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## Prohibition Wins In E. D. C. Joint Debate

J. L. Shepherd and J. W. Eastwood, Socialist, Present Strong Arguments As To Drink or Bad Economic Conditions Being Responsible For Poverty---Comments By H. A. Powell, Judge.

Mr. J. L. Shepherd, the champion of the Every Day Club, routed the socialist agitator, J. W. Eastwood, in a debate on the causes of poverty which took place before a large meeting held in the Every Day Club rooms, last evening.

The socialist speaker argued that the main cause of poverty was not drink, but the economic conditions under which men live and labor, accentuated by bad housing accommodations, inefficient government, and the various vicissitudes that flesh is heir to. The champion of prohibition argued that drink caused 75 per cent of poverty, quoting Goldwin Smith, Adam Smith, and a formidable array of other authorities in support of his contention. He declared that the way to make St. John a bigger, better and cleaner city was to abolish the saloons.

Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., acted as judge, and in rendering his decision said that while he was personally inclined to agree with the proposition advanced by the socialist speaker, he thought the prohibitionist speaker had presented the best arguments and had therefore to give him the decision. Mr. A. M. Belding presided and there were over 300 people present.

**The Socialist Argument.**

In opening his case, the first speaker, expressed the opinion that socialism was becoming respectable. The position he had to defend was peculiar, but the fact that in countries like Turkey where alcohol was practically unknown there was a deal of poverty, showed that drink was not the main or only cause of poverty. It was not correct to say that drink caused poverty when most of the unskilled laborers in this country were poor whether they drank or not.

Mr. Eastwood declared that the sociological authorities like Rowntree all agreed that any man earning less than \$9 per week must be considered below the poverty line. Thus low wages constituted the principal cause of poverty, and low wages were caused by the capitalist organization of industry, the monopolization of land, of shops and stores, and the machinations of combines, trusts, etc.

Poverty, he added, led men to drink. In St. John many of the poor lived in houses not much bigger than pillboxes. At home the poor man had no room to stretch himself without knocking over some of his children, and as he had to step out of doors when his wife was dressing, he went to a saloon where there were lights and life.

**The Case for Prohibition.**

Mr. Shepherd handled the prohibitionist view of the problem in a very effective manner. He cited the opinion of a large number of authorities in support of his contention that drink caused 75 per cent of the crimes that come up before the courts, and presented statistics showing that in Maine and other prohibition states the percentage of poverty and crime was less than in districts where liquor was sold openly, and that the people of Maine had exceptionally large deposits in the savings banks.

Continuing he cited instances of the effect of drink upon the careers of many young men of the province who were earning big wages or conducting a business of their own, were now begging about the streets. "A gang of 25 young men," he said, "were laying children coming from the factories, begging money from them and spending it on drink. They made their habit in the North End, and were becoming a disgrace to the community."

As to the contention of the Socialist speaker that poverty was the cause of drink, he did not think that it was a logical conclusion. A man might be forced into poverty through trouble, but that was no reason why he should lose his self respect and seek to drown his troubles in drink.

In conclusion, he declared that the saloons were to be abolished, the money now spent on drink and the maintenance of prisons would be utilized to build schools and better houses and all the charitable people who now expended so much time and money in charities for the families of drunkards would be able to help other movements to uplift humanity.

**Mr. Eastwood's Reply.**

Mr. Eastwood, who was given ten minutes to reply, said his opponent acted like an English candidate for parliamentary honors when he took the floor after him—he dodged the issue. Nobody would argue that drink was not a cause of poverty, but that was not the question. He had pointed out that there were other things which caused poverty, and his opponent

had ignored the existence of any other cause except drink.

Mr. Shepherd retorted that the Socialists sought to eliminate the influence of religion from the life of the workingman. They had no conception of the power of religion to save men and lift them up in the world.

The experience of Billy Matheson, brought low through drink, but now lifted up through the grace of God, and made prosperous, had no meaning for them. Socialist prophets like Bernard Shaw advocated the abolition of marriage and favored free love, the destruction of the home and universal anarchy.

Mr. Eastwood—"Because Queen Bess said all Roman Catholics ought to be burned, is no reason why we should condemn Christianity."

**Mr. Powell Gives His Decision.**

Mr. Powell, the judge, said he was much impressed at the ability shown by the debaters. Both had presented their case in a very clever manner, and he was glad to see that the wisdom of St. John could produce such speakers.

