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## EVERYBODY'S DUTY.

The relation of the average citizen to law enforcement is a matter of great importance in connection with the constant violation of the prohibitory law in St. John. Every citizen is, or ought to be, interested in having a sober city, and especially in saving the city from the daily disgrace of having drunken men arrested and fined. Quite too many men are being boarded in jail at the city's expense who ought to be earning an honest living. Bootlegging in St. John could be stopped in a week if all the people who are opposed to it would exert themselves to that end. It is quite useless to assert that this is a Christian city while so many so-called Christians are engaged in an unholy traffic or permit it to be carried on under their noses with impunity. The theory that a law will enforce itself ought to be abandoned. Neither is it possible for a few officers to prevent violation of the law if a much larger number of men find it profitable to evade the law, and all the rest of the people look on as if the little affair between officer and violator were of no concern to them than a boxing match or wrestling bout. This paper has suggested that a vigilance committee to assist the officers of the law would be a good thing. Every well meaning citizen ought to be a member of that committee, giving at once to the proper authorities any information likely to lead to the arrest of a bootlegger or the discovery of a stock of liquor illegally held. Action of this sort is necessary not only for the protection of youth but in order that returning soldiers may not have temptation thrust in their way or poison offered them as an evidence of welcome. Every pastor of every church in St. John should urge his people to join in a crusade against an evil that ought to be rooted out, and that can be rooted out whenever public sentiment has been sufficiently aroused. Surely the citizens are growing tired of the daily police court reports.

## PLAYGROUNDS.

The Montreal Herald says:—"The city council is to be asked by Ald. Rubenstein to petition the Administrative Commission not only to create greatly improved conditions in the city's playgrounds, but to add very materially to the number of these breathing and recreation places."

The Bangor Commercial tells of a meeting of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Maine Fair Association and high school athletic councils to consider plans for laying out a great athletic field in Maplewood Park, for baseball, football and other games.

An American exchange notes the fact that the city of Baltimore in the last twenty years has developed a wonderful playground movement, including park and school playgrounds, play story centres, after school classes and recreation centres, covering both the summer and winter season.

Indeed one can scarcely glance over a newspaper from any city outside of St. John without discovering that play is regarded as a vital part of life. When will the people of this city bestir themselves and get behind the Playground Association to provide spaces for free play? The movement to organize an Improvement League in each of the four sections of the city should be encouraged.

The South End has playgrounds. When will the East, West and North Ends follow suit?

Here are some facts gathered by Ald. Rubenstein of Montreal to present with his plea for a larger expenditure than \$20,000 per year for Montreal playgrounds:—

"Buffalo has the following playgrounds:—Terrace playgrounds, 57,900 square feet; Johnstone playgrounds, 78,822 square feet; Bird Avenue playgrounds, 46,000 square feet; Sidway playground, 60,000 square feet; Lanigan playground, 80,000 square feet; Glenwood playground, 46,000 square feet; Collins playground, 108,000 square feet; Seventh street playground, 35,800 square feet; Welcome playground, 20,000 square feet; Delevan playground, 101,000 square feet; Lincoln playground, 94,400 square feet; Clinton playground, 101,000 square feet; Vermont playground, 25,591 square feet. All these playgrounds are equipped with swings, climbing ropes, hand-ball courts, shower baths, bathing houses, and a score of other things attractive to the young. Each ground has a caretaker and the young are taught manners and to be tidy in their habits."

"Buffalo has also enormously increased its old park areas and acquired many new parks. The dimensions of these parks are imposing as is here seen: Delaware Park, 365 acres; Humbolt Park, sixty-five acres; Front Park, forty-eight acres; South Park, 155 acres; Canova Park, 106 acres; Riverside Park, forty acres. Nearly all of the parks are intersected with asphalted boulevards. A splendid zoological garden has been established in Delaware Park. The area of the zoo covers seventeen acres. It is a great resort for the masses. Additional information shows that many other cities in the United States are still more amply supplied with playgrounds, parks, and squares, than even Buffalo."

The report that a Soviet government had been set up in Turkey is not confirmed, and is believed to have emanated from Bolshevik sources.

