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Prohibition.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The aspect of the Prohibition question which I propose to discuss to-night is the Controller's department, and the whole machinery of dispensing.

The provision for the use of alcoholic drinks as medicines, was one which met with bitter opposition from the chief supporters of Prohibition, and which was conceded by them with most reluctance. It has, however, undoubtedly saved a great many lives.

This is not to say that it has worked entirely satisfactorily but if it had not been included, in view of the recent epidemic, one shudders to think of what the consequences would have been. The system, however, is very imperfect in its workings; notably it allows to place alcohol in the position of other medicines. It is true that when a person falls ill, the usual procedure is to have the doctor attending make out a prescription for the needed medicine. But if the patient has suffered from the same complaint before, it is far more usual to order a renewal of the same prescription without consulting the doctor unless the remedy fails. Again there is the case of regular "stand-by's" which are kept in the house against the possibility of illness. It is impossible under the Act to secure alcoholic medicines by either of the last two methods, and the added expense of a consultation-fee each time the medicine is needed, is a very serious obstacle in the case of those in needy circumstances. But far more serious is the question of delay. Roughly speaking, alcoholic drinks are used medicinally in two ways: spirits as stimulants, wines and ales (which include stout) as builders-up. The need for the latter would not be so urgent, but when a stimulant as brandy is needed, it is generally needed in a hurry. No medical man will deny me when I say that a man with heart-weakness is endangering his life if he does not have a bottle of spirits in his house. Now if when a member of my family has a heart attack, I have to hunt up a doctor, get a prescription, go to the Controller's office before the hour of 10 a.m. (or wait till the next morning) and pay the money down immediately before I can obtain the necessary drug—well, I shall be very lucky if the patient is not dead when I get back. There must already be many victims of this anomalous condition of affairs.

In making these remarks, I wish it to be understood that I attach no censure whatever to the Controller or his staff. They have striven in every way to do their duty. Indeed, the way in which they threw themselves into their work during the recent epidemic is deserving of the highest praise. The untoward incidents occur is not their fault, but the fault of the framers of the Act.

Another anomalous condition is probably not within their control either. I refer to the fact that full duties are levied upon all the liquor that the Controller imports. When these taxes were imposed, liquor was a luxury. As imported by the Controller it is a necessary medicine, and a tax (which cannot bring the Government any appreciable sum) greatly adds to the hardship of the poor man. It is regarded as a medicine, surely the policy ought to be, to enable those entitled to it to obtain it as cheaply as possible.

There has been a great deal of talk about doctors improperly giving prescriptions. Much of this may be accounted for by the positive danger of delay in obtaining stimulants in the cases to which I have referred above. The doctor is morally responsible for the well-being of his patients, and in some cases he will not often feel justified in refusing—and he is quite right. If, instead of exercising this latitude, these doctors had strictly and literally followed the Act, many are still happily preserved would have been lost. On the other hand, there undoubtedly are many prescriptions given not medicinally at all. It is only human nature; the trouble with the Act is that it ignores human nature. But as the only possible judge of the necessity of the case is the medical man himself, and as the whole business can only proceed upon the assumption that he is acting in good fide, the system of limiting the number of his prescriptions is patently absurd. How can anyone say that Dr. A. will not have occasion to give more than 100 bona fide prescriptions one month, or that Dr. B. will have occasion to give fifty? All that can be said for the scheme is that it is less onerous than prosecuting doctors because their patients drink all the liquor at once, and get drunk. It might have been as sane to prosecute a father for murder because their patient took an overdose of tonic and drank it all of it.

Yours truly,

P.L.C.

Dec. 24, 1918.

When you want something in pastry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Cream Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Roll Sausage.

RETURNING RESERVISTS. — The following Royal Naval Reservists are expected by the incoming express—J. Butt, E. Butt, J. S. Stewart, J. W. Humby, F. Comply, R.

WINDING UP THE OLD YEAR WITH A ROUSING Best-in-the-Store VALUES Sale.

and BIDDING GOOD-BYE to many Clean-up Lines, Generous Underpricings---A Feature.

YEAR END SALE

The next few days will be devoted to getting ready for stock-taking time—really our house cleaning time. The time between Christmas and New Year's Day is normally dull, but with the speccial bargain inducements that will be offered here to stimulate trade, we anticipate a lively business. **Note these Special Values.**

Special Value Sale of WHITE LACE CURTAINS.

