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POOR REMEDY FOR A JAG.

At some no very distant age of the world people will read with amazement of the crude methods of alleged courts of justice in the otherwise advanced era at the close of the nineteenth century. We look back in the same way now to what seem the rude and barbarous ways of less than four score years ago, and we wonder how humane and intelligent men could ever have reconciled the ways of the law with their consciences. In those times unfortunate debtors could stay in prison for a lifetime, people whose religion differed from that established by law were disqualified not only from holding certain positions of trust, but were practically barred from university education and entrance into some of the professions. Theft, under certain circumstances, was punishable by death, and a prisoner on his trial had all the odds against him by the restrictions in regard to having counsel to plead for him. In all ways the law was harsh. It punished severely and effected little in the way of reform. The crimes for which the death penalty was adjudged flourished proportionally to a greater extent than they do at this day. Justice, so-called, was dealt out abundantly, but the world was little better for it, because the aim was to punish rather than to reform.

A great deal that was harsh and severe in the administration of the law has been softened without injury to the general good. It may be that undoubted criminals are treated with too much consideration nowadays, in some instances, but on the whole few would want to see a return to the former condition of things. The world looks at most crimes in a spirit of philosophy very different from that which prevailed in the good old days.

In respect to the proper dealing with some offences, however, it has made little or no progress. The supreme court has moved along with the age, but the police court has stood still, it is not gone backward. This is especially noticeable in the system of punishing drunkenness—of maintaining a fine as an antidote for a jag.

There is not so much hard drinking as there was a generation or two ago, because public sentiment has changed for the better, but there is still a great deal of drunkenness among certain classes, and this fact of itself makes an expensive police establishment necessary in every large city. The burden of maintaining this, is no inconsiderable one on all classes, and naturally enough the average police justice tries to make his establishment "pay," by imposing heavy fines on the persons who are found guilty. The greater portion of these fines are levied for drunkenness, and in very many instances the same offenders contribute several times in the course of a season. When they cannot pay, they are imprisoned, inconsiderately enough, at the public expense, and when they are released they are usually, in both a moral and physical sense, more than ever assailable by the evil genius of drink. No good has been done to them or the community whether they have paid their fines or lain them out in jail. In the latter instance indeed the community has been put to expense for no possible good, and in any event the only benefit to anybody or anything is the doubtful result of a few dollars raised from some source for the support of the court which perpetrates the blunder of making criminals instead of helping fallen humanity. As a reforming agent the police court is one of the most conspicuous failures to be found in modern civilization.

The New York Sun gave a column of space the other day to an account of a man who had been wearing a heavy jag around the metropolis. The interest in the case arose from the fact that the man in question was a stranger, a retired captain of the British army, on his way to the World's Fair. Reaching New York, he registered at the Hotel Brunswick, which palatial hostelry he seems to have utilized as a place for the storage of his luggage while he studied the philosophy of getting full on the various potations to be found in a walk

through the principal streets of the big and busy city. He succeeded in making a record by getting arrested about five times in as many days, and on one occasion was pulled in twice on the same day. On each occasion he was fined, and promptly got full again the moment he got out of court. On the occasion of his last arrest there was a proposition to send him to the island, but some friend came to the rescue and it was agreed that he should be sent to Chicago. In the meantime, however, the courts had got a good deal of money out of him, simply because he was wholly irresponsible for his misfortune of being unable to convert himself into a liquor cask and keep his feet. In other words, because he was unfortunate, the law took occasion to plunder him. If an individual had thus taken the money from the pockets of a drunken man, the act would have been termed stealing. So it is in every case when a man is fined for no other offence than drunkenness. He has really committed no crime, because the law permits and encourages drinking up to a point short of public intoxication. The moment a man is so careless as to pass that point and is unfortunate enough to wander where the police will find him, he is deprived of so many dollars, on no ground whatever except that a revenue must be raised and the unfortunate and helpless are the easiest class to utilize in raising it. The man is made poorer, but he is not made better. He will get drunk as quickly the next time, and he will be just as imprudent in regard to getting in the way of the police. He is a quiet man, doubtless, and is neither noisy nor quarrelsome when drinking, but all the same he is punished by fine when he has the money, and by imprisonment when he has it not. He loses his self-respect very soon and becomes an habitual offender, one from whom fines cannot be collected, but who spends much of the year in prison, supported by the public. The law has made him a vagabond.

