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**PROOF WANTED, NOT ASSERTIONS.**

As The World pointed out yesterday, the burden of proof that license reduction would do the good its advocates claim lies with those advocates. They are asking for the enactment of a measure which they assert will promote temperance and diminish drunkenness, and they are fairly called upon to demonstrate that it will do, or that it is altogether likely to do this.

Everyone admits that intemperance is bad, and that temperance is good. It is not worth while discussing this. The question is, Will the reduction of licenses, and the consequent further concentration and congestion of the bar room trade of the city, promote sobriety and diminish inordinate drinking? Temperance orations and denunciations of intemperance are beside the mark; the people have a right to insist upon straight answers to the question. Will license reduction lessen inordinate drinking and diminish drunkenness?

Now will they be content with mere assertion, the answer should be accompanied by reasonable proof, and those who advocate license reduction are fairly called upon to be ready with that proof. If it is capable of proof, that proof must be available; more than that, the people have a right to assume that before they put the city to the expense and inconvenience of such a contest as this, the advocates of license reduction had fully fortified themselves with this proof and that they have it ready at hand.

To-night in Massey Hall, the leaders and spokesmen of the license reduction propaganda are to speak in favor of it. Will they give their audience proof, not oratory, but proofs and arguments based upon established facts? Toronto has tried license reduction in the past. The records of the police court are available. Do these show that the last reduction was followed by a lessening of the number of arrests for drunkenness? If the figures show this let some one of the speakers give us the figures.

Some of the cities in the United States limit the number of licenses, while others do not. The figures are to be had. Do they show that there is less drunkenness or more in the cities where the number of licenses is restricted, as compared with those in which they are comparatively numerous? If some of to-night's speakers will give these figures and demonstrate by them that license reduction promotes temperance, it will have to be admitted that they have furnished proof.

Some of the pro-reducers, as we understand, claim that, even though reducing the number of licenses may not accomplish the good they aim at and hope for, it is but a means to an end; a step towards a definite goal, and that goal local prohibition. But even these have something also to prove. It is for them to demonstrate that, when tried, local prohibition promotes temperance and diminishes drunkenness. There are in the United States cities similarly situated and circumstances as to population and surroundings, some of which are under license and some under local prohibition. Again the figures are available. The speakers to-night can give them if they will. Either these figures will prove their claims or they will not. Let us have the figures.

It is also fairly up to the advocates of license reduction to show that they are not asking the people to do anything to be guilty of public dishonesty. It is for them to demonstrate that their measure does not involve confiscation, unfair and unjust confiscation. They must not ask the people to close their eyes to the fact that three years ago, because of the fiat of the people, the license commissioners, acting in accordance with the law and their sworn duty, compelled numbers of hotel keepers to expend large sums of money on their premises; money that will be most of it, absolutely lost if they be deprived of their licenses.

Let the speakers to-night say whether they propose that compensation shall accompany reduction, or whether they are asking the people to vote for confiscation? As a Toronto citizen man once said, and as every honest man in his heart must say: "In trying to remove evils we must do the just and the righteous thing."

We shall await with interest the statements to be made to-night in Massey Hall, and we do not think we are asking too much when on behalf of the citizens who wish to act justly and fairly, we call upon the leaders of

the license reduction movement, in addition to what The World asked yesterday, to give us proof based upon official records that license reduction will promote temperance, and that their measure does not involve confiscation and dishonesty.

**PROTECT THE FORESTS.**

No more important duty rests with the governments of Canada and the United States these days than to devise ways and means which will tend to the preservation of the timber wealth of the continent.

The recent warnings of Prof. Fernow, delivered before the Toronto Canadian Club, were none too serious, as the following Washington despatch will testify:

"That the topnotch of the lumber production of the United States was reached during the past year and that from now on the annual production would either remain the same as last year, or would show a decrease, was the startling statement made before the National Conservation Commission by Overton Price, associate forester in the United States Forest Service.