## THE PREMIER AND OTHERS

The Standard has discovered that Hon. W. E. Foster is deliberately unfair and addicted to political trickery. It finds also that "Mr. Foster committed an admittedly dishonorable act in ensuring opponents whom he knew to be innocent of the allegations made against them"—meaning the four members of the legislature who by a majority vote in the legislature were invited to resign their seats. The Standard says exactly what the public expects it to say. At least two of the four men invited to resign are interested in the Standard newspaper. It is their organ. It says what they want it to say, and they certainly would not condemn themselves. As to their innocence of the charges made against them, the people do not have to take the word of Premier Foster, but the sworn testimony of the men themselves. It is there in the evidence taken before royal commissions and has been read by the people. That evidence was so convincing that the colleagues of the four members named submitted a resolution charging them with indiscretion and expressing regret at their acts. Even hide-bound partisans could not wholly endorse the acts of those four men in the face of their own admissions. They should have resigned their seats.

In a talk on the Ontario housing scheme last week in Toronto, Mr. J. A. Ellis, provincial housing commissioner, said:—"I do not think it is at all likely that the province of Ontario is going to top at lending \$8,500,000. Up till tonight there have been twenty-three municipalities outside of Toronto, some in, and they want about \$7,000,000. There will be forty or fifty more come in, and the government's money is already nearly all gone."

The Italian delegates to the peace conference are still holding out for more than the other powers are disposed to give, in the readjustment of frontiers. Their demands must be extreme or their Allies would readily assent. The situation is such as to cause anxiety, but Italy cannot afford to hold aloof from the league of nations, even if she does not get all she wants of the Adriatic coast.

Toronto Globe:—"The London Advertiser says the beer and wine vote in Quebec was a victory for moderation. The word 'moderation' is a camouflage which will be extensively used in Ontario by the enemies of the Ontario Temperance Act. It will be convenient also for journals which seek an excuse for their desertion of prohibition principles."

St. John will extend a very hearty welcome to Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell. And every boy in St. John will assert that Sir Robert is "a good old scout." His last visit to St. John when he was a guest of the Canadian Club, is remembered with pleasure by many citizens.

The welcome given the Calvin Austin of the Eastern Steamship Company's line, yesterday was expressive of a universal feeling. The war had interrupted a valued and popular service that had grown with the years, and its restoration is hailed with satisfaction throughout the province.

The Ontario government has decided to contribute towards the maintenance of county highways upon the same basis toward construction of them, or forty per cent of the total outlay for maintenance.

Canada may build up trade with Argentina. A working knowledge of Spanish should be acquired by young Canadians looking toward a commercial career in connection with South American trade.

More power to the elbow of the South End Improvement League. May its work for the boys and girls receive the support of all the people of that section of the city.

A great many homes are made happy these days by the return of loved ones from overseas. A more general display of flags would emphasize the universal welcome to the returning soldiers.

The Germans are still trying to foment trouble in Egypt and India, but the German dream of an eastern empire has been shattered, and German influence is well.

Never have the sons of St. George had greater cause for rejoicing than they have today.

"Speaking about profiteering," said the tall man, "things like this story of the Scotch shopkeeper, Sandy Macfee, who, while talking to the manager of a London emporium, said: 'Ye'll pardon my askin' ye, sir, but what profits can ye mak' in London?' 'O, as for that,' was the reply, 'on some articles 5 per cent, on others 10 per cent, and on some 20 per cent.' 'Twenty per cent! Man, it's awful!' 'But don't you?' asked the Londoner. 'Nae sic luck,' exclaimed Sandy. 'I can't mak' 1 per cent. I just buy a thing for a shillin' and I sell it for twa.'"

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When the last Celt in Erin's Isle Lies prone on Erin's sod; And Cambria's last brave hillman hails The summons of his God;

When Canada's last stalwart son Lies stark amid her snows; When India's last prince Sikh has hurled Defiance at her foes;

When the great Southern Isles have Their eager, last recruits; And Boer and Briton from the Veldt Lie rigid, mangled, mute;

Yea, when Columbia's flag unfurls No more at Freedom's call; Then, not till then, know foe, or friend, Shall Britain's Empire fall!

—Martha E. Richardson, in Western Methodist Recorder.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

A mother, indignantly to find her little daughter low in her class at school, exclaimed wrathfully: "I'm out of all patience with you, Mollie. I should just like to know why."

