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A MISLEADING STATEMENT.

Through the medium of the County News, which has suddenly developed into the mouthpiece of the liquor lobby, the license association publishes its arguments against the no-license movement. The principal contentions are, that last year the direct revenue to St. John from ninety-three licenses was \$15,000; taxation on property, in whole or in part used as licensed premises amounted to over \$100,000 on a valuation of \$280,000; that liquor dealers were assessed on \$95,000 real, \$34,000 personal and \$61,000 income; their taxes amounted to upwards of \$15,000, and in addition the liquor trade paid to the city \$8,000 in water rates and \$1,700 in top wharfage. The total financial contribution in which liquor has any share is estimated by the dealers at from \$40,000 to \$45,000. In addition to this, 375 persons are employed in the liquor trade, of whom 138 who are married, pay a total of \$23,862 annually in rentals and \$4,429 in taxes. The manifesto conveys to the electors of St. John the false impression that real estate will be much more heavily taxed if the present move to stop the saloon from four wards is successful.

It is to be noted that the arguments put forward by the liquor dealers apply to the whole city, while only four wards are now subject to the result of balloting, but even if the vote were in the whole city and the immediate loss in revenue could, as estimated, amount to \$40,000 or \$45,000, St. John would profit immensely by driving out the saloons. The absolute dishonesty of the liquor dealers' contention is, however, apparent to all. The statement that taxation would be lost on real property to the value of \$86,000 is utterly ridiculous. It is to be supposed that the Royal Hotel, Club, all the other hotels and many important and valuable business blocks in the city would be abandoned and lose their value in the event of permission to sell liquor in them being withdrawn? Exactly the opposite would be the case. Many of these properties would increase in value, and would pay to the city more revenue than they do now. Who for an instant supposes that liquor dealers in St. John assessed on \$750,000 real and personal property would lose all their property if licenses were cancelled? How much real property is actually represented by investment in the liquor business? Certainly the greater part of it has been accumulated through profits from the traffic, invested otherwise. The liquor trade in St. John, it is stated, gives employment to 375 persons, and may say one imagines that if these 375 gave up their jobs as bar-tenders they could not find something more respectable? It is said that 238 of these men are married. If such is the case, there are exactly 198 families who would be far better off and would live much more happily, if saloons were unknown. Suppose, if instead of paying \$23,000 a year in rent would probably be paying \$40,000. Their contributions to the city would also, no doubt, be materially increased. The direct loss to the city treasury, if local option is carried out during the first year. Thereafter the decrease in receipts from the liquor traffic would be more than balanced by the increased value of the property affected.

But by advertising these figures as regards the city as a whole, the liquor dealers are endeavoring to delude St. John citizens into the belief that the results which they falsely predict, may be expected if local option carried in four wards. No one should be misled by this. St. John will gain nothing on the contrary it will gain by the elimination of the saloon from the residential districts in which the fight is now taking place.

LATE REPORTS.
Although the utterances of Mr. Hazen, Mr. Hatheway and certain other long winded government orators cannot in any sense be regarded as inclined to publish condensations of the legislative debates. This, however, is looked upon by the official reporter as an unwise proceeding for he has placed in the way of newspapers and every assistant of the Legislature were commenced last week. It was naturally expected that the afternoon newspapers in St. John and elsewhere would receive at least brief reports of the legislative proceedings. Haven't you had enough experience to know what it means when a man of my position is told?

ed "A" copy, which indicated that the report was being transmitted over two wires and that the "A" copy would follow the end of the original report. At twenty minutes after two the third sheet came to hand, with the report from the telegraph office, that some six or seven hundred words were still waiting at Fredericton.

Saturday is a day of early closing among newspapers, and when a report of 1500 or 2000 words begins to come slowly, it is impossible for a newspaper to handle it and get on the street at a respectable hour. What is true of Saturday's report is equally true of other days of the week. There is absolutely no reason why the legislative report should not be started by Mr. Hubbard from Fredericton half an hour after the House assemblies. An operator is at his elbow and the wire is always free. But perhaps Mr. Hubbard, who has done exceedingly well for himself during the past year, feels so financially independent now, that the matter of reporting the proceedings of the Legislature is of slight moment to him.

There is a large measure of comfort in Graham Bell's assurance that artillery will never prove effective against military ships. Toronto hot air artists, in anticipation of the clash with Germany, will now provide for their own safety by constructing private balloons.

Are we to have another year of the Boss?

Ald. Baxter says the exemption of incomes of \$40,000 means an increase of 29 cents in the tax rate. This is not. But at the same time it must be remembered that, judging from his past record, Ald. Baxter is ready to regularly increase the rate without providing exemption.

