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**Criticism of  
Prohibition Act.**

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In my last letter I promised to deal further with "The Prohibition Plebiscite Act, 1915." First, let me point out how difficult it will be to enforce it. It is not a part of the Intoxicating Liquors (License) Act or of the Temperance (Local Option) Act. Consequently, the rights of entry to private houses and of seizure and confiscation of liquor do not apply, and the Prohibition Act contains no provisions granting such rights. If you fine a man you cannot confiscate his liquor. If a policeman proceeds against an offender he cannot seize the liquor nor enter the offender's house. Nor is the presence of liquor on a premises prima facie evidence of its wrongful possession. Possession of liquor is most difficult of proof and the policeman runs the risk of action for illegal entry and of fine or imprisonment for having the seized liquor in his possession. Under the License Act the policeman, if he makes a mistake, cannot be fined more than five cents or made pay damages more than five cents. Under the Prohibition Act he has no protection and may be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred! Besides he may be made to pay heavy damages. Under the License Act the policeman can proceed only in cases of illegal sale and for the fines under that Act. Possession of liquor is not an offence under the License and Temperance Acts.

The burden of proof under the License Act lies on the accused. Under the Prohibition Act the burden of proof lies on the prosecutor. The offender has only to keep his mouth shut. The policeman will have to prove that the liquor came into the Colony after January 1st, 1917. Some job!

There is no limitation of action under the Act, and a man of forty may be fined on the oath of a couple of witnesses for having had a glass of whiskey or rum when he was twenty years old!

It is open to question whether the Legislature has the right to amend an Act confirmed by the people. If in this case, then it might do it in case a big contract was submitted to the electorate direct, as suggested last spring in the House of Assembly. If this Act can be amended in one respect, why not in another? Why not stop the use of alcohol as a medicine (as some people advocate), or why not confiscate all liquors obtained before January 1st, 1917?

Now spirit levels and thermometers contain alcohol. Under this Act only a manufacturer may sell alcohol used for manufacturing purposes. These instruments are not manufactured in this Colony. A merchant is not allowed to sell alcohol for any purpose. Say, Mr. Carpenter, what are you going to do when you break your level and cannot import or buy another. Will you have to get a medical certificate that the level is sick?

How is the Weatherman at Toronto to prophesy a storm when all our thermometers are broken? Do we want another "Newfoundland" disaster. Bye the bye, did not Captain Randell send out ardent spirits to save the lives of the frostbitten survivors of that disaster? Was there any evidence at the enquiries adduced to show that alcohol had caused the death of any of those poor men? On the contrary, was it not shown that the use of stimulants on the morning they were discovered had saved some of their lives? As a man would have to be sick before he could obtain possession of liquor and put it on board his ship, what captain would

risk a five hundred dollar fine and carry it? Are we going to insist on a doctor and a druggist (both duly qualified) being on board every steamer, schooner, "jack" and "bully" that leaves port?

Section 27 reads: "It shall be lawful for any person to have in his possession any intoxicating liquors for use for religious, medicinal or manufacturing purposes, but it shall be unlawful to sell such intoxicating liquors unless he be duly licensed under the provision of the next preceding section."

The next preceding Section No. 26, says nothing about a license. It refers to the use by a manufacturer of intoxicating liquors for trade purposes. Section 25 it is that speaks of licenses to doctors and druggists. The term "Intoxicating Liquors" includes "all ale, wines, malt, brewed or spirituous liquors containing two per cent or upward of alcohol in volume." Does this include pure alcohol? Then cut out the spirit levels and barometers and fine the teacher of chemistry who shows his class how to test for Nickel. There is no provision for its use by scientists. If it is not a spirituous liquor, then everybody can import it. Then see the rush for lemons, sugar and hot water. Add a little cochineal or gravy browning and it will look like wine or rum. The dilemma is either to have our houses and churches falling about our ears for lack of spirit or to see all the old toppers blind, blazing drunk as usual!

The term includes Bay Rum. What do you say to that, Mr. Barber? What about "Beet, Iron and Wine" or "Railways Ready Relief"? Can we purchase them after January 1st, 1917? I question it very much. There is a big trout in the Museum. What is it preserved in? The "cursed stuff" again. Be careful of it Mr. Howley, you may never get another. It is not "manufactured" it is merely a "scientific" specimen. We'll have no further use for them now! Exit Museum.

