

TO PROHIBIT GAMBLING

Continued from Page 1. fray with a United States officer. The latter fired at Kelly and Kelly used a stick with effect. A while ago he was induced to come near the boundary line and was seized by a number of men, gagged, carried off and thrown into jail in the United States. He asked if any steps were being taken in the matter.

Mr. Aylesworth said that the matter had been brought to his attention by a clergyman of the locality. He had replied that it was necessary to have the facts ascertained with the utmost accuracy, especially with regard to the exact place where the affair took place, and whether the men who seized Kelly were officers of the law. He added that such cases arise occasionally, complaints sometimes coming from the United States and sometimes from Canada.

A Question of Status. Mr. Lewis brought up a disagreement which occurred at the recent drawing room. The consuls general living at Ottawa absented themselves because it appeared that the rules of precedence, according to the colonial office, do not recognize their official status.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the matter was of some importance not so much on account of the drawing room but because of the duties which the consuls general now are discharging. They are not of diplomatic status and yet have come to exercise by toleration functions akin to diplomatic functions. Their status should be regulated and was engaged the attention of the government.

Race Track Gambling. Mr. H. H. Miller moved the second reading of his race track gambling bill. Its object, he explained, was to prevent and suppress the business of betting, pool making, etc., on or in connection with race tracks. It did not interfere with the carrying on of race meets. It did not seek to prevent private betting. Mr. Miller sketched the history of the law on the subject and went on to say that legislation on the line of his bill had been asked for by the Moral and Social Reform of Canada, and drew a strong picture of the gambling which prevails at the Woodbine, saying that in 12 days \$2,000,000 had been wagered with American bookmakers. He added an amendment to deal with the practice, which he said prevails especially in Chicago gambling resorts, of transferring the interior with stout doors so as to delay the officers of the law and give the inmates an opportunity to escape.

Provincial Rights. Mr. Monk opposed the bill. Racine is necessary, he said, to improve the breed of horses and bookmaking is necessary to the racing of horses. He also raised the question of provincial rights, saying that the Montreal jockey club has a charter granted by Quebec.

Mr. McCall, West Northumberland, suggested that the bill be given a second reading and referred to a special committee. The abuses which existed were in connection with pool rooms and handbook operators, rather than with race tracks, and he referred to the advertisements of tipsters which were published.

Mr. Campbell supported the proposal to send the bill to a special committee. Mr. Cowan, Vancouver, supported the bill, arguing that the anomalies in the law should be corrected.

Mr. Wilson, Laval, speaking in French, opposed the bill on the ground of provincial rights. Major Beattie, London, held that the matter did not belong to this House. The charges had been taken against the Province of Ontario and was a question for the local legislature. He defended the Woodbine which he described as a credit to the country. Tracks like those at Fort Erie and Windsor should not be allowed.

Mr. Miller had only touched the outer fringe of gambling, there were other forms far worse than what went on at the race tracks. The petitions which had been sent in had been signed by a lot of young girls who knew nothing about the subject. Amid much laughter he said that he represented the only respectable community in Canada, he had not been called upon to present a single petition.

Supported Bill. Mr. Maddin, Cape Breton, and Mr. Martin, Regina, had supported the bill. Mr. G. H. Barnard gave the experience of Victoria with its six days meet. The state of California had suppressed race track meetings, a meeting had been started at Victoria and they had all the thugs and gamblers of the western states dumped on them. The experience had not been satisfactory and he was in hearty support of the bill.

Mr. Armstrong supported the bill suggested that an amendment be included in it to prohibit the publication of advertisements soliciting patronage for race tips.

Dr. J. D. Reid criticized the government for not having brought the bill in as a government measure, instead of leaving it to a back bench. Mr. Osler, speaking as vice president of the Ontario jockey club, took the ground that "you may restrict, but you cannot suppress vice."

