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THE SCOTT ACT.

Mr. A. M. Belding of St. John, who has had some experience in social reform work in this city, delivered an address at Fredericton last evening. He stated that the license law in operation in St. John does not suppress unlicensed places, does not prevent the sale of liquor in prohibited hours; does not prevent the sale to interdicts, drunken men, women, and boys; does not suppress the dive, nor the "pocket bar-room"; and does not decrease perjury. All these assertions are correct. But Mr. Belding should have added that every one of the evils mentioned by him flourishes more openly under Scott Act than under license. No more energetic effort to enforce a law was ever made in New Brunswick than is now being done with the Scott Act in Montreal, yet the results are not what could be considered satisfactory. The town is filled with dives of the most disreputable nature. Liquor is sold at all hours under circumstances which are not at all creditable; men, women and children can purchase all they desire; peccary exists, and the other customary evils flourish. It is difficult to enforce the Scott Act. The law is a splendid one on paper, but for practical working value it is scarcely a success. In St. John we have a license law which in spite of many weaknesses is a stronger weapon for temperance workers than the Scott Act has ever been.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

Montreal is engaged in a campaign for the protection of children from disease, and apparently this is not being begun any too soon. In that city last year there were a total of 177 deaths. Of these no less than 421 were children. The infant mortality was at the rate of 58 per cent., which is higher than in any other city in the civilized world. In St. John last year there were 186 deaths, of which number 218 were infants. The infant mortality in Boston is 28 per cent., in New York 32 per cent., in England and Wales the Registrar General's returns show that the infant mortality average is 132 per 1000 births, ranging from 151 in Lancashire to 84 in Wiltshire. The higher mortality is due to the fact that in those districts women work in mills and factories. In Montreal the very high death rate is said to be due to two principal causes—bad milk and filthy living conditions. The present campaign is for pure milk and literature is being distributed widely throughout the city urging the people to insist upon cleanliness on the part of the milk dealers and a more rigid inspection by the authorities.

DEFAULT TAXES.

Over \$40,000 in default taxes are on the city's books. The collections from year to year amount to between thirty and forty thousand while very large amounts are dropped annually as being impossible of collection. The total amount in unpaid taxes is usually a trifle less than one year's total assessment. There are seven or eight city marshals who are supposed to devote their whole time to the collection of taxes, but who do nothing of the kind. There are not more than one or two of all these who properly attend to their business. The others make the collection of taxes simply a string by which they can pull in other business. There are frequently days when at City Hall not more than \$5 is received from these back assessments, whereas, not less than \$100 a day should be the average and would be the average if constables did their duty. In November of each year executions against defaulters are issued. Once in a long time a constable arrests a man. As a rule he carries the execution around in his pocket until they are out of date. Many men do not pay their taxes and nothing is done; their fellow citizens are compelled to pay more heavily because of this neglect. These constables after being in office for a short time gather in a great deal of private business. Some of them, who are really very good collectors if they cared to attend to this work, are employed by lawyers in legal business and make more money at this than they would probably do in looking after taxes. In fact some of the constables let weeks go by without turning in a cent to the city. There are many men in St. John who would be glad of the opportunity of collecting taxes and earning an honest living in this way. The men who now hold the positions are keeping others out of employment and are not doing the work themselves. They are of very little use to the city, but the blame for this non-collection of taxes is placed on the staff of the Chamberlain's Office. These employees are paid for directing the work of collections, not for going out on the streets and demanding the money. This latter is the work of the constables. They have utterly failed to do their

duty and should give way to better men. The Common Council will do well to consider this matter at its earliest convenience.

Richard Gray of Knoxford, accused of the murder of his own child, was yesterday found not guilty by the prompt and unanimous vote of a Carlton County jury. The full evidence heard at the trial has not been received in St. John, but the verdict from what is understood here of the case is not one which will meet with approval.

This is delightful weather. But do not let that fool you. Many a man has suffered through taking them off too soon. A few days longer will be wise.

MUSIC.

Spring plays upon a thousand lyres. And from the magic strings Arise the whole of Earth's desires. But ah, the melody of Spring, Whenever Summer sings.

The woodwinds and the blazing brass, The drums and bells prolong The Summer's symphony—alas! That all this glowing sound should pass When Autumn starts his song.

For Autumn's voice is almost mute; He only plays upon A 'cello and a wailing flute, And sobbings of a mournful lute Are heard ere he is gone.

Then Winter enters with a glee, And all the world is stirred With mirth and choral revelry. The while the bass is loud and free Until the Spring is heard.

But whether wild or grave or gay, God renders them sublime— And thus in His mysterious way The ever-changing seasons play. The mighty fugue of Time. —Louis Untermeyer in the May Appleton's.