About 60 pairs in this offering of beautiful White Lace Curtains, some 2½ yards long, others 3 yards. As it is stock-taking time we are anxious to reduce quantities, hence this special value offer. Curtains here worth $4.00 at their price. **Friday, Saturday and Monday, the pair** **$3.45**

DOOR MATS. — A medium size door mat that will give you constant wear, mottled centre and crimson and black border, larger than the ordinary door mat, suitable for Hall, Parlor or Dininfg Room; old value Regular $2.25. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.05**

BLOUSE FLANNELETTES.—These are nicely patterned, and they are all new ones, on white ground, very fine finish, and will make warm, good wearing blouses for winter wear. **Special, per yard, Year End Sale Price** **48c**

CHILDREN'S FELT LEGGINGS.—7, 8 and 9 button length, in shades of Brown, Fawn and Cardinal, knee height leggings for little girls, for immediate wear. Reg. to 90c. pr. **Year End Sale Price** **79c**

INFANTEES.—Silk and Wool Infantees of a very fine make, in White only, they fasten with wool ball at wrist. Regular 40c. pair. **Year End Sale** **37c**

HEARTH RUGS.—We have had a big run on these, the values were good, the patterns striking and the quality—our usual high standard. We intend making a clean sweep of the balance of these, it will pay you to see them during this **Year End Sale.**

Reg. $10.00 for **$9.50**

Reg. $14.00 for **$13.40**

Reg. $18.50 for **$17.50**

WHITE FLANNELETTES—34 inch pure White English Flannelettes, the best value in the city to-day, a nice weight and a god wearing flannelette for many purposes. **Special, per yard. Year End Sale Price** **39c**

CHILDREN'S MITTS.—Large size tMitts for everyday wear, they save their gloves, too, shades of Navy, Crimson and Brown. Reg. 40c. value. **Year End Sale Price** **35c**

The Very Best Values in MEN'S and BOY'S SHIRTS.

BOYS' TOP SHIRTS.— Some splendid loking Shirts for the bigger boys, soft fronted and soft cuffs, neat pin stripe patterns, coat style; sizes 13 and 13½ only. Reg. $1.60. **Year End Sale Price** **$1.38**

SILK-FRONTED SHIRTS.—Some pretty Silk fronted and Silk cuffed Shirts with body of Shirt to match; only in a stronger linen make. Here is a nice dressy Shirt for New Year's Day. Regular $3.30. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.98**

MEN'S WARMER SHIRTS—When we say warmer we mean a nice, warm, Grey Union Flannel Shirt with collar attached, and breast pockets. Here is the ideal shirt for mechanic or outdoor man; made in full fitting sizes. Reg. $3.25. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.90**

A NEW HAT FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY—Here is our regular $4.50 Soft Felt Hat, underpriced for this Year End Sale. Stylish shape, best quality felt, easy fitting, and shades of Navy, Grey, Brown and Khaki. **Special Year End Sale Price** **$4.25**

BOYS' SWEATER COATS—If he did not get a warm Sweater Coat for Christmas, it is not too late yet to secure one, and at a special price to clean up the line. Mostly Greys and Browns, in assorted sizes. Some these sold regularly for $3.25 each. **Year End Sale Price**.. .. .. **$2.38**

These Special Prices Mean Bidding Good Bye to Our BOYS' OVERCOATS.

If you want value in Boy's Overcoats, now is the time, as we have decided to clear the balance of our stock prior to stock-taking. These little Coats are mostly belted styles, manly looking, limited quantity, decide early.

Regular $11.50 for .. .... **$10.50** Regular $12.75 for **$11.25**

A FEW CLEAN-UP LINES.

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS. — Here is a splendid garment for th eman who wants warmth, during the winter time, they fit snugly, a nice grey shade with a wide turn over collar. Reg. $4.50 **Value. Year End Sale Price** **$4.20**

LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE.—Your choice of plain or ribbed English Cashmere Hose, fast black, assorted sizes. Our regulad 90c. line. **Year End Sale Price** **78c**

BOY'S TWEED PANTS.—Stout tweed pants in dark Grey or dark Brown, open knee style lined throughout; sizes to fit 10 to 15; the larger sizes run up to $2.60 pd. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.38**

TABLE NAPKINS.— Very good serviceable Napkins, size 15 x 15, hemmed, good mercerized Damask make, we have about 5 or 6 dozen of these to clear. Regular 20 cent value. **Year End Sale Price** **14c**

TABLE CENTRES.—Pretty little centres of plain linen with deep pointed Battenburg lace edge, medium size; value for 30c. **Year End Sale Price** **24c**

MEN'S SUSPENDERS.—Very fine make, extra good quality elastics, white kid fastenings and gilt mountings, a finely finished brace, yet strong in every particular. Regular 75 cents. **Year End Sale Price** **65c**

The BEST SALE of WOOL BLANKETS YET.

