

The St. John Standard.

V. Y. MACKINNON, Publisher
 55 Prince William St., St. John, N. B., Canada

REPRESENTATIVES:
 Henry DeClerque, Montreal
 Louis Kiehn, New York
 Frank Oulder, Portland
 Fred W. Thompson, Toronto
 Froman & Co., London, Eng.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
 City Delivery, \$4.00 per year
 By Mail in Canada, 4.00 per year
 Semi-Weekly Issue, 1.50 per year
 Semi-Weekly to U. S., 2.50 per year
 (Agent Measurement)

ADVERTISING RATES:
 Contract Display, 3c. per line
 Classified, 2c. per word
 Inside Readers, 9c. per line
 Outside Readers, 15c. per line
 (Agent Measurement)

ST. JOHN, N. B. MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1920.

CONCERNING PROHIBITION.

Judging from the comments in some of the British Columbia newspapers, the result of the prohibition plebiscite in that province is not just what was anticipated. While it may perhaps be easy to over-estimate the importance of the result, it cannot very well be said that it is not without significance. The expectation even in the cities that polled the heaviest vote in favor of Government control seemed to be that prohibition would be continued, but as the event shows, there was a large silent vote against it to be reckoned with. The vote of the women was a new quantity in the direct legislation to which the liquor question has been left in British Columbia in recent years. In the plebiscite of 1916 the women had no part. This time, as expected, they appear to have come out in strength, and, as was not expected, much of their weight was put on the side of Government control.

The only conclusion to be drawn from the result of this vote is that the public was not satisfied with the law. There can be no doubt that prohibition would be more successful were it not for the fact that in the opinion of many it is made unnecessarily distasteful by a spirit of narrow intolerance. Some of its promoters, sincere men in their way, have permitted their zeal to warp their judgment, with the result that the law as it stands practically invites men to challenge it. This, apparently, is the spirit of prohibition in the United States as well as in Canada. The San Francisco Argonaut, discussing the point in a recent issue, said:

"Verily we are becoming a nation of petty criminals. Multitudes formerly strict observers of law have lost respect for law and are void of conscience in defiance of its mandate. Men and women—who find in the law restrictions upon propensity, habit, and judgment, restrictions without justification in morals, restrictions at odds with accepted standards of individual liberty, regard the law contemptuously and make no scruple of evading it. Thus 'loyalty to law, loyalty to government' which has made the law, loyalty to the morality which rests upon obedience to law, is lost. All of which bodes no good to a system in which 'law is the presumptive sovereign'."

There are those who talk as if a prohibition law were a finality. It can only be so if it stands the tests of public opinion. The atmosphere of that opinion is always about it. That atmosphere may vary, but, as a rule, it is fairly constant. The public is reasonable, and is willing to experiment and to try out promising policies, but it must be the judge as to the results. If people find the results disappointing or in any way unsatisfactory, they will exercise their right to call for a change. This is what happened in regard to prohibition in British Columbia, and it is what will happen everywhere else when opportunity offers.

DUMPING AND SLASHING.

Questions that have arisen at Ottawa in connection with the sugar trade seem, says the Journal of Commerce, to have caused confusion in the minds of some people respecting the purpose of the clause in the Customs Act known as the anti-dumping clause. There may be phases of the sugar question which, apart entirely from the anti-dumping clause, require consideration. But there is no room for any dispute as to the purpose and meaning of the section respecting what is known as "dumping." It seems to be assumed in some quarters that if there is a "slashing" of prices of a commodity in the United States, resulting in its sale at a substantial reduction on previous quotations, the anti-dumping clause of the Customs law can properly be invoked to prevent or check the importation of that commodity into Canada. This, however, is not what the law intends or provides. The law was not designed to prevent the Canadian people sharing any cheapness enjoyed by the people of the neighboring Republic. If from any cause—no matter what it may be—the people of the States are able to buy an article cheaply, it is the right of Canadians to import that article at its American price on payment of the ordinary duty. It is only when the American seller quotes for shipment to Canada a price which is not available to the American citizen that the anti-dumping clause comes into operation. In such a case the law assumes that the transaction is an illegitimate one that may be designed to crush a Canadian competitor. If through any circumstances the price of a commodity in the United States is reduced—thus, the price at which the article can be purchased by American buyers for home consumption—then the price so fixed is the fair market value of the commodity, and the anti-dumping