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Frederick H. Becker, with the company for thirty-six years, and for the last thirteen years its treasurer, was elected vice-president, and Henry W. George, with twenty-nine years of service with the company, was made treasurer.

## THE NAME QUESTION.

127 Duke St., St. John, N. B., April 21, 1919.

Sir—I enclose a cutting that will speak for itself. I have long been surprised that this province where people have done so well in the great war was not patriotic or energetic enough to throw off its Hun name. Will it still bear the disgraceful name, I wonder?

Yours truly,  
JOANNA M. HUDSON,  
(London Daily Mail).

The London Gazette announces the removal from the British peerage of: H.R.H. Leopold Charles, Duke of Albany, Earl Clarence, and Baron Arklow. H.R.H. Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and Teviotdale, Earl of Argyll.

H.R.H. Ernest Augustus, the Duke of Brunswick, Prince of Great Britain and Ireland; and Henry Viscount Tassie of Corren and Baron of Ballymore.

The order-in-council recalls that under the Titles Derivation Act, 1917, the king in November last appointed a private council committee to report the names of any persons enjoying any dignity or title as a peer or British prince who had during the war borne arms against Great Britain or her Allies or had been adherent to the king's enemies.

The committee comprised the lord

# chancellor and Lords Lansdowne, Crewe, Newton, Stamfordham and Sumner and the lord chamberlain.

It reported that the Dukes of Albany, Cumberland and Brunswick and Viscount Tassie had adhered to the king's enemies during the present war.

"The king accepts the report," says the announcement, "and gives orders to the garter king of arms and others concerned to act accordingly."

The Duke of Albany is the only son of the late Duke of Albany, who was the youngest son of Queen Victoria. He was born to the title on November 15, 1884, his father having died in the previous March, and after the death of his uncle, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh), in 1900, he succeeded to that dukedom, which he abdicated after the German revolution.

"Quite a German!" The Duke of Cumberland is a great-grandson of George III. His father reigned as King of Hanover from 1861 to 1866, when the Prussian government deprived him of his throne and annexed his territory. Born in 1845, he succeeded as third duke in 1878.

Early in the war he said, "I feel myself quite a German, and hope the war will end victoriously for the Central Powers."

The Duke of Brunswick is the Duke of Cumberland's son. He became reigning Duke of Brunswick-Luneburg in November, 1918, and renounced the throne for himself and his heirs in November last. He married the only daughter of the ex-Kaiser.

Viscount Tassie is the twelfth holder of an Irish peerage which dates from 1642. He is a count of the Holy Roman Empire, and his family have been famous in Austria for over 200 years. Being an Irish peer, he had no seat in the House of Lords, but his grandfather's claim to the viscounty was recognized by the house in 1860.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector for the province, was present at the meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday under the presidency of Mrs. David Hipwell, and he gave a most interesting and detailed account of his work. It was in compliance with the request of the Dominion Temperance Alliance that Mr. Wilson attended yesterday's meeting.

# BELLS FROM FRENCH CHURCHES FOUND IN FRANKFORT; GO BACK

Colmar, April 23.—(French Wireless Service).—Five bells taken from churches of Colmar during the war by the Germans have been found in Frankfort and will be returned to their old places.

Valuable treasures stolen from the museum have been found in Munich, where they were taken by Bavarian soldiers. They include the painting of "The Madonna in an Arbor of Roses" by Schongauer and the painted wings of the famous altar of Isenheim.

## ALVAREZ PUT TO DEATH

Vera Cruz, April 23.—(By the Associated Press).—General Francisco Alvarez of the anti-government forces was executed about midnight. He met death at the hands of a firing squad, with the utmost bravery.

Many thousands of persons surrounded the barracks when the execution took place. Alvarez had been sentenced to die at an earlier hour, but on orders received from the supreme court the execution was held up. The war department, however, ordered compliance with the sentence of the court martial and the prisoner was brought out to face his executioners.

## ESCAPES WERE REMARKABLE

Passengers who were on the eastbound Maritime express when eight cars were derailed and several thrown over an embankment a mile and a half west of Kent Junction Monday morning, say that they cannot understand how all on board escaped injury. The wreck, they said, was so complete that it could not have been improved on by a made-to-order filming scene. The accident was caused by a broken rail and the train was making forty-five miles an hour at the time. The wreckage was hoisted up and carried away, or destroyed yesterday by a wrecking crew.

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