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Politics and Prohibition.

From an Unprejudiced Point of View.

By SPECTATOR.

A MORAL MELANCHOLY ABOUT THE SITUATION.

The attitude of the authorities in relation to the Prohibition Act I should be inclined to characterize as "laughing travesty" on civil administration, only there's a moral melancholy about it that turns satire into pity and ridicule into contempt. Drunkenness, with all its train of evils, is again quite prevalent in our midst—almost as prevalent as it was in the days of licensed public houses and "hush money"—while the owners of shebeens and dives are doing an active business on some of the principal streets of the city. It is a condition, not a theory, that now confronts us. Intoxicating liquors have been declared by the supreme law of the land to be illegal and contraband, and the Act referred to has defined what an intoxicating beverage is. It seems to me beyond the pale of argument that law-and-order-loving citizens, whatever their tastes and inclinations may be, should obey the law. This does not mean that they may not advocate its repeal, but they ought to do so strictly and carefully and sincerely, and not by processes of reason. They can succeed in obtaining an ordinance of repeal.

EFFORTS TO REGULATE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Most of us do not regard the drinking of wine, or beer, or distilled liquors, as a sine per se. Murder should be made a crime in law because it is in its very essence a sin, not merely because it is an injury to society. In some countries, spitting on a city

highway has been made a crime in law, because it has been found to be detrimental to society, and not because it is in itself reprehensible. For fifty years the people of Newfoundland continuously endeavored to regulate the liquor trade. They tried high license, public banishment, and local option. In spite of everything, the liquor trade continued to corrupt politics and disseminate vice and disease. In the struggle of half a century against the appalling evils of the commerce in wine, beer, and distilled liquors, prohibition is the last resort of a people and a Government that have tried almost every other conceivable remedy. It is too soon to say whether prohibition is a workable remedy, because it has not yet been given a fair show by the Police Department; but it may be, and if it should succeed in putting alcohol on the list of other toxic and medicinal drugs, and a generation of Newfoundlanders should grow up to look upon alcohol as every sane and wholesome Newfoundland now looks upon opium, an incalculable good will have been done, both for the individual and for society.

THE SACRIFICE OF "PERSONAL LIBERTY."

Of course, it is this social possibility which makes us willing to sacrifice our so-called "personal liberty" in order to see, after a fair trial, whether prohibition cannot be made to work. The only men who can discuss repeal with any adequate knowledge of the facts are our sons and grandsons. It is our duty to turn over the country to them, after having

made every possible, honest, and reasonable effort to prove the practicability and, therefore, the desirability of the law. Our sons and grandsons will be able to judge whether the law can achieve its great purpose or not only in the intervening years if it is obeyed and enforced.

A REFORMER INDICTED FOR FORGERY.

Speaking of the liquor question and those who are prominently identified with it, reminds me of a curious case which has recently occurred in the United States. William H. Anderson, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York State, and one of the most influential men in the National Council of the Anti-Saloon League, has been indicted by a Grand Jury on charges of larceny and forgery. Of course, the reader does not need to be reminded that an indictment is not a conviction and that a judgment must be withheld until these issues have been settled by trial. The charges were brought against Mr. Anderson as a result of his handling of the funds of the Anti-Saloon League. A similar case of less importance happened here in St. John's some years ago. However, during the course of the investigation he has lost public sympathy owing to his failure to put all his cards on the table. A policy of secrecy and evasion is never advisable, no matter how sure the man may be of the propriety of his acts. The surer he is the more open he should be.

STARTLING INFORMATION FROM PROFESSIONAL MEN.

It seems that in Switzerland one sees no drunkenness. Indeed, with such a sober, serious folk as are the Swiss one does not expect to find drink excesses. Yet in that proper of Swiss towns, Lausanne, eminent medical authorities inform us, no less than three-fifths of the cases in its municipal hospitals are due to alcoholic excesses. Perhaps not so large a proportion is characteristic of hospitals in other parts of Switzerland, but the proportion is sufficiently large to alarm the citizens in general, and the medical fraternity in particular.

"THE TEST OF SUCCESS IN POLITICS."

