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THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

License and Regulation is Far Preferable to the Evils of the "Blind Pig."

Editor World: As an old country man, recently returned from a lengthened study of conditions social and otherwise in Northern Ontario, I would like thru the medium of your columns to express my views in reference to the question of liquor selling in the North Country. It is a matter of moment at the present time, and I feel convinced that in my remarks I voiced the sentiment of the majority of people in the country in question.

It is apparent that the existing conditions in the northern parts of Ontario are far from satisfactory. The feeling on both sides is naturally keen. While advocates of temperance are to be admired and encouraged in their endeavors, yet at the same time it must be recognized that liquor will be procured whether restrictions exist or not.

The first point to be considered is whether the pioneer in this undeveloped country is to be regarded as a savage. Secondly, is it considered that in view of isolation and insufficiency of police supervision access to liquor for prospectors would be regarded as a source of danger?

Thirdly, is one to imagine that if the present regulations were cancelled or modified a state of lawlessness would exist? The state of affairs at present is much to be deplored and calls for investigation by an unbiased committee acquainted with the conditions in the North Country.

Men who work hard for months require a change and come in to Elk Lake. Here with many the first enquiry is for the locality of a "blind pig." This is readily discovered and in most cases immediate small requirements are not procurable. The keeper of the "blind pig" runs a heavy risk. He is not permitted to sell spirits in large quantities, as the risk is too great. The result is obvious. Individuals whose requirements are modest are compelled to purchase a large quantity of spirits. This fact is pernicious and only conducive to excess. It means the speedy dissipation of hard-earned wages. If licensed houses were conducted in a seemly manner, I fall to see why they should not be recognized, for where constraint is placed, evil is seldom eradicated.

The present circumstances constitute an invitation to the community to evade the law. The keeper of the "blind pig" runs the risk and his responsibilities are many, for he lives in a narrow sphere, and his occupation is well-known to the authorities. Every movement is watched, and the local powers in order to justify their existence occasionally make a raid. The result is a heavy fine, and a reputation of conviction means imprisonment. In other words, the man who by inclination is a law-abiding citizen becomes a law-breaker.

What restrictions are placed on liberty and freedom in large mining and industrial centres in the British Isles? Industry is the order of the day and the results obtained are not impaired by the ready access of the employees to liquor. The same applies to the tin mines in the Malay Straits, the coal mines in Borneo, and in almost every mining centre, where all manual labor is performed by natives and the management and supervision by a handful of people foreign to the country. Under such conditions one might consider stringent rules in this connection impracticable. None is made, however, and the abuse of existing regulations is very small.

Why should the man in the north be considered more irresponsible than his confreres in the south? He works under harder conditions of climate, at times stimulants are necessary in the interests of his health. Why should he be exempt from the same requirements by stealth? The sale of stimulants in drug stores is abused—a very small knowledge of medicine is required to keep the drug store runs no risk.

Boys orders so requested are fulfilled to the detriment of those who are really in need of stimulants. One cannot enter Northern Ontario in very large quantities and will continue to do so until the state of affairs is altered. If the sale of liquor were legalized, conditions would be so different. Requirements would be readily accessible, yet it must not be assumed that abuse would be a consequent result. The keeper of the "blind pig" would cease to exist. A stranger would be invited to place himself within the reach of the law.

Which is the more desirable procedure in this respect—the legalizing of the sale of liquor, or the one for stealth to obtain requirements from a "blind pig"? The police officials might equally well be employed in the successful regulation of legitimate traffic in liquor, as in directing their energy to the unsuccessful but so-called suppression of "blind pigs."

A Warm Climate. It was a very hot day. Jinks, who has gained a great reputation as a world-wide traveler—chiefly on the strength of his traveling-bag—which is covered all over with foreign labels—came strolling into this morning room, looking provokingly cool, just in time for the "to-day."

"Well, old chap, is it warm enough for you to-day?" someone queried. "You're right," Jinks innocently asked Jinks, as a slight shiver ran swiftly along his column and branched off from rib to rib.

"Do you call this warm?" he continued satirically. "Why, I remember when I was away from home for a few weeks I got into a place where the scorching sun actually used to raise large blisters on the backs of those who had to sit upon the kumpus from catching brain like. That was a warm place if you like. The cattle in the fields used to walk about as if they were in a hot oven. Joint-oven the old boys used to like a smoked bolted egg—and when it rained, as it did fear of the scalding rain-drops. Why, actually—"

"You'll go there again some day, old man. If you stick to the story," quietly said the first speaker.

Forty passengers were injured when a train was derailed near Good Thunder, Minn. The mail car was burned.

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SALVATION ARMY'S WORK AMONG POOR OF CITY

Col. Mapp Tells of Some of the People With Whom Army Has to Deal.

By Col. Mapp.

The Salvation Army is perhaps the best advertised concern before the public to-day. Not only do the people know of its existence, but the populace have a comprehensive and well-defined knowledge as to its scope of operation and field of labor, which has become so extensive and many-sided that by common consent a Salvation Army officer is at once a "servant of all." We know no better appellation.

The question has been raised as to why its officers are so closely acquainted with a world's grief. The answer is a commonplace one. This is an age of speciality, and for over 15 years the Salvation Army has been "specializing" in this particular case. But that does not explain the individual case, and this, after all, is the most important and interesting. Let it be illustrated.

In Toronto, for instance, there is a large visiting staff, which, on an average, spends 200 hours per week in visitation. It is true that there are many visits made to the homes of the artisan, for in addition to the army's being the "poor man's church," there is a peculiar sense in which it is "the home" of this class of citizen. But can anyone even visit 20 homes—never mind the grade, the class or the caste—without dictating as to their work, but during the Christmas season, what a living of goods at a doctor's villa was a new experience, but timely aid for that pro tem, unfortunate family, and the children will never know who their particular Santa Claus was on this occasion.