But what is to be done with intoxicated people? The public good demands that drunkenness must be kept down. Yes, of course it does, but no system of fines and jail sentences will keep it down, because the men are not reformed, but made worse. In the case of ordinary arrests for first offences the man should be released as soon as it is safe for him to go, better still he should be detained until his friends will undertake to see that he is cared for and put on the right track. If he has no friends, or they are unable to deal with his case, he should be sent to a reformatory institution—a hospital rather than a prison—and reformed instead of being debased. It is both illogical and dishonest to fine him, and some day that fact will be recognized. The fine is a crude and barbarous idea, and it is wholly ineffectual as an antidote for a jag.

ABANDONED VILLAGES.

Party newspapers which are fond of pointing out the perils of more reciprocal trade relation with the United States are fond of referring to the deserted farms of New England, as if the United States flag had some mystical and prejudicial effect on the farming industry. It would seem, however, that this desertion of villages and gathering in cities is by no means confined to America, but it is a matter which is interesting students of social economy on the other side of the water. At a recent meeting of the Royal Statistical Society, of England, Dr. LONGSTAFF read a paper embodying the results of an exhaustive investigation of the subject of rural depopulation, which he declared to be world wide. An abstract of his remarks says he declared:

The same causes were producing the same effects on all races alike and in the republics of both hemispheres as well as in the monarchies, new and old. It is the universal tendency of the times, and Dr. LONGSTAFF believes it is impossible to check it. No to the soil than are absolutely required in each place for its cultivation in the way found to be most remunerative at that place.

Dr. LONGSTAFF has no solution for the village problem. He says it is our destiny to go on and people for the most part dwelling in the cities we must accept the fact and make the most of it. It is not a question of remedies, but rather of readjustment.

In view of this opinion of a man who seems to have given a special attention to the matter, the argument of the abandoned New England farms, or New Brunswick farms either, for that matter, seems to lose a good deal of its weight.

RAISING THE WIND FOR ROYALTY.

The London correspondent of a New York paper says that the calamity of the loss of the warship "Victoria" will give a check to the preparations for the royal wedding. The result of the disaster is a new demand on the public for subscriptions in aid of the widows and orphans of the victims, when the money will be given much more sensibly than it has been in connection with the correspondent terms "the wedding present begging." He gives some specimens of the devices the people with a sad for running after royalty have resorted to in order to help the young couple to start housekeeping. Here are a few:

There have been collections of a shilling each from all men with the surname George, three pence from all women married in July, six pence from all women born in May, six pence from all women between 25 and 30 years old, and so on ad nauseam. It is not surprising that there has been some public resentment of this unauthorized begging, which has not stopped short of penny collections in the public schools and other institutions.

If some of the Canadian promoters of

wedding present funds had hit on some of these happy thoughts for raising the wind the fund in St. John and elsewhere might have been considerably augmented.

About a year ago, PROGRESS published an interview with a worker in the liberal party, in which the weakness of that party was freely discussed and suggestions made as to a remedy. These, in brief, were that the party should stop grumbling and get to work with some definite idea of what it wanted and how it was to get it. The suggestion was made that there should be an organization and liberal leaders appointed for each province, and that the provincial premiers who favored liberalism should be brought to the front. Further than this, it was suggested that in leaving the old organization behind, the young blood rather than the back numbers of the party should have recognition as standard bearers. The suggestion made by PROGRESS at that time have been carried out in many respects at the convention held in Ottawa this week. The party has now a platform, and seems in better shape for work than it has been since the night of the fatal 17th day of September, 1878.

President CLEVELAND has a new summer house in the suburbs of Washington, and it is called "Belvoir." Belvoir Castle, in England, is the seat of the Duke of Rutland. It seems a pity that the president of a republic could not find a name for his house other than one borrowed from the effete nobility. Fancy the Duke of Rutland stealing a Yankee name for his summer cottage.

The Anti-Tobacco Society should feel happy in the acquisition of another illustration of the fatal effects of smoking. A cart load of gunpowder was exploded in Prussia, the other day, and a number of people were killed and injured. A spark from a pipe did it.

