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The average daily circulation of the
Star for November was 6,233; for the
past three months, 6,218; for the past
six months, 6,182.

PLAYS AND PROFANITY.

A correspondent asks the Star if the
frequent and emphatic profanity which
seems to characterize the majority of
plays recently presented in this city,
is absolutely necessary to the artistic
finish of those plays. He wants to
know if the use of "cuss words" is dra-
matically imperative. If it is, he
wants to know why. Also he wants
to know if a reduction in the number
and intensity of the explosives would
be an offense against Art greater than
could be compensated by the pleasure
the change would give theatre goers
who are old-fashioned enough to pos-
sess senses upon which profanity jars.

While admitting that what arouses
our correspondent's protesting queries
is artistically justifiable and while not
making any claims to "unco' guidness,"
we sympathize with his complaint. It
has seemed to us that the harm a lib-
eral use of the blue pencil would have
done to some plays recently presented
here would have been more than bal-
anced by the saving of offense to the
feeling of those who, while desirous
of enjoying theatrical entertainments,
have no wish at the same time to com-
pel their lady relatives and friends to
listen to language which, appropriate
as it is to the situation portrayed on
the stage, is nevertheless shocking to
unaccustomed ears.

There are few in this office who are
not capable of expressing themselves
with appropriate force in any emergency
and our ear drums are by no means
tender. But we must confess that it
jars to hear, while listening to more
than one play lately, an unpleasant re-
iteration of "damn you," "damn him,"
"damn her," and "by God, sir," this and
"by God sir" that, in a profusion that
certainly added more to the unpleas-
antness of a large portion of the audi-
ence than it added to the strength of
the scene portrayed.

And if the ears of a newspaper man
were offended it is quite possible that
others present were still more unpleas-
antly affected. It is not improbable
that some were convinced of the truth
of sermons on the last heard on the dan-
gerous influence of the stage and that
the play house lost patronage thereby.

Of course we admit that a certain kind
of man under certain circumstances
will certainly swear, and that it is
necessary that this kind of man should
speak on the stage as it does in real
life. We also admit that it is difficult
to find an effective substitute for the
English shibboleth "damn." But we
do think that any playwright or dra-
matic manager who, in considering the
use of expletives, will carefully weigh
against the demands of the situation
the fact that profanity is shocking to
some and offensive to many of his pos-
sible patrons, will, in the long run profit
thereby.

THE MACHINE AGAIN.

Mr. A. O. Skinner may be the first
choice of the local government party,
or of the liberal party in this commu-
nity, but that fact has not been
enough. The convention by which he
was nominated was called almost with-
out notice. Some wards were not
represented at all, and the great ma-
jority of the members of the party
first heard of the meeting after it had
taken place.

It was decided before-
hand by a small group that Mr. Skin-
ner would be the candidate. These had
the meeting called privately without
notice, and had the candidate nomi-
nated within a few minutes after the
hour of meeting.

The rank and file of the liberal party
in St. John are getting tired of the
machine. They have shown this in
recent contests, but the methods of
the local government which appoints
them, and the candidate nominated
by the fact that it is thrust upon the party
and that this is done in a way so
obvious as to be almost an expression
of contempt for the opinion and de-
sires of the party generally.—Sun.

CONDITION AND CAUSE.

Why did not Mr. Perkins in his con-
demnation of the system which allows
persistent violation of the liquor law,
place the responsibility where it be-
longs?

The issuing and the withdrawal of
licenses rests with the Liquor License
Commissioners, who are not responsible
to the people, but are responsible
to the local government which appoints
them. The commissioners personally
have nothing to gain by ignoring the
law and persistently permitting the sale
of liquor at more saloons than the law
allows. But the government has the
good will of the liquor trade is one of
the bases upon which it holds power.
The commissioners in granting these
continued extensions are only obeying
direct orders.

And not only does the government in-
terfere with the execution of the law in
this regard, but it not infrequently
steps in to keep from punishment its
favorites who have violated the law.
More than one instance can be quoted

where prosecutions for illegal sale
stopped suddenly as a result of direct
orders from headquarters.

Whatever complaint the people of
this city have to make against the pre-
sent system of enforcing the liquor law,
is a direct complaint against the gov-
ernment on whose behalf Mr. A. O.
Skinner is asking votes today.

Tories still seem to be scarce in
Nova Scotia. Not one was successful
in any of the provincial bye-elections
yesterday. But the fact that one reg-
ularly nominated Liberal was badly
defeated by an Independent Liberal
seems to indicate that, in Nova Scotia
as well as in New Brunswick, the rule
of the Liberal machine is weakening.

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STAINS.

The three ghosts on the lonesome road
Spoke each to one another,
"Whence came that stain about your
mouth?"

"No lifted hand may cover it."
"From eating of forbidden fruit,"
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the sunless road
Spoke each to one another,
"Whence came that red burn on your
foot?"

"No dust or ash may cover it."
"I stamped a neighbor's hearth-flame
out,"
Brother, my brother."

The three ghosts on the windless road
Spoke each to one another,
"Whence came that blood upon your
hand?"

"No other hand may cover it."
"From breaking of a woman's heart,"
Brother, my brother."

"Yet on the earth clean men we walked,
Glutton and Thief and Lover;
White flesh and fair hid our stains
That no man might discover."
"Naked the soul goes up to God,"
Brother, my brother."

—Theodosia Garrison, in Scribner's.

WITH ADVERTISERS.

A clearing sale of fifty pairs of frilled
muslin curtains at only 50c, pair at the
Walter Scott store, King Square. Read
his ad.

Great sale of white lawn Christmas
aprons tonight at the Daylight Store,
corner Duke and Charlotte streets. See
ad. last page.

Undressed kid or "Suede" gloves are
probably most preferred by ladies for
winter wear. "Winter wear" is the
advertising slogan of the day. For
about a dollar that would be as ac-
ceptable to a lady as a pair of shoes
that would be as acceptable to a man.
A special sale of this particular
make of glove commences tomorrow
morning at Morrell & Sutherland's. See
ad.

No better hints for useful Christmas
gifts for men and boys may be found
than those contained in the big bar-
gain advertisement of J. N. Harvey
on page four. Read it.

At the conclusion of the lecture the
Fahlan League adopted the following
resolution:

Whereas, many cities deem it unwise
and unfair to tax the living income;
therefore resolved, that this league
urge the common council to ask for
legislation that will so amend the pre-
sent St. John assessment law that all
incomes below \$500 will be exempt from
taxation, \$200 be exempted from all in-
comes of \$500, \$400, and \$300. The poll
tax be increased to \$3. The payment
of such \$3 poll tax and year's residence
in the city shall give the citizen the
right to vote at civic elections.

Waterbury & Rising's stores will be
open every evening during Christmas
week. Customers are strongly urged to
morning shopping when at all conven-
ient.

Mrs. Waggle's—You can't sleep,
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LOCAL NEWS.

A special meeting of the R. L. Borden
Club will be held on Monday evening
at eight o'clock in their rooms, Bressa's
Corner.

Latest reports of the collapse of the
Suspension bridge at Charleston, West
Virginia, state that only three were
killed and four injured.

A meeting of the board of trustees of
the New Brunswick and P. E. Island
conference of the Methodist Church
was held at the Clifton House last eve-
ning. Business of considerable im-
portance, though of a purely routine
character, was transacted. This board
looks after the investment and admin-
istration of all funds given to the
church for specific purposes and is in
control of a large amount of money.

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