This is by no means an ordinary event. It bears no resemblance to the average Blanket Sale. The advantages all lie in this event. It is different because in the face of an increasing market shortage and a steady rise in prices we offer you **good wool Blankets at special prices** that you are not likely to see duplicated for some time.

And it is different in the quality of Blankets offered you. Every pair guaranteed to give you absolute satisfaction.

HERE'S OUR OFFER:

Regular $9.00 values for **$7.20**
Regular $11.00 values for **$9.00**
Regular $13.50 values for **$10.80**
Regular $15.50 values for **$12.60**
Regular $18.00 values for **$14.40**

GREY FLEECE BLANKETS—Here is a splendid go-between Blanket for children's beds; nice unsollable Grey shade; bordered ends. **Year End Sale Price, the pair** **$2.68**

Doings in the ShOwroom for this year end sale.

LEATHER HAND BAGS—Shades of Navy, Green, Tan and Black, with leather hand strap; double dome, firm steel clasp; a bag for constant use. Reg. 70c. **Year End Sale Price** **49c**

CHILDREN'S WOOL COATS.—With cap to match, they come in all White, Knitted Wool; sizes to fit 2 to 4 years. We have just a small lot left over and intend clearing them much underpriced. Reg. $3.50. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.98**

HOUSEMAID'S CAPS.— Dainty things in fine White Muslin, embroidery trimmed, bow styles, others with rosette and Marie Stewart style. Regular 20 cents each. **Year End Sale Price** **13c**

LADIES' NINON SCARVES.— Here are some very beautiful Ninon Scarves, extra fine, wide hemstitched hem all around, shades of Grey, Champagne, Sky Taupe, Royal and White, there is a demand for Scarf like this daily. Reg. 90c. value. **Year End Sale Price** **79c**

INFANTS' EIDER DRESSING GOWNS.—These come in all White, with pale Blue and pink satin hood and facings, girdled at waist, fancy braid fastenings, pockets, etc. Get one for the little girl at night time. Reg. $3.30. **Year End S. P.** **$2.69**

ERECTION SHOULDER BRACES.—These give shapliness to the figure, expand the chest and straighten the shoulders; once you have worn them you would not be without them for anything. Reg. 90c. **Year End Sale Price** **82c**

ALL WOOL COSY COATS. — Nice for wearing under your coat on the colder days, or may be worn at home; buttoned front, sleeveless, in White only. Regular $1.30. **Year End Sale Price** **$1.19**

INFANTS' UNDERSKIRTS. — Warm white flannelette underskirts for infants, body attached, plain hemstitched flounce. So cheap that it is not worth while making them at home. Regular 60c. **Year End Sale Price** **49c**

CREPE-DE-CHENE HANDKERCHIEFS. These offer you the daintiest in Handkerchiefs, shades of Pink, Sky, Lavender, Maize and in plain white with colored border and embroidered spray in corner, hemstitched; 40c. value. **Year End Sale Price**.. **34c**

Special Sale of SILK BLOUSES

We have never offered better looking Blouses than these. They show pretty Plaids and Checks, with Collar of White in some cases, others self collars and pearl button trimmings, mixed shades of Saxe and White, Green and White, Rose and White, Black and White and Navy and White, etc. Your New Year's Day Blouse is here waiting for you. Regular $4.50. **Year End Sale Price** **$4.25**

A SPECIAL SALE OF All White Quilts

These values looked so good to us that we simply could not pass them. They are a special lot of Quilts quite overlooked by us in our rush. Some in heavy Honeycomb, others Marcella patterns, plain hemmed edge; large enough for double beds. We mention a few special prices, and you will find others priced in between. Come along early, this is an event in Quilts not to be overlooked. **Special Prices for Year End Sale,**

$1.90, $2.60, $2.95, $3.85, $4.65.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR.