He declared that the original forests cover only one-fourth; that only one-fifth of all our standing timber is publicly owned, the other four-fifths being held in private ownership, and that only 70 per cent. of our public forests and less than one per cent. of our private forests are conserved for use. He added:

"The average growth in all our forests is about 12 cubic feet per acre, or a total of seven billion cubic feet. But we take from the forests twenty-three billion cubic feet each year, or over three times what they produce.

"Forest fires run thru fifty million acres of forests each year."

**WHERE IS THE GLOBE?**

Globe: In creating a street car company to operate its service, the City of Toronto sold its birthright for a mess of pottage, and did not get the pottage.

But what does The Globe say to our trying to get back the birthright? We can get the power to buy the shares, or substitute city bonds for them, or the power to expropriate.

What does The Globe say to this?

Globe (again): Owing to our unfortunate bargain, we may be handicapped in suburban electric car services, but the same influence must not extend to local steam railway operation.

Why is The Globe so anxious to rub it in that we've "sold" our "birthright," that our "bargain" is "unfortunate," and that we are "handicapped?" Is there no relief? We think there is.

The Ontario Legislature, led by the Whitney government, can give us relief from a "handicap," and is bound to give us relief. Will The Globe join in asking for this relief? It can "put it up to Whitney good and hard" if it wants to.

Again we ask: Why is The Globe so anxious to make out that we are in a hole, instead of coming out boldly for a demand for legislative relief? That there is a legislative cure for every legislative evil was once supposed to be a good liberal doctrine.

**A GOLD BRICK FOR THE PEOPLE.**

We have read a good many sophisticated deliveries, but never one so equal to the occasion as that of the railway commission, dealing with the reduction made before that body to compel the Grand Trunk to give a commutation rate to Brampton on the same terms as the one given to Oakville, and which motion was denied by the chairman. Not that he does not make out what looks like an argument, but in making the delivery that he did he repudiated his office, he repudiated the commission, and he repudiated the reason given for its establishment, that was, in substance, that the commission was to secure justice and TO AFFORD RELIEF TO THE PUBLIC.

We were told that when the commission was established we would not be given law and opinion, and casual reasoning, but that RELIEF WOULD BE AFFORDED WHERE SUBSTANTIAL GRIEVANCE EXISTED.

All The World has to say is that a most uncalculated discrimination is being shown by the Grand Trunk in favoring Oakville as against Brampton and similar towns, and that the railway commission, either in its interpretation of its duty or thru lack in the law which created it, has given the public a "gold brick," and a big dose of casuistry at the one time.

It is now up to the minister of rail-

## WHISKEY DETECTIVE BRIBED TO LEAVE TOWN

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ways and the government at Ottawa to do something.

A peculiar passage in Mr. Mabee's decision was the statement that he had been influenced by the fact that one class of the community (the merchants of Brampton) had at one time objected to other classes of the same community (the people) getting commutation tickets! Things have reached a nice pitch when our neighbors are to regulate our buying and selling, and our traveling and our not traveling as they see fit.

**NO INJUSTICE, PLEASE.**

Goldwin Smith in Weekly Sun: The license question appears to be coming up again. All the bystanders can say is let everything be done which is found necessary for the prevention of disorder, but let there be no injustice. Granting that our agreement with the houses, or some of them, had better not have been made, having been made, it must be honorably cancelled, not broken. Intemperance is bad; intemperance is worse; so, it is to be hoped, that the government will hold with reference to the more general question of the use of liquor, we should be glad to have a more authoritative verdict of the medical profession. What is alcohol? What are its effects when used in moderation? Is anything of the kind necessary or useful? Is it a stimulant or intoxicant, or both? The profession seems at present to be greatly divided on the subject. Surely there must be a road to agreement.

## Political Intelligence.

The elections are on in the Yukon, Jan. 19 being fixed for election day. There is a quadrangular fight between two Liberals and two Conservatives. The Liberal factions being known as the "tabs" and the "steam beers."

