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Honesty in Public Life

Measures for the Material Progress and Moral Advancement of our Great Dominion.

No Graft

No Deals

The Shamrock, Thistle, Rose entwined

The Maple Leaf forever.

"The People who will not support their own City must one day want a City of their own to support."

## THE MAYOR APPROVES

Mayor Bullock has expressed his sympathy with the movement for ward prohibition and it may be assumed that a majority of the members of the city council will be of like mind. At least, it may fairly be assumed that they will grant the reasonable petition of the temperance workers to ensure a secret ballot and a square test of public opinion in the four wards affected by the movement.

On another page, Mr. Graham, printed on another page, is worthy of a careful perusal. He states the case clearly, and also makes it clear that this is no agitation by a few cranks, but a well considered reform movement, backed by all the churches of the city. Hence, there can be no reasonable objection to such action on the part of the city council, as will put the matter fairly to the test. The only fair test is a secret ballot, and this could not be secured in a separate polling booth on election day.

## THE CUBAN SERVICE

The value of the new market opened up by the steamer service between St. John and Havana has impressed itself upon the minds of leading merchants in this city, and an effort is being made to secure a federal subsidy in order that the service may be regularly maintained. There is always some difficulty in gaining new markets, but the Cubans need much that this part of Canada can supply. Moreover, many Canadians are interested in Cuban enterprises. It would be an advantage to St. John to have a regular and well-sustained direct service, but it would also be of benefit to the whole country. The statements of local merchants, quoted on another page of today's Times, should very favorably dispose the federal government toward a subsidy for the service.

## LICENSE REDUCTION

The opponents of license reduction in the city of Toronto contend that a reduction in the number of liquor saloons would not decrease drunkenness but that the concentration of drinking which would follow would produce the opposite result. In a circular they put forth the following statement: "In 1887 the number of hotel licenses were reduced from 215 to 150. For the four preceding years the number of arrests for drunkenness had averaged 3,700. The next four years under license reduction, they averaged 5,300, and this with but a slight increase in population."

Controller Spence, who is a pronounced temperance advocate, replies with a statement which by comparison shows a reduction from 41 arrests per 1,000 for drinking in 1887, the year of the last reduction in the number of liquor licenses, to 14 arrests per 1,000 for the same offence in 1897.

The complete statement given by Controller Spence is of sufficient interest to be given in detail:

Arrests for	Pop.	per 1,000
1883 .....	2,974	90.151
1884 .....	3,467	105.211
1885 .....	3,894	111.890
1886 .....	4,283	118.403
1887 .....	5,200	126.169
1888 .....	4,882	144.035
1889 .....	5,441	160.141
1890 .....	5,023	167.439
1891 .....	5,788	170.851
1892 .....	5,667	169.090
1893 .....	5,644	167.633
1894 .....	5,392	174.399
1895 .....	5,273	176.858
1896 .....	5,679	178.185
1897 .....	5,629	183.172

The population figures given are accurate.

ing to the returns of the assessment commissioner.

To this statement the Toronto Telegram adds another, to the effect that while the arrests for drunkenness New Year's Day, 1908, all bars closed all day were only those on Christmas Day last with all bars open part of the day numbered 130.

The Boston Herald gives the following statement as an illustration of the effect of the observer's point of view:—The Twentieth Century Club philosophers met together to consider what is the greatest social need of today and not two of them were agreed as to what this greatest need might be. Coincidentally, several eminent people are asked to name the most important or significant event of the year now drawing to a close, and their views are equally divergent. One points to navigation, another to the inauguration of the great national war against tuberculosis, another to the return of the Chinese indemnity, another to the peace pact made by Secretary Root and Baron Takahira, as representatives of the United States and Japan, and another to the election of William H. Taft to the presidency. From which it is easy to infer that there are still many men of many minds, and that much depends on the point of view."

"Columbia University," says an exchange "alive to the needs of New York city, has arranged to co-operate with the Bureau of Municipal Research in training young men for service in scientific administration of city affairs. A later announcement tells of President Butler's appointment of a committee of scientists, physicians and economists to report upon a plan for establishing a school of sanitary science and public health in connection with the university, the aim being to train youth to fill positions as public health officers and sanitary inspectors. Action of this kind by Universities proves adjustment to environment a modern conception of what universities are for and a worldly wisdom that insures more generous support by communities which they endeavor to serve."

A London music hall song tends to discourage emigration to Canada. The Toronto Telegram does not regard this as an unmixed evil. It says:—Emigration from the centres of England to the cities of Canada needs to be discouraged. Canada offers agricultural workers a career in this land. The music hall in England is not ideal recruiting stations for the grand armies of Canadian agriculture. This nation has no just grievance against a song which may emphasize the truth that Canada is no paradise for old world clerks and artisans."

