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A Hollis Street Eye Sore.

HALIFAX, May 11,—If there is one place more than another in this city, that would be the better for an application of low this miserable state of affairs to go on. the torch, or at least, the stern hand of the law applied, it is the large brick tene-ment on Hollis street, opposite a leading

infamy,' and its looks indicate that the name is well applied, for a look into its dark alleyway, betokens anything but primroses and daisies.

Such low creatures as the inmates of

bawdy houser, driven from the upper streets have taken up their abode here, and previous offenders against decency orality make it a rendezvous.

It is an unsightly and ill-smelling hole; an effence to decency; an eye-sore to the public; a disgrace to the city; a nuisance to the hotel; an immoral sink of iniquity; a plague spot breeding ill-health and

The health authorities should send a squad of men armed with soap and towels, dirinfectants and water to chanse it's backyerl' and inspect the interior.

The present residents should be subject to inspection also and these who are not cleanly, either physically or morally, should be called upon to improve that condition, or be given notice to quit.

The owners of the property, or the sgent cannot have the city's welfare at beart in

THE NEW GUNDAY LAW. Some of the Sections That Make a Different

The last issue of the Royal Gazette contains the Sabbath Observance act and some of the sections of it are printed here for the benefit of Progress readers. It will be noticed that there is nothing in the act exempting the street railway from its pro-

1. No person shall on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, sell or publicly show forth, or expose, or offer for sale, or shall purchase any goods, chattels or other personal property, or any real estate whatsoever, or do or exercise any worldly labor, business or work of his ordinary calling (conveying travellers or Her Majesty's mail by land or by water, selling drugs and medicines and other works, necessity and charity only excepted.)

The word "person" in this Act shall be construed as including corporations, except where the context requires a contrary interpretation; and any corporation which requires or permits its employees to carry on the business of such corporation, or to labor or work therefor, contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding \$100.

transmitting and delivering messages; or the keepers of livery stables and cabs from letting on Sunday, horses and vehicles,

4. No person shall on that day go fish with or without a driver, for purpeses other than that of doing business or work; or the proprie tors of daily morning newspapers or their employees from doing such kinds of work as may be necessary for the purpose of preparing and printing a Mon day morning's edition of such newspaper; or any c'ergyman or physician ary calling on Sunday; or any paid organist from playing in any church, or in connection with any religious service, or any paid singer from singing in any church or in connection with any religious service; or any sex'on form performing church; or the putting forth to sea of any vessel for any destination without the limits of the Province; or to prevent any vessel of vessels making port, or from bringing port on Sunday; or shall prevent the carrying on in any mill or manufactory of any manufacturing proproceed with the work and development thereof continuously for a period of six days to prevent injury or damage to the material so in course of manufacture; or the operation in any mine of any pumps;

We pride curselves on being a cleanly we prode cursives on being a cleany people; or having things looking well. We expect tourists and visitors, and yet right opposite our leading hotel, we per-mit this eye-sore to remain with all its marks of dirt, indecency and disease. Faul smells; unkempt and ill fed children; noisy and dirty; shricking and quarrelling all day long, is all the passing stranger can see while the inmates of the hotel must put up with this barrack-like front, with its unwelcome and unwholesome appearance. Half clad dirty-faced little intents, and beared-eyed, beer besotted and loathsome faces leer out at the passer-by. 'Tis enough to send a chill down the spinal column How this building tell into such disrepute is a mystery, for in the very heart of an aristocratic locality, it is eating like a rent to respectable people? There are in dustrous, hard-working people who live there, but why is the whole aspect of the place so miserable, ugly and foul? Where is the Association for improvement? Where are the members of the Tourist Assacir-

or from stream driving; or from towing, booming or freighting any lumber or ratt of lumber or timber when the same in the transport of the same to prevent injury ting the same to its place of destination as would be liable to lead to the loss or injury of any such lumber; or shall apply to the oading or unloading of fishing smacks or boats; or to the moving of through t eight train in the Province of New Brunswick.

tion. This blot on fair Holis street should be done away with. Away with

the denizens of this disreputable and de-

moralizing den!

Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained shall operate to prevent the loading or unloading or other work necessary to be done, in order to enable any steamship to prepare for sailing in case said steamship is under contract with the Canadian Government, to sail at any time certain, and it is necessary in order to fill said contract that said work should be

done.
2 No person shall on that day allow or permit tippling in any inn, tavern, grocery or house of public entertainment under his management or con-trol, or revel, or publicly exhibit or brawl or use profane language in the public streets or open air, so as to create orfeit a sum not exceeding \$100.