Mr. Kelly has been honored for his work in providing coasting hills for the boys and girls. Ald. Baxter sneered at this scheme when it was before the council.

Don't be fooled by false arguments printed by the liquor dealers. You have a chance to knock the saloon in four wards tomorrow. Hit for all you are worth.

A REAL CONVERSATION.
("What do they know of England," etc.)

A—Wasn't the South Polar expedition wonderful? Not a man lost.

B—That shows how much headgear there is in that cold. Lots of people have died trying to find the North Pole.

JUST WHAT HE EXPECTED.
Recently a very suspicious countryman came to the city to see the sights. Coming to the museum, he was amazed to find that the admission to this building cost nothing. He mounted the steps and entered. "Your umbrella, sir," said a uniformed official, extending his hand. The countryman jerked back his umbrella, laughed scornfully, and turned on his heel. "I knowed there was some cheat about it when you got in free," he said.

A LESSON IN PHYSICS.
Inspector—Now, is there any other force of nature besides that which is able to keep the world moving?
Smart Boy (son of a Broken Hill striker)—Please, yes, sir—the police.

POLITICIAN IN KITCHEN.
"I'm afraid I'll never be able to teach you anything, Maggie," was the departing utterance of a Trenton woman to a new Irish domestic. "Don't you know that you should always hand me notes and cards on a silver tray?" "I know," answered Maggie, "but I didn't know you did."

PUTTING IT GENTLY.
The sages of the general store were discussing the veracity of old St. Patrick's when Uncle Bill Abbott ambled in. "What do you think about it, Uncle Bill?" they asked him. "Would you call St. Patrick a liar?" "Well," answered Uncle Bill, slowly, as he thoughtfully studied the ceiling, "I don't know as I'd go so far as to call him a liar exactly, but I do know this much, when feedin' time comes, he has to get somebody else to call 'em for him."

CRUEL.
Percy—Do you think your father would object to my marrying you?
Pearl—I couldn't say. If he's anything like me he would.

THE OLD QUESTION REVERSED.
She—Is my hat on straight?
He—Of course it is.
She—Gracious! Then it isn't right. Why didn't you tell me?

THE REQUIREMENTS OF SOCIAL POSITION.
"I am ill," says the social leader, dimly.
"Too bad," commiserates his secretary. "Shall I summon a physician?" "Summon one? Thunder! Send for twenty physicians. Telephone the photographer to send copies of my latest picture to the newspapers, prepare a typewritten statement denying that there is anything the matter with me, and asserting that my indisposition will not have a serious effect on the market. Haven't you had enough experience to know what it means when a man of my position is ill?"

A Tonic Free from Alcohol.
Talk with your doctor about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. Ask him if he prescribes it for pale, delicate children, and if he recommends it when the blood is thin and impure, and when the nerves are weak and unsteady. Ask him if it aids nature in building up the general health.

WOULD FORCE G.T.P. TO USE ELECTRICITY

Through the Forest Lands of New Brunswick.

Mr. Burehill's Resolution Passed the House—Government Commission on Tuberculosis—The Game Act.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 18.—The amendment to the factory act bill introduced into the Legislature on Saturday afternoon by Premier Hazen is very short. It provides that the proposed changes shall come into force on September 1. The inspector shall report semi-annually as to accidents, etc., and that the inspector shall not be over seven years of age.

Mr. Burehill presented his motion regarding the advisability of requiring the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to operate its trains through our forest areas by electricity. He pointed out the great value of the forest areas through which the railway would run, considerable sections of which belonged to the crown, and drew attention to the devastation already brought by sparks from locomotives. After comparing what is done in other places for the protection with the lax methods in this province, he showed that electric power could be used through the forest areas. It is estimated that the power station at Grand Falls will develop 100,000 horse-power and the railway would only require 40,000. He also suggested that the operation of Quebec be sought in this matter.

Mr. Byrne seconded the resolution in a speech in which he pointed out the importance of forest preservation and the suitability of the means suggested. Premier Hazen recognized the duty of the government to protect the forests and that if feasible the suggestion should be put into force. The resolution was unanimously passed.

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The House went into committee and further considered the game act. Mr. Hazen took strong objection to the section which permitted a prosecution for offense under the act in the case of a dog which was alleged to have taken the offense.

The section after discussion was agreed to.

NINE FEET OF WATER OVER CANADA ESTERN RAILS

Bad Washouts Have Left Railway Submerged—Passengers Had to Drive.

CHATHAM, N. B., April 18.—Washouts on the Canada Eastern branch of the N. C. E. have left that road in bad shape. In one place between Dooktown and Bolestown nine feet of water is under water, this being eight feet deep in some places and bad washouts have occurred elsewhere. The cause of the water freezing the tracks is due to ice freezing to the bottom of the river after the big January thaw and instead of the water running underneath the ice it runs over the top of it.