The Difficulty. The difficulty was that the people who were looking after the morals of the country were trying to do their work by act of parliament and not by means of home and church influence. In his experience he had never known a case of one young man who had gone wrong through betting at races, but there was hardly a day in the week when he did not become aware of crucial cases where young men, boys and women were entangled through stock speculation. Today all over Canada there was in progress a wild gamble in mining stocks. He believed that more money had been wagered on the variety Ottawa football match, in itself a fine clean contest, than at the Woodbine in a week. One Ontario more money was lost at bridge than at the Woodbine in a week.

Mr. Barker spoke on much the same lines making special reference to the Hamilton Jockey Club. Mr. Carvell supported the bill. Col. Hughes described the bill as a desire to get Mr. Murphy out of a hole.

Mr. Aylesworth approved the proposal to send the bill to a special committee, observing that there was a strong feeling in the country in favor of suppression, and also a strong feeling in favor of the jockey club.

MR. MEHAREY IS WELL SATISFIED WITH IMPORTED HORSES

Arrived in City Yesterday and Took Charge of Clydesdales—Carleton Curling Rink The Place of Sale.

Mr. Wm. Meharey, of Russell, Ont., who imported the sixty-four Clydesdale horses from Scotland for sale in this province, under an arrangement with the Provincial Government, arrived in the city yesterday morning and spent a busy day inspecting and looking after the horses.

Speaking with The Standard last evening Mr. Meharey said he was pleased with the lilies. They were a very good lot, of the best Scotch breeding. They had been obtained in different parts of Scotland, the majority coming from the south. As they had just come off the grass the trip abroad had been rather hard on them and consequently they were not looking as well as usual. They would be exercised and well looked after and would be in good condition by the time of the sale.

Mr. Meharey brought with him from Ontario a fine pair of stallions which will be sold along with the lilies. One of these animals was brought out from Scotland two years ago. The other was imported last April. Yesterday the horses attracted considerable attention as they were being exercised on the West Side and a number of people visited them in the stables of C. Smith and Co., where they are quartered.

Arrangements have been made to have the sale take place in the Carleton Curling Rink, on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

ing that tracks like the Woodbine should not be destroyed. In a committee the question could be examined with regard to points such as the effect upon the well conducted tracks of cutting off the book making privileges.

Mr. Murphy Replies. Mr. Murphy after defending himself with regard to the granting of the famous charter, replied to Mr. Osler's remarks by saying that the lighthouse matches by observing that at those games there is no apparatus used to make illegal the publication of betting news. That would make the act applicable to newsgatherers which have been vociferous in demanding this bill. Mr. Graham said that the insanity which prevails in Canada on the subject of bridge was mainly confined to the gamblers. The foundation of the trouble was being laid in the homes.

After Mr. Miller had replied the bill was given its second reading. It was the motion of Mr. McCall referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Miller, McCall, Monk, Blain, Sinclair, Stratton and Martin of Regina.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

THE SENATE

The Senate today took exception to the report published by the Auditor General on the subject of the seasonal indemnity drawn by certain Senators. A letter was read from the Auditor-General stating that he understood that except the money taken by the Senator in his letter of September 9, on the ground that it suggested a doubt on his part as to the correctness of statutory declarations made by certain Senators, he had no objection to the Senator's letter of September 9, on the ground that it suggested a doubt on his part as to the correctness of statutory declarations made by certain Senators.

A Discrepancy. The Auditor-General explained that he had noted a slight discrepancy between the number of days certain Senators had declared themselves to have been in attendance and the record of attendance contained in the proceedings of the Senate. He had been informed by the clerk that the attendance in the records was not to be taken as absolute accuracy, but that the declarations were to be accepted. He understood that in the cases referred to there was an error in the declarations owing to the fact that some Senators had expected prorogation on May 18, whereas it has not taken place until a day later, as when the attention of the Senators had been called to this discrepancy they had promptly made refunds covering their extra days absence. The matter was debated at some length.