Nothing herein contained shall prevent
Her Majesty's peaceable subjects.

the delivery of milk or ice to customers on Sunday; or shall prevent telephone or skittles, ball, foot-ball, rackets, or any telegraph companies from keeping open other noisy game, or gamble with dice or their offices for the purpose of receiving, otherwise, or run races on foot, or on horse-

> ing, or take, kill or destroy any fish, or use any fishing-rod, net or other appliance or that purpose.

5. Sunday excursions by steamboat plying for hire, or by railway, or in such feteamboat and in part by railway and having for their only and principal of ject, the carrisge of Sunday passengers for amusement or pleasure only, and to go and return on the same day by the same boat or railway, or any other owned by the of travellers within the meaning of this Act

The owner of any steamboat or railway by which any such excursion is wholly or partly made, shall for each offence against his section, forfeit and pay the sum of \$200 to be recovered in any court baving jurisdiction in civil cases to that amount, by any person suing for the same under this

section and for the purposes thereof. The action for recovery of any penalty incurred under this section may be brought before a Court having jurisdiction as aforesaid, in the place from which the steam boat or train employed in the unlawful excursion on which the action is founded. started or through or at which it passed or

stopped in the course thereof.

The captain or other person in charge

THE PARTY'S NEW PLAN.

HOW THE TEMPERANCE PROPLE WILL TRY 10 PROHIBIT.

be Proposal Outlined in a Circular—The Foot Act is not Enough—Local Option to Give way to Provincial Option—This is

There was a sort of a temperano etween Mr. Woodbern of this city and Editor Hawke of the Transcript. Both of these gentlemen are ardent temperates workers. They can agree upon that ground perfectly but one is a conservative and the other a strong liberal and they result of the prohitition vote was obtained, This is the barrier that divides them.

Another question, however, is coming up right away and if the temperance people succeed in getting their view of it adopted as a sort of compromise, then the dealers in me difficulty in handling it. The Scott act is in force in all the counties of New Brunswick except St. John and those in canker, spreading contagion in its path. It the tenements must be rented, why not live. In these there is a stringent license

The temperance people are however not satisfied with the Scott Act. They are not satisfied that any particular county or city in the province can decide whether liquor can be sold within its borders or not but they want the people of York and Northsay about what St. John or Gloucester or Kent will do in such a matter.

And to inaugurate such a campaign the entral alliance has issued an appeal for work in this direction. They have to give ome reason for deserting the Scott act and do so in the following terms:

"That this Committee re-affirms that total, national prohibition of the manutacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, it is the only right and effective remedy for the evils of intemperance, and must be steadily pressed for until attained.

That although the Canada Temperance much good. your Committee believe that it is not a sufficient embodiment of the present prohibition sentiment of the people and that the simple extension of its opera.

ernment to accept the Plebiscite as a sufficient mandate for a national prohibitory law, and the fact that with one exception every province and territory has recorded a substantial vote and a large majority in favor of such legislation, your Committee-while urging prohibiti to maintain their agitation for total pro-hibition—believes that at the present time the temperance reform would be materially aided by the enactment of legislation upon the lines hereinafter set

manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in

effective kind than could be enacted by a

runs high and so the apponents of the men any province adopting or bringing into force such an Act by a vote of the duly It was suggested that Parliament might that they would try and make it clear that

ing of a general tederal election, in order to save expense and secure the largest possible vote upon the question.

"(3) Such legislation, when adopted

by any province, to be unrepealable for a period of time long enough to ensure a fair

test of its effectiveness.
"That a committee be appointed to take steps to secure the introduction into parlia-ment at the earliest possible date of a Bill to carry out the foregoir g suggestions, the tee to have power to vary the the Canada Temperance Act. methods suggested as may appear best to

thing yet attained, will only be taken as it can be made. an instalment. Whether or not it is sean instalment. Whether or not it is secured, the agitation must go on for a still better law, and for what is now more needful than ever, the election to Parliament of men who will fairly voice the demand of

A Lively Curbstone Affair.

ner; how proud they are of the various achievements of vice or virtue, which they consider essential to the making up of their respective characters. But somebow there comes a time when the mask is laid aside, the curtain is raised mayhap for the first and only time and the real man is revealed to the world at large in his own colorsthe self-acquired graces like cheap veneers ing is easily chipped off and the pose of a

lite time forgotten.