clause cannot apply to imports at that price. The Canadian Customs authorities are not called upon to consider the cause of the reduction—whether it is the result of the ordinary business operations or of some special "slashing" of prices. Slashing of prices is dumping. Slashing of prices which are open alike to the American and Canadian buyer is not dumping.

NEIGHBORLY AID TO LABRADOR.

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell's mission in Labrador is highly esteemed by Canadian explorers. The people on a forgotten coast of Canada have been helped by the missionary when no one else gave them even a passing thought. Many Canadian travellers have probably observed the coast of Labrador, from the deck of an ocean liner homeward bound through the Strait of Belle Isle. The barren shores give the voyager such a sense of loneliness, it is hard to imagine any white man living in the country from choice. But there are people in cities like New York and London who have the same enormous opinion about life in some of the most hospitable parts of Canada.

The people of Labrador are Anglo-Saxon neighbors, and, as the Ottawa Citizen points out, they are industrious, simple-living folk. The Grenfell mission has helped them to enjoy some of the elementary advantages of civilization, such as learning to read and write, and to extend mutual aid to their fellow men in need. The mission, through the International Grenfell Association, is neighborly work. It should meet with the hearty support of the people of Canada, in Canada's own practical way.

THE I. O. D. E.

Most people, we imagine, are conversant with the good work that was done by the I. O. D. E. and other such like organizations during the war, and there is a feeling that while the war is now happily over, the activities which it called forth and which were then so much appreciated should not be allowed to lapse, but should be diverted into some channel which would lead to something equally beneficial in times of peace. In this regard the address given by Miss Joan Arnold, the National President of the Order, on Saturday night, a report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue, will doubtless be read with interest. Miss Arnold's own splendid services during the war have been widely recognized. There is one matter in this connection to which she referred which is quite timely, and that is the scope of the Order. There is a mistaken idea in some minds that the Order is meant for society ladies, "the upper ten" in fact, and that social position is necessary for admittance as a member. That kind of thing might do perhaps in England, where class distinctions exist, but should have no place in a democratic country like Canada, where such distinctions are unknown and prohibition is regarded with universal tolerance only. Miss Arnold emphasized the breadth of the Order's ideals, calling upon every woman to join its ranks, united for patriotic service for the good of the British Empire.

More than once Mr. Mackenzie King said to his audience recently, "I want to be honest with you." Most people will be prepared to believe him. But, as the Edmonton Journal says, his instincts are good, but, in the position to which he has been called, he finds it difficult to be honest with the public and at the same time to carry on the aspect which his party has decided to make to the electorate.

Official figures show an increase of 164 per cent. in the cost of living in Great Britain. Strange, we had been given the impression that Canada had suffered from increased living costs, and that these were due, first, to Union Government, and, second, to the fact that Canada has not free trade "as they have it in England."

"As Maine goes in September, so goes the republic in November," which old saying, if it were true without exception, would mean good-night for Governor Cox. In the fact that there are notable exceptions, Mr. Cox will find ground for hope.

The line of argument adopted by The Globe in its article entitled "One of the Reasons Why" pretends further comment on the subject. Moreover The Standard has some regard for the proprietors.

We always did have a fancy for the climate of British Columbia. New reading of B. C.—Bosse Control.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Practical Uplift.
 Canadian Co-operator.
 The only way the people can be helped is by teaching them to help themselves.

