

JUSTICE HAS BRURS—Nearly a score of Halifax sports are feeling pretty cheap over the unenviable notoriety they have recently gained as cock-fighters. Most of them have quietly planked down their ten dollars fine and gone about their business, wiser if sadder men; but a few of their dupes have faced the Griffin in his lair, in the hope that mercy might temper justice. The whole affair is a disgrace to all concerned, but the prompt manner with which these petty sports have been handled should prove a wholesome lesson.

DON'T PAY JUST NOW.—A writer in the *Truro News* contributes an interesting article entitled "Paper in our forests." After describing the process of manufacturing paper from wood he expresses great surprise that some of our local capitalists have not looked into the matter with a view to making money out of the enterprise. If the writer of the article in question had as much money in pulp mills as have some of our more enterprising Halifax men, he would know as they know to their cost that with our present markets there is no money in the business. Give us free trade with the United States, and then the paper in our forests would have a money value.

FOURTH—the reason for the great popularity of Hood's Sarsaparilla—simply this: Hood's CURE. Be sure to get Hood's.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.—A two-million dollar railway, fifty-three miles in length, has just been completed between Jerusalem and Jaffa, and Jew and Gentile visiting the Holy Land can now take the journey through Palestine by rail. A French company has put up the money, a French engineer superintended the work, and the labor upon the railway has been performed by Italians, Egyptians, Turks and Arabs. Could old King Solomon look out of the city gate and see the Yankee locomotive running on Belgian rails over a French railway built by Italians and others he might change his mind as to his assertion as to there being nothing new under the sun.

MCDONALD SHOULD HAVE HAD IT.—The loose methods of doing business adopted by our city fathers have been pretty well shown up of late, but the facts which have recently been made public with respect to the system of dealing with tenders are enough to put contractors out of all patience and to call for immediate reform. Contractor J. W. McDonald tendered among others for the construction of a road along Chain Lake, his being the second lowest tender. The contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer, but he having failed to comply with the conditions, McDonald should have had it. Instead of this, contrary to all business precedent, new tenders have been called for. Who is responsible for this act of injustice? This is the question which Halifaxians would like to hear answered.

Middle aged people, when you were babies, Johnson's Anodyne Linctment was then very old.

AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENT.—THE CRITIC has been the fortunate recipient of a fine assortment of garden seeds with compliments of Messrs. D. M. Ferry & Co., of Windsor, Ont., for which this firm will kindly accept thanks. Messrs. Ferry & Co. have for many years been the leading seed house of this country, and as their reliability is unquestioned, the pruners and gardeners who complain that they have not had "good luck" with their seeds, are recommended to send for Ferry's annual, and from that make their selections. Buying seeds is an important factor in farming and should receive the careful judgment and consideration of the farmer. It is almost always impossible to distinguish the good from the bad in seeds by sight, and the only infallible guide for the planter is the reliability of the seedman.

THE DRINKERS PAY IT.—The Halifax City Council has under consideration a new liquor license law, in which a tariff of fees applicable to hotels, shops, saloons and the wholesale trade is being drawn up. Hotels big or little are to be charged \$300 per annum, saloons and shops \$200 per annum, or when combined \$300 per annum. The wholesale license is to cost \$250 per annum, a license to sell beer \$50, while ginger pop is let off easy, the license to sell being but \$2 per annum. The new license act provides the usual penalties and fines for selling to minors or to those who imbibe too freely, and from a financial point of view the act should be popular, as it will net the city about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum, being equivalent in its results to a drink tax of 50 cents per head on our population.

Mr. James Shand, the well-known Auctioneer, says: "Had considerable expectation and disagreeable cough. Physician recommended *Pattner's Emulsion*. Took six bottles—cough vanished. Am convinced your preparation brought about my speedy convalescence."

FUNDY'S WEALTH.—William B. Fawcett of Sackville N. B. through the columns of the *Moncton Transcript* preaches an eloquent sermon to young Bluecoats. His text is "Bay of Fundy marsh mud" and in a few short paragraphs he proves beyond question that his text is full of richness. Mr. Fawcett says:—"We do not know its chemical composition or in what particular elements it is lacking, but we have observed that whenever it is treated with a thorough application of steel spade, elbow grease and common sense it never fails to pay all expenses and yield a handsome dividend to the proprietor. Marsh mud made our forefathers prosperous and filled their barns with plenty. It long since made these two counties famous for their butter and cheese, for herds and haystacks. It has given those farmers who are lucky enough to own a few acres of such soil a material advantage over all others of that calling in these provinces who lived beyond its reach." And not alone has Bay of Fundy marsh mud proved a blessing to the people of Westmorland and Cumberland Counties. The farmers of Colchester, Hants, Kings, Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth on this side of the Bay, and Albert, St. John and Charlotte Counties upon its opposite shore have for years enriched themselves by the use of Bay of Fundy marsh mud; and yet it may be truly said that not one third of the benefits to be derived from this

great source of agricultural wealth has yet been secured. Mr. Fawcett's sermon might easily be enlarged and published as a text for use in the public schools.

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