"Why is it?" asked the dear girl, "that the bridegroom's attendant is called the 'best man'?"

"I suppose it's because he is best off," growled the fussy old bachelor.

"I think I know," said little May, "just why they call them 'boys.' The reason's just as plain as day: It's 'cause that rhyme with 'noise.'"

Assistant (to country editor)—How's this obituary?

Editor—Why, it's my own.

Yes, that Haskins chap—the dead shot—was in here yesterday looking for you with a gun, and I thought if anything should happen you might like to correct the proofs beforehand.

English John and Pat were two friendly workmen who were constantly tiffing, each one trying to outwit the other.

"Are you good at measurement?" asked John.

"I am that," said Pat, quickly.

"Then could you tell me how many shirts I could get out of a yard?" asked John.

"Sure," said Pat, "it depends on whose yard you get into."

Mrs. Nooker—Mrs. Highsome, I think it my duty to tell you that your Tommy, whom you consider so well behaved a boy, is a perfect little limb!

Mrs. Highsome (with a majestic frown)—He ought to be, madam. Our family tree never yet has borne a crooked stick of timber.

Mr. Watt-Manners—See that old man ahead of us? That's Chaburn. He's worth a million dollars, and just look at his umbrella.

Mrs. Watt-Manners—Oh, you mustn't judge him by that, dear. It may not be his own, you know.

A young woman in Philadelphia but recently married was enjoying the delightful novelty of marketing one morning shortly after the termination of the honeymoon.

"I wish to get some butter, please," said she to the dealer.

"Roll butter, mum?" asked the man.

"No," promptly replied his customer; "we wish to eat it on toast. My husband doesn't care for rolls."

SHOPPING IN CAIRO.

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"I entered Sidi Okba's shop in Cairo," said the man with the oriental labels on his luggage, "and a handsome carpet caught my eye. 'What is the price of that?' I asked.

"That carpet is not for sale," Sidi Okba answered. "I bought it at great cost for my own delectation only. How beautiful it is! But will not monsieur partake with me of coffee and cigarettes?"

"I partook. The next morning I was in that neighborhood again, and Sidi Okba came forth and saluted me. He had changed his mind about retaining the carpet. Allah forbade selfishness among the true believers, and since I desired the thing he'd let me have it for \$1000."

"I'll give you \$10," said I.

"He fell back almost fainting; then in a weak pained voice he offered me coffee again.

"Next day when I turned up he came down to \$500, and I went up to \$15, and we drank more coffee and smoked. Next day he dropped to \$500 and I rose to \$150. We were very cheerful over the coffee and tobacco that day. We had the carpet spread before us to admire. It was evident that we would strike a bargain yet, and just before I left Cairo we did strike a bargain. The carpet became mine for \$50. It would have cost \$250 at home. As we shook hands in farewell Sidi Okba said:

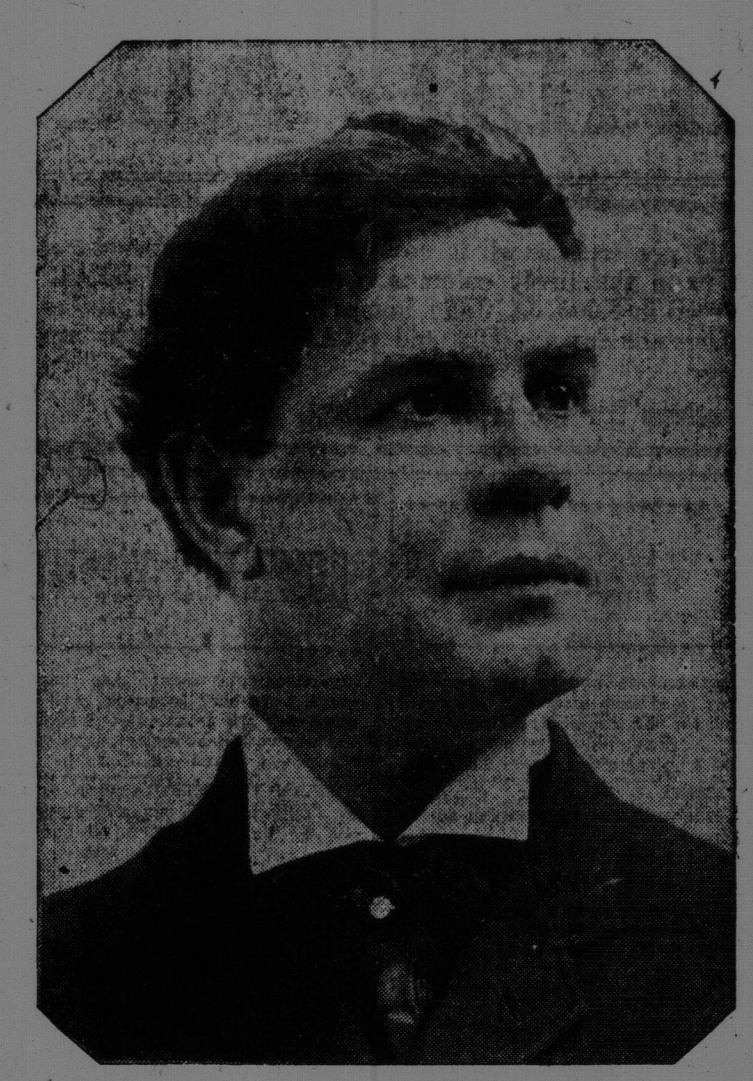
"I love a good bargainer like yourself. Bargaining is the bloom, the perfume, the poetry of trade. I adore it."