Judge Wilson's remarks concerning the Queens county jail should cause some agitation for improved conditions in that municipality. It is well to discourage crime, but in Christian communities one does not expect to hear of jails that are not fit for a human being to occupy. The county council is the party directly responsible but the whole people share the reproach.

Reuf, the corrupt San Francisco boss has been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The sentence is severe, but many a common thief fares worse. Reuf was of the aristocracy of plunder.

The Sicilian earthquake proves to have been one of the most destructive recorded in modern history. The loss of life was appalling in its magnitude.

Murderous Italians are on trial today in two counties in this province. This is part of the price we pay for railway construction.

The gentleman who as President Castro landed in Europe but a few days ago is now plain Senor Castro. Interest in his movements will soon subside.

While the United Kingdom has blizzard weather the winter in these provinces continues fairly mild, and without any severe storms.

## NORTH SHORE MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR I. C. R. TRACK

Peter Lawlor, of Jacquet River. Had His Neck Broken and Was Badly Frozen.

Campbellton N. B., Dec. 28.—Peter Lawlor, a resident of Jacquet River, was found dead beside the I. C. R. track near Jacquet River Saturday morning by section men going to work. When found the unfortunate man was lying just outside the rails in the snow. Upon examination it was found that his neck was broken but no other serious marks were found on his body. His hands and face were badly frozen and the condition showed that he had been dead for a considerable length of time.

Coroner Ellis, of Jacquet River, has the matter in hand and is making a thorough investigation.

A young man named Savoy was creating a disturbance on No. 35 train Thursday evening. Officer Oulligan was called upon to arrest him, which he quickly did, placing handcuffs on him and conveying him to the baggage car, where he was left while the officer went after his chum.

While the officer was away Savoy jumped from the train into the soft snow and made tracks for the tall timbers. The train was stopped and search made but no trace could be found of the prisoner.

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## The Odd and End Sale Includes: SUITS as well as OVERCOATS

and not only Suits and Overcoats, but Underwear, Gloves and odds and ends in almost every line of Clothing and Furnishings, are being cleared at greatly reduced prices at these stores now. For instance:

Men's Overcoats, Sale Price, \$3.95 Up.  
Boys' Overcoats, Sale Price, \$1.98 Up.  
Hewson's \$1.25 Underwear, Sale Price, 98c.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing &amp; Tailoring, 199 to 207 Union St.

## Women SHOULD NOW WEAR Good, Sensible Walking Boots

Rubbers cannot give satisfaction now that the ground is frozen and bare and so much sand scattered on the sidewalks.

## Our CALF LEATHER LACED BOOTS

At \$2.50, 3.00, 3.25.  
3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00

Can be used for Skating or walking

They are well made stylish and very serviceable.

We have your size.

FOOT FITTERS McRobbie 94 KING STREET.

## SNAPS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

A SMALL QUANTITY OF HIGH QUALITY GERMAN ENAMELLED WARE THAT DON'T MATCH OUR WHOLESALE STOCK. TO SELL THESE BEFORE STOCK TAKING, WE HAVE CUT THE PRICE IN TWO.

TEAPOTS, SAUCEPANS and DOUBLE BOILERS IN THIS LOT.

SEE OUR WINDOWS

EMERSON &amp; FISHER, LTD.

## YOUR KITCHEN Is Not Complete Without a FAIRBANKS SCALE

At All Hardware Dealers or

The Canadian Fairbanks Co., Ltd.

58 Water Street

## SOAP—Our Cleaning Factor, Today!

Cleaning it out to people who want to be clean. It's good Soap; lathers well; takes the dirt right out. It's pure Oxonolene and Olive Oil Soap! Drop in today without delay if you want any. Bound to go quickly at the price—3 Cakes for 10 Cents.

"Reliable" ROBB'S The Prescription Druggist 137 CHARLOTTE ST.

## WATSON &amp; COMPANY, 1908

## Our 31st Annual Christmas Sale

of Christmas Toys, Fancy Goods, etc. Games, Blocks, Books.

Sleds, Framers, Doll Carriages and Sleighs. Christmas Books

Novelties in variety. Come in and look over our stock.

Prices Will Interest You, at

WATSON &amp; COMPANY

1877 Cor. Charlotte and Union Sts. 1908

## Holiday Goods for the Children

Dolls from 14 cents up. Picture Books, 5 cents and 10 cents

Popular Games, 5 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents.

A. B. WETMORE, Rubber Dolls 25 cents 59 GARDEN ST.

## Christmas Gifts FOR ONE AND ALL! BOTH GREAT AND SMALL!

Our Holiday Stock of Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., was never more complete in all our various lines than it is the present season. Come and make your selections early. Anything desired will be reserved for you.

FERGUSON &amp; PAGE, Diamond Importers and Jewelers 41 KING STREET.

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