

INSPECTOR TALKS OUT.

Says Saloon Should be Stamped Out Before Another Year.

Dundas Decides to Go In For Local Option

And Submit By-law to the Electorate Next January.

Dundas, March 31.—The town will have a local option contest next January. This was apparently decided last evening, at a meeting of the Central Temperance Executive, held in the audience room of the Y. M. C. A. Besides members of the Executive there were present a large number of other citizens interested in temperance work, crowding the room to its fullest capacity.

A feature of the meeting was the presence, by invitation, of License Inspector Nicholson. The Inspector signified his willingness to give any information or answer any questions.

The first question fired at him was by a man who served on the jury that some weeks ago found the young men, Patterson and McInerney, guilty of waylaying and robbing John Henderson, at the York road. It came out in the evidence that a few hours prior to the robbery the young men had been drinking in a Dundas hotel, when drink was freely supplied to prohibited persons, yet no prosecution followed.

The Inspector had no knowledge of this infraction of the law until it came out in the evidence, and then the time in which a prosecution could be entered had expired. Other officials whose duty it was to see the liquor laws enforced may have known of the violation, but he did not. Continuing to address the meeting, partly in answer to questions put to him, the Inspector declared that he could not and would not admit that the law, in his district, was not being enforced to the best of his ability. He promised absolute secrecy to any person giving information aiding him in convicting violators of the law. There would be four applications for licenses for the ensuing year that he positively would report against, one of which was a Dundas application. Of six places in his territory doing business as public houses, four, perhaps the whole six, he believed, were selling without license. He declared himself absolutely free from any complicity to any license holder, and would not accept from any one of them even a cigar, without paying for it. He was frequently offered bribes to stay his hand in prosecuting offenders, and in a

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EIGHTY CENTS.

High Court Case Over Worthless Piece of Land.

Woodstock, Ont., March 31.—A strip of land twelve rods long and eight feet wide, worth, according to the price paid for adjoining property, the sum of 80 cents, is the cause of a non-jury case being tried before Mr. Justice Clute at the High Court here today. The case has arisen by the case by its unusual nature, and prominence of the parties interested. The land was, it is claimed, for sixty years on Ed. Young's line of the line fence in West Zorra township, near Breckenridge, in 1807, David Thompson, who occupied the other side of the fence, took the eighty cents' worth of land into his side. He claimed that the land was his by right of surveyors' line. Both parties were steadfast in claiming the property, fence viewers were unable to effect a settlement, and the present case results. A number of witnesses were examined yesterday, when the case was adjourned to today.

HE WILL HELP.

Police Hope to Break Up Gang of Brass Robbers.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) London, Ont., March 31.—A Canadian Government officer arrived in the city this morning, together with special detectives representing several of the large American railroads, and as soon as the arrival of the officer, the case of being held here was released by the Government official, it was seized by the detectives, who were in possession of replevin papers. The brass was stolen from the New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio roads, and was shipped into Canada direct from New York, being bought by Jacob Harris, junk dealer, here, through Siderski, of Hamilton. The theft is a most important one, as by locating the goods here the police hope to locate the gang of professionals who have been systematically robbing the railroads for months.

Mr. Harris Siderski, mentioned in the above despatch, is one of the largest and best known brass and metal fitters in Canada. He has been carrying on a wholesale business here for twenty-five or thirty years. He enjoys the confidence of all. Just at this time Mr. Siderski is in England, having arrived there last Saturday, on a business trip. He expects to be back about the middle of April. His manager was not able to throw any light on the London despatch, but said that Mr. Siderski would certainly do all in his power to assist the authorities, as he has done on previous occasions.

The Best in Town.

You want it. We offer Park's baking powder as the purest and best baking powder that can be had anywhere at any price. This powder is made from cream tartar and bicarbonate of soda which have been tested and found to be strictly pure. The price is only 25c per lb., 15c per 1/2 lb. Parke & Parke, druggists.

SHOULD ONTARIO GIVE BATTLESHIP?