PELHAM'S PARAGRAPHS.

"And yet, though all the world forsake,  
The fortune clip my wings,  
I will not cramp my heart, nor take  
Half-views of men and things."

I recently came across the above verse pencilled in the back of a book catalogue, but cannot find whence it was taken or who the author is. Can any reader of PROGRESS inform me?

Lady Derby appears to have had a pretty good idea as to what would be most acceptable to the Princess May, as a wedding gift from the women of Canada, when she suggested a Canadian sleigh and robes, and notwithstanding numerous protests, has been confirmed in her selection by the Princess herself. There can be no quibbling among the ladies over it now. Voltaire's *quelques arpents de la neige* still represents to too great an extent the prevailing idea regarding Canada in European countries. Even in England the mass of the people associate extreme cold and perpetual snow with the name of Canada, and no illustration of Canadian life is thought complete without a snowdrift or an icicle in it. If some of these people could spend a few weeks, say in Montreal, in mid-summer, when the thermometer ranges up in the nineties, they would get some of these ideas thawed out of their sluggish brains and be able afterwards to appreciate some "summer scenes in Canada" instead of the invariable "winter scene." Between ourselves, though, there are some four to six months of pretty wintry weather in this Canada of ours. This is what puts the bloom on the cheek of the Canadian girl, and renders her an object and envy to her English kinsfolk. When, however, this Canadian girl leaves her native wilds and gets to hobnobbing with royalty, as some are said to have been doing of late, then she has need to be careful lest the bloom of health depart from her cheek and brightness forsake her eye in the severity of the training which she must needs undergo to fit her for high duties and lofty presentations.

Recently, at the invitation of a friend, I paid a visit to the Lancaster Beaches, on the Bay Shore, and, as usual with me, made some notes by the way. We had of course to cross the harbor ferry. I do not know much about the "inwardness" of ferry management, but the outward appearance of things does not impress the casual observer very favorably. The floats are shaky and the timbers rotten and worm-eaten. The so-called gentlemen's cabin on the boat is not a very nice place, the floor being usually thickly covered with tobacco-juice and burnt matches. The waiting rooms also want attention and a few cents' worth of blacking could be most usefully applied to the rusty old stoves which stand in them. It appeared, though, by some indications, that something was going to be done to these rooms in the course of time. Probably they will be got ready for "Fall business." There is a place at the side of the east approach which will need cleaning and fumigating too. A strange thing which struck me was, that, while it is the custom to drive to the left in St. John, people are admonished by big sign-boards to drive only to the right on the ferry floats, on the east side, and when they get to the west side are ordered to go across and drive only to the left on the west side floats. Supposing that there must be a reason for everything, I have endeavored to find one

for this, but have wrestled with the problem in vain. It seems to me to be one of those things which "no feller can find out." Then to add to the mystery, the right side of the western floats has a big sign over it labelled "the left." I could get no information from toll or gate-keepers. When asked about it they shook their heads, and looked mysterious, but gave no sign. I am told that there is a "Ferry Committee" and also a "Superintendent," who is paid to give his time and attention to the ferry. If so, they must be a sleepy-headed lot if they cannot keep affairs in any better shape than they are at present. The whole thing smells strongly of old-foxism, like a good many other St. John institutions.

Reaching the beach by means of one of those curious, non-descript, ante-deluvian "bugs" which ply in that direction, we had a most refreshing dip in "the briny." Perhaps I should explain that we "were something" while we were in bathing. Boys there still appear to bathe in *puribus* but it seems a shame to occasionally see grown men in naked bathing on a beach covered with picnic parties composed mostly of ladies and children. This should not be tolerated even though everything there is still in a primitive condition. There are quite a number of run-shops in the vicinity which are immediately "at down upon" if the beach is to be maintained as a respectable resort. There are many other things which struck me on this visit but I will content myself with the above slight criticisms, for the present, and endeavor to control my raptures over the wild beauty of the shore and the invigorating qualities of the sea air.

DOMINION DAY '93.

Oh, Canada, Fair Canada, on this thy natal day,  
We pledge thee love,  
Our loyalty,  
Our love, our faith for aye.

Dearest to us the maple leaf, than an insignia grand,  
In each true heart,  
A Queen thou art,  
Oh, Fair Canadian land.