Personally he was of the opinion that the cause of poverty was not confined to drink. War, famine, and pestilence often did greater injury to a people than drink. In England half a century ago the oppression of capitalists had reduced the workers and their children to a condition worse than slavery.

"The Anglo-Saxon race," he continued, "were always the greatest drinkers in history. In the olden times they used to line up in two rows and pass the flowing bowl till the men dropped. Yet, though Darwin had declared that the third generation of drunkards lost the power of propagation, the Anglo-Saxon race had multiplied and spread over the earth."

At the same time he felt that he had to give the decision to the champion of prohibition. His argument had been more to the point. They consisted of facts and incidents within his immediate knowledge things that all eyes weighed most with a judge of jury.

Mr. A. M. Belding said both speakers were to be congratulated on the moderate statement of their case. The question in dispute would probably not be settled by the debate for all time; but such interchanges of opinion would have good effects. Both the temperance workers and socialist agitators would have a better conception of the many problems they had to solve before the world would be as good as they all wished to make it.

### PERSONAL

**Mr. Maurice R. Pont, who has been spending a few days in the city returned to St. Martins yesterday.**

Mr. Jean C. Patterson returned to St. Martins yesterday.

Mr. R. Connelly, manager of the Bay Shore Lumber Co., returned to St. Martins yesterday.

Capt. Robt. A. Walsh left for St. Martins yesterday.

Rev. F. D. Cormier of Kent county arrived in the city yesterday to take part in the celebration in honor of Blessed John Endes, which begins at the Good Shepherd Monastery at 9:30 a.m. today.

Hon. Robert Maxwell left for Fredericton last evening to attend a meeting of the provincial government.

Mr. R. K. Patchell went out on the Montreal train last evening.

Mr. Geo. M. Suffren, of Sussex, arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. Fred Anthony, who has been a valued employee of Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons, for some years, left last evening for Montreal with a view to locating either in that city or in Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Hoyt of McAdam, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan came in on the Pacific Express last evening.

**Ald. Potts Takes The Prize.**

Ald. Potts is the most popular city father, was the verdict of the Hapists high tea and fair. The chairman of the fair committee had a big lead over Ald. Lewis, his nearest competitor. The fair, which has been very successful, was practically closed last evening, although it will be open from 6 to 8 today for the children of the parish. The winner of the different prizes last evening were as follows: Handkerchief booth, D. J. Barrett; sofa pillow, J. Brennan; pin cushion, Gentlemen's bean board, E. McGuire; set of decanters, J. Burns; box of cigars, Ladies bean board, Miss Mamie Doherty; bottle of perfume, Shooting gallery, John Sullivan; box of cigars,

### FISHERMEN EN ROUTE

Many Passing Through Depot for Massachusetts--Herbert Bovine, Under Contract, is Stopped by Authorities.

Scarcely a train leaves the city on the way to Boston these days that a considerable portion of the passengers are not fishermen en route to the Massachusetts fishing stations to spend the summer. These hardy fishermen from Cape Breton, the North Shore and P. E. Island will return shortly before Christmas laden with the result of the season's work. They escape detention by the U. S. immigration authorities as they sign articles after reaching Gloucester and other ports, and do not come under the provisions of the alien law. Herbert Bovine, a young French Canadian was no fortunate as he was stopped twice by the immigration authorities. He was under contract for Bangor, but was under contract to go to work, and on Tuesday evening was turned back as he was getting on board the train here.

He decided to make his destination McAdam Junction and again attempted to board the outgoing Montreal train. He had neglected, however, to change his ticket which still read to Bangor, and he was advised not to make the journey but to change his ticket to read McAdam.

Bovine considered this sensible advice as he was in pocket, the difference between the fare from Bangor to McAdam. He left last evening with the way things had turned out.

**York Lodge L. O. O.**

The regular meeting of L. O. O. A. York Lodge No. 2, was held last evening. W. M. George Earle in the chair. After the transaction of routine business, D. G. M. Geo. E. Day, P. G. H. Powell, P. D. M. Hennigar and P. M. Burley and Rogers delivered interesting addresses upon various phases of the work of the order.

**Canadian Club Speakers.**

Rev. Dr. G. M. Cutten, president of Acadia College, will deliver an address before the Canadian Club on the 18th inst. His subject will be "The Psychology of the Crowd." "Good Roads" (Campbell, who will visit St. John on a tour of inspection during the first week in May will also address the club while in the city.