Adequate Protection.
 Financial Post (Toronto).
 The appointment of Sir Lomer Gouin, K. C. M. G., to the board of directors of the Cocksfoot Plow Co., Ltd., is announced. It is stated that Sir Lomer is joining at the request of the large British and French shareholders.

Government Calls It Menace.
 From Labor Church Pamphlet (Winnipeg).
 The Labor Church believes in:

1. A spiritual interpretation of life.
2. A continually developing humanity and religion.
3. The establishment on the earth of an era of justice, truth and love.

Does It Mean Anything?

Saskatoon Star.
 Will Premier Foster be able to carry on government in New Brunswick? Will Premier Dwyer be able to carry on government in Ontario? Will Premier Norris be able to carry on government in Manitoba? Will the next premier of Canada be able to carry on government if—as seems not improbable—no party has a clear majority in the House?

How To Live Cheaply.

Daily Herald (London).
 Perhaps this was in the mind of the advertiser who inserted the following in a contemporary the other day:

HUNGER STRIKERS. Kept alive on SODA WATER. Astonishing Food Value. Aerated Water and Other SODA POINT-AIN DRINKS.

There you are. That ought to keep down the price of bread.

P. R.

Manitoba Free Press.
 Winnipeg has put Proportional Representation upon the Canadian political map. Its extension to the rural constituencies in Manitoba is assured and its ultimate adoption for all elections—civil, provincial and federal—may now be looked on as inevitable. In Winnipeg the test was classic, and Proportional Representation came through with flying colors.

A BIT OF VERSE

AUTUMN.

(By N. Theo. Currie in the Mail and Empire).
 Have you seen the wondrous glory of the trees,
 And the shining splendor of the golden rod?

Have you felt the call of Autumn on the breeze,
 To get out and view the handwork of God?
 If you have, just come with me,
 See the perfect harmony
 Of the red-gold leaves ashing in the sun.

See the dainty asters in their purple frocks,
 Gaze on glowing yellow pumpkin in the field.
 See the ripe corn in its stately shocks
 And the beautiful display of nature's yield.

When you've seen this you'll agree
 'Tis a blessing just to be
 Alive in a wonder-world like ours.

THE LAUGH LINE

Heard at a Reception.

"Who is that very popular young woman over there?"
 "She's the daughter of a bank president."

"Yes, no wonder she draws so much interest."—Boston Transcript.

Some Try Both at the Same Time.
 "A housewife has many problems."
 "Yes, and here's one I could never solve."

"What is it?"
 "Which to answer when the telephone and front doorbell ring simultaneously."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The One Exception.

French beauties are now using pulverized gold leaf as a face powder. Almost anything, it seems, will do for the skin except soap and water.

Clever Bivalves.
 Adv.—"Wanted—Boy to deliver oysters that can ride a bicycle."

Pests We Have Met.
 "Gee, when I went to school I used to know all about that, but it has been so long since I studied it, you know."

A Hard Loser.

"What's become of that girl who married on a bet?"
 "She is now earnestly engaged in a movement against gambling."—Boston Transcript.

Not a Matter of Relief.

"Music speaks a universal language," said the enthusiast.
 "I have heard so," replied Mr. Cumrox. "But, judging by the programmes, the words of a universal language are just as hard to spell and pronounce as any others."—Washington Star.

Pa Knew.
 Willie—Paw, what is the man of the hour?
 Paw—Any man whose wife tells him to wait and she'll be ready in a minute, my son.

Maw—Willie, you put that book away and get to bed.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Step by Step.

"Supposing," said the man who wants to see everybody happy, "that we somehow arrange to give you a

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAGE

We was having to lugwidge lesson in school today and Miss Kitty was telling the class about certain words that people are to use correctly and don't just put out pure ignorance, saying, 'Now take it and lay for instance, 2 perfectly simple words' and yet so many people have no idea how to distinguish between them. Now who thinks they can give me a sentence in which the words lie and lay are used correctly?

Some people lie like the mischiff but it takes a hen to lay a egg, sed Puds.