Opinions of Cabinet Ministers and Members—Question For Dominion, Says MacKay.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., March 31.—Shall the Provinces in the Dominion of Canada band together and disregard the action of the Federal Government, and contribute towards the building and presenting to Great Britain of battleships of the most improved type for the defence of the empire? This is the question which has been set on foot by a despatch from Ottawa stating that Ontario and Manitoba were practically decided to take such action. It may be safely said that the question has been discussed fully in the Ontario Cabinet, but none of those present would discuss the question. Sir James Whitney would make no more than the following statement: "I have neither received any communication nor have I communicated with anybody on this subject, but I desire again to emphasize the statement made by me yesterday and to repeat that in my opinion Canada has let a great opportunity go by."

The consensus of opinion among members seems to be that whatever action is to be taken, and most are agreed that action should be taken, lies at the command of the Federal Parliament, not of the various Provincial Legislatures. It was pointed out to the Times this morning that if anything were done by the Provinces it would have to take the shape of a voluntary money contribution, as the B. N. A. Act. provides that all matters pertaining to militia and defence are in the control of the Dominion Government, and entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the Provinces.

"The Dominion Government has announced what it proposes to do," said Hon. A. G. MacKay, "and surely it is a question for the Dominion Government to decide. The Provinces should not take any steps of that kind. How would it look to the outside world?"

"It is not a Provincial question, but it looks as though it was up to the Provinces. The Dominion Government certainly ought to do something," said J. H. Fisher, North Brant.

"It is certainly a matter for thought," was the brief comment of Mr. Foy, "and it is not one on which an individual member of the Cabinet should speak."

"The provinces should do it," was the outspoken comment of Captain Machin, of Kenora. "There are no difficulties in the way, so far as I can see."

"No financial difficulties" was asked. "We are in better shape, financially, than the Dominion," was the reply. "If (Continued on Page 8.)

ALL OFF.

Charles Herman Will Not Take the White Star.

Charles Herman, who intended buying the White Star Hotel from Frank Post, has given up the idea and has gone back to Toronto. Some time ago Herman agreed to buy the license from Post, and arranged with the executors of the Richter estate, who own the property, for a lease for five years. The license was drawn up, but was never signed by Mr. Herman. It was Mr. Herman's intention to entirely remodel the hotel, spending about \$3,500. He also intended to take in adjoining property.

GAS CASE.

Collins vs. Dominion Gas Co. Goes to England.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has granted special leave to D'Arcy Martin, K. C., to enter the case of Perkins against the Dominion Natural Gas Company. The latter are appealing from the decision of the Court here directed to the Privy Council. Their Lordships said that the bond tendered by the petitioners as security for costs in the pending appeal of the petitioners against Collins stand also as security for costs in this appeal, and that the two appeals be heard together on one record, the respondents being at liberty to set off their own costs as additional separate costs in each appeal, and to be separately represented at the hearing of the appeals.

The company's security will amount to about \$26,000 in the two cases. Mr. J. G. Farmer, counsel for Collins, said that he would appear before the Privy Council himself, as any colonial barrister may do.

He expects to go to England some time in July.

MONTREAL GIRL ROBBED.

Forced into a Cab, Gagged and Driven Back of the Mountain.

Relieved of Over a Hundred Dollars Hid in Stocking, Then Thrown Out of a Swiftly Moving Cab.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Montreal, March 31.—Miss D'Armour, cashier for Wilders' down town branch, was last night seized on Beaver Hall Hill by two ruffians while on her way to deposit the day's receipts at the main office on St. Catharine street. One of her ruffians having come off, Miss D'Armour stooped to replace it. Two men seized her, bundled her into a cab, where a thick covering was placed over her head and her cries stifled. She was taken to the back of the mountain near the cemetery gate, where the robbers relieved her of \$148 which she had placed in her stocking. Having obtained the money the brigands then started to drive toward the city. On approaching the outskirts, Miss D'Armour screamed with the object of attracting attention from passersby. Upon this her captors opened the door and threw her out of the swiftly moving vehicle. In falling out Miss D'Armour succeeded in grabbing about \$45 from the hands of the men. She was found by a resident of Mount Royal. The girl lost consciousness and was taken to the home of her rescuer and it was about an hour before she could speak. Miss D'Armour, who was attacked in Wilders' store after being knocked unconscious and robbed of \$180 of the firm's money several weeks ago by an unknown man, states that though she does not know the men she is certain one was her former assailant.

