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The Foreman of the Jury and his Remarks.



In the language of "Boss" Tweed, what are they going to do about it? We refer to the Scott Act, which came in force in Portland recently. The Act had been carried by a good majority and was to be enforced from the 1st of May. The first has come and gone and still no arrangement has been made and no steps taken by the Scott Actors to prohibit the sale of liquor. A majority of the Common Council, it appears, are not in favor of stopping the liquor traffic and, therefore, they will not move in the matter. The temperance party are afraid to prosecute the liquor sellers, knowing that it would be a costly proceeding, as their opponents are prepared to carry the matter through the courts, regardless of expense. So far the liquor sellers are reaping a "bonanza,"

they are selling as much rum as usual without licenses. This thing should be stopped; licenses should be granted or the Act enforced.

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Would it be just to the Portland electors to enforce the Act? 'Tis

true a majority of the voters were in favor of no rum—but, still, there was a large minority who cast their votes against the Scott Act. If the Common Council conclude to close up the rumshops, an inspector will be appointed at a salary of not less than five hundred dollars per annum. To raise this amount a tax will be levied on the people. Now, what we contend is, would it be justice to the minority opposed to the Act that they also should pay their part towards the inspector's salary? This seems to be a fair question for consideration, and one that should be weighed well before a decision is given.

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THEN, again, if the Act is carried out, the Portlanders can go across the street and get drunk; of course they are in another city, but still in going home some of them may create a disturbance and get arrested by the Portland police, and probably go to jail for two or three months. Is it fair to the citizens of Portland that they should pay taxes to support a jail and have it filled with persons who obtained all their drink in St. John? There are many sides to this question and careful consideration is necessary on the part of the Common Council.

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PARLIAMENT has been in session several weeks and still nothing has been said of the Winter Port location. Knowing that St. John would feel very much disappointed if they did not receive a port of some kind, the JURY relieves her anxiety by pictorially placing before its many readers the triumphant return of our representatives laden with the Winter "Port." This Port needs no preparation, not even to placing the harbor in commission.

A Leading Portland Industry.

About eight years ago a small store was opened in the town of Portland by Mrs. T. A. Vincent. This store had then a small stock of boots and shoes. By strict attention to business the store commanded a large trade, as its goods were widely known for durability and stock. The business in 1884 had increased to such an extent that larger accommodations were necessary, and Mrs. Vincent built a new store and dwelling one door above the old stand. About this year Portland was incorporated as a city. The new store now occupied by Mrs. Vincent is well filled with a fine stock of boots, shoes, etc., which are sold at extremely low prices. Her trade has made rapid strides and her sales now stand ahead of all in Portland. The new front has been repainted and presents a very attractive appearance. The latest addition to the window dressing apparatus is a "Paragon Shoe Frame," manufactured in Norwich, Conn. The frame is beautifully nickled and makes a very neat mode for dressing a window to advantage. The store is situated on Main street, nearly opposite Fisher's Pond, and presents the finest front in Portland. You can depend on anything in the boot and shoe line purchased from this establishment.

A Successful Business Man.

Wm. Searle, proprietor of the American Boot and Shoe Store, Main Street, Portland, emigrated from England to Portland, N. B., about sixteen years ago, after serving a seven years, apprenticeship at the custom trade in England, with a first-class house. On arriving in Portland, Mr. Searle worked as a journeyman at the trade for a period of two years, in which time he amassed sufficient money to buy out the good will and stock of a custom shoemaker who was about to leave for the United States. Business increased to such an extent that larger accommodations were needed and he purchased a lot on Main Street, a few doors above his old stand, erecting a three story building thereon. Up till this time Mr. Searle had confined himself to the custom trade. A great many of his friends advised him to keep on hand a small stock of