A very readable description of the contest is contained in a letter received from Joseph A. Clarke, one of the Conservative candidates in the field.

"When I came from Whitehorse after the Thompson-Congdon election, the 'tabs' and the 'steam beers' died as door nails, but by my entering the lists with the then State of Beer leader (O'Connell), the Yukon council fight, the 'tabs' took heart and got one of their men in another constituency. Now the 'tabs' are running Congdon and the 'steam beers' are running Bob Lowe of Whitehorse, a great friend of Sir John George Bickie, is running as a Conservative, nominated by the professional element of the Conservatives. I am nominated by a straight Conservative, at which I admit no professional men were present."

Mr. Clarke incloses a poster which announced his meetings for the week ending Nov. 25, when he was advertised to speak at "May's Last Chance." He declares that he was elected first M.P. for Yukon Dec. 2, 1907, and counted out.

Clarke is strong for public ownership, and believes that the Conservative party would be obtaining the first of such to take place within months or two years after it is decided to call the same. The jurisdiction of the party, and the parliamentary discipline or our present leadership would be jeopardized by allowing the convention to even name or at least be allowed to reject any one of the parliamentarians for leader. The advantage of allowing the rank and file a say and making them an actual part of the party would overcome any disadvantages.

A Montreal despatch says: There is no truth in the report that the present visit of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to Eastern Canada has anything to do with the suggestion for a change in the leadership of the Conservative party, as published here. Sir Charles and members of his family are on their way to England to visit his mother, Lady Tupper, who is now in England and making them a source of anxiety to her family.

The Kingston Standard (Con.) renews its call for a convention to determine the party's stand on new issues such as Canada's contribution to imperial defence, closer trade relations with the United States and government ownership.

The Standard says it is opposed on principle to this policy of government ownership and rather significantly that it knows a number of influential leaders who are likewise opposed to it.

Bargains in Upright Pianos.

The old firm of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., 112-117 King-street, Toronto, offer for immediate clearing two upright pianos of high-class manufacture, both just about as good as new, at \$150 and \$225, on easy terms of payment. This is about one-half regular price.

J. A. Wiggins has resigned the leadership of the choir in Clinton-street Methodist Church.

## WHISKEY DETECTIVE BRIBED TO LEAVE TOWN

### Sensational Testimony at Owen Sound in Case Against Hotelman Crook.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 3.—(Special).—Evidence of a sensational character was given in the police court this afternoon in connection with the charge of having sold liquor, brought against Charles Crook.

The first witness called was Euno Saunders, chief of the license department, Toronto, who declared that Stewart had visited his office and handed over to him certain documents which he had placed in an envelope and sealed in the presence of Stewart and Provincial Detective Miller. Mr. Saunders produced the envelope.

The next witness was the accused Charles Crook, who declared emphatically that he had never served any of the detectives with liquor at any time. The spotters had been well known to him, and while they had been drinking these soft drinks the local inspector had come in and had seen what they were drinking.

Stewart stated in evidence that prior to the appearance of the local inspector he and the other detectives had been served with whiskey by the accused. The names of the other detectives were Alexander Corrien and Claude Pownall.

**Says He Was Bribed.**

Witness declared that a C.P.R. driver named George Pumble had bribed them for his life and agreed to skip. They could get \$500 or \$750 if they left the town, and if they remained they would be shot. Witness was frightened and said that he had been told they could get \$500 or \$750 if they left the town, and if they remained they would be shot. Witness was frightened and said that he had been told they could get \$500 or \$750 if they left the town, and if they remained they would be shot.

Witness then went on to relate how he and Pownall a few minutes after 1 o'clock on the morning of the 26th of last month boarded a freight train at Owen Sound, of which the driver was George Pumble. During portions of the journey to Orangeville, where they got off, they had at times ridden on the bumpers, on the top on an open car containing stones, on the platform and on the engine. While they were on the bumpers witness' hat was blown away. Conductor Grimes admitted that into the caboose and there they had a wash and the conductor gave witness a loan of a hat on condition that when he bought a new one at Orangeville witness would leave the conductor's hat at Orangeville station, which he had done.

