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NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—So much has been published of late regarding the recent increase in the price of some grands of the cheaper grades of package tea that a representative of The World, who called upon Mr. Melville, the general manager for Thomas J. Lipton, was most agreeably surprised to learn that the rise in the price is not yet general throughout the package tea trade, and our readers will be delighted to know that they can still procure Lipton's 25 cent grade, and that there are several more cartoons on the way to supply future needs.

When asked for reasons why certain interests have raised their prices, Mr. Melville informed our repesentative that, whilst the tea market fully justified their action, partly due to their limited purchasing powers, Sir Thomas Lipton had, when approached, cabled instructions that all prices were to remain the same, mentioning in his cable that as the better grades were not affected it would be a very great hardship upon the poor and unemployed under the present conditions of trade to pay more for their beverage at this time. "We are, of course, in a much more favorable position, due to having our own plantations in Ceylon and India, thereby enabling us to save the middlemen's profits and give a better tea for the same price, and though there is practically no profit to anybody to supply the public with a tea at 25 cents a pound the decrease in profits is nearly all counterbalanced by the greater consumption of the better grade teas, which are becoming more popular with the Canadian public.

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"The whole subject has been receiving the very close attention of Sir Thomas Lipton, and both he and his chief tea representatives are only just returning from Ceylon and India, where they have been carefully investigating this very subject. Though the full report of future conditions has not yet been received here, the latest cable advices are that there is no immediate necessity of any change in our prices. We cannot, of course, make any objection to those packers who have raised their prices. Circumstances alter individual cases, though we ourselves consider that the present is an ill-advised time to add further to the hardships of the poor."

The Oriental Influx.

OTTAWA, March 2.—(Special.)—Mr. Oliver told Mr. MacPherson (Vancouver) that 152 Japanese, including four naturalized Canadian and ten naturalized in other countries, have enfered British Columbia since February 1. Nine were Japanese returning to this country and nine were bound for the United States.

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SMOOTH MAN WITH GOOD STORY SWINDLED MANY

Sold Coal at $3.50 Per Ton, and It Looked Good—General City News.

HAMILTON, March 2.—(Special.)—Many citizens were the victims this afternoon of a man giving himself the name of J. Daly, and who represented himself as an M.C.R. agent. He said the company, owing to a smash-up, had some good coal to sell at bargain rates. He took many orders at $3.50 a ton, and in most cases secured a payment in advance. The following four cases were reported to the police: Mrs. Gibson, 799 East King-street, $3; Mrs. Davis, 17 West Barton-street, $3.50; Arthur Duggan, 36 Oak-avenue, $5; William Hofsas, 77 Steven-street, $7; a grand total of $18.50, that the enterprising man made in an afternoon. It is believed that there are many other cases not reported.

At a mock trial in the Centenary Church schoolroom this evening, J. Orr Callaghan was placed upon trial before Judge S. F. Lazier, on the charge of running his automobile at the speed of 100 miles an hour, of running down a banana man and stealing his wares, and of drinking Peruna. He was found guilty and recommended to mercy. W. M. McClemont was the crown prosecutor, and H. Carpenter appeared for the defence. The trial was held in connection with the men's annual entertainment. Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Verdict Quashed.

This afternoon Judge Monck quashed Police Magistrate Jelf's judgment, inflicting a fine of $25 on Trudell & Toby, who were accused of breaking a city bylaw by causing a blockade in front of their store, thru having a man fitting clothes in their window. The judge held that conviction could not be sustained under the city bylaw, under which proceedings were taken.

Paardeberg Chapter Daughters of the Empire decided at its annual meeting this afternoon to start a boarding-house and club in the north end for working girls. It was also agreed to fit up a ward for women in connection with the Consumption Sanitarium. There was a balance on hand of $456, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. P. D. Crerar, regent; Mrs. Van Allen, vice-regent; Dr. Rogers, treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Fearman, secretary; Mrs. J. Rose Holden, standard-bearer.

At the request of the mayor this evening the markets committee deferred action on the proposal to build a west end police station until the commissioners have a chance to consider the question. A. W. Peene was chosen as architect in case the building is erected. The matter of location of rag shops was left in the hands of a committee.

The board of health this evening appointed a sub-committee to meet the board of works to consider the question of turning the collection of garbage over to the board of works.

The Canadian Club attended Bennett's Theatre this evening, when an added attraction to the bill was a speech by J. O'Donoghue on the senate and other social ailments. He advocated either the abolition of the upper chamber or the election of members.

The police are keeping a sharp lookout for armed foreigners. This afternoon Constables Brannan and Gibbs locked up John Grazie, 157 North Macnab-street, on the charge of carrying an unlawful weapon. The constables say that he threw away a 38 calibre revolver just before they nabbed him.

