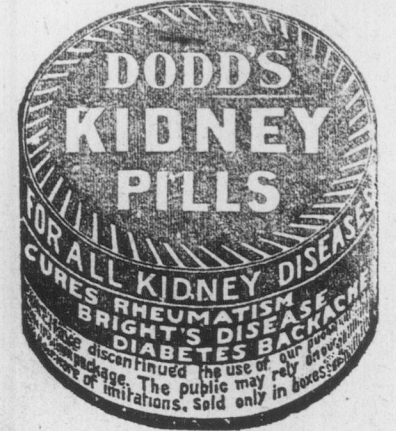


JUSTICE AND COMMON SENSE.

The decision of the Chief Justice in the Midway & Vernon Railway case will be eminently satisfactory to all lovers of justice and fair play.

ORCHARD'S CONFESSIONS.

Socialists in all portions of this continent are breathing forth threatenings and slaughter against the authorities of the United States for daring to place on trial one Moyer and others who are charged with being responsible for numerous diabolical outrages.



the parties. In the meantime the child-like confidence of Socialists generally in the lamb-like innocence of certain Socialists particularly is more impressive of certain facts than it is convincing of the innocence of certain parties.

STIRRING THEM UP, ANYHOW.

Attorney Jerome, the public prosecutor for the city of New York, is kicking up a good deal of fuss about the misdoings of insurance magnates.

ON THE DOWN GRADE.

We have let the Kalen Island deal rest for a day or two for one or two reasons, the chief reason being that we hesitated about thrusting an unsavory topic upon the public attention at this time when a Prince of the Royal Household is "in our midst."

"The McBride government has, to say the least, been unfortunate during the legislative session recently closed by prorogation. The manner in which the transfer of Kalen Island to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company was carried through is discreditable, if not scandalous, and, to make the matter worse, the minority report of the committee on the transaction was, by what has the appearance of sharp practice, excluded from the journals of the Legislative Assembly.

"A still more serious question has been raised in connection with the statutory grant to the Canadian Pacific Railway of a land subsidy to the amount of eight hundred thousand acres.

THE LIQUOR TRADE FREELY ATTACKED

AT PUBLIC MEETING IN INSTITUTE HALL

Resolution Adopted Calling Upon the City Council to Use Its Influence Against Liquor Traffic

There was a large attendance at last night's temperance meeting in Institute hall. Before the chairman, C. H. Lugin, took his seat, a number of stereopticon slides were thrown on the canvas by W. M. Ritchie.

Mr. Lugin said he assented to take the chair as he wished to place himself publicly on record as one who would do all in his power to identify himself with the cause of temperance. He noted in a recent newspaper article the statement that legislative temperance enactments are a failure.

George Carter spoke of the grocery liquor license as a business proposition. He said that up to twenty-two or three grocers in the city were always in the habit of going to the city to get their license.

W. H. Gibson spoke of "Some aspects of the liquor problem as seen by the city." He stated that he had found the reason as to why the liquor traffic was so profitable in the big cities, or in the small towns that matter.

L. Tait gave a talk on revenue and taxes from the liquor traffic. He contended that the wealth of the country was diverted into liquor channels, and that the remedy was in the legislature and the hands of the people.

In conclusion Mr. Tait argued that if the liquor traffic was to be continued it would be at the peril of the rising generation, and appealed to all for the sake of the children, to put down the accursed trade, which was bringing misery and crime in its trail.

other part of Canada when the number of liquor licenses was proposed an amendment which would make it clear that this was not the case. This amendment was put on the order paper, but was delayed for a considerable time, and finally withdrawn by the Premier on an understanding with Price, Ellison, who would not recede from the position taken by himself.

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MIDWAY AND VERNON MAY CLAIM SUBSIDY

Chief Justice Hunter Decides That Construction on Line Began Before January 1st 1904.

Chief Justice Hunter yesterday afternoon gave his decision on the point referred to him by mutual consent of the provincial government and the Midway & Vernon Company. He was asked to decide whether the company had complied with the Subsidy Act by beginning construction of the road on or before January 1st, 1904.

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CONRAD'S MINES

W. Mackenzie Adams Having Purchased the Properties.

Toronto, March 28.—William Mackenzie Adams having purchased Conrad's mines at Windy Arm, it is reported that the price is \$5,000,000, as reported from Seattle.

There is no syndicate, it is stated. The proposal is to develop some properties in Windy Arm district which contain some gold, but the output is largely silver.

He held that under the act the intention was that the road should be diligently carried on towards completion.

His Lordship said that he saw nothing in the act to say that the work was to be done with diligence. He could not read anything into the act.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Victoria Meteorological

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