While they were riding on the engine Pumble handed a roll of bills to Pownall, who counted them and handed witness \$50 in the form of four \$10 bills and two \$5 bills. That money he

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

"The Christian Science Monitor" is a unique entry into the field of daily journalism. It began publication in Boston on Wednesday of last week with an issue of 12 pages. It sells at two cents a copy. It aims to be a newspaper along non-sensational lines, to be an exponent of clean journalism, and as Mrs. Eddy herself writes, "The object of the Monitor is to injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

The paper presents a very neat appearance, and its contents while of a general news character, assured, well written and readable, are in many respects notably different from the average newspaper. Separate pages are devoted to sport, stocks, the home forum (miscellaneous), and editorial. Only in the latter category the doctrine of Christian Science referred to.

The experiment which The Monitor represents will be watched with interest.

The Swiftness, E. C. bank buoy worth \$15,000, has disappeared.

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**Scare Were On.**

In cross-examination witness declared that no sooner had he reached Toronto than he made up his mind to return to Owen Sound and give evidence. He was sorry that he ran away.

This concluded the evidence of Stewart and the court then adjourned till to-morrow morning. Stewart is 22 years of age and came out from Ireland two years ago. He gave his evidence in a very clear manner and went into great detail.

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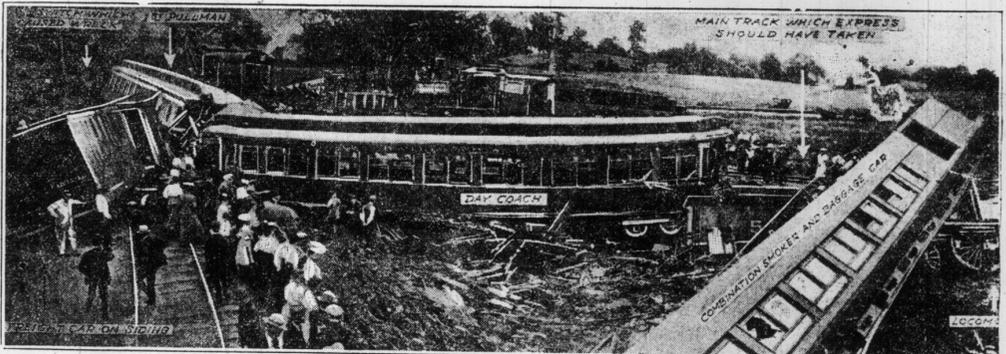
SIMCOE, Dec. 3.—(Special).—Constable Wilkins, who was murderously attacked in Lynnwood Park early Tuesday morning, is reported as resting easily, and is able to turn in his bed. The bullet wounds in his back are progressing nicely and no danger is looked for from these unless pus should form.

Dr. Edgar of Hamilton has been communicated with as to whether it is advisable to remove the left eye immediately or if the operation should be delayed for a few days. If no poison

is communicated from the wounded eye and no inflammation of the brain results from the operation, there is hope of Wilkins' recovery.

**Power Meeting.**

WINDSOR, Dec. 3.—(Special).—At a special meeting of the city council it was decided to send out notices to the municipal councils of Learning, Kingsville, Essex, Chatham, Blenheim, Walkerville, Sandwich, Ridgeway, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Center, Harrow, Cottam, Woodlee, Tilbury, Wheatley and all other municipalities of sufficient size who would be interested in the Niagara power proposition, to call a meeting to be held on Dec. 10, to take action on submitting bylaws to the electors.



No. IV.—On the Importance of Little Things

## Someone Blunders

A switch is left open. The limited express filled to its capacity with precious human lives, is whirling along at sixty miles an hour, on the main track. It strikes the open switch—dashes headlong into freight cars on the siding—and then—shrieks—groans—horror—chaos—gloom!!

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