Talked Behind Closed Doors.

aldermen appointed to confer with the Cataract Power Company magnates slipped off on the quiet Saturday afternoon and had a meeting behind closed doors. Another meeting of the same variety will be held Tuesday. The company claims that bonded indebtedness of $500,000 on the railway prevents it from borrowing another $500,000 needed for renewing the system, and wants the aldermen to fix the city's share of the company's earnings for the next five years at what it got last year, and to charge it, instead of 8, per cent. on the increase shown during the last fifteen years of the franchise period.

The farmers of Wentworth County are organizing telephone companies, and claim to have the backing of a large company, which will set up in opposition to the Bell Telephone Company and compete with the Bell Company for a franchise in Hamilton and Toronto.

Bishop DuMoulin and Bishop Dowling have both issued their usual Lenten letters. The latter counsels against the practice of attending theatres, dances and public entertainments during Lent.

Clifford Pawson, an English lad who stole a fur-lined overcoat and other articles, will likely be deported. Some of the stuff was taken at a banquet given to St. Mark's Church choir, of which he was a member.

A deadlock exists in the West Flamboro Council over the proposal to make a cut in the number of licenses. The question will probably be settled on March 16.

Ban on Secret Societies.

Bishop Dowling's pastoral letter read in the Catholic Churches of the Hamilton diocese yesterday contains another warning against secret societies, and declares that any Catholics who belong to the organizations under the ban must sever their connection immediately at any cost. Among the orders named are: The Knights of Pythias, Oddfellows, Masons, Sons of Temperance.

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that he did appear publicly in the company of notorious prostitutes, and (3) a charge also unprintable.

These are but the more recent manifestations in the life of these two public servants of habits which have for years been a public scandal in this territory.

Mr. Pringle also complained that similar charges made during the previous four or five years had been ignored by the government. He promised to give the names of his witnesses when the date of the hearing was fixed.

Mr. Henderson informed Mr. Pringle that the charges would be heard separately, those against Girouard on Oct. 9, and on Oct. 15 J. E. Girouard wrote to Commissioner Henderson that he had heard from Rev. Mr. Pringle by letter on Oct. 14.

In this letter Mr. Pringle had declined to proceed with his charges against him (Girouard) on the ground that he could not force witnesses to appear.

Girouard demanded that Pringle be asked to disclose the names of his chief witnesses whose testimony could not be obtained by reason of their refusal to attend an investigation. He suggested that Commissioner Henderson use his influence, "as I undertake to use mine to secure their attendance. I further undertake to bind myself to take no proceedings against any witness appearing against me at the instance of Mr. Pringle, provided such witness speaks the truth only. I ask that a day be fixed for the hearing, and that Mr. Pringle be asked to proceed against me on that day."

On Oct. 19 Commissioner Henderson forwarded Girouard's letter to Pringle, and said he would like to hear from him as early as possible as to the date on which he would be prepared to proceed.

On the same date Mr. Pringle wrote to the minister, enclosing Henderson's letter, and declared that when the government appointed the latter a commissioner, with power to subpoena, commit and protect witnesses he would be ready to establish his charges.

On Oct. 3 Mr. Pringle wrote to Commissioner Henderson that, "in view of your opinion, expressed to me, that under your instructions you have not the authority to summon and swear witnesses I must decline to appear as a prosecutor at the investigation ordered by the minister of the interior into the charges against Messrs. Lithgow and Girouard."

He added that it would be unwise for him to place himself at the mercy of unwilling, capricious or hostile witnesses and that even willing witnesses would hesitate to go before a commoner who could give them no protection. He suggested that Mr. Henderson might make an investigation as the agent of the minister of the interior or get from Ottawa the powers of a royal commissioner.

Wanted Power to Summon.

On November 3 Commissioner Henderson wrote to the minister enclosing Pringle's letter and suggesting that he (Henderson) be appointed a commissioner under the enquiries act. Previous to this, or on October 23, Mr. Pringle wrote to Commissioner Henderson refusing to take part in the enquiry till Henderson had secured the power to summon and examine witnesses under oath. He declined to fall into the arrangement suggested by Mr. Girouard whereby "we use all our influence to secure the attendance of witnesses who are to be protected by Mr. Girouard, providing they speak the truth only."

On October 30 Commissioner Henderson wrote Mr. Pringle that he was asking the government to appoint him a commissioner with authority to issue summonses and take evidence under oath.

On November 11 Mr. Cory, deputy minister of the interior, wrote Commissioner Henderson calling attention to the request made on August 30 that the investigation should go on at once instead of waiting for action on the part of Mr. Pringle.

He added, "If you have not already taken action as directed it will be well for you to do so without delay." Mr. Cory directed Commissioner Henderson to notify Mr. Pringle that if he was not prepared to agree to a date for an enquiry, Mr. Henderson was to fix a date and notify Mr. Pringle so that he might have the opportunity of submitting charges made against the officers or any others.

