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THE LICENSE LAW

The statements made by Dr. A. W. MacRae at the Every Day Club last evening concerning the restrictive and prohibitive powers of the New Brunswick Liquor License Act are both interesting and important. The friends of prohibition will not be deterred thereby from pressing the government to enact a prohibitory law for the whole province, but in the event of failure to secure such a measure the license act itself may be made the means of securing prohibition by wards in this city.

The act provides that on or before the first of January in any year one quarter of the ratepayers in any ward may petition and have a vote taken on the question whether any liquor licenses shall be granted. Dr. MacRae believes that in many of the wards in St. John a majority would so vote.

With regard to the hour of closing saloons it is urged by some that legislation should be secured for earlier closing on Saturday nights. Dr. MacRae replies that the city council has this power, and quotes the following from section 48, which states the closing and closed hours under the act as now observed, but adds:—"And during any further time on the said days, and any hours or other days during which, by any statute in force in this province, or by any by-law in force in the municipality, in which such place or places may be situated, the same, or the bar room or bar rooms thereof ought to be kept closed."

Dr. MacRae contends that this does not merely apply to by-laws which were in force when the act was passed, but to by-laws which may be brought into force at any time. If so the city council can enforce earlier closing.

Again, Dr. MacRae points out that the license commissioners have power under section 22 of the act to define conditions and qualifications requisite to obtain tavern licenses; for regulating those taverns; for further fixing and defining the duties of inspectors; and may also (section 112) appoint more than one inspector if they deem it necessary. The very large powers of the commission have never been fully exercised. If, for example, they ordered the screens down from all saloon windows they would seem to have ample power to do so.

No doubt the Temperance Federation, while pressing for prohibition, will also have a thorough enquiry made concerning the matters touched on by Dr. MacRae.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Another important step has been taken in the much-needed education of the license commissioners in St. John. The supreme court has informed them that they have not observed the provisions of the law in respect to the number of licenses to be issued in each ward. In the legislature at the last session Mr. Hazen, Mr. Maxwell and others pointed out that the law was not properly interpreted by the commissioners and their legal advisers, but the government of that day wanted the undivided support of the liquor interests, and no action was taken. With a change of government came a declaration that the law must be observed, and a submission of the question to the supreme court. The judgment rendered on Saturday confirms the stand taken by the Temperance Federation, Mr. Hazen and Mr. Maxwell. The firm stand which the government has taken on this question has won the hearty approval of fair-minded opponents as well as of its own supporters.

An effort is to be made to secure a prohibitory law for the whole province. This is the plan of the Temperance Federation. It is not perhaps expected that such a measure will be secured at once,

but the government will be pressed for assurances that it will be adopted within a reasonable period. Meantime the license law will be better enforced, and perhaps strengthened.

It is of interest in this connection to note what is being done in Ontario. Not only is local option steadily gaining ground, but the license law is enforced. The London Free Press in a recent issue said: "There has never been a time in the history of the province when the liquor laws were better enforced than now, and every hotelkeeper will admit it. They have been taught that they must keep hotel and not cater only to the bar trade. If the Whitney government had done nothing else, its action in enforcing the license laws should commend it to the people."

MR. A. KELLY EVANS

Times readers will be much interested in the following personal tribute paid by the Toronto World in its editorial column to Mr. Kelly Evans, whom it describes as a man with a great idea, and who will deliver an address in Keith's assembly rooms tomorrow evening under the auspices of the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association:—

"No man has done more for the protection of Ontario, yes, and of Canada, than Kelly-Evans. He has in a few months aroused an enthusiasm for fish and game preservation that will never, so long as time flies, die down. He has done a great deal for the province and his country. And the people recognize it. No public speaker has been in greater demand throughout Ontario than he, and none who have heard him expound the gospel of free fish food for the people but has gained a lesson in practical patriotism. We congratulate Mr. Evans on the honor that has been tendered to him by Premier Hazen of New Brunswick in being asked to address the legislature of that province on his great idea. Premier Hazen appreciates the importance of fish and game protection from the public service standpoint. It would be well for Ontario had she more men like Mr. Evans imbued with valiant public spirit, sparing neither time, talent nor money to educate the people on matters of vast public importance. Mr. Evans has done well. It may be that greater honors are in store for him. He will have deserved them."

The Times has a new correspondent at Ottawa. The fact is not due to any dissatisfaction with the gentleman who so ably and impartially served in that capacity since this paper was established. But the merits of Mr. William Mackenzie have been recognized by the government of Canada, and he has been appointed to the Dominion civil service as secretary for imperial and foreign correspondence. Mr. Mackenzie was for sixteen years in charge of the Ottawa Journal's parliamentary and political news and the correspondent of a string of newspapers from coast to coast. The Journal, in the course of a warm eulogy of Mr. Mackenzie as a fair-minded, able and honest journalist, who never willfully published any misleading or unfair statement about any man or party, and whose independence, Scottish self-reliance and honorable service were everywhere appreciated, adds this tribute:—"Mr. Mackenzie did not make application for the government office he has accepted, or any other. The members of the press gallery of parliament of their own volition made the move upon the prime minister. This and the fact that the whole gallery participated, Grit and Tory alike, was we think a unique and striking indication of the regard in which Mr. Mackenzie is held by those who know him best."

WELL MERITED RECOGNITION

An examination of the tables of population of the Northwest given in the blue-book recently, says an exchange, reassuring as to the preponderance of our own people and settlers from the United Kingdom. Of the 932,983 souls in the three provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 441,398 are Canadian born and 122,062 natives of the British Isles. The proportion of British to aliens is fifty-six in every eighty and of those fifty-six, forty-four are Canadians. That is a very satisfactory showing so far.