**A Marathon Exhibition.**

A good exhibition of Marathon running was witnessed at the I. C. R. depot last evening, when a countryman sprinted the whole length of the train shed in an effort to overtake a passenger train which left at 5:20 o'clock. He gained rapidly for a time and was a few feet from the polished rails when he reached the upper end of the station and had to give up the attempt. He did not return through the depot, but made the best of his way back through the station yard across to Pond street.

**Will Take In Pageant Of Empire.**

Among the passengers by the Empress of the North sailing today are Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Binney of Moncton who are making a holiday trip to Great Britain and the continent. Mr. Binney considers that he has earned a holiday having completed thirty-four years service as collector of customs at the port of Moncton. This year he is taking a little travelling. Mrs. Binney is to visit the home of her ancestors, Her father, the late Christopher Miller, a bachelor of St. John, was born on the Isle of Wight. They intend to go to Scotland, to spend some time in Paris, see the Pageant at the Crystal Palace and avoid Oberammergau.

**A Window Display of Automobile Furnishings.**

People who do motoring will be pleased with the exhibit of automobile furnishings in M. R. A.'s annex window. This is a very tastefully arranged display and includes automobile coats, rugs, scarfs, gloves, vests, field glasses, travelling bags, travelling cases, cocoa mats, rubber mats, hats, socks, automobile belts, sweaters, etc. The increasing number of automobile owners in New Brunswick who will require automobile clothes and accessories has justified The Big Store in catering to this trade and this showing of the necessary comforts for motor travelling will be of more than passing interest to lovers of this pastime.

**Thistle Club Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Thistle Curling Club was held last evening in the Thistle rink with the retiring president, J. W. Cameron, in the chair. The secretary's report showed that the club's cup in competition in the province the McCaffrey trophy, was won by the Thistle curlers. The season had been exceptionally successful. It was decided to attend the annual church parade of the club's members at St. John's church, at 10:30 Sunday morning. All the members were asked to join in the march to the church. Rev. L. A. MacLean will preach the sermon. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Ald. J. A. Likely; vice-president, A. Douglas Macdonald; treasurer, D. McAllen; secretary, A. D. Stevens; chaplain, Rev. L. A. MacLean.

## I.C.R. OFFICE OF GOOD REPORTS AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE VERY POPULAR

No Official Complaints Says Mr. Brady, but Hears It Isn't Liked --- Improvements at Chatham.

While in the city yesterday on a trip of inspection, Mr. P. P. Brady, of the Government railways managing board, was asked by a Standard reporter for reference to the oath required of I. C. R. employees against which there is said to be a strong protest from many employees of the road. The wording of the oath is claimed to reflect upon the honesty of the employees as it provides against the taking of bribes and also binds the testator to close secrecy.

Mr. Brady said the oath was similar to that required of all civil servants and that the orders to have it administered came from Ottawa.

Officially he has the honest no protest against taking the oath, but he had heard some talk. The oath had been taken, he added, by many of the employees.

The wording of the oath of office is as follows:

"I, . . . . ., do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and honestly fulfill the duties which devolve upon me as an employee of the Intercolonial Railway, and that I will not ask or receive any sum of money, services, recompense or matter of thing whatsoever, directly or indirectly, in return for what I have done or may do in the discharge of any of the duties of my said office except by salary or wages may be allowed me by law or by an order-in-council of the governor-in-council; and that I will not without due authority on that behalf disclosed or made known any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my employment as . . . . . So help me God."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this . . . . . day of . . . . . 1910.

**Changes at Chatham.**

Mr. Brady when asked about the proposed I. C. R. diversion at Chatham said it had been finally decided to change the route to the northern side of the highway above the town. From Riverside cemetery to the Fisher farm at Morrison's cove the line would follow the back lots, then along the surveyed line through Nelson through the change had been made in order to allow room for new industries, and also that the drive out of Chatham might be improved by the proximity of the railroad to the highway.

Asked when the diversion would be completed, Mr. Brady said, "Well, by the time the contractors have done here, it will be two years, though it should not take more than one year."

Mr. Brady who was accompanied by Mr. G. E. Day, P. G. H. Powell, P. D. M. Hennigar and P. M. Burley and Rogers delivered interesting addresses upon various phases of the work of the order.

### TENNISON EVENING

Songs, Readings and Tableaux Delightful Features of Entertainment in Trinity School Room--Those Taking Part.