PELHAM.

Nearly Three Centuries.

From the days when the canoe of Membertou, the Micmac sagamore of Champlain's time, skimmed over its waters, down to the present, what marvellous changes have occurred on the shores of Annapolis basin. From Membertou's canoe to the splendid steamer "City of Monticello," from the old French port of Port Royal to the modern town and its blooming orchards, is a long range, and covers a remarkable period. Doubtless some such thought will be in the minds of those who go over the bay from St. John with the Hawker Medicine Co.'s excursion Dominion Day, particulars of which are set forth in another column.

Are You Going to the "Willows"?

The Willows hotel at Reed's point opens today and PROGRESS understands that the same share of public favor is being extended to it this year, in the favor of advance engagements. The proprietor, Mr. McCormick, says he has a few rooms not engaged yet, and anyone who will communicate with him at once will no doubt have a chance to engage them.

Now For Bargains.

Mr. Charles K. Cameron announces his usual bargain sale in millinery in his regular space in this issue. Mr. Cameron finds that his customers always appreciate a purely fresh and seasonable stock, and he does not hesitate to clear out his shelves and counters at bargain prices.

For Every Day.

Sweet Cream and all the fruits in season, Ginger Ale and Mineral Waters, Choice Butter, Cheese and fresh Eggs, Canned Meats, Vegetables and soups at 32 Charlotte St. from J. S. ARMSTRONG and Bro.

BARRINGTON.

JUNE 20.—Mrs. Isabel Robertson arrived from Boston on Wednesday last in time to attend the funeral of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gabriel Robertson.

Mr. Martin Forbes has returned from his visit in St. John and Halifax.

Mr. I. K. Doane is spending a week or two at "Quebec."

Dr. Muir returned to Shelburne, last week.

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SPRINGHILL.

JUNE 27.—The Missionary meeting in the Methodist church on Sunday evening was made exceedingly interesting by readings, recitations and music. Messrs. H. H. Archibald and H. M. Wylie acquitted themselves in a most praiseworthy manner.

The Oddfellows held "At Home" on Thursday evening in their cosy room. When quite a large number of invited guests will be present. Mr. Berrie Fidler has returned from St. Louis College, Montreal, for the summer holidays. He expects to graduate next year and will enter McGill Medical College.

Mrs. Fisher, our latest bride, received her callers all last week. She was crowned in a beautiful black silk and looked exceedingly pretty.

Rev. J. M. Robinson of Moncton was in town last week and occupied the pulpit at St. Andrews last Sunday.

The bazaar and fête which takes place on Dominion Day on the Athletic grounds will be visited by spectators from all parts of the county. Presents for the bazaar stalls were sent from Mrs. Courtney, the Bishop's wife; Mrs. Byers, Miss Romans of Lunenburg, and a host of others. It is to be regretted that many of the pretty things will not be on exhibition as they have been already eagerly purchased and taken away at private sale. Among the host of workers on the field, and who have contributed to the successful issue of the day, are the following: The rectory's wife, Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. A. Williams, A. Appleton, A. Alloway, Frost, Carmichael, Bird, Boss, McNutt, and Carter, the Misses Pugh, Wilson, Dwyer, Alloway, Harrington, Jones, Cook, Yarrow, Bird, Arrishaw, Gregory, Foster and others. The voice of the bazaar and fête was a most interesting and exciting one. The friends of each game are sanguine of success. Among the games will be a football match between the Y. M. C. A. and Parish House Athletic team. A lacrosse match between the single and married men, and a base ball match between the Springhill and Joggins base ball teams. Some young ladies will take part in a "Key race." The ladies of All Saints congregation are to be congratulated on the way they have worked to ensure success and to fully deserve it.

NEWCASTLE.

JUNE 27.—Last Friday evening, a party of about thirty young people chaperoned by Mrs. Will Mitchell were admirably entertained at the "Tyr-a-cod." The decorations were most artistic, the main deck being covered in by an awning, thus forming quite a large dancing-room, which was lighted by colored lanterns. The excellent orchestra who kept busy with the dance, also the upper deck in the moonlight formed a pleasant retreat. At 11:30 refreshments were served in the pretty little cabin, and shortly after midnight, the gay party separated with three cheers for the jolly, kind-hearted host.