Ratified Treaty. The Senate today ratified the French treaty, passing the bill through all its stages. The only formality remaining is the giving of the assent of the Governor General, and it is understood that this will take place at a very early date.

WINTER PORT NOTES. Manifest were received at the Customs House yesterday for 35 cars of general merchandise for shipment. The S. S. Ameriana is due here this morning from Bermuda and Cuban ports.

The S. S. Salacia, Captain McKelvie, which sailed yesterday for Glasgow via Halifax, had a large general cargo, including 12,000 sacks of flour, 67,000 bushels of grain and 62 head of live stock. She will take a consignment of apples at Halifax.

The Royal Mail steamer Empress of Britain, Capt. Murray, was due at Liverpool, via Halifax this afternoon at 4 o'clock. She will take away 1,300 passengers and a large general cargo.

Mr. Harry Grath, inspector of machinery on the I. C. K., passed through the city yesterday on his way to Montreal.

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PERSONALS. Miss Barnaby left last evening to visit Mrs. George P. Reid, Jarvis St., Toronto.

THE FRENCH HABITANT SUBJECT OF CLOSING LECTURE OF COURSE

Mrs. S. R. Melrose Corrects Misconceptions in Talk Before Natural History Society—Pure French Is Language.

The closing lecture of the historical course given by the Ladies Association of the Natural History Society was held yesterday afternoon. The subject, "The French Habitant" was ably handled by Mrs. A. R. Melrose who held the close attention of the large audience present as she described the characteristics and habits of the Habitant.

Many persons, she said, had an idea that the word "habitant" was coined by the late Dr. Drummond. This was a mistake. In a very early stage of the history of the colonization of Canada by France, the term "habitant" was used to describe the French settler, the tenant of the seigneur, the man who cultivated the land with the idea of a freehold, but who lived on the land.

He has been a very pliable person, she said, very name whose sense of his own dignity. Though he held his land under feudal tenure, he was not a serf. He was a free man, and he carried with him a sense of the servile status of the feudal vassal in old France. He preferred to be called "habitant," an inhabitant of the country, a free man.

The name obtained official recognition in New France and has come to be the characteristic term of the French Canadian farmer.

The colonists of New France were two classes, she continued, adventurers and peasants. The one coming for the fur trade, and the other to take up land. The peopling of Canada was due in the main to Louis XIV.

He began to systematically ship men to the colony very soon after his accession. The destined emigrants were collected by agents in the provinces of France and seem mostly to have been a decent peasantry.

The speaker then gave an interesting account of the development of the country and the condition of the settlers in regard to the manner in which the land was allotted by the King. The fur traders, their religion and progress, were also dealt with in a thoroughly entertaining manner.

Through all these years, the lecturer continued, the habitant has clung to the language of his fathers, with extraordinary tenacity. It is often said that he speaks a patois. This is not true. While the Norman accent prevails in some of the rural districts and the educated classes have almost lost the French intonation, the almost lost the French intonation, the classic French of the golden age of French literature, blurred however by localisms and slurred in the pronunciation.

The paper was closed with Dr. Drummond's poem, "The Habitant's Jubilee Ode."

A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. Melrose for her excellent paper which brought to a close one of the most interesting and successful lecture courses given by the Association.

NEW YORK MYSTERY IS STILL UNSOLVED

Details Of Death Of Mrs. O. W. Sneed A Young Brooklyn Woman Yet To Be Unearthed—Police Action.

New York, Dec. 1.—The mystery surrounding the gruesome death of Mrs. O. W. Sneed, a young Brooklyn woman, whose body was found lying in a bathtub in a vacant house on East Orange yesterday, was still unsolved today. The police have taken into custody the victim's aged aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, and charged her with the crime.

Clues led the detectives to Flatbush Brooklyn, early today, and what they found caused them to attempt the establishment of a connection between the death of Mrs. Sneed and happenings in a so-called "house of mystery," in the Brooklyn suburb, where Mrs. Sneed and two other young women had been living in a strange old building.