The regular train left Fredericton Friday evening at 8:30 and arrived here Saturday night at 9 o'clock. Four changes were made on the journey between Dooktown and Bolestown, the passengers and train men had to drive nine miles over country roads to reach the submerged section of the railway. Great dissatisfaction is expressed at the way the service is being conducted. It is contended that two changes would have been sufficient and the passengers could have been taken to the cars and instead of being forced to change from passenger to freight trains on two occasions.

CLUE OF DOG'S RED HAIR

Wonderful Deductions a la Sherlock Holmes Led to Murderer's Arrest

(Lords News.)
A remarkable example of deductions after the fashion of Sherlock Holmes that led to the arrest of a brutal murderer are given according to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mirror. In the German review, Natur und Kultur.

The letter on Tuesday last stated that some time ago a landed proprietor in the province was murdered, and beside his body was found a long cape covered with a fine powder, and to the collar of which were attached two tufts of hair, one grey and the other reddish brown. The hair and the cape were submitted to a scientific psychologist.

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BRIEF DESPATCHES.

TILTON, N. H., April 18.—Before retiring last night Frank A. Gilman, contractor of the town, ran what was supposed to be a glass of medicine. He arose early this morning in great pain and fell to the floor. It was found that Gilman had accidentally taken a dose of chloroform.

NEW HEAVEN, Conn., April 18.—Fire destroyed tonight the lumber yards of the H. J. Richards Lumber Company the four dwelling houses in West Haven, with a loss of \$40,000. The fire broke out at 10:30 p. m. and was extinguished in 25 years old, was arrested on suspicion.

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—Eight of Mrs. Wm. J. Fels, of Chicago, who was robbed and beaten in her apartment in the Avenue Hotel, Friday afternoon, confessed to the police today that she planned the robbery in custody.

NEW FORM OF OATH.
The old custom of disagreeable to so many people of kissing the Bible when taking an oath will soon become obsolete if a bill introduced by Mr. Brantford, twice read in the house and passed through committee, becomes law.

According to the new act, the officer administering the oath shall address the person taking the oath in the following form: "You, A. B., swear by Almighty God that, and then proceed with the words of the oath prescribed by law, omitting any words of imprecation or calling to witness; and the person taking the oath shall, with uplifted hand, say, 'I do'."

If the bill passes it will become operative on Oct. 1.—Lloyd News.

LA TOUR SECTION.

The practice of La Tour Section, J. T. of T. and T. ball team takes place on Market Street, West End this evening. The mock parliament of the section will meet Wednesday evening in the rooms. The question of importance is a bridge for the harbor and a subsidy for a steamer to run from St. John to Malaguay Island.

Weekly meeting of La Tour section, J. T. of T. and T. ball team, will be held on the 19th day of April, A. D. 1909.

By Order,
STEPHEN B. BUSTIN, Secretary,
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GRAHAM NAMES MEN WHO WILL RUN THE I.C.R.

Two Important Statements Made

REFORM CLUB DINNER
Butler, Pottinger, Tiffin and Brady to Form Commission

MONTREAL, April 18.—Two important announcements were made on Saturday evening at a banquet tendered by the Reform Club to Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. L. P. Brodeur. The first of these was the statement of Mr. Graham that the commission that the government has decided to appoint to run the Intercolonial Railway, this board would operate the road, he said, in much the same way as a commission now operates the Pennsylvania lines. There had been a great deal of talk about selling or leasing the Intercolonial, but the government was not in favor of either of these plans at the present time and for a year would make a test of this new method in the hope that it would produce better results. An order in council making the appointment would be issued on Monday.

The other topic touched upon was that of naval defence. Mr. Graham was against the policy of building a Dreadnought for the British navy or of giving a cash contribution to Great Britain towards the construction of the latter's superstructure before the foundation of a Canadian navy had been made, and he forebode the Canadian government would be to build vessels for Canadian coast defence and to continue the policy of the present government.

In his remarks Mr. Brodeur was less definite, but he announced that he and Sir Frederick Borden as soon as the House met would be over to London, where they would consult with the imperial authorities as to Canada's best plan.

Don't Take A Sea Trip

Without Mother's Sea-Sick and Train-Sick Remedy. It has recently been thoroughly tested on English and Irish channels and found to be absolutely reliable, and is recommended editorially by such papers as London Daily Express, New York Herald, Montreal Herald and others.