A Cigar With Real Merit.

The Special Cigar has many imitators but no equals. It is positively the best value in Canada. They are sold for five cents straight at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

By-laws Beaten

The Dunnville Railway Project Receives Two Bad Bumps.

The proposed Dunnville, Wellandport & Beamsville Electric Railway suffered two severe bumps yesterday. By-laws, each to grant a bonus of \$5,000 to the company were submitted in the townships of Gainsborough and Moulton, and in both cases the propositions were defeated. Gainsborough gave an actual majority of 25 against the by-law, while in Moulton the roads were so bad that the ratepayers did not turn out and the total vote polled was not large enough to meet the requirements of the law.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

We ought to be good while the Synod of Hamilton and Toronto is in our midst.

I hope your boy is not among the bird murderers.

The new City Hospital should not be far away from the factory district, yet far enough to be away from the noise.

True patriot that he is, Sir Wilfrid stands for Britain against the world. The joke about his heart being in France is now out of business.

But if Studholme was to do his duty and get up and ask Whitney when Hamilton was to be done justice to, the Premier might not treat him so gingerly. I am afraid Allan is too susceptible to flattery.

If the Conciliation Committee is still in existence it might try to do something to settle the moulders' trouble.

You don't need to use the X-rays to find out that Dr. Roberts has the necessary back bone. He has enough for half-a-dozen city engineers.

And it may be inferred that the Hamilton Scientific Association will also want a new building to hold its curios and scientific discoveries.

Next Saturday's true detective story shows how circumstantial evidence is not always to be depended upon. Read it.

What has become of William McDonald's butter fat reports? They used to make good reading for the milkmen.

As I said yesterday, if those stories about the detectives are true, investigation is in order. But can they be true?

In a year or so it may be airships instead of warships we will have to build.

An offensive and defensive alliance between Great Britain and the United States would very quickly put an end to all these war scares.

Before I vote for this Barton annexation you will have to show me what is coming to us.

As a home product, we can all wish success to Mr. Witton as Technical School Principal.

Are you going to do any gardening this season? You could plant quite a few things in your back yard, and have them fresh for the table. Too much work and not worth the trouble, eh? But think of the exercise and appetizer you would get.

No longer can we sing, "We don't want to fight, but by jingo! If we do, we've got the men, we've got the ships and got the money too."

Mr. Overalls: Dear Sir,—Like you, there are many more people who would like to see the color of the York Loan money. A few months ago it was given out that the shareholders might expect a dividend about August next; now they are talking of November as the time. I wonder how much farther off they will fix the date. Sir, I wish you would give them some good hot shot so the Trust Company may be induced to get a gut for us hope deferred maketh the heart sick. Yours truly, Richard Atkinson, 145 Wellington street north.

"DAD, HERE'S TO YOU!" We happened in a home the other night, and over in the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "What is Home Without a Mother? Across the room was another brief, "God Bless Our Home."

Now, what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad"? He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, and whips off the dew of the lawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman and the baker, and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour.

If there is a noise in the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs and find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place, and the needles and the yarn afterwards. Mother does up the fruit; dad bought it all, and jars and sugar costs like the mischief.

Dad buys the chickens for Sunday dinner, serves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after everyone else is served. "What is home without a mother?" Yes, that's all right; but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it's a boarding house. Father is under a slab, and the landlady is the widow. Dad here to you—you've got your faults—you may have lot of 'em, but you're all right, and we'll miss you when you're gone.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AND MORAL REFORM

Subjects Discussed at Presbyterian Synod—Progress and Prosperity Noted Everywhere.