When Mrs. Sneed's body was found it was at first believed she had committed suicide. Investigation, however, led the police to believe that the woman had met death by drowning and apparently contradictory stories told by Miss Wardlaw caused her detention. Further probing into the case disclosed that Mrs. Sneed had an insurance of \$1,000 on her life, and that the two women had come to East Orange from Flatbush.

Search of the "House of Mystery" in Brooklyn today led to the discovery of blood spots on the walls of the house. In the kitchen stove the police found two bundles of human hair, while crushed down in the stove were found four human bones, which were partly burned. One of a child two years old, was brought forth from the stove.

Blood spots in four rooms of the upper floor were discovered, and the detectives ordered the cellar to be dug up and the floors torn up. Mrs. Sneed's husband disappeared last summer.

Schooner Overdue. Some anxiety is felt here among shipping men for the schooner Rowena, Captain David Alexander, which left Apple River, N. S., on Wednesday for this port. She has on board a considerable cargo of St. John, and was expected to arrive here yesterday morning. As she had not arrived yesterday afternoon the tug G. G. King was sent as far as Musquoddy to see if there was any sign of the schooner. The tug which returned late last evening reports having seen no trace of the Rowena, and that five other coasting schooners that were spoken reported that they had not been sighted. Owing to the heavy fog and sea in the Bay during the last few days some uneasiness is felt for her safety, although it is quite probable that she may have put into Westport harbor. The Rowena is owned in Alma, N. S., Captain Alexander being the principal shareholder.

WOMAN MEETS DEATH EARLY IN YESTERDAY FIRE

Coroner Roberts Decides That Inquest Into Death Of Mrs. J. W. Jameson Is Unnecessary—Husband Prostrated.

After inquiring into the circumstances of the death of Mrs. J. W. Jameson, who perished in a fire at her home at 57 Celebration street, early yesterday morning, Dr. W. F. Roberts, coroner for the North End, decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Mrs. Jameson herself set the fire by dropping a lamp and the circumstances of her death were particularly sad.

At 6 o'clock, according to her usual custom, Mrs. Jameson lighted a lamp and started downstairs in her night clothes to kindle the fire in the kitchen. The fire started in a mystery, but a few minutes later Mrs. Jameson, who has been in ill health, was aroused from her sleep by the smell of smoke. It did not connect the fire at first with her wife's absence, and shouted to his son, Clifford, to ring in an alarm. Mr. Jameson quickly responded to the alarm, but in breaking in the side door found Mrs. Jameson dead in the room terribly burned.

Wm. Hazlett was the first to find the body and those who forced the door into the room. Mrs. Jameson was found lying on the floor, her face and neck blackened by the smoke. Her husband was prostrated by the shock and was unable to give any account of the fire.

Among other specialties were, "The Swing Song," duet by Miss Nan Cathers and Mr. Ronald Kerr, with chorus by Misses Ida Kearney, Kathryn Murdoch, Marion Campbell, Lyla Gregory, Messrs. Harry de Mille, Harold McClellan; Jack Sears and Clarence Brewer; the cynical song duet by Miss Jessie Holder and Mr. Kenneth Bonnell, with chorus by Misses Jennie Tufts, Mitchell McQuarrie, Jennie Ross, Lyla Gregory, Mildred Foster, John Campbell, Miss Southland, Messrs. Jack Sears, Fred Girvan, Clarence Brewer, Edw. Nobles, W. G. Campbell, Harry Dixon, and Harry de Mille. Both were much above the average.

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Work of Eviction Proceeds at Ludlow. Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 2.—The resumption of evictions of strikers and their families from the tenements owned by the Ludlow Manufacturing Association, against whose bagging mills here a strike has been in progress for several weeks, and the visit of Lieut. Governor Frothingham to the town, were the principal developments in the Ludlow strike today. The evictions began at 8 o'clock in the morning and the company's plans called for the removal of the tenants of eighteen houses owned by the corporation, including the strikers and their families and boarders, it is estimated that more than 300 persons were made homeless today. Today's evictions together with the twelve evictions of last Saturday, bring the total of persons evicted from the company's tenements up to nearly 600.