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POLICE INQUIRE INTO MYSTERIOUS DEATH

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., April 18.—The state police have been called in to assist the local officers in fixing the responsibility for the death of John Patrick, a lumberman, about fifty-two years old, who lived with his two brothers over the latter's place which was called in this town. A doctor who was called in by Maurice Moriarty, one of the brothers, this afternoon, ordered John to the hospital, and he died to-night of a fractured skull.

Maurice, the police say, knew nothing of his brother John's whereabouts until two o'clock this afternoon, when he broke in the door of the room in which John was lying. The story Patrick, given out by the police, is different. He says he was in the room with the injured man all day and Maurice did not have to force the door to gain entrance. He says John was evidently a drunkard, and that he was with him when he died. Where John received his injuries he did not know, he said.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the White Candy Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 240-242 Union Street, in the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on Monday the third day of May, A. D. 1909, at the hour of 7:45 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the Report of the Directors for the ensuing year, to consider the advisability of procuring a mortgage or otherwise as shall be deemed necessary for the purpose of paying off the present mortgage, or for other purposes, and if so deemed advisable, the duly authorized officers of the company, and the transaction of general business.

Dated this 19th day of April, A. D. 1909.

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CANADIAN ORDER FORESTERS Assessment System, Fraternal Insurance.

NIGHT OF MEETINGS CITY COURTS COURT ST. JOHN, No. 470—Orange Hall, Germain street, 1st Friday in month.

COURT UNION JACK, No. 542—Orange Hall, Germain street, 4th Wednesday.

COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month, after daybreak, streams of pilgrims. PALMERS' CHAMBERS, 64 Princess Street, District Deputy.

IMMENSE CROWDS WITNESS BEATIFICATION Of Joan of Arc—Pope Assists in the Ceremonies—April-Clerical Manifestation.

ROME, April 18.—In the presence of 20,000 French pilgrims, practically all the bishops of France, many cardinals and dependants of the new martyr, the solemn ceremonies in the beatification of Joan of Arc were carried out in St. Peter's today. According to the Vatican dispatches, the Pope did not attend beatifications in person, but as a mark of special devotion, he assisted this afternoon at a solemn benediction which replaced the ceremony of the veneration of relics, none existing in this case. The long procession of cardinals took their places in the special galleries were the Duke of Alencon, the sisters of the Pope, and a host of French and Italian notabilities.

The anti-clerical associations as a counter manifestation, today distributed pamphlets accusing the pilgrims of exploiting the beatification of Joan of Arc to organize a royalist demonstration. The police ordered the editor of a Catholic journal to withdraw from his window a banner inscribed "Long Live Monarchical France."

The congregation at the afternoon ceremony is estimated to have numbered 60,000 persons. Over 10,000 were refused admission to the edifice. One French pilgrim numbering 70 persons, arrived at 4 o'clock this morning and left immediately after the ceremony. Before reaching their homes they will have spent five nights on the train.

FRANKIE CARPENTER COMPANY AT THE OPERA HOUSE
For the opening of the second week Miss Carpenter and her company will present a brand new play, from the pen of Edwin Barbour, the well known author. The play is "Spangier and the Preacher." Mr. Barbour has constructed a play in "Spangier" at little out of the ordinary in plot, with clean and interesting dialogue, and has built the story with Miss Carpenter's personality in mind and has also given Mr. Grady an excellent character. Some of the scenes from the others he has played here. He has also built a comedy part for Billy Rhodes, to which he does full justice. A complete change of specialties at every performance.

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MASONIC NOTICE
The members of Hibernia Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M., are requested to meet at No. 127 Douglas Ave. at 2:45 p. m. Tuesday, April 20, to attend the funeral of our late

BIRTHS.
MURRAY—On Monday, the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, a son.

DEATHS.
MCDONALD—In this city, on the 18th inst., Mrs. H. A. McDonald, aged 53 years, leaving husband, two children, father, mother and four sisters to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence, 14 Millidge St., Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.
MABEY—In this city, on April 15th, Miss Florence Mabey, aged 22 years, leaving a father, mother, three brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)
Notice of funeral hereafter.

MILES—In this city, on April 18th, Fred Dunbar Miles, in the 34th year of his age, leaving a wife and two children to mourn their loss. Funeral on Tuesday, 20th instant, from his late residence, 127 Douglas avenue, at 3 p. m. Service private.

TAYLOR—At Brookton, N. Y., on April 18th, Margaret A. Taylor, widow of the late Captain David E. Taylor. Interment at New York.

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of Rebecca Agnes, beloved daughter of Mary and James Semple, who died April 15th, 1908. We miss the sunshine of thy face. We miss thy kind and willing hand. Thy fond and earnest care. Our home is dark without thee. We miss thee everywhere.

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