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There are all sorts of business propositions in the air. The Port Wade Lumber Co. Ltd., will start from Halifax this week, and a company from Halifax has about completed the purchase of lands and lumber, and mill, etc., of J. F. Morrison, of Thorne's Cove, and though they have not given out any particulars, it is believed they will ship large quantities of pulpwood from this port.

Capt. Andrew Baxter, with loaded two-mast vessel, is lying at anchor here, awaiting a chance out for St. John.

Mr. M. F. Prosser, of Tazet, Yarmouth County, was in the village last week.

Mrs. Vandora White, of staff of Grand Hotel, Yarmouth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane Litch for a few days.

Miss M. P. Dickie, teacher of Acadiaville school, Digby Co., spent the week-end at home of R. R. H. Hayden.

Our wharf is in need of repairs which no doubt will be attended to in the near future. Our needs are many. We also need a new ferry boat.

The snow on our streets is nearly gone and dust appears in some places. The sick of this place are getting out again. A few cases of mumps are about all we have to jaw about now.

The railroad section boss, W. McGrath, is fixing up the bad places in order that we may have the iron horse with his waggon come this way again.

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THE BOARD OF VENDOR COMMISSIONERS

Righteousness or Revenue?

The Board commenced business in May, 1922. Within a few months complaints were lodged with the Social Service Council to the effect that shipments of liquor in large quantities were being obtained by various druggists, doctors, and vendors. We immediately communicated with the inspector-in-Chief requesting him to deal, as provided for in the Act, with such physicians as were careless or improvident in the giving of certificates for liquor.

In September, 1921, we wrote the Board protesting against the shipments of liquor that were being used, without question, for other than medicinal purposes, and suggesting that when it would appear orders for liquor were excessive the Board should refuse shipment. We also suggested that the judgment of any County Medical Association, or reputable body of physicians would guide the Board in determining what would constitute a reasonable quantity. We further requested that this matter be submitted to the Government by the Board. The Government took no action.

At the 1922 session of the House of Assembly legislation could have been enacted to limit the output of liquor and (2) for co-operation between the Inspector-in-Chief and the Board to remedy abuses in the giving of prescriptions and certificates for liquor. But nothing was done. The Government, at that session, refused to amend the Act to prevent the enormous distribution of liquor.

In May, 1922, we wrote Premier Murray, making complaint regarding the scandalous state of affairs that prevailed. We quoted figures which showed the extent of this disgraceful business and urged the Government to have the output of liquor by the Board curtailed.

In reply of our letter Premier Murray said: "The regulations which the Commissioners have authority to make, relate to the conducting of the business of the Board, and such things as may be necessary or expedient for that purpose. I am advised that the regulations which the Board is empowered to make do not cover the matter of limiting quantities of liquor to be supplied to those lawfully entitled to purchase the same."

The time has come, since the Government refused in 1922 to take any action to remedy matters, the time has now come, at the present session of the Legislature, to provide by Statute that the Board with the approval of the Governor-in-Council may make the necessary regulations. We are hopeful that Premier Armstrong's Government will most seriously consider this whole question, and take such action as will result in bringing to an end conditions which self-respecting people can no longer tolerate.

The question to be decided within a few weeks, by the Government and by the votes of our representatives in the House of Assembly, is, God or Mammon, Righteousness or Revenue.

H. R. GRANT,
General Secretary
N. S. Social Service Council.

CLARENCE

Now that Spring has come what about our Clarence road. Is the "stone crusher" going to set idle another year, or will it be put at work this Spring. If some one in authority would order stones hauled to the crusher there would soon be enough to finish the road in the limits of those cases where there is no head. A great record—two miles in ten years—and the crusher idle the rest of the time.

The Annual Meeting of the Paradise and Clarence U. B. Church will be held in Clarence Monday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Interesting evening session arranged.

We sympathize with the relatives of Rupert Sandford, who was drowned at Paradise. He was a former resident of this place and a member of the Paradise and Clarence Baptist Church.

Sorry to report Mrs. S. N. Jackson suffering with a sprained ankle. Saving wood and pressing hay is quite a change from shovelling snow.

Mrs. Lord, of Boston, visited her sister, Mrs. A. M. Jackson, recently.

SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS

By The G. W. V. A. And The Royal Commission Findings In Tabled

1. That the regulations based on section 25 (3) of the Pension Act have been so amended by the Board as to nullify the intention of this section, and thus cause the cancellation of many awards previously made, and the rejection of legitimate claims now under consideration. —Sustained.

2. That the 1920 and 1921 amendments to section 11 of the Pension Act have been made applicable to ex-service men of the C.E.F., contrary to the intention of Parliament in accepting these amendments and the assurances publicly given by the Commissioners, thus withholding pension from a large class of dependents. —Sustained.

3. That regulations were secretly introduced under which the Board assumed power to reject applications for insurance policies under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act on medical grounds, despite the decision of Parliament that such insurance would be available to all qualified applicants without regard to the conditions of health at the time of application. —Sustained.

4. That the aforesaid regulations have been illegally concealed and that adverse decisions have been rendered thereupon without disclosing same to the individuals affected, thus causing great distress and dissatisfaction. —Sustained.

5. That the general procedure of the Board was such as to place the burden of proof with regard to attributability (of a disability to war service) entirely upon the claimant for pension, and that as a result many ex-service men and dependents have been denied a proper opportunity to establish their rights. —Sustained.

6. That pensions have been reduced following a review of the findings of the local examiners by the headquarters office in a manner contrary to the procedure announced before the Select Committee of the House of Commons (on pensions and re-employment). —Sustained.

7. That undue severity has been exercised with respect to disability ratings, which to some extent confirms the report that secret instructions have been issued to reduce pensions in every way possible. —Sustained.

With the elimination of the words "undue" and "secret," the Royal Commission stating that there was a limited revelation of the instructions, but not sufficient to avoid suspicion that some ulterior action had been taken by the Board.

DALHOUSIE WEST

We are sorry to report that Miss Mildred Todd had to go to Halifax for an operation of appendicitis. Miss Effie Shipp, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Shipp, has returned to her work at Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Annie Berry, who has sold her property at Moose River, came here to reside with her brother, Mr. James Hannam.

Quite a number are on the sick list here with colds and a gripe. The snow is slowly disappearing, but the bare ground is making its appearance.

Several flocks of wild geese and ducks have passed over.

The Sewing Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Freeman Shipp, Wednesday, April 18th.

Mrs. Chas. Merry, who has been visiting here parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, has returned to her home at Lawrence town.

At the special session of the Baptist Convention for the Maritime Provinces College Federation was voted against by an overwhelming majority, about 216 to 4. The delegates in favor being from the First Baptist Church, Halifax.

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