Well, that's not exactly the kind of lie and lay I ment, sed Miss Kitty, I will give you a good hat, lie is present and lay is past, now can you give me a sentence?

Wich Leroy Shosher waved d his hand, saying, The boy lied about the present he got for his birthday and his father gave him such a licking he couldn't hardly lay on his past.

O my, II try to make it plainer, I lie in the present but in the past I lay, now surely some one is brilo enuff to give me a correct sentence, sed Miss Kitty.

Wich Lew Davis waved his hand, saying, The present was a bewtful folding bed and I lie in the present, but if it had went past I would lay.

This is feerdil, sed Miss Kitty, now listen, I lie down, that's present, now suppose I was talking about lying down yesterday, how would I say it? What would I say, Sidney Hunt?

You'd say, yesterday was past so I think II lay down, sed Sid O, lets go on to the joggriffy lesson, sed Miss Kitty.

Wich we did.

six-hour day. Are you sure that you will be contented?"

"For the present, of course, I shouldn't think of asking for less than six hours' work to the day. But I have an impression that in the course of time our chronological system will need revision so that we'll have 25 or 29 minutes to the hour."—Washington Star.

A Preacher's Plight.
 Doctor—Do you talk in your sleep?
 Patient—No; I talk in other people's. I'm a clergyman—North China Standard.

No Doubt.

The colleges are sending out their thousands of polished scholars, including some, however, who are only shocked.—Boston Transcript.

Daily Fashion Hint

Prepared Especially For This Newspaper



VERY CHIC IN SERGE.

Alluring and graceful is this one-piece costume for semi-formal wear. It is carried out in dark brown serge of fine quality. The waist has the front extended at each side, the extensions falling to the bottom of the skirt, where they are tucked under. This odd arrangement is further emphasized with a dainty border of embroidery and the trimming is repeated on the sleeves and round neck. Medium size requires 3 1/2 yards 48-inch serge.

Pictorial Review Dress No. 9061. Sizes, 34 to 46 inches bust. Price, 35 cents. Embroidery No. 12468. Transfer, blue or yellow, 35 cents.

Pictorial Review Patterns are

sold in St. John by F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd.

QUALITY

FEED FOR THE FARM FAMILY. It is good for all your live stock. Dobbin will work harder on it, bossey will give more milk, roosters crow about it in the same way our little sonster sings over its "growling" qualities. It costs no more than another kind. Ask for Cow Chow for your cows, Pig Chow for your pigs, O-Molene for your horses, and Scratch Feed for your chickens.

"Quality Talks."

C. H. PETERS' SONS,
 ST. JOHN, N. B.

Dr. Frank Boyaner DENTIST

74 Germain Street
 (Between King and Princess)

Phone Main 4211.

Investigate

BISHOPRIC

Stucco and Plaster Base

The most economical material for use in construction of exterior and interior walls.

Saves 25%

on construction costs; lends itself to any style of architecture, and affords dry, warm, vermin-proof walls.

For full particulars and quotations, Phone Main 3000.

MURRAY & GREGORY, Ltd.
 St. John, N. B.

Painless Extraction Only 25c.
 Boston Dental Parlors

Head Office 527 Main Street Branch Office 85 Charlotte St.
 Phone 683 Phone 58
 DR. J. D. MAHER, Proprietor.
 Open 9 a.m. Until 9 p.m.

EVENING CLASSES For Winter Term
 Begin Monday, Oct. 4th.
 Nights: Mon., Wed., Friday
 Hours: 7.30 to 9.30.

Call, or send for Rate Card

Engraved Announcements, At Home and Visiting Cards.

FLEWELLING PRESS
 Market Square, St. John, N. B.

SPECIAL!
 Delicious, try it
Brown's Dainty Dinner Dish
 30c. per Tin.

Also Brown's Clams, the best on the market.
SMITH'S FISH MARKET
 Phone 1704. 25 Sydney St.

