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ABUSE IS A MISTAKE

The remarks made by the Rev. A. B. Cohoe in Union Hall on Sunday afternoon relative to abuse of the liquor dealer as a means of advancing the cause of temperance were timely and just. The man who stands behind the bar and the man who stands before it are products of a social system that has come down to us through the generations, and it is not so many generations since even the ministers of the gospel took their lody and recognized the saloon keeper as a necessary dispenser of proper stimulants. There will come a day when the law may be outlawed, and when gentlemen in the higher walks of life will no longer make tipsiness respectable by encouraging it at public functions and in general intercourse; but in the meantime abuse is not argument, while it does cause prejudice and opposition to a good cause. The liquor seller who is within the law may properly place a large share of responsibility on those who permit the law. The man who violates the law may fairly do the like with those who permit the violation. Let us be fair.

MORE PAY FOR TEACHERS

The letter from a school teacher, in Saturday's Times, showed that many female teachers in St. John are paid what may fairly be termed starvation salaries. Doubtless the city council will look into this matter and provide for an increase. For their encouragement the Times presents the following report of a meeting of the board of education of the city of Hamilton, Ontario, one evening last week. "At the meeting of the Board of Education tonight, the report of the special salary committee was adopted. It recommended that all female teachers receiving under \$330 should at once be placed at \$330, and all teachers now or hereafter receiving over \$300 and under \$400 shall be advanced the yearly sum of \$25 per annum till the sum of \$400 a year be reached. Those receiving \$330 and \$400 or over to be advanced the yearly sum of \$50 per annum till the maximum of \$750 be reached. The minimum salaries of the kindergarten teachers was fixed at \$350 per annum, and an increase of \$25 a year for two years and \$50 a year thereafter till the maximum of \$525 be reached. The salary of the assistant kindergarten teachers was placed at \$250 to begin with and an increase of \$25 a year till \$350 be reached. All these increases to date from Jan. 1st of this year. Those increases will mean an extra expenditure of \$2,000 a year."

TAXING INCOMES

The question of a tax on incomes continues to be a vexed one, on which there is a wide difference of opinion. This feature of the proposed new assessment law in St. John is by some citizens sharply criticised. It is therefore interesting to note the views of the New York state tax commission, appointed specially to report on the question of taxation. A despatch states that this commission will recommend changes in relation to the tax on banks, railroads and corporations, as well as a general revision of the inheritance tax. On the subject of income the despatch says: "A majority of the members of the commission favor an income tax, and while several measures of this character have been presented to it, these proposed bills have invariably been rejected, in consequence of a difference of opinion arising among the commission as to how the tax should be collected, as to administrative features, William H. Sutherland of Rochester, counsel to the commission, has now prepared another bill, which will be presented on Saturday, calling for the levying of a tax on all incomes above \$500 annually. An income up to \$500 a year is to be exempt from taxation, but on annual incomes up to the first \$10,000 above the amount of exemption it is proposed to levy a tax at the rate of 1 per cent. On all incomes above \$10,000, up to and including \$30,000 the rate as proposed is 2 per cent; above \$25,000, up to and including \$50,000, the rate is 3 per cent; over \$50,000 up to and including \$100,000, the rate is 4 per cent; all over \$100,000, up to and including \$200,000 is to be taxed 5 per cent, and all over \$200,000 is to be subjected to a tax of 6 per cent. With the enactment of the proposed income tax law the personal property tax will be abolished. The new measure provides for one-third of the income going to the state, and two-thirds to the locality in which the tax is collected. The proposed bill also provides that every person domiciled in New York State, or having a residence therein equal to a period of three months during a year, or who shall become a householder or have an office for such a period within the state shall be taxable."

IN AUSTRALIA

A New York paper gives the following interesting summary of the result of the recent elections in Australia: "The third general election to the Australian House of Representatives last month brought about no appreciable change in the strength of the various parties. There were chosen 19 supporters of the Deakin Ministry, 14 Anti-Labor men, who act with the government on fiscal matters, 28 Labor men, who constitute a part of the government majority, and 16 free-trade followers of ex-Premier Reid, who is official leader of the opposition. The result of the elections is taken by the English press to assure Premier Deakin in a free hand in carrying out his programme of protection, and the organization of national defence. It is noteworthy how political principles, under the special conditions prevailing in the new commonwealth, have taken on characteristics we do not, as a rule, associate with the parties by which they are professed. Thus the Reid free-trade Liberals are pledged to the maintenance of the present tariff and the "white Australia" policy, while the Socialistic-Labor party, strangely enough, favors not only protection, but the establishment of universal military service, and the substitution of a local defence squadron for the present subsidy to the Imperial navy. Another measure that enjoys general support and seems assured of speedy realization, is the cessation of the vast Northern Territory of South Australia to the Federal Government."

At the meeting of the Every Day Club last evening it was pointed out that a youth who was present Saturday evening, was afterwards arrested and locked up, charged with drunkenness and with stealing a lobster from the table outside a fish dealer's window; and that had the club's motto, "To help men to be men," been in active operation this youth would not have accompanied to his home, and would not now be in jail. The incident is suggestive.

