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NOTICE OF SALE.

To EDWARD POWER of the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester, Farmer:—
Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Fifth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five, and made between Edmond Power of the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, of the one part, and Philip Arnesen of the Parish of Saumarez, in said County and Province, Merchant, of the other part, Notice is hereby given, that for default in the payment of the moneys secured by said Mortgage, the same will, for the purpose of satisfying the said Mortgage, and the moneys secured thereby, BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, in front of the Court House in the Town of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, aforesaid, on TUESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of April next, at noon, all that Lot, Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Inverman, in the County of Gloucester, and bounded as follows:—Beginning at a stake standing at the Northeastern angle of Lot number one hundred and fifty-two, purchased by Charles Power, thence running Easterly to the land owned and occupied by Agass Motirow, thence Westerly to the rear line of the Lot, thence Southerly to the place of beginning, being a part of Lot number one hundred and fifty-three, on the Gaspean Brook, originally granted to John L. Power, and containing sixty acres more or less, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon.
Dated the Twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1906.
N. A. LANDRY, PHIL ARNESEAU,
Solicitor for Mortgagee. Mortgagee.

TO THE FARMERS

OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.
(Gentlemen)—Having leased the French Fort Cove Roller Flour Mill, Newcastle, we have put it in thorough repair and secured the services of Mr. Jas. Jones, one of the best millers in the county, Millers.
We are now prepared to receive your wheat, and will guarantee you every satisfaction as to returns and quality of flour.
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Railway Station, Newcastle.
FLETT BROS.,
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We will buy and pay cash for Farmers' Surplus Wheat and Buck wheat.

Teacher Wanted.
A second-class female teacher for District No. 5, Underhill, Blackville, for remainder of term. Apply, stating salary to **JAMES W. UNDERHILL,** Sec. to Trustees, Underhill P. O.

FATHER MAGUIRE, WRITES LETTER.

Denounces the Administration of the Scott Act Here.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ADVOCATE:
SIR:—The role of critic is always an unpleasant one to play, the more so when it has for its object local conditions and persons. So keenly does the present writer realize this truth that he has refrained, up to the present, from appearing in such a capacity until forced thereto by a state of things ever growing worse, which all must admit, prevail in this town of Newcastle. His only object is to let in the white light of publicity upon the dark places with the hope that his fellow townsmen may be shamed into the adoption of means to correct abuses; or, at least, to see that the laws are observed.

Of course, he is not of those who expect too much of human nature, or hope that virtue may be taught and enforced by law. But laxity in carrying out the provisions—even where the wisdom of its policy questioned—must, in the end, lead to social deterioration and demoralization of the community. This has made itself evident in this town of Newcastle, as it had already done in the town of Chatham, and was amply illustrated by facts.

LIQUOR FAIRLY FLOWED.
Northumberland County came under the Canada Temperance Act, known as the Scott Act, in 1887. At first it was fairly well applied, although much was left to be desired. But for the last two years or more liquor fairly flowed in this town of Newcastle; and the audacity of the law-breakers became more brazen from a sense of security begotten of the difficulty in the way of securing convictions.

We should distinguish between two classes of offenders, the licensed vendors and all others. Proof of sale was enough to convict the latter, whilst in regard to the form it was necessary moreover to prove that the sale was not for bona fide medicinal purposes. Here the advocates of the observance met their first real problem which appeared all but insoluble, as a result of the interpretation of the act and certain rulings of the new magistrate.

The amount of liquor, in however large quantities prescribed by a medical man for his 'patient' whom he might never have seen, or who might then be at his work or office, and who labored under a novel disease known as 'itis', or, stipped of its medical verbiage, 'thirst' was not to be regarded by the vendor as being for other than bona fide medicinal purposes. The name of some strolling doctor signed to the prescription was a pledge of immunity from consequences to the vendor. In substance, this was on the magistrate's ruling. I do not mean to question his knowledge or justice and impartiality. But to the man in the street and to the former magistrate a prescription calling for twelve or more bottles of whisky, which was far from unusual, was on the face of it one not for bona fide medicinal purposes.

If the act bore this interpretation, then it is a most pernicious act, not only failing in the purpose which it sought to obtain, but standing in the way of protection which a reasonable application of the New Brunswick licensing laws might be expected to afford. Hence we might well complain of the Dominion Parliament which gave us a law in other respects also defective. The misfortune is the greater since the Scott Act does not permit decisions on questions of fact to be reviewed or reversed by a higher court.