A despatch from Regina gives the following important information regarding the spread of government ownership:—"It is practically arranged that the premises of the three Prairie Provinces will meet May 4 to confer as to government ownership and operation of elevators. This follows the action of the Grain Growers' meetings of the three provinces held at Saskatoon in February."

License reduction is becoming general. The Ottawa Journal says:—"The Hull authorities have been notified that the provincial government has decided to reduce the number of liquor licenses in that city by six. There are at present 20 licenses and the news of the reduction has aroused considerable discussion among the liquor men."

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It took one hour to get a loan, It took one hundred years to pay it, It took one year to spend a sum, It took four decades' work to earn it.

It took twelve hours to cook a bean, It took two seconds' time to eat it, It took a trice to sign a note, It took full seven years to meet it.

It took five years to build a ship, It took five hours, five to sink it, It took an age to age old rum, It took eight seconds straight to drink it.

It took one day to build a trap, It took one moment more to set it, It took ten years to make a home, It took a week to write this "pome."

It took one B. Z. mark to read it, It took one B. Z. mark to read it, It took one B. Z. mark to read it, It took one B. Z. mark to read it.

IN LIGHTER VIEW

HEARD NOTHING.

Pretty Young Lady—"I want a nice fluffy shirtwaist."

Clerk—"What bust, Miss?"

Pretty Young Lady—"I don't know; I didn't hear anything."—College Widow.

THE FIRST SIGN POST.

You know the First Sign-post on the Great Main Road? "When a Woman advertises that she is virtuous, a Man that he is a gentleman, a Community that it is loyal, or a Country that it is law-abiding—go the other way!"—Rudyard Kipling.

TOMMY PUZZLED.

Tommy (at the grand opera, watching soprano singing aria and conductor waving baton)—"Say, maw, what's that long-haired man hitting at her with that stick for?"

His Mother—"He isn't hitting at her."

Tommy—"Then what is she screaming about?"

TO PLEASE THE TURTLE.

Lady Holland, in her memoirs of her father, the Rev. Sidney Smith, tells this story: "We were all assembled to look at a turtle. A child of the party stooped down and began eagerly stroking its shell."

"Why are you doing that?" said my father.

"O, to please the turtle."

"Why did you think as well stroke the dome of St. Paul's to please the dean and chapter?"

NO EFFORT.

"That new boy seems to be too lazy to draw his breath."

"I think he does it unconsciously."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ART AND JUDGMENT.

"I am going to play Hamlet!"

"Good! That's art."

"For one night only."

"Ah, that's judgment!"—London Opinion.

COULD NOT HAPPEN.

Two Irishmen were removing some logs of powder, when one noticed that the other was smoking, and the following conversation took place: "Look here," said one, "ain't you got any better sense than to be smoking whilst we're handling these logs of powder? Don't you know there was an explosion yesterday which blew up a dozen men?" "Faith, but that could never happen here," replied the other. "Why not?" "Because there's only two of us on the job."

STUDENTS SENT TO SUMMER CHURCHES

Acadia Ministerial Students Are Sent to Their Summer Charges.

Wolfville, N. S., April 23.—The Rev. W. E. McIntyre, of St. John, superintendent of home missions for New Brunswick, and the Rev. I. W. Porter, of Wolfville, superintendent for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, were in conference here yesterday, assigning ministerial students of the college to various churches for the summer months. Following is a list of the students who will preach this summer with the churches to which they have been appointed.

Juniors.

B. Simpson, New Canada, N. B.

G. S. Weaver, Collins, N. B.

F. F. Fohay, Robbsey, N. B.

W. S. Smith, New Minas, N. S.

Sophomores.

T. B. Wetmore, Cape Tormentine, N. B.

G. C. Warren, Dundas, P. E. I.

E. W. Bigelow, Homeville, N. S.

J. A. Green, Flatlands, N. B.

C. F. Kiensted, Grand Falls, N. B.

I. S. Nowlan, Lake George, N. B.

G. F. Camp, Cavendish, N. S.

Freshmen.

A. W. Brown, Gaspeaux, N. S.

C. A. Brittain, Belmont, N. S.

T. S. Ray, Great Village, N. S.

I. W. Moland, Ragged Island, N. S.

H. H. Harsheam, Middle Sackville, N. B.

C. W. Allen, Moser River, N. S.

J. D. McLeod, Isaac Harbor, N. S.

In addition to this A. A. Geste, of the Academy, has been appointed to Maccan, N. S., and the following three men who will be students next year:

H. E. De Wolfe, Benton, N. B.

A. E. Tingley, Boiestown, N. B.

H. P. Everett, Hammond Vale, N. B.

The annual oratorical contest for the Hunt prize of twenty-five dollars was held in College Hall last night, resulting in an easy win for John H. Geldart, of Moncton, N. B. The other contestants were: Miles F. McIntosh, of St. John; F. F. Fohay, of Wolfville; B. Simpson, of St. Elizabeth's, P. E. I., and G. H. Wagner, of Schenectady, N. Y. The judges were: J. Johnston Hunt, of Halifax; the Rev. W. E. McIntyre, of St. John; and the Rev. George McMillan, of Kentville.

The British schooner, Hartney W. Capt. Watson, arrived yesterday afternoon from Turks Island with a cargo of 15,385 bushels of salt. She left five days after the barkentine Lakeside and almost overtook her. She arrived here only a few hours after the larger vessel. Capt. Watson reported boisterous weather until reaching the Gulf stream, gales and heavy seas making the going extremely rough for the craft. From the stream to port the weather was more moderate.—Boston Globe, Saturday.

Mrs. Daniel Mullin and Mrs. George Carvill arrived home on Saturday after three weeks spent in New York.

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