TUESDAY MORNING

POINTED COMMENT License Reduction as Viewed by Citizens

in the Business and Professional

Life of Toronto.

Prof. Wm. Clark, late of Trinity College: "I have done my best to consider the effect of the proposed change in licensing, and am satisfied that it would not be for the public good."

Unfair to Cut Off Hotels. 1 18 2

Mr. Noel Marshall, president of the Standard Fuel Company, held that it would be decidedly unfair to cut off 40 hotels without compensating the men so deprived of their livelihood. If such action were taken he would be willing to stand his share towards reimbursing the men whose licenses were thus cut off. Personally, he thought the situation as at present was satisfactory.

These Men Have Rights.

Mr. C. J. McCabe, of the Surrogate Court, Osgoode Hall, and a late license commissioner, was of the opinion that a reduction of the number of licenses in Toronto would not decrease. drinking; he felt, indeed, that the tendency might be all the other way. If the bars were concentrated, men who came down town for drink would probably meet friends and have two or three, where, under existing conditions, one would suffice. There had been a marked improvement in the character and equipment of hotels in this city during the past few years, and it would be unfair to break faith with the license holders. These men have some rights.

The Crucial Issue is Adequate Inspection.

Mr. H. D. Warren, president of the Gutta Percha Rubber Company, in voicing his views respecting license reduction, declared that it was a pity that men who were not extremists could never have this question of the abuse of liquor presented to them in a manner in which they could give expression to their opinions by their votes. So-called temperance reformers always had a faculty of beclouding the real point with side issues. The crucial issue was the obtaining of an adequate system of inspection that would ensure that all liquors sold were absolutely free from adulterants. This was his way of thinking the crux of the situation. Unfortunately this phase of the matter was lost sight of in the numerous side issues introduced from time to time. Plainly the present agitation for license reduction was a side issue, and as little worthy of consideration as a campaign along the line whether gin mills should be painted yellow or green. In Germany there was a very rigid system of inspection, and it was stipulated that all beers should be, if he remembered correctly, 99 per cent. pure. The penalties were so severe that there never was any adulteration. If a brew was not up to the standard it was thrown into the gutter. For his part, Mr. Warren would like to see all the side issues dropped and the whole question dealt with in a rational manner. Laws and inspection to ensure that a man who was under the influence of liquor should not be served, and that adulteration was not resorted to, would be of real value to the city. The number of licenses granted did not seriously enter into the question, the crucial point being inspection to ensure a high standard of purity.



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No Advantage to Toronto.

Mr. D. McCall, president of the D. McCall Co., Limited, was of the opinion that reducing the number of licenses would only result in the creating of a monopoly, without any resulting advantage to Toronto.

No Good Results from License Reduction.

Mr. Watson T. Bradshaw, president of John Kay and Son, felt that in the matter of temperance Toronto would compare favorably with any city of similar size on this continent. He felt that no good results would flow from license reduction. and that it was the height of wisdom to leave well enough alone.

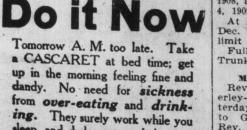
NATURAL CAUSES.

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Verdict of Jury on Death of Thomas Dowling.

"Death from natural causes" was the verdict with which the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon closed the murder sensation stirred up by the wild tales told before his death by Thomas Dowling, who died in the Western Hospital last week. The autopsy performed dissipated the story that he had been struck upon the head as he had told

had told. Joseph Sheedy, serving a term for theft in the jail, was one of the wit-nesses at the inquest. He was the man whom Dowling said struck him. He said he had seen Dowling only once, and that was two years ago.



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Dr. Hodgett's Book. Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, secretary of the provincial board of health, has brought out a new and revised edition of his pamphlet on "Vaccination." The pre-vious edition has been in great demand

all over the world, and The British Medical Journal commended it to the British authorities. The present isssue of fifty-two pages, fully illustrated in handsome blue cover with portrait of Dr. Jenner, is a treasury of vaccina-tion facts and arguments.

Low Rates for New Year's via Grand Trunk Railway System, be-tween all stations in Canada, also to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge, N.Y At Single Fare-Good going Dec. 31, 1908, and Jan. 1, 1909, return limit Jan.

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Full information from any Grand Trunk ticket agent.

Ministerial Association Officers. Rev. W. H. Wallace, pastor of Bev-

erley-street Baptist Church, was yesto General Ministerial Association Rev. Dr. Neil, vice-president, and Rev Wm. Brewing, secretary-treasurer.

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Dec.28.-The of Canada sent an order to the council

in relation to the annexation of Bra-condale and Wychwood.

annexed to Toronto., Council will not take any action. A joint conference was held between

Mr. Thompson held out the offer of a roadway east of the ravine, but the council stuck to their proposal of a road opposite Alberta-crescent, North

The final act of the year was the passing of the general purpose money bylaw which ca'led for the payment of \$2443.72.

> An exploding coal oil lamp in D. J. Stover's house, at 2343 Gerrard-street, East Toronto, at an early hour yester-