THE 'SICK MAN'S' AGENTS.
Again, the 'sick man' puts his prescription on file with the vendor. Other 'sick men' come to him for lines or orders to draw against his prescriptions for a bottle of whiskey which he gives very freely and frequently. They act

as his 'agents' by paying for it with their own money, carry it away to the streets or the lots and cure him by drinking it themselves. It is perfectly lawful for the vendor to receive and honor these bits of paper, without question.

Such substantiality is No. 2 ruling. The act thus becomes not one to restrain the sale of liquor, but one to protect the vendor against the consequences of his defiance of the law and his disregard for the well-being of the community. Moreover there appears to be nothing in the law, as we understand it here, to prevent the vendors from preserving the orders against each prescription, only long enough to throw inquisitive people or the inspector off the count of the orders drawn on each prescription; and having accomplished their purpose of safeguarding the vendor from prosecution, may, in whole or part, be destroyed when the danger is passed. In this way a prescription for, say, twelve bottles of spirits might be made to cover the sale of any additional quantities, however unlimited. And since as is held, the vendors are not obliged to show the inspector their prescriptions and orders, no means of comparison and verification remain.

Further, the act seems to have made no provision capable of reaching the abuse of doctors outside the county and practicing in counties not subject to the operation of the act, who sent their books of signed blank prescription forms into this county and the towns without, or for—often for a consideration—to certain parties who in turn for a drink distributed this paper among the 'faithful'.

There was a doctor formerly of Chatham and one of Rexton (N. B.) whose paper was fairly common to Newcastle. Another in this county did not find it inconsistent with a sense of decency to act similarly. Moreover, it was not necessary to have doctors' prescriptions; a line from a respectable man would open the tap to the proper person; for it acted as a voucher for the trustworthiness of the bearer. We need not marvel at the result. The fortunes rolling up in the hands of Scott Act monopolists was an invitation to unlicensed parties to try their luck in this 'Klondike'.

SENDING OUT OF TOWN FOR BOTTLES.
In consequence, places began to spring up like mushrooms or toadstools in a night, and multiply only to fatten upon the weakness and imprudence of the working class.

The railway station was an unguarded avenue. Numerous cases of spirits were expressed to town with perfect safety. Thirsty crowds of men on pay day deputed one of their number to board a north or south-bound train to a more or less distant town where a supply of liquor might be procured. This commissary, returning with a sack of bottles, would be met by the expectant crowd who displayed so little restraint that some of them 'fell by the wayside.' A crowd of some fifteen men might be seen on an afternoon behind stores on the main street, and sometimes in sight of the passers-by with two large bottles. There are now ten places in town which make the sale of liquor their exclusive business. It would be as reasonable to try to prove the existence of a fire in the woods on both sides of the Miramichi were allane, as to be asked to prove, what no

one here calls in question, that liquor flows in Newcastle.

Another phase of the evil is the incoming to the town of women; little if at all, better than strumpets driven out of neighboring towns by the force of public opinion or the pressure of the law, who keep places where rotten young men like vultures scenting carrion, or dogs, offal, congregate and heated with spirits, make the air of these dens lurid with profanity and dark with their obscenity.

When the inherent difficulties in the way of enforcing the Scott Act are weighed and appreciated, the state of things which prevails here in common with so many other localities could not continue for any length of time had the people reflected, that the seeds of disorder once sown, the outcome, however slow in coming to maturity and how great soever the efforts to retard it, must result in a harvest of evil consequences, both material and moral; or had they not been in sympathy with a lax administration of the law. A few days ago the people of Charlottetown and county, Prince Edward Island, voted against the continuance of the Scott Act. The temperance people accomplished their end, while the liquor dealers were quite content to remain in statu quo ante.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, at the next meeting of the Local Legislature, legislation will be applied for to make certain changes in the assessment law respecting the Town of Newcastle, also for the erecting of a fire district in the Town in accordance with certain demands of the Fire Underwriters, also, to provide funds for the building of permanent sidewalks and special taxation therefor on any property and the erection of a crib work at the public wharf, also for authority to impose taxes and assessments on certain properties within the Town and the amendment of an Act relating to the Town of Newcastle passed in the year 1900, also for the power to bond the floating indebtedness of the Town and to provide for necessary expenditure in connection with Water, Sewerage and Electric Light.
Dated this 26th day of January, A. D., 1906.

R. T. D. AITKEN,
Town Clerk.

TROUT MezzcWork

The undersigned have received from Mr. Nash of Maine the agency for New Brunswick for his famous trout mezzc work. A trout mezzc is one half the fish mounted upon a convex elliptical panel as to stand the fish out in bold relief, giving the effect of an oil painting or while mounted fish, with the real thing to see at your power. The process of preserving fish in this artistic way was discovered by Mr. Nash in 1900, and patented by him.

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