—Exchange.

BARNUM'S READY RETORT.

Barnum once appeared at Oxford to lecture on "Humbug." The rowdy students would not give him a hearing. At length in a momentary lull, he shouted, "Then you don't want to hear anything about humbug?"

A DRAMATIC FREAK



To see a stock company with the class of plays that constitute the repertory to be presented by Kink Brown at the Opera House all next week and the week following is not at all usual with the ordinary attractions of the popular priced calibre, and ought to interest an element of amusement loving people who shy at repertory shows. Often the questions is raised, how can Mr. Brown give a faithful presentation of such high class plays at popular prices. The answer can be found in the great volume of business he does, and the elimination of the many items that are to be found with a specialty show, such as extra expense in procuring specialty acts that must be expensive in order to please the varied tastes of popular

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CEATHS.

OLIVER—At Harvey, Albert County, April 22, Mrs. Sarah Oliver, widow of the late Bartlett Oliver, aged 90 years, leaving two daughters and one son.

WARREN—At Roxbury, Mass., on the 26th April, Matilda Warren, daughter of the late Wm. Graves of this city, aged 56 years, leaving a husband and four children—two daughters and two sons—to mourn.

Funeral from Chamberlain's Undertaking Rooms, Mill street, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

BROPHY—At Fairville, on April 29, Frederick G. second son of Mary and the late Daniel Brophy, aged 28 years, leaving a mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral on Friday at 2.30, from his late residence, Main street. Friends are invited to attend.

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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

To the Editor of The Star:

Dear Sir—In yesterday's Star there appeared under the heading "Not Living on Charity," a letter in which certain "intemperate parties" take exception of the following statement which appeared in Tuesday evening's Star:

"It is the object of the Society (King's Daughters) to assist the girl with low earnings, and when she is able to pay more for her board, she leaves her place is filled by another who needs the Guild's aid."

Now this sentence is not quite what the writer said to the newspaper man. What she did actually say was: "We try as far as may be to give the girls a real home, to surround them with Christian influences and to do this at a low enough rate to be within reach of girls who are students or are working on small salaries. Then when their incomes become larger we prefer to have them go elsewhere and make room for others."

As our annual meeting was in progress when the press representatives arrived, we were obliged to hurry those gentlemen a little, which was doubtless the reason that one of them was perhaps a little out of breath in his choice of words in this one sentence. We do not think however that the average reader would translate even that to mean that we were dispensing charity to the young ladies who board at our Guild House. We do, however, distinctly state that our boarding house is not a money making institution, and that we not only did "originally" but do now seek to give the boarders therein such privileges as they cannot obtain elsewhere at the same terms, and we think that the best possible proof of this assertion is a brief statement of the facts.

Our boarding house is always under the management of a matron, who is not only a respectable woman with housekeeping abilities, but also a Christian lady. We admit as boarders only young women of irreproachable characters and these, in addition to lodging and plain, but wholesome and neatly served, table board, have the use of a large parlor where they may sit and entertain their friends or each other, the use of a piano and of telephone and also the privilege of washing and ironing in the kitchen, thereby saving laundry bills, and all this for the sum of \$3.00 per week. Now if these things are no help or benefit to the young lady of limited means who comes to our city a stranger, then we do not assist our boarders, but if they are, we do. To us it seems a very real help which charity very often is not. Moreover the acceptance of help such as we give is perfectly incompatible with the maintenance of one's self-respect and in this line of our work it is the self-respecting young woman whom we seek to aid.

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THE ONES THAT SOLD.

Father—Well, how does your husband succeed with his art? Does he sell any pictures?

Daughter—I should think so! Why, there is not a single one left of those you gave us for a wedding present!