What is the test of success in politics, not only with respect to the liquor question, but in regard to all other matters? Office, position or decoration? No. Certainly not the latter, as recent notorious events in our own small community amply prove. According to the Right Hon. Lloyd George—and surely he ought to know—the only test of high success in political life is service. "I am the last man," he says, "to despise or to minimize exalted office. I have held some of the greatest in Great Britain for seventeen years, and I am proud of it. But office, rightly regarded, is only a wider opportunity for service. Without genuine service the memory of those who hold the most glittering offices soon perishes. It is he who serves that endures. Service alone embalms the memory of a departed life. Some of the best known and most honored names in the political history of the Empire are those of men who either never held office at all or in whose life office was but a transient, trivial and often distracting incident." Burke, Fox, Sheridan,

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Romilly, Bright and Shattisbury, each of them held office for a short period of their lives, but their official record is of little account, and, on the whole, added nothing to the sum of their achievements. Their renown, which is immortal, was won out of office. Wilberforce, Cobden, Cobbett, Pittsoll, Daniel O'Connell, and all the great Irish leaders, also the men who fought for the solidarity and independence of labor in Great Britain, never held office, but their contributions to human liberty, dignity and happiness are so great that their names will endure forever.

PREMIER WARREN'S OPPORTUNITY.

To get back to local affairs! Patriotism on the part of our politicians of both parties (and let me say the people generally) requires that, under existing circumstances, Premier Warren be given opportunity to demonstrate the qualities of leadership adequate to the occasion, which those who know his forbears believe are in him. But he must redeem his promise to probe to the bottom the political ineptitudes of his predecessor in office, and the almost equally culpable men who aided and abetted him in his official turpitude. Then, and not till then, will it be possible to have a better condition of things here. The natural resources of the colony ought to be equal to all the reasonable requirements of the people. Our great fishing, mining, lumbering and agricultural resources, if properly applied, should—with economy and capacity on the part of the Government—be more than ample to support in comfort twice 260,000. There is nothing in the outlook to make us think otherwise.

WHAT THE DOUBTERS FAIL TO REALIZE.

Of course, the slight tendency towards inflation both in prices and wages during the past few years has awakened a pessimistic mood in some observers—who believe that industrial costs are too high for permanent prosperity. But the consuming public always has it within its power, to check inflation by curtailing its demand. What the doubters fail to realize, is the extent and power of the domestic market. Up to recent times, this country, as compared to some others, had reason to be proud of its prosperity. This shows that the colony has within itself quite a large economic circle, consisting of some of the most necessary productions. One of our greatest obstacles to sustained production and prosperity is the widespread lack of faith in the domestic market. Some working men are misled by the notion that there is only a limited amount of work to be done, and that the way to make work is to shirk. The fallacy lies in the failure to realize that production often creates demand. It has done so with hundreds of articles like automobiles, phonographs, toilet goods and even better homes in the outports as well as in the city. Human wants are insatiable, when awakened. They are limited only by purchasing power. This colony has held to the idea that a high living standard for all is better than ostentation for a few. A decent living standard for the masses may not result in such large capital accumulations as have been known in the past, but it is resulting in a great flow of consumption-goods. This is the movement now on foot in this colony, and it gives new possibilities to the domestic market. The way to sustained production and prosperity lies in keeping the standard of living and purchasing power high!

POSSIBILITY OF RESTORING EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION.

However, if the Government and popular opinion continue to support Mr. Warren, he will, doubtless, succeed in restoring efficient administration, under which our people can go forward some distance in improving themselves and their affairs and conditions. At present we seem to be a long way from capacity to govern ourselves wisely and well. The Anglo-Saxon peoples do not govern themselves any too well under the best of circumstances. But they have been doing it a long while, in spite of awkward little jolts, from time to time, such as we are experiencing just at this moment, and they will probably continue to do it "world without end!"

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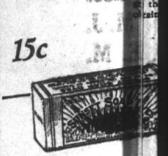
A meeting of the Regatta Committee for 1923 took place in the T. A. Armoury last night. President A. Hiscocq occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of members. The report of the Treasurer showed that a substantial balance had been placed in the bank for next year's event. President Hiscocq announced that Mr. H. D. Reid had intimated to him that he was building a new boat for

Personal.

Miss J. Hart left by the Atlantic day on a visit to an aunt in Montreal. Miss Isabel Campbell, 7 Hamilton Avenue, is booked as a passenger on the Boston-Boston by S.S. Digby, Monday, on a visit to relatives.
AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place—Greenfield, England; Dr. W. S. Cunier, L'Anse-au-Loup, Quebec; Mrs. C. G. Murell, Littleton, Colorado; Master F. Murell, Littleton, Colorado.



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KNIGHTS' CONVENTION GREAT SUCCESS.
The Convention of the Knights of Columbus was a great success. It was the largest ever held in the Met. Canada. Fully ten thousand were in the City during the week. The parade to the Church was nearly a mile and was favorably commented on by other parties. The parade of Quebec was organized by the delegates from the States, other parts of Canada and the Dominion of Newfoundland. The religious service at Dame Church was a success, and was only exceeded

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