TEA AND COFFEE POTS

Hot Water Kettles
 Nickel Plated on Heavy Copper

No. 3—3 Pint Tea or Coffee Pots \$2.50

No. 4—4 Pint Tea or Coffee Pots \$2.75

No. 8—Hot Water Kettles \$4.00

No. 9 \$4.50

'Phone M 2640 **McAVITY'S** 11-17 King St.

A Handsome Tea Service

A Tea Service of life-time quality, beautiful in design, with every appearance of Sterling Silver.

Sets of this kind are as appropriate for wedding gifts as for your own home.

Our stock covers the whole range, from substantial table silver to Coffee and Tea Services. It will be well worth your while to investigate.

See our window display.

Ferguson & Page

The Jewelers 41 King St.

B. C. Red Cedar Shingles

\$6.50 per thousand.

Clear 8 inch and better for Roof or Wall. Order at once. Stock limited.

HALEY BROS., LTD. - St. John, N. B.

WATERPROOF CEMENT

Leather Belting
 FOR DAMP SITUATIONS
 Genuine English Oak-Tanned
 Manufactured By
D. K. McLAREN, Limited
 MAIN 1121 90 GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B. Box 702

Steel Wool
 STANDARD SIZES

M. E. AGAR 51-53 Union St.
 Phone Main 618 St. John, N. B.

FIRE ESCAPES
 Structural Steel, Bolts and Rods.
WM. LEWIS & SON, ST. JOHN, N. B.

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price.

What Style of Glasses Is Best For You?

Whether you wear glasses part of the time, or all the time—whether you sit at a desk, or your work requires you to be active—where you work—the cast of your features—these are some of the factors that enter into your getting the best style of glasses for you.

When you buy them at Sharpe's you get the service of an expert who takes real interest in fitting you with the best type of glasses for you, and making them so comfortable you forget you are wearing them.

L. L. SHARPE & SON
 Jewelers and Opticians.
 Two Stores:
 21 King St. 189 Union St.

Stringers For Stairs
 cut to your order from a good grade of spruce or coarse pine.
 Phone Main 1699.

The Christie Wood Working Co., Ltd.
 189 BRIN ST.

This Week's Prices for "Reliable Furs" Are Different

from what you would expect—with cold winter just ready to pounce upon us.

Last week you were offered something quite apart from the ordinary in bargains.

So this week's will doubly interest.

FOXES AND WOLF FURS

In a varied and pleasing assemblage of models and scarves and muffs are newly priced FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

Just see for yourself what you will save:

FOXES

| Black | Red | Taupe |
|-------|------|-------|
| \$75 | \$35 | \$75 |
| \$85 | \$40 | \$90 |
| 175 | \$45 | 100 |

| Cross | Sable |
|-------|-------|
| \$175 | \$75 |
| \$200 | \$90 |
| \$225 | 175 |
| \$300 | |

LESS 20 PER CENT!

WOLF

| Black | Natural | Grey or Taupe |
|-------|---------|---------------|
| \$30 | \$30 | \$35 |
| \$40 | \$35 | \$45 |
| \$50 | \$40 | \$55 |
| \$55 | | \$75 |

LESS 20 PER CENT!

HUDSON SEAL COATS

Is also newly priced THIS WEEK ONLY—scarves, capes, throat ties.

Scarves at \$150 and \$175 each (regular price) are less 20 per cent.

Capes the regular prices of which are: \$65, \$80, \$125, \$150, \$200 and \$275, at a 20 per cent discount.

Throat Strap Ties, regular \$30 value at a 20 per cent cut.

HUDSON SEAL COATS

In the sport styles and the longer models, and of course, fully guaranteed.

Seven at \$445 plus tax. Ten at \$495 plus tax.

And one of each of the following regular priced coats: \$600, \$675, \$700, \$725, \$900 (plus tax).

For this week only at a flat twenty per cent discount.

D. Magee's Sons,
 LIMITED

63 King Street
 Since 1859 in St. John