Seriously speaking, Mr. Editor, I have indicated a few points to show how difficult it is to enforce the law. There are ways besides in which individuals and companies may "work out much trouble and expense break the law and keep the liquor."

During the five years I was in the Attorney General's Office I made Temperance Legislation my special study. I do not pretend to know it all; but I may say that the Rev. James Bell consulted me before taking any step in attacking the Licensing Board, in framing the proposals for amendments to the License Act and during the Local Option Campaign.

I have no hesitation in declaring that the Act is unfair in that it does not prevent a rich man doing what a poor man cannot do; it is difficult if impossible of enforcement, and so full of blunders as to be ridiculous.

No lawyer was ever hired to draw it up and we know that few lawyers can afford to work for nothing. Again I say, "Some Act!"

Yours truly,  
WARWICK SMITH.

P.S.—I am prepared to have some sections of the Act quoted against me. I will deal with them in good season.  
—W. S.

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**Supt. Blackall Protests**

To the Editors of the City Daily Papers.

Dear Sirs,—I beg permission to use the columns of your paper for the purpose of protesting against the conduct of the Prohibition Committee in their attempt to utilise the schools of the city as canvassing agencies on behalf of prohibition.

There cannot be a question as to the desirability of teaching temperance in our schools but on the efficacy of prohibition there are ever likely to be two opinions. Temperance and prohibition are as far apart as the poles; temperance operates by the exercise of free will, prohibition by coercion; temperance is a divine means, prohibition a human one. As public opinion is divided in twain on the question of prohibition and as the campaign is similar in many of its features to a political one, I feel that the introduction of it into our schools most undesirable and harmful.

As the main purpose of this note is to utter a protest, I refrain, for the present at all events, from expressing my views further on the question of prohibition, preferring not to influence unduly the mind of any who might look to me for a lead in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. BLACKALL,

Supt. Education (C. of E.).

St. John's, October 27th, 1915.

**Wedding Bells**

POPE—SEELY.

The marriage of Ethel Botwood, daughter of Mrs. Madeline S. Pope, to Mr. Roy Alfred Seely, son of Mr. Alfred Seely, took place quietly at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 15th, at the residence of the bride's mother, 93 Laporte avenue, where yellow flowers and greenery formed the decorations. The Rev. G. O. T. Bruce, of St. James the Apostle Church, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a travelling suit of navy blue broadcloth trimmed with chinchilla fur, and a hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Pope, wearing mauve voile with a black hat and carrying sweet peas, and Mr. L. A. Kenyon was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Seely left after the ceremony for Lake Placid. [The bride is a granddaughter of Thos. Long, Esq., I. S. O.]

**Here and There.**

**THE BEOTHIC.**—The S. S. Beothic is at Sydney loading coal for here.

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**PRICE ADVANCED.**—The price of the best cured quality of fish advanced yesterday.

**FLORIZEL'S SAILING.**—The s.s. Florizel is expected to leave New York to-morrow for Halifax and this port.

**ANOTHER FLOUR CARGO.**—The S. S. Dwyer is expected to arrive shortly from Montreal with a cargo of flour.

**B. I. S. CONCERT.**—A variety concert, at which Hon. J. D. Ryan will preside, will be held at the B. I. S. rooms this evening.

**GOOD FISHING.**—Local fishermen found cod plentiful on the grounds this morning. Some fine boat loads were secured; the fish were of a very large size.

**RETURNED FROM LABRADOR.**—Yesterday the schooners Pointers and Anti-Confederate returned to Harbor Main from Labrador with 100 and 250 qtls. of fish respectively.

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**MEETS THIS AFTERNOON.**—The postponed annual meeting of the Licensing Board comes off at the court room this afternoon. Five publicans will not be renewing their licenses.

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**ARRIVALS AT HR. GRACE.**—The following schooners have arrived at Harbor Grace from Labrador during the week: Coronation, 300 qtls.; M. F. Harris, 200; Arthur Jim, 200; Mary, 200; Constance, 300; Panorama, 400, and Studland, 300.

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in History.**

OCTOBER 28.

Full Moon—23rd

Days Past—300 To Come—64

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**JOHN LOCKE** died 1704, aged 72. The parent and representative of English philosophical thought in the 18th century. Author of the famous "Essay concerning Human Understanding."