This is a special line with us, it is not fleece lined, comes in natural shade, finely woven, warmer and better wearing than any make of fleece lined. Shirts and Pants in all sizes. Special per garment. **Year End Sale Price** **$1.85**

James Baird LIMITED

"Van Raalte UNDERWEAR for Ladies

"Van Raalte" Underwear offers you the best to be had in fine silk underwear; the vests are sleeveless, and the pants elastic gathered at the knee; obtainable in shades of flesh, white and black; sizes 36 to 44 inch. Reg. $3.30 garment. **Year End Sale Price** **$2.89**

"What Has England Done?"

Strange, that in this great hour, when Righteousness
Has won her war upon Hypocrisy,
That some there be who, lost in littleness,
And mindful of an ancient grudge, can ask:
"Now, what has England done to win this war?"
We think we see her smile that English smile,
And shrug a lazy shoulder and—just smile.
It were so little worth her while to pause
In her stupendous task to make reply.

What has she done! When with her great, gray ships,
Lithe, lean destroyers, grim, invincible,
She swept the prowling Prussian from the seas;
And, heedless of the slinking submarine,
The hidden mine, the Hun-made treacheries,
Her transports plied the waters ceaselessly!
You ask what she has done? Have you forgot
That 'neath the burning suns of Palestine
She fought and bled, nor wearied of the fight
Till from that land where walked the Nazarene
She drove the foul and pestilential Turk?
Ah, what has England done! No need to ask!
Upon the fields of Flanders and of France
A million crosses mark a million graves;
Upon each cross a well-loved English name,
And, ah her women! On that peaceful Isle,
Where in the hawthorn hedges thrushes sang,
And meadow-larks made gay the scented air,
Now blackened chimneys rear their grimy heads,
Smoke-belching, and the frightened birds have fled
Before the thunder of the whirring wheels.
Behind unlovely walls, amid the din,
Seven times a million noble women toil—
With tender, unaccustomed fingers toil,
Nor dream that they have played a hero's part.

Great-hearted England, we have fought the fight
Together, and our mingled blood has flowed.
Full well we know that underneath that mask
Of cool indifference there beats a heart,
Grim as your own gaunt ships when duty calls,
Yet warm and gentle as your Summer skies;
A Nation's heart that beats throughout a land
Where kings may be beloved, and Monarchy
Can teach Republics how they may be free.

Ah! What has England done? When came the call,
She counted not the cost, but gave her all!

—Vilda Sauvage Owens, in the New York Times.

Murder Case Opened.

Sydney, Dec. 19.—The preliminary hearing of Francis Andrea, who is charged with the murder of Guy MacDonald of North Sydney, began before Magistrate W. R. Hearn at 2.30 this afternoon.

The first witness called was Mrs. Wetmore who boards at the Albert Hotel, and mother of Frank Wetmore who was with MacDonald on the night of the murder. On being cross-examined by A. D. Gunn, K.C., witness swore she was awakened that night by two men coming in the hotel. Shortly afterward she heard some one knocking but did not think it was at the hotel. After this she heard some one call out, "Let me in" and then a cry of distress coming from the street in front of the hotel.

Then witness heard a breaking of glass after which there was absolute silence.

Michael Andrea.

The next witness called was Michael Andrea, cousin of the accused, who was closely questioned by Mr. Gunn for the prosecution as to whether he had visited his stable that night. Witness swore he had not been there that night and only learned that his horse was injured two days afterwards.

Chocolate and Cream.

The Soldiers' Favorites.

Should consumers pay more for Chocolate and Cocoa if the threatened shortage of raw material is artificially created?

Peculiar conditions exist to-day in the Cocoa and Chocolate industry.

All during the war Cocoa and Chocolate have been in the highest favor and justly so on account of their great food value, and the boys in all branches of the service have consumed enormous quantities.

In spite of numerous difficulties, chief among them the shortage of sugar manufacturers' prices on their standard brands of Cocoa and Chocolate have not been advanced.

Now, owing to a regulation that the manufacturers shall be allowed to purchase only 64 per cent of their normal amount of raw cocoa, it would seem that an advance in prices would be necessary if this 64 per cent restriction should be allowed to remain in force long enough to create an artificial shortage.

The men in uniform on their return home would find themselves obliged to pay more for their favorite confection than they did abroad.

This is in face of the allegation that there are many vessels in United States ports waiting only for the guarantees of return cargoes to sail for South America where there is an abundance of cocoa awaiting shipment if our manufacturers are only allowed to buy it.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.