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LAWS THAT CANNOT BE ENFORCED.

(By WARWICK SMITH.)

Article VI.

It ought to be a waste of time to reiterate the axiom that in democratic countries no law of general application can be long enforced against the desires of a majority of the people. But there are some people who think themselves so much superior to the common herd that they would force their ideas down other people's throats. This is the Prussian method. Some of the results of the Prussian method are admirable, but most of them have failed to stand the test. Yet there is no doubt that the Kaiser was patriotic and thought he was doing all he did for the good of the people whom he ruled.

Now, let us take just one law of general application which is observed in the breach. I refer to the Lotteries Act. This is a law which is of the extreme kind, like Prohibition. In practice it is broken consistently. At the same time, curious to say, it is a certain extent under the control of public opinion. What I mean is this: There is no regular, systematic business carried on in lotteries. There

are the "Sealing Sweepstakes," but these are mostly under the control of clubs and the proceeds go towards the upkeep of social institutions. The few that are run as commercial speculations are steadily losing favour. I have seen a wheel-of-fortune operated at a social gathering but the proceeds were intended for a philanthropic purpose. On the other hand the wheel-of-fortune has disappeared from the race-course and certain parties who were operating a game of chance known as "Crown and Anchor" were arrested in Bannerman Park.

Now it is against the law to run any kind of lottery or to sell lottery tickets, yet tens of thousands of tickets are sold every year. The clubs that run these lotteries are the best and most respectable in the community. The men who purchase tickets are the most highly respected in the land and there is scarcely a single religious denomination in the country the adherents of which do not sometimes take a ticket. I know a clergyman's wife who won a prize in a lottery, and as

for lawyers, doctors, merchants, schoolmasters and schoolmistresses, yes and school-children who take a chance, they are more numerous than the spots on a crackle—I mean coach-dog.

The Inspector General of Police has expressed himself as ready and willing to prosecute anyone who breaks the Lotteries Act. All he is waiting for is for someone to lay an information. Who is going to do it? Who will take the risk of seeing his friends cut him dead on the street and his boss finding it necessary to disown him with his service? The good people, who framed the law and who would fight to keep it on the Statute Book, know I am speaking the truth. They all know the facts and can easily get the evidence. Yet none of them will dare lay an information. What is the trouble? What are they afraid of? The answer is Public Opinion.

Newfoundlanders Lost From N. S. Trawler.

Two Newfoundlanders, Michael Drake, of St. Lawrence, and F. Tippet, of this city, belonging to the crew of the Nova Scotia steamer trawler M.F. B., are missing, and believed lost, since the sinking of that ship off Halifax a fortnight ago. The trawler left Liverpool, N.S., on Monday, March 29th for the Banks. After a successful week the trawler left the grounds for Halifax to take on bunker coal. When about 35 miles off that port, the ship was found to be leaking aft. The pumps were started, but were unable to cope with the inflow of water. After about three hours the water reached the engine room and put out the fire. Capt. Kramp decided it was useless to stand by the ship, so orders were given and two lifeboats and a dory were launched.

Before leaving the ship between 8.30 and 8.45 o'clock, efforts were made by flares and rockets to attract attention of other craft, and when the men took to the boats the trawler's decks were almost awash. The weather began to become stormy and the three boats hauled away, and headed for land. In each of the two lifeboats there were eight men, Captain Kramp being in charge of one, and First Officer Turner of the other, the remaining four men leaving in the dory. The three boats kept together for several hours, and Capt. Kramp says that he last saw the other lifeboat about ten o'clock.

She has not since been heard of and is given over for lost. The two Newfoundlanders above named were aboard her. Another Newfoundlanders, John Burton, of St. Lawrence, was a member of the crew, but he was saved.

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