The school board has decided that janitors of public schools must move out of the buildings. This will probably be for the good of the health of the janitors' families, although this phase of the question does not appear to have impressed the trustees. The removal of the families will also enable the board to utilize the basements for other purposes, and where there are no suitable playgrounds there should be made available for recreation purposes.

Ald. Bullock, as chairman of the treasury board, submitted a very interesting statement of the city's finances at yesterday's meeting of the council. He set forth very clearly what the city has done for winter port development, and the reasons why the government should nationalize the port.

Between the school board and the city council the question of teachers' salaries may dangle for some time unless some gentleman makes it his business to force the issue. The chairman of the school board should not be more given to comparisons of wages than to estimates of relative value of work done.

Mr. Robert Baxter, of Halifax, has been selected as a gas expert, with the understanding that if another is needed to give an estimate on the cost of a new plant he will be engaged. One thing the citizens should insist upon — the inquiry should be thorough.

James Rogers, who saved the life of William Daley in the chill waters of the harbor yesterday, will doubtless receive suitable recognition from the authorities of the city. It was the act of a brave man, who put his life in peril that he might save another.

Ald. Baxter's forecast of the future, which looks to a bridge across Navy Island, and many other improvements on the harbor front, is not extravagant. Forward is the watchword, and the man who takes a comprehensive view will eventually find that he was not far wrong.

The coldness that has marked the relations of the St. John Ice Co. and the public has melted away in the genial atmosphere of the police court. There will be no more drownings if reasonable precautions will prevent them.

Frederick has a grievance in the C. P. R. winter train service. This is a long standing complaint, which the great company should take measures to remove.

The question of the coasting trade privileges, Hon. Mr. Paterson says, rests with the government. He does not think imperial action is necessary. This should simplify the whole matter.

Chief Clark once more asks for a larger force. Considering the small number of policemen and the large area they must patrol, St. John is an orderly city.

St. John has spent a million and a half in harbor improvements for the benefit of Canadian trade. That is a record unparalleled in Canada.

The report of Chief of Police Clark to the common council for 1906, shows 1,320 arrests for the year. It also embodies a number of suggestions, among them being that of a harbor patrol. The chief expresses the opinion that business men are careless, leaving their doors open, 313 cases having been reported during the year. He also made a number of recommendations.

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Home through the weary dusk I go, And watch the London lamp-light glow Far off in wondrous glory: A pale grey world with princely gleams, And with the moon a cloud that seems My distant Appetites.

O Life! so full of truths to teach, Of secrets I shall never reach, O world! be kind and lead me on, Forgive, forgive me, if I voice, A shout, a sneer, by my own choice, And more to me than thou!

Mary E. Robinson, in Bookworm.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

VERY ENCOURAGING. Confiding Girl—You know, George, I was brought up without any care.

UNEXPECTED ANSWER. A theological student supposed to be deficient in judgment was asked by a professor in the course of a class examination:

WELL, BY GUM! The school girl with large feet was sitting with them stretched far out into the aisle and was busily chewing gum when the teacher espied her.

SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL. Sir Edwin Landseer was once the recipient of a complimentary notice. He was introduced to the father of the present King of Portugal, and the monarch, who had a genuine love of art, was pleased to meet the famous painter.

FROM GANDER CREEK. A remarkable case has just come to light at the headquarters of Gander Creek. Ten years ago Columbus Allsopp went to that point to fish and cut a willow pole and set his hook and line, sticking this pole in the bank. He then got engaged in something else and forgot his fishing pole. After a lapse of ten years he thought of it a few days ago and went to the scene at once, and there he found that his pole had grown to be a willow tree three feet in diameter. The line was its usual size and when he raised the hook he found several generations of fish on it, the one that was root of fine ones each season. When Columbus drew up the old fish all the others followed, and he loaded them all in his wagon and drove home, wondering at the strange occurrence—Hogwallow Kentuckian.

JAP CLASPS HANDS WITH RUSSIAN

Japanese Delegation Attends Russian New Year's Reception for First Time Since War.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—The annual New Year's reception at the Tsar's Hotel, today, was attended by the entire diplomatic corps in uniform. The Dowager Empress as well as Emperor Nicholas and Empress Alexandra were present. The members of the American embassy were received with special cordiality.

Wedding Tomorrow

Society is greatly interested in the wedding of H. Aubrey Holmes, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Summerside, to Miss Helen F. Robertson, daughter of James F. Robertson, of the firm of Nicholas and Engross Alexandria were present.

RAIDED A COCK FIGHT

HAVANA, Jan. 14.—A cock fight in Marino last night given in honor of certain prominent liberals and attended by four hundred persons, was raided by central guardsmen under Captain Perotto, who broke in the front and rear of the building. Twenty persons were arrested, the remainder escaping. Among the prisoners are General Pino Guerrero, commander of insurgent forces during the recent revolution.

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The physicians believe the woman was drugged before being attacked. There were no marks upon her clothing by which her identity can be established.