The Presbyterian Synod of Hamilton and London continued its work yesterday afternoon, when a new committee was appointed on evangelism, with Rev. T. A. Watson, of Thamesford, as convener. One of the chief features was the discussion on the subject of the Bible in the schools. Rev. J. G. Inkster, of London, a former Hamilton boy, introduced the subject, aiming at the unity of all the Synods in the Province, in petitioning the Department of Education to have the Bible used more extensively in the schools. The resolution as presented was as follows:

"The Synod of Hamilton and London thankfully acknowledge the measure of Bible instruction made possible in the schools in Ontario by the law; and at the same time regrets that the schools have to a large extent failed to avail themselves of what is within their reach, chiefly because there is no provision for examination on Scriptural lessons; and believing that this evil can only be removed by giving an examination value to this subject similar to that given to any other subject, be it therefore resolved, to ask the Synods of the Presbyterian Church in Ontario to petition the Legislature to enact such laws as shall place the English Bible as a textbook in the public schools."

MORAL REFORM.

The subject of moral reform took up the attention of the members of the Synod for a considerable portion of the time. It was introduced by Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Paris, with the following resolutions, which passed unanimously:

1. That all our sessions and congregations be urged to take a living interest in the department of social and moral reform and contribute to it as to the funds of the church.

2. That our ministers and people be asked to give careful and prayerful study to the social needs of men and to the movements that are abroad for the social and moral betterment of the world, believing not every spirit, but testing the spirit, whether they be of God.

3. That our people be urged to promote political purity, industrial peace, and support the wise efforts that are being made to guard the minds of the innocent from pollution and their bodies from destruction.

4. That our ministers be asked to bear in mind that the prophet must not cease from the earth.

5. That the Synod earnestly and respectfully urge the Dominion Government to grant at the earliest date possible (Continued on Page 4.)

AGREED ON TERMS OF ANNEXATION.

Eastern Suburbs Likely to be Brought In Without Much Trouble.

Another step towards a greater Hamilton was made last night when the city's annexation committee and representatives of Barton Township practically agreed upon terms by which the district east of Sherman avenue to Ottawa street, including Kenilworth, will come into the city. About a hundred property owners from that section crowded into the Finance Committee room when the matter was being considered, and aired their views. They represented both factions. After they left Reeve Gage and the committee from the Barton Council had a private conference with Mayor McLaren and his colleagues. The chief difference was that the residents east of Sherman avenue and south of Main street in the southeast corner of the portion to be annexed wanted a five-year exemption or assessment at the township rate for a period of five years, while the aldermen insisted on the city rate being paid at once. It was agreed to leave the matter to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. An effort was made by the aldermen to have the suit in which Barton is suing to compel the city to supply certain townships with water and sewer connections dropped. The case is now before the Court of Appeal. The committee last night offered the township \$200, without prejudice, but the offer was refused.

ST. MATTHEW'S OLD COUPLE NEAR DEAD.

No Trouble, But Finances Do Not Warrant Increase.

Ven. Archdeacon Clark is authority for the statement that the story about trouble in St. Matthew's Church is erroneous. He stated this morning that everything was peace and quietness in that parish. Mr. Britten was in the synod office some days ago, and said that he had not received the increase in his stipend as agreed upon by the congregation at the meeting held last Easter. The archdeacon called on some of the members of the congregation, and they met him on Saturday afternoon. He pointed out that Mr. Britten had increased responsibilities, and he urged them to help the minister. They stated that they were quite willing to do as much as they could, but at the present time, there being so many men out of work, the finances of the church would not warrant anything of that nature being attempted. It was not because they did not want to help Mr. Britten, but simply because they couldn't. Archdeacon Clark then suggested that a meeting be held at which he could preside, and he would be quite willing to go into the matter and see what could be done.

A STOMACHFUL.

Forks and Spoons Found in the "Human Ostrich."

New York, March 31.—A Philadelphia despatch to the Tribune says: George Njoczechowski was operated on at the Episcopal Hospital there yesterday, and three spoons and a fork were removed from his stomach. Since Dr. G. G. Davis operated on the same patient last Thursday and found a kitchen fork wrapped with a ball of twine lodged in his throat, the man has been hailed as "the human ostrich."

The patient was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday last. He complained of pain in swallowing his food. The operation on his throat followed. His sister paid a visit to the hospital, and said she believed he had swallowed several other articles of kitchen furniture. He confessed to three spoons and an extra fork, which were recovered yesterday.

Yesterday's Supply.