**MAX MULLER** died 1900, aged 77. He came to England from Germany in 1846 and became Professor of Modern Languages at Oxford. He was a chief authority on Oriental manuscripts and his books on philological subjects are standard works.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY** founded 1636. The first American University established by John Harvard a settler from Cambridge, England.

**GREAT WAR 1914.** Progress by the Allies between Cambrai and Arras reported.

Defeat of German forces by Belgian forces at Kl. Senie, Lake Tanganyika, announced.

**Prohibition Meeting.**

The Prohibition meeting held in the Casino Theatre last night was largely attended, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. Hon. R. Watson presided, and in his opening remarks reviewed the progress that has been made by the various workers, and informed the meeting that reports from all sources are most encouraging. After referring to the several branches of the Committee which are at work in various parts of the Island, he introduced the first speaker of the evening, Hon. John Harvey.

Mr. Harvey made a practical speech, emphasizing the fact that Prohibition would not be detrimental to the financial interests of the country. He was convinced that the abolition of intoxicants would mean a greater earning and saving power and with these a better moral, social and home life.

Mr. W. J. Ellis, President of the Total Abstinence Society, followed taking the place of Mr. J. F. Downey, M. H. A., who was absent through illness. Mr. Ellis gave an interesting address which was very much appreciated by the meeting.

Hon. J. A. Robinson was the next speaker. He emphasized the value of the franchise and would urge every man to vote, whether for or against. Mr. W. P. Coaker, M. H. A., who followed, was of the opinion that there would be a majority of at least 3,000 votes above the number required.

Speeches were also made by Messrs. J. M. Devine and H. E. Cowan who held the close attention of the audience during their remarks.

At the close a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. John Browning and seconded by Mr. R. Callahan was accorded the speakers, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

**Our Volunteers.**

Matters were dull in recruiting circles yesterday and there were no new enlistments. Those who joined recently are making good progress at drill. The promotion of Pte. A. B. Baird to Corporal was announced. Sergt. H. Williamson has been transferred to H. Company. The day was spent at indoor drill.

**College Football.**

The championship in the inter-collegiate football series was decided yesterday evening when the Collegians and St. Bon's met, the latter coming off victorious by 5 goals to 2. The exhibition was not as good as was witnessed at the previous meeting of these teams so that the score afforded little indication of the match. The defeat of the Methodist College boys was mainly due to poor goal-tending.

In the first half the winners scored three times to their opponents' once, and in the second half both teams scored once. This is the third year in succession that the St. Bon's have won the Championship cup and they now become absolute owners of it. We congratulate them.

**Concert and Sociable in aid of the Newfoundland Highlanders, Presbyterian Hall, Oct. 29th, 8.15. Candy and Ice Cream for sale. Tickets 30c.—o25,m,w,f,3i**

**From Private Bastow.**

Mrs. F. Bastow, of Pennywell Road, has received word that her son Private William Augustus Bastow, of the Nfld. Regiment, who was recently reported wounded in the Dardanelles, is now in hospital in Malta. He is suffering from a bullet wound in the back. Private Bastow was a member of the Newfoundland Highlanders previous to enlisting.

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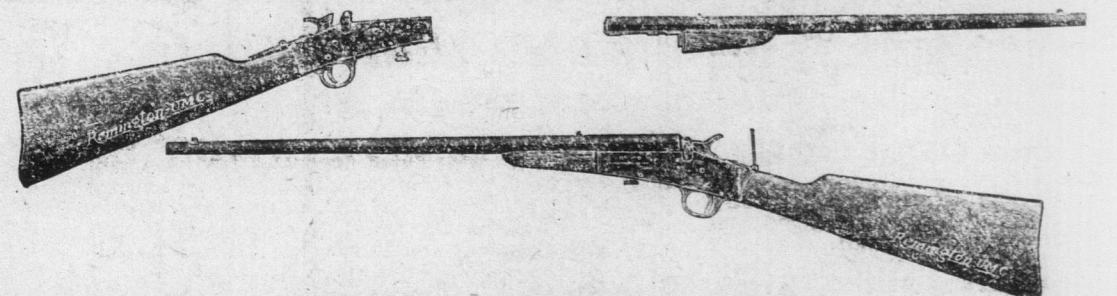
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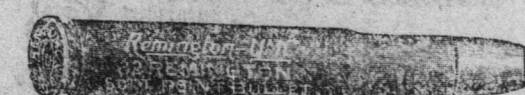
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