The other visitor referred to was a man whose homely hands marked him out as a son of toil but under his rough exterior was a heart beating with love for his darling children, who should be, as was their wont, but because of his inability to provide even sufficient food, to say nothing of more. He pleaded for assistance, and the children were made merry because of the gifts which came from their very own.

Their Prayer Answered. A respectable woman, temporarily in need, greeted the army captain, laden with provisions, etc., thus: "Thank God He has answered my prayer! I could stand it myself, but to see the children go without was breaking my heart!"

The bright side of a work of labor such as is conducted by the Salvation Army is found in the active support and co-operation of such persons as the World and other powerful bodies, who devote time, space and money to a common cause, and make possible much of the good accomplished not only at Christmas but all the year round, and be it so said for the many who are none the less philanthropists because their gifts do not mount up to the kumpus reserved for high numbers, and who still stand, as the salt of the earth, because they stand for the golden rule.

To all who have given a dollar, a coat-of-garment or a toy to brighten the hearts of Toronto's less fortunate citizens, the Salvation Army, representing the poor, proffer a "Thank you" and good wishes for a joyous Christmas.

A man identified by papers as John A. Dick of Kingston was found in Sarnia, with one foot so badly frozen it may have to be amputated.

AMUSEMENTS.

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HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

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HOPKINS IS ENDORSED PLANS LIVELY CAMPAIGN

Hydro-Electric Forces All United Behind Him—The Story of a "Con" Game in Rome.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The hydro-electric campaign committee this evening unanimously endorsed the candidature of Ald. Hopkins for mayor. The question of selecting a slate for controllers was deferred. There will be an aldermanic slate of candidates. George Smith was appointed chairman and W. Childs, secretary of the committee.

The finance committee concluded its business for the year this afternoon. The sanitary inspectors were voted \$47 for extra time, and the question of increasing their salaries so as to cover all extra time will be left to the controllers. A bylaw authorizing the borrowing of \$25,000, the city's share of the Carnegie library, was sent on to the council.

The condition of Joseph Mitchell, who shot himself Tuesday night, is unchanged, and hope of his recovery is entertained. The police have found a load of bicycle frames in the bay at the foot of Victoria-avenue, and their theory is that Mitchell took the stuff only to throw it away, and that he was not accountable for his actions.

One Juror Swing Eleven. It is said that 11 of the 12 jurymen in the Tagorino case were in favor of bringing in a verdict of guilty, but that the other one said he was satisfied of the man's innocence, and was prepared to stand by it if it took all winter. The rest came round to his way of thinking in less than three hours.

John S. Gordon's "Old Kirby Mill, Brantford," and "The Settlement on a Hillside," by Suzor Cotes, have been purchased by the government of the National Art Gallery at Ottawa. They were exhibited at the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts exhibition here.

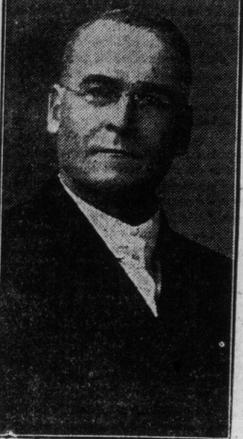
Ald. Hopkins' Campaign. Ald. Dr. Hopkins, the municipal ownership candidate for mayor, is making an energetic campaign. The following meetings have been arranged for next week: Monday evening, 20th Century Club; Wednesday evening, Britannia Club; Friday evening, Association Hall. W. F. Maclean, M.P., has been invited to speak at the closing meeting of the campaign, Friday evening. Some of the speakers at next week's meetings will be T. J. Stewart, M.P., Allan Stratholme, M.L.A., and ex-Ald. Thomas

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DR. W. B. HOPKINS, Candidate for the mayoralty in Hamilton.

Allen. The chief planks in Dr. Hopkins' platform, as announced to-day, are: Cheap hydro power and light; improved street railway service; reorganization of the police force, municipal ownership of public utilities, reduction of the tax rate. Mayor McLaren is opening committee rooms, and the contest will be lively. The friends of the cheap power and light movement are confident that Dr. Hopkins will be elected to the mayor's chair by a handsome majority.

Steel Stock Goes Up. Owing to the efforts of Montreal interests to get control, the stock of the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company has gone up in less than a year from \$5 to \$10. It is believed that it will be absorbed by a merger of the Canadian steel and iron industries.

Mrs. Chester Williams, 57 North East-avenue, died suddenly this morning.

William Cameron, a bookmaker, was struck on the head this morning on the Central Market by a falling sleigh carried by a merger of the Canadian steel and iron industries.

arated from \$247 by the swindlers. One of them represented himself as an Australian named Luke, and the other as an Irishman named Murphy. They displayed rolls that looked like genuine money, and claimed that they had inherited a large fortune on the condition that they should distribute so many thousands pounds amongst the poor of every country. They commissioned Mr. Baby to make the distribution amongst the Canadian poor, and took all the money he had, \$247, and a ring as security.

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Travelers' Certificates. Commercial travelers' certificates for 1910 can now be had from Fred Johnson, Room 5, Federal Life Building, ed.

To-day (Friday) the subscription lists for the National Chorus concert, Jan. 18 and 19, close. Those desiring choice of seats, whose names are not yet entered, should take advantage of this last opportunity.

Handed Down. From Judge. Children rush in where adults stand and shiver. Man proposes, the heir disposes—ably assisted by the lawyers. Competition makes us step lively in all lines of life. A man even has to hustle to get the wife he picks out for himself.

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