No Opposition. There was no forcible opposition on the part of the tenements and the work proceeded quietly and without any demonstration. Several days ago agents of the company served notice on the tenants to leave the company's property before today. None of the tenants obeyed the orders, and other agents of the corporation made house to house visits this afternoon and removed all the furniture.

The Central Labor Union of the adjoining city of Springfield planned to strengthen their position by today and ask for an injunction restraining the company from evicting the strikers.

Lieut. Governor Frothingham's visit was made at the request of Governor Draper, who wishes to be informed officially of the conditions existing as a result of the strike. Mr. Frothingham watched the work of eviction, and asked many questions of strikers and others who are interested in the struggle.

Although all the persons who have been evicted from the mill tenements have been sheltered in the homes of friends and sympathizers, and no one has been forced to remain out all night, nevertheless considerable suffering has been experienced. Few among them have adequate money and the problem of obtaining proper food, and clothing is most serious. The homes of the friends of the evicted have been overcrowded as a result of the company's action, and the matter of sheltering those who were made homeless today and others who will be made homeless later is causing great anxiety.

CRIMEA VETERAN WANTS PENSION RAISED

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 2.—Sergeant Daniel Cleary, a British veteran, who receives a pension of one shilling and six pence a day, has a letter from the War Office, London, stating that his request for an increase would be taken up by the London war office.

DEATHS.

FRYE—On the 2nd instant, a pneumonia, at Miss Hogan's private Hospital, in this city, Harry A. Fye, of Fry's Island, a Charlotte county.

Funeral services at St. George's Saturday, 4th instant, at 11 o'clock, of Grand Southern Railway train from St. John.

JAMESON—Suddenly, at residence, 57 Celebration street, Dec. 2nd, Jennie, beloved wife of J. W. Jameson. Funeral Friday, the 3rd inst., at 2.30 p. m., from the residence of Marion L. Harrison, 189 Paradise Row.

"ROCK BE" PROVED A BIG ATTRACTION AT OPERA HOUSE

Theodore H. Bird and St. John Amateurs in Southern Play Made Hit Last Evening—Specialties a Feature.

When Mr. Theodore H. Bird is responsible for the direction and staging of a play, St. John theatregoers anticipate a finished performance and his production of Roanoke, assisted by the best local amateur talent formed no disappointment on the opening night last evening. The play was a carefully trained and well-costumed cast.

It would be ludicrous perhaps, to mention any particular favorite for the cast was almost perfect. After each and every act the performers were applauded to the echo and were compelled to respond to numerous curtain calls especially at the end of the third act.

The netting of Miss Carris balling, as Roanoke Peyton, the blind girl; Miss Pauline Baird, as Aunt Dinah; Mr. Frank Stanton, as Ezekiel Morse, the miser; and Mr. Bird as Joe Peyton, all deserve special mention. Miss Fanny Day and Miss Baird, Mr. Irvine made the most of unassuming parts and looked to the life the characters they represented. Messrs. Kenneth Bonnell, Harry Cromwell, Jack Sears, Frank Corr, Fred Girvan, Ronald Kerr, Edw. Nobles and Harry Dixon was perhaps the gem of the evening.

Among other specialties were, "The Dollar Princess," by Misses Bessie A. Irvine, Jessie Holder, Messrs. Kenneth Bonnell, Harry Cromwell, Jack Sears, Frank Corr, Fred Girvan, Ronald Kerr, Edw. Nobles and Harry Dixon was perhaps the gem of the evening.

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STAMPOUSIE WENT ST. MATTHEW'S DREW LARGE AUDIENCE

Practical Addresses Given Last Evening By Prominent Citizens—Medicine, Commerce, Law and Theology.