The reckless dare-devil is not always as to "judge a man by the length of his face on Sunday"-are time honored sayings and the cap fits only too well in many casesin our midst. A short time ago Upper Water street was the scene of a fracas, at once amusing and inconsistent. The principals, for convenience sake we will name Messrs. Blank and Bluff, the former "guide, philosopher and friend," possessed
"every virtue under heaven," member of
the methodist church, Y. M. C. A. and chief instigator of the Law and Order chief instigator of the Law and Order
League—an order whose chief aim is the
propagation of impossibilities. Mr. Bluff
who so ably defended himself from the onslaught made upon him by Mr. B'ank who

The prohibitionists of Canada claimed and claim, that the substantial majority for pro-hibition recorded in the Plebiscite through-out the Dominion, including the splendid majority of 107.948 in that part of Canada outside Quebec, ought to bave been sufficient to warrant the Government in introducing into Parliament such legislation at would fairly embody the will of the people thus expressed, and they were deeply dis-appointed and dissatisfied when the Govern-ment had refused to take such action.

When the Legislation Committee met at Ottaws, they had to deal with the situation in view of this refusal, which they found to be endorsed by many Members of Parliament. The recorded vote of the tions to provincial areas would not at all Province of Quebec, namely 28,582 for meet the requirements of the precent situfact that this great vote against prohibimainly polled in a large area of the country, and by the electors of one special national origin, were advanced as reasons against interfering with existing conditions in that province. The committee had to decide upon a course of action, knowing that the Government had a strong majority in the House of Commons, and being convinced that Parliament would not enact a prohibitory law to take effect in the Province of Quebec.

"(1) An Act totally prohibiting the vance. It will enable each province to

be asked to enact such legislation directly, Mr. Hargrove was not eligible. The first "(2) Voting upon the question of the bringing of such legislation into force in this it was claimed that Parliament would this in order that Mr. Balcolm could be any province to be at the time of the hold- not accept even the great majority polled for Deminion probibition in different provinces, as evidence that the people of those provinces would support a narrower

liament to enact special legislation for a part of the Dominion, is not as clear as the right to enact a law for the whole Dominion, to come into force in any locality after an affirmative vote of that locality which principle is already recognized in

They will not accept as a settlement of the liquor question anything short of Total National Prohibition. Nothing else can be fully satisfactory. Nothing less is final.

The new proposal though far ahead of anything yet attained. For similar ressons it was thought that

HALIFAX, May 9 .- It is wonderful what | forcibly ejected him from his office amid a

tagonist.

George Bluff, the Commission Agent who who carries has affice in his hat, and whose military bearing is the survival of long years devoted to the Militia-Service in afreets of Halifax.

The cause of the fistic er counter which lasted for two rounds, (Mr. Blufi's well directed blow sending the irreproachable contrast on the part of the agent raised the ire of the Merchant who for the time being was like "weet bells out of tune"—and de-

& It is doubtful if the affair would have ended so har pily, had not a well known ended so harpily, had not a well known manufacturer's agent (whose cfill:e is on the Plant wharf) appeared on the scere, and assisted Mr. Blank from his resting did not not know he had it in him."

the nation for the suppression of the liquor | Voting should be at next general election without any preceding petition

The proposal to vote at the time of a general election, and to have no repeal tefore the law has had a fair opportunity, are good. Penalties and provisions for enforcement must also be strong, definite and

THE MOST VOTES DO NOT BLECT. So Mr. Hargrove of Musquash Thinks By

There was lots of fun at the municipal council this week when a portion of it at-tempted to declare Mr. Balcom elected for obtrined the majority of votes. The return-ing officer is named Reed and on the day of election when he counted the ballots and found that Messrs. Dean and Rargreve had the most votes he declared them elected in the presence of the people who were there.
Still he sent in a return to the county

secretary saying that Dean and Balcolm were elected and the reason be gives for this was that Mr. Hargrove was not qualified.

can be a councillor he had to resign before he could be a candidate. He did what most men would have done, wrote out his rereality appointed him, the councillors of The legislation proposed in the report of the county. Then his nomination was the Committee, will be a long step in admade to Mr. Reed and he accepted it.

That would have been enough for nearly declared a councillor. This was apparently an easy matter because when the re-Belcolm's name was there as the choice of the people instead of Mr. Hargrove. And yet to all sppearances fourteen or fifteen more people voted for Hargrove than for Balcolm.

This was how the matter came up before the municipal court Tuesday and the fight was long and bitter. The divisions were close, only two difference, and the sides were taken apparently as the men felt politically. The justice of the case did not

That was carried.

The speeches on the subject made by the county representatives covered a wide range of thought. They were in earnest—rome thought too much so for there was danger for a moment of compliments of a forcible discription being exchanged but all this was avoided by the happy tact of others present.

Chairs Reseated Cane, Splint, Perfects