Yesterday we received about twenty gallons Lee's maple syrup. Same good quality as former years. Thick, bright, fine-flavored. Sold quite a few gallons yesterday. Don't delay ordering what you may require for future use as the quantity is limited. New cabbage, butter, beans, cucumbers, Endive, ripe apples, etc.—Bain & Adams, 89, 91 King street east.

RID STREETS OF THE WIRES.

Telephone Company Offers to Help City in the Matter.

Ward System Will Prevail in School Board Elections.

Hospital Governors Satisfied With the City's Course.

If the policy suggested by the Board of Works is adopted and arrangements made for the burying of the wires of the fire and police departments considerable progress will have been made in the campaign to clear central streets of the city of overhead wires. The Bell Telephone Company has offered, when it is installing underground wires, to lay the wires for the police and fire alarm service if the city will supply the ducts and wire. The company has made application to open Barton street, from James to Wentworth, Hughson from King William to Barton street, Main from Hess to Queen, Aberdeen and a number of other streets. A deputation from the Fire and Water Committee, appointed to look into the matter, waited on the telephone officials yesterday afternoon. The matter will be taken up with the Board of Works, and it is expected that a satisfactory arrangement will be made. The city officials say that the Bell Company has done a lot of good work in recent years in taking down overhead wires and reducing the number of poles. In many portions of the city strings of poles are to be found carrying only one wire, that of the fire alarm or police service.

A deputation from the Board of Education waited on Hon. J. P. Pease, at Toronto yesterday regarding the grant for the Technical School, and the proposal to reduce the number of school trustees from twenty-one to fourteen, and provide for their election at large instead of under the ward system. Trustee Bell, as spokesman for the Hamilton deputation, pointed out to the minister that if the electors were obliged to elect trustees at large one of the evils would be that the Board of Education would come under the influence of a political machine, as few men, unless endorsed by one or the other political party would stand uncommitted in an election. He was satisfied that two-thirds of the present members of the Board of Education would refuse to run under this system. Toronto has been electing its trustees under the at-large system and is now seeking a change to the ward system. The deputation received a reasonable assurance that the number of trustees would not be reduced and that there would be no change from the ward system. The trustees were rather alarmed the other day when they received a telegram from Toronto saying that only \$3,000 was provided in the supplementary estimate for the Technical school grant. They received an assurance from the Minister of Education yesterday that a grant of \$5,000 would be made for the ten months of this year, and another \$5,000 next year.

In reference to the Isolation Hospital and the action of the Council in appointing a special committee to select a site the Hospital Governors at their regular meeting yesterday afternoon expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with whatever decision the Council may make, and whether they take the isolation department out of their hands or leave it under their control. Chairman Billings reported that the receipts for the past month amounted to \$2,774, a slight increase. Judge Snider wrote thanking the board for the splendid treatment he received during his recent illness, while a patient at the hospital.

J. G. Witton, who was appointed principal of the Technical School, at a salary of \$2,000 a year, will not be expected to begin his duties until July 1, although he will be asked to make a number of visits here to arrange for the setting of the machinery and other work in connection with the new building.

WANTS HUBBY.

Disappeared in Less Than a Week After Wedding.

The local police officers are working on a case which has something of romance, and something of cold-blooded heartlessness in it. One week ago a marriage took place in this city, the parties being a man of 48 and a girl of 22. On Saturday the bride went to the City Hospital to see a friend, and on her arrival at the house where they were boarding she found a note from her husband, bidding her good-bye and saying that he had left his old clothes as a remembrance. But the man had not gone. He remained around the city until Tuesday morning, when he purchased a ticket for the far west, and left.

The bride, who gave the name of Mrs. Smith, called at the police office and sought the aid of the officers in an endeavor to find her husband, but she would not swear to an information for his arrest, and therefore the police are powerless to act.

WILL START TO-MORROW.

What little ice is left in the bay will prevent the Macassa getting off on her first trip of the season to-morrow. She is in perfect readiness, and Manager Bishop reports so many enquiries about the opening that he is satisfied that the patrons of the boat are anxious to catch a whiff of the lake breezes again. The boat will start to-morrow for sure.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and up wards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Disaffected laborers dynamited new steel viaduct on Hoboken Meadows, New York; \$10,000 worth of window glass broken.