaries. All these things have been proved in the experience of other cities. We can do all in our power to save the young and inexperienced from temptations of a certain kind by preventing the harpies of society from openly practicing their arts. Would that there had been accomplished under the resolutions which were "hastily prepared?"

We cannot understand why this should be considered a political matter at all, except in the sense that it should awaken governments to their responsibilities in making appointments. The gambling element cannot be a very influential one in a community of this size. We are not even a miniature Monte Carlo, and we do not believe we shall ever become

one. The liquor business has no immediate connection with that of gambling, although in the minds of many ill-informed and well-meaning people there is always such an association. In isolated instances there may be a remote connection. The respectable hotel and saloon keepers will be the first to disavow such an association. They know that it is in their material interests, even if they have no higher aim, to conduct their businesses in a lawful and respectable manner. Therefore we say it is lamentable if there be any political significance in the agitation that has arisen on account of this gambling scandal.

We join with the commissioners in demanding the fullest investigation. Let the rumors that are being circulated to the effect that one place was to be compelled to pay \$50 a week, another \$75 a week, and the Chinese lotteries \$300 a month for police surveillance, be traced to their source. We know nothing as to their authenticity. They may be merely the result of the ill-advised action of the commissioners. Such a regulation could not but set people talking and asking to what purpose this fund was to be devoted after it was collected. Speculation is also bound to ensue as to the immense extent of the floodings of the lambs who venture within the evil precincts when single institutions are considered able to pay such enormous sums for the "legalising," in as far as the commissioners could do it, of their business. All things considered, it is probably not surprising that young men sometimes are found to be short in their accounts. While such places are long, other places are bound to be short. In the interests of the public, therefore, we say that this most insidious form of vice, this most demoralising of all the vices, must be stamped out, and that no attempt to regulate it should be countenanced.

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### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

An American contemporary makes an interesting contribution to the discussion of a subject which has received considerable attention in Victoria lately. It has frequently been advanced as a reason why the metric system has but few advocates among the classes principally interested in its adoption that inasmuch as all the tools in this age of automatic machinery are constructed to cut and work to feet, inches and their divisions, such a change would involve a tremendous financial sacrifice. But an examination may disclose that incredible prejudice has more to do with our stubborn adherence to what has been declared to be a great common sense forward movement than anything else. After all the advantages of the new system have been fully explained and admitted, the astonishing fact remains that the proposed innovation does not interest either the English or the American nation. They will work to metric scales and gauges, when they have to, but for some reason which it would be difficult to explain they have not adopted it. The advocates of the metric system, the Anglo-Saxon mind does not adapt itself to the decimal progression in measurements of dimensions. Those brought up on the units of the inch, the foot and the yard admittedly find them more convenient in mental calculation than the centimeter, decimeter, and meter ever become. The convenient folding of the two-foot-rule into halves and quarters of the foot is a natural process of subdivision of the unit which is impossible with the subdivided into tenths. The constantly cited illustration of our coinage as showing that we take naturally to the metric system in subdividing our measures of values, is not convincing. The dollar is a comprehensible unit, but while we divide it into tenths and hundredths in calculation, we much more naturally think of its subdivision into halves and quarters, and but for the intrusion of these coins into that would otherwise be a strictly metric subdivision of the dollar our subsidiary coinage would be very much less convenient and acceptable than we find it. The twenty-cent piece was a failure. Its coinage was a concession to the advocates of the metric system; its withdrawal was necessitated by the fact that all classes of our people preferred the quarter dollar, and the two coins could not circulate together without creating endless confusion.

Toronto Globe.—The religious statistics of the census are of considerable interest. The Catholics, of course, retain their old lead, and, in fact, their percentage of the whole population is slightly larger than in 1891, 41.5 as compared with 41.2. The Catholic population is 2,228,097. The next in order are the Methodists with 916,862, the Presbyterians with 842,301, the Anglicans with 680,346 and the Baptists with 292,485. The Presbyterians have the largest increase, 87,000; the Methodist increase is 69,000, the Anglican 34,000.

### A LONE MARINER'S TERRIBLE TRIALS

**SUBSISTED THIRTEEN DAYS ON FLOUR ONLY**

His Sloop Twice Turned Over on Voyage From Nome—Sighted a Derelict.

A terrible tale of hardship, of starvation and shipwreck is told by C. Anderson, a Swede, who arrived from the West Coast on the steamer Queen City on Sunday. Anderson left Nome on or about the 23rd of November last. He voyaged south in a small sloop of his own construction, and made fair headway until reaching the latitude of the Straits, some three or four months ago. Here his little craft was struck twice by a hurricane and capsized, but righted herself in a miraculous manner. On the last occasion, however, everything but a little flour was lost, and for thirteen days, until picked up by a tugboat, Anderson subsisted on this alone.

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Of the Hudson's Bay Company—Specials Sent up to Quell the Disturbance.

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James Fraser, an employee of the Truck & Dray Company, was driving toward town, and was almost on the spot where the other hold-up took place when two men sprang out, grasping the driver's neck, and the horses to a standstill.

The driver immediately jumped to the road, and picking up a stone, smiting him severely, he heard an answering groan, and the precious pair lit out for the woods.

Mr. Fraser then resumed his journey toward town. He is of the opinion that the two men mistook him for somebody else, for they had been waiting. They did not display any firearms. One of them was undoubtedly hurt as the stone that struck him was thrown with good force.

HOW LONG HAVE YOUR KIDNEYS BEEN SICK?—Here's a sure cure. It's a new man—three bottles cured me. "Piper's Kidney Cure" cured me of Diabetes. I was expected to be cured of Bright's Disease, but had a relapse. It's a marvelously short time. If you've had catarrh a week it's a sure cure. If it's a month it's a sure cure. If it's a year it's a sure cure. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Bell & Co.

### PROVINCIAL NEWS

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Corporal Lohman, of the first contingent of the Western Mounted Rifles, was promoted to the position of Sergeant of the 1st contingent of the Western Mounted Rifles, and is to be appointed to a position on the provincial police force, vacant by the retirement of Officer Thompson, also of the first contingent.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening at St. Andrew's church when Mr. Basil Enoch, pursuer of the Empress of India, and Adriana Van Imbrey, youngest daughter of Robert Howe Stevenson, of Scotland, were joined in holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. A. Wilson.

Before Judge Henderson on Saturday, John Blackburn was found guilty of slightly robbery, preferred by Mr. De Witt Becker, who was robbed last fall on Mount Pleasant by a young man whom

he described by his voice and height as Blackburn. Judge Henderson heard both sides of the case, and reserved sentence until next Wednesday.

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