A large number of people were present at the Tennyson evening given in the Trinity church school room last night, under the auspices of the ladies of the choir, and were delighted with the entertainment provided.

The programme consisted of tableaux, songs and readings. The tableaux represented scenes from Tennyson's poems, and as many of them were taken from the medieval and early Victorian eras, they afforded considerable scope for beautiful costuming.

The tableaux were posed against a soft grey background and the effects secured evoked much applause from the audience. The first part of the programme was carried out under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Ford. The stage managers were Mr. C. L. Wise and Mr. D. M. Donoghue.

Among those who posed in the various figures were: Mrs. R. M. Wise, Mrs. R. L. Johnstone, Mrs. W. L. Brennan, Miss Maud Macdonald, Miss Mary Gordon, Miss Hazel DeForest, Miss Lily Raymond, Miss Edith Fairweather, Miss Bessie Foster, Miss Jessie McDonald, Miss Gerow, Miss Pauline Belandier, Miss Maud Sutherland, Miss Eva Reynolds, Miss Bertha Skinner and Mr. Reynolds.

The quartette consisting of Miss Patten, Miss Lugin, Mr. R. F. Sevier and Mr. J. A. Kelley contributed a number of selections and Mrs. Geo. White, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Sevier also rendered solos.

Readings were given by Miss Genevieve Baird and Rev. R. A. Armstrong. Mrs. Ford and the ladies of the choir deserve great credit for the unique entertainment.

**Carmarthen Street Church.**

Carmarthen street Methodist church will hold its educational anniversary on Sunday, April 10th. At a quarter to ten in the morning the classes of Centenary, Queen Square, Exmouth street and Christian workers from German street Baptist church will meet in Carmarthen street church for a united fellowship meeting. A season of spiritual uplift is expected by all who attend. Rev. Charles Flinders, E. D., will preach at eleven o'clock on educational and missionary lines. The Sabbath school will meet at 2:30. Collections for educational funds. The pastor will preach at night on Our Educational Institutions. Rev. J. W. Atkins, field secretary of temperance and moral reform will address a mass meeting on temperance at 8:30 in this church. All local option workers in Sydney ward are invited. On Wednesday, April 13th, Mr. Kingston will address the Epworth League on superstitious. The offering will be for the educational fund.

Annual Meeting Hears of Year of Progress--Manager Has Offer To Go West--Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Seamen's Mission Society last evening Mr. S. L. Gorbell, the manager, announced that he had received an offer from the Upper Canada Seamen's Institute to go to Port Arthur for the purpose of taking charge of a building for the use of 25,000 sailors on the Great Lakes. The offer was contained in a telegram which he received yesterday and which he had immediately resulted he was reappointed manager of the local institution.

A year of satisfactory progress was reported at the meeting. The splendid new building is now practically free from debt and the managing committee have reason to feel proud of the progress of the first year's work in the new quarters.

**President's Report.**

Mr. R. Morton Smith, who was re-elected president, occupied the chair. After opening the meeting he read the following report, which was heartily received:

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome you to the sixteenth annual gathering of the Seamen's Mission Society. We may congratulate ourselves on the splendid work accomplished during the past twelve months. Within the year contracts were awarded for the building of the upper portion of this building according to the plans, and under the personal direction of Mr. G. E. Day, the work has been successfully completed, and the building now stands as a monument to the philanthropic spirit of the city. I thank you for the sympathy and financial support of the steamship companies represented at this port, also of the officers in command of the various ships."

**The Work Being Done.**

Turning now from the building itself, let us consider the work for which it was designed. I have been asked, "Who are these seamen who visit us?" Why show them so much consideration? I reply these are the men who help to develop and stimulate our commerce, guide the great ships with their living freight and valuable cargoes in safety from port to port, and should occasion arise, would be called upon, not only to defend the Motherland, but also our own hearths and homes.

Looking at the moral aspect of the question, St. John could not have maintained its claim to be a Christian community, had it not erected this home for the seamen, providing them with a wholesome, pure, retreat thus protecting them from evils infinitely more deadly than the perils of the ocean. Immense sums of money have been spent in providing accommodation for the steamships coming to this port. It was well to do this, was it not equally well to care for the seamen, each individual life being of more value than many vessels and cargoes? Surely the kind work of this society (affiliated as it is with the great British and Foreign Sailors' Society, of which their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales and the Princess Royal are patronesses) must commend itself to all thoughtful citizens, among whom are our leading business men, members of the Board of Trade, etc.