Miss Mamie Watt returned from Youghill last Monday.

Miss Landers, of Sackville, was the guest of Miss Annie Nicholson for a few days this week.

Mrs. Fleming left last week for Boston.

Miss Katie Fleming has returned home from Pooleville.

The concert given by the ladies of the Aid Society of the Methodist church last Thursday was a grand success, financially and otherwise. Mrs. Harrison's solo were highly appreciated and loudly encouraged. In fact every number was rendered well, and the ladies in charge cannot be too highly praised for affording such a high-class entertainment. Miss Mamie Fleming entertained a few friends last Saturday evening, dancing being the amusement.

Mrs. C. D. Mann arrived last Friday from Maine with her little daughter, to spend the summer, as Mr. Mann is engaged in a business trip. Many made such hosts of friends during her short stay last summer, that she is gladly welcomed back again.

WOLFVILLE.

JUNE 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Mosher are visiting at Mrs. Mosher's home in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and child, of Tokio, Japan, are the guests of Mrs. Harrington's mother, Mr. Richardson, Bell avenue.

Mr. E. L. Caldwell, of Portland, Oregon, is spending a few weeks here, the guest of Prof. E. A. Coldwell, College street.

Mrs. Sharp, of St. John, is visiting her friend, Miss Carrie Collins.

Among those who went from here to attend the closing exercises of the institutions at Windsor were Miss Burgess, the Misses Shaw, Miss Amy Pratt, Miss Quinn and others.

Mrs. Moore and Miss Helen Moore have returned from Windsor, and Kent Lodge will be open for the summer months.

Miss Murray, of Halifax, is the guest of her friend Miss Edwards.

Judge Graham and family of Halifax are stopping at Kent Lodge.

Dame Rumor says we are to have another wedding in Wolfville at a very early date.

Friends seem to be quite the order of the day this delightful weather. I have noticed several rather select parties in the past week.

HOULTON, ME.

JUNE 25.—Thursday last week the graduation exercises of the class of '93 were held in Worthing hall of the institute. The class numbered 21, twelve ladies and nine gentlemen. The girls were dressed in white, some white silk, others ordinary white dresses. The platform was trimmed with flowers, vines and wreaths.

Music was furnished by the Houlton and Calais orchestras, combined. A very large crowd was present, numbering several hundred persons. In the evening a good concert was given in the opera house by Boston amateurs, and the affair was one which proved to be a grand financial benefit.

Miss Winnie Perks and Miss Belle Briggs have become very graceful and attractive bicyclists.

Mr. H. F. Prince, of the C. P. R., St. John, Sup't. Timberman's office, was in town registering at Kent Lodge.

Augustus A. Healey, a graduate of Bowdoin College, is spending a few days here for the exchange of the writing and delivery of his class essay. He is a Houlton boy and will study medicine with one of the town physicians, Dr. C. E. Williams.

Miss Duncan of Woodstock was the guest of Miss B. Hume last week.

FLAMBEAU.

CANPOREILLO.

JUNE 26.—Miss Alice Bates gave a party on Saturday evening for the amusement of a few of her friends.

Invitations are out for a ball on July 1st.

Mr. Smith, proprietor of the hotel "Tyr-a-cod," arrived from Boston on Tuesday. The hotel will be ready for boarders on July 1st.

Mr. F. L. Daye left by Tuesday's boat for his home in St. John. His purpose is to attend the Provincial institute at Fredericton.

Mr. A. W. Hickson has the contract of painting the Byrnes building in nearing completion and he will open a restaurant about the 1st of July.

Among those who visited the village during the week are the following: F. W. Wall, M. D., of Boston; Mr. B. C. Barnes, Miss Hazen, Miss Ethel Hazen, St. John; Mr. J. G. St. John, Boston; Mr. Wm. Condit, St. John; F. L. Butler, Calais, Me.

KINGSTON.

JUNE 24.—Mr. George Hoyt visited friends in Springfield, Mass. and Kingston, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Jennie Nutter, went to the city on Wednesday to attend the marriage of Mrs. Nutter's cousin.

Mr. Andrew Northrup was in St. John Tuesday. Mrs. Herbert Beaman, of Boston, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Dwyer.