On November 11 Mr. Oliver wrote to Mr. Pringle that he saw no necessity for the appointment of a commissioner with the powers suggested by Mr. Pringle and that he had instructed Mr. Henderson to make an enquiry with a view to ascertaining all the facts. He said that if Mr. Pringle did not appear Mr. Henderson would have to proceed without his assistance, as the commissioner had been so instructed, adding, "and if for lack of evidence you say you are unable to furnish the investigation should not establish the facts which you desire established the fault is your own, not mine."

A General Reprt.

On December 7, Commissioner Henderson wrote to the minister giving a general report on the alleged immorality at Dawson. He said that on his arrival at Dawson on July 14, he found two dance halls in operation and that there was a division of opinion as to whether they constituted a menace to the public morals or otherwise. He said that he had obtained the passage of an order by the Yukon Council, amending the liquor ordinance so that liquor could not be sold in dance halls. As a result of this the larger of the two dance halls had gone out of business, and that the commissioner of police had informed him that others did but little business. Mr. Henderson observed that he did not find much foundation for the complaint that men were induced to drink to excess in the dance halls and lost large sums of money when intoxicated. Generally speaking, he was of the opinion that the standard of morality was as high in Dawson as in any other town in the Dominion, and from his own observations he was at a loss to understand the charge that there was more immorality there than elsewhere in Canada.

Wide Open at First.

There is a report from Major Wood, the assistant commissioner of the Mounted Police at Dawson, who says that while in the early days Dawson was no doubt run on the wide-open plan and gambling and immorality prevalent, that in recent years, and particularly since the suppression of gambling and the partial closing of the dance halls in August last, Dawson was as free from immorality as any eastern city.

On Dec. 7 Mr. Henderson wrote to the minister that as Rev. Mr. Pringle refused to submit charges and name witnesses, and as no other person in the territory had made charges respecting Yukon officials, he was unable to proceed further. On Jan. 9 this year the minister of the interior wrote to Commissioner Henderson that, in view of the facts he had no authority to make an enquiry under oath, such as Pringle desired and he did not see that his case called for further action on the commissioner's part. However, he instructed Mr. Henderson to report to him any information that might come to him of the actions of any official which might be construed as a public scandal.

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DESPATCHER NOT GUILTY.

End of the Fatal Myrtle Wreck Case at Whitby.

WHITBY, March 2.—(Special.)—The third criminal trial here within a year since the accident at Myrtle, when two C.P.R. trainmen were killed, resulted to-night in the jury returning a verdict of not guilty in favor of Geo. H. Wilkinson, train despatcher at Toronto, who sent the fatal order.

The case occupied the whole day at the spring assizes before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock.

The crown business was in charge of Mr. Gamble, K.C. The prisoner was defended by T. C. Robinette, K.C.

Wilkinson was charged with the offence of neglect, resulting in grievous bodily harm. Evidence of three despatchers agreed that it was not compulsory under the rules of the road to notify the operator at the meeting-place of a train crossing, which, in this instance, resulted in a head-on collision and double tragedy.

Owing to last night's storm, the northern division of the Grand Trunk is not yet open, and in consequence the jury panel present was only just enough to complete a jury to try this case.

A Successful Oyster Supper.

The Young Men's Club of Euclid-avenue Methodist church, met in their club room on Monday evening. After spending a couple of hours in miscellaneous games they retired to the school room for an oyster supper. When reaching the school room the supper was not quite ready and then sang till it was served. The speeches were appropriate and the boys enjoyed themselves immensely.

Small House Fire.

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An employe of Mr. Craig says that he knew Wood in Strathroy, where his family now live, and that he has since met him in California. He says that Wood, which is the man's right name, came out to see him at the undertaking rooms, and that he caught him trying to tear cheques from Mr. Craig's book and made him desist. He said that Wood must have made a second and successful attempt.

Wood was in police court yesterday morning on a charge of theft of $30 from the local agency of Charles Scribner's Sons. He was not ready to go on. He was remanded for a week.

NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW.

United States Alliances to Copy Canadian Measure.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 2.—(Special.)—Announcement was made here to-day by the Rev. Frederick J. Stanley of New York, that preparations are on to launch a campaign for a national Sunday law to be introduced into congress, framed along the lines of the Canadian law, which does not even allow freight trains to move a wheel on Sunday.

The first step will be taken at an executive committee conference to be held in Toronto, Canada, in May, to be attended by delegates from the Canadian Lord's Day Alliance, the American Sabbath Union, the Sabbath department of the W.C.T.U., and representatives of seven state Sabbath closing alliances not yet federated with the American national organization.

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