Speaking before a large audience at the Symposium held in St. Matthew's church last evening, Dr. Murray MacLaren in the course of his remarks strongly advocated medical inspection in schools and stated that more attention should be paid to sanitary conditions in St. John. The other speakers of the evening were Hon. C. N. Skinner, who spoke on the Development of Law, Mr. Charles McDonald, on Development of Commerce and Rev. J. James McCaskill on Development of Theology.

Mr. Skinner spoke on the law which governs all things, the unity of law, whether it be the law of the land or the law of the great law of God, which has been raised at different times during the history of the world and of the development of human progress.

Mr. McDonald spoke of the development of trade and commerce through different epochs. He spoke of the place which Canada occupied in the commercial world of human progress, he hoped to occupy in the future. He alluded to the winter port of St. John and said that business had increased 200 per cent since the first winter port boat arrived here.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill spoke of the Development of Theology which was taking place together with the Development of Commerce, Medicine, Law, Literature and other Arts. The work of the development of the critical spirit, he said would go forward with the times but the thing that men need began to understand was the simple religious culture which has been preserved to a great extent by the ancient churches.

Many people, said Mr. McCaskill, for whose care and souls the more pure devotions of the newer churches are quite impossible, join in the more Catholic form of Anglican or Roman ritual and receive the simple, simple utterance to human sentiments.

During the evening Miss Olivia Murdoch gave two excellent violin solos and Miss Gertrude Johnston a vocal solo. Mr. D. Arnold Fox was the accompanist.

At the close of the Horticultural Society's show the exhibit of New Brunswick's fruit will be displayed at the Dominion Government's building on Trafalgar Square, London.

Mr. Bowden has reported in favor of an immediate change in the provincial offices in London, which are now situated in Norfolk House, where they were established by the late Mr. Duff Miller, who was agent general. The present offices are not conveniently situated for carrying on the work and the offices on The Strand, within a short distance of the C. P. R., Dominion Government and Ontario offices will probably shortly be secured in accordance with Mr. Bowden's recommendation.

From the 8th to the 20th of December Mr. Bowler will be lecturing in Scotland and meeting intending settlers there, afterwards returning to England again.

On November 30, Sergt. Cleary, who is eighty-two years of age, enlisted in Dublin in the 55th regiment, and fought at Alma, Inkerman and Sebastopol, and received an honorable discharge on November 5, 1866. For forty-five years he has been in Canada working as a gardener in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He is a resident of Woodstock at present, and enjoying the best of health.

COMPLETE PURCHASE OF STREET CAR FRANCHISE

Moncton Disposes Of Its Street Railway Franchise At \$10,000—Alderman Bell Gets Important Appointment.

Moncton, Dec. 2.—Dr. Henderson of London, England, who had an option on the purchase of the Moncton Street Railway franchise completed the purchase price today. The price is understood to be \$10,000.

Dr. Henderson is connected with the Maritime Oil Fields and though he declines to make any statement as to the intentions of himself and associates, it is understood that the work of construction will commence early next year. Dr. Henderson sails on Saturday for England.

The city council at a meeting tonight appointed Alderman Bell, chairman of commission which is to manage the city's water and light department at a salary of \$1,800 a year. Other commissioners are John H. Harris and John T. Hawk.

3 TAKEN SINKING

Nova Scotia Capt. A and Child Daring Rescue Tucket Yesterday

Salsconset, Mass., was seized by the seaman Vanderland, of Capital and his wife and crew of four men. The crew of four men, the miller Eugene Schiller, the miller's son, and the miller's wife, were rescued by the Vanderland crew. The Vanderland crew had turned the ship at 7 a. m., the schooner signals, was shot in the lat. 40.28 N. long. 70.28 W. The Vanderland crew then followed, being the last man on board. The return of the Vanderland crew was followed by the Vanderland crew. The Vanderland crew was followed by the Vanderland crew.

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