There is no more interesting sight than that which these newly furnished rooms present, when filled with a contented throng of seamen enjoying simple games, writing their letters, or gathering in the large audience room where their thoughts are directed to higher things.

**Appreciation.**

I desire to offer a word of appreciation of the invaluable aid of the different clergymen, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the numerous friends who have helped to make the work a success.

I cannot close without a reference to the loss sustained by the death of our beloved president, Herbert C. Tilly. Intensely interested in the seamen, and ever loyal to this far reaching work, he has passed on to the higher service of the Master he so faithfully represented here. May his spirit of devotion to a cause so worthy, animate us.

Our manager's report will give you a partial review of the work undertaken. Mr. Gorbell has been most faithful, efficient and successful in the performance of his arduous duties. In which he has been ably assisted by Mr. Anderson.

May this new year be marked by still greater advancement in all departments.

R. M. SMITH, President.

St. John, April 7, 1910.

**Manager's Report.**

The manager's report reviewed the work of the year. Visits from seamen totalled 26,900 with a daily average attendance of 60. Pledges were signed to the number of 300; letters written and read 16,000; money exchanged \$5,000; money sent, \$1,000.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$400 remaining on the building against which there are funds amounting to \$200, leaving a balance of only \$200. The sum raised for maintenance was \$2,500.50 of which a small unexpended balance remains.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the ladies, the press, the owners, agents, officers and seamen of the steamers running to this port and the officers of the society. It was decided to appoint a committee of three to value the assets of the society.

**Officers Elected.**

Officers were elected as follows: Mr. R. Morton Smith, president; Mr. L. P. D. Tilly, Mr. T. A. Graham, Mr.

## \$2.50 Shoes

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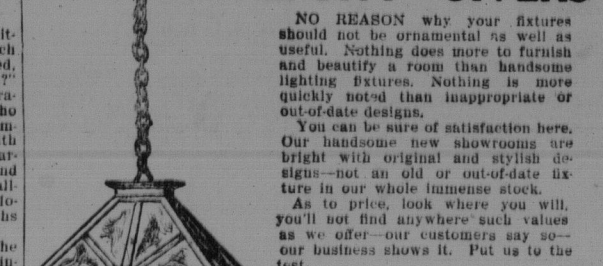
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**The St. John Railway Co.**  
Corner Dock and Union Streets, St. John.

We have just received at the Fredericton warehouse, a Carload of **STICKNEY ENGINES** fitted with the new pump feed and patent battery.

**GEORGE J. BARRETT, ST. JOHN, FREDERICTON.**

**Home for incurables.**

The April meeting of the Board of Management of the Home for Incurables was held yesterday afternoon. There are now twenty-four patients. Two were admitted last month. There were three deaths. One variance exists in the women's ward. There are three applications. Also there are applications for vacant places in the private rooms, and for the consumption of the world. Donations during the month included bacon from Court Bros., flowers from Mr. Shand and the Horticultural Society, books from Mrs. Smith, oranges from Henry Emerson.

**DEATHS.**

**Parkinson.**—On April 6th, at Dorchester, Mass., after a short illness, Elizabeth Parkinson, widow of John Parkinson, and third daughter of the late James Cobham, St. John West, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.

**OBITUARY.**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Parkinson.**

The death occurred on Wednesday, April 6, at Dorchester, Mass., of Mrs. Elizabeth Parkinson, widow of John Parkinson. Mrs. Parkinson, who was 71 years of age, was the daughter of the late James Cobham, of the West Side. She leaves two sons and two daughters, and is survived by four brothers and one sister. The sons and daughters are: John and George, of Dorchester; Mrs. F. Sewell and Miss Lily Parkinson of Dorchester. The brothers are Mr. Alex. Cobham, Cincinnati, Ohio; James Cobham, Coacane, N. B.; Chas. and George Cobham, both of West Side. The sister is Mrs. William McKee of Port Dufferin. The body will be brought to this city today and interment will be made at Cedar Hill.

**Died In The Hospital.**

The death of George Porter of Chipman, occurred in the General Public Hospital yesterday. Mr. Porter entered the hospital on January 25, suffering from a complication of diseases and gradually grew worse. He has no relatives in the city. His wife is thought to be living in the United States. Dr. Nugent, of Chipman has been communicated with. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

