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A NEW LICENSING SCHEME.
The Government of Alberta has adopted a rather new idea with regard to the method by which liquor licenses are to be granted, and the license laws enforced throughout that province. Hitherto there have been twelve districts for license purposes, each controlled by a separate board of commissioners. These boards are to be abolished and in their place has been created one central commission of three men who will adjudicate on all applications for liquor licenses in the entire province. The commissioners named for this work are: Dr. O. F. Strong, dentist, of Edmonton, David C. Bayne, a merchant of Banff, and Al. Thomas McKendrick, a lumber dealer of Q.B. These commissioners will be required to give up their present occupations and devote their whole time to their new duties. The amount of salary to be paid them is not yet announced. They will have power to direct the regulations of the liquor laws in Alberta in much the same way as the railway commissioners direct railway matters in the Dominion and generally will control the whole liquor traffic.

THAT INVESTIGATION.
So Aid. Potts has at last got the wish of his heart—the fire department is to be investigated again, sometime. Already it has been examined by alleged experts on three separate occasions but no sign of disease has ever been found. Yet Aid. Potts suspects that weakness exists and is determined—with the support of one or two others—that the X rays of publicity shall be directed against every part of this organization. He feels that the city is not securing a proper return for the money expended. The ideal return, to most minds, is a departmental efficiency which guarantees ready response to every alarm and capable handling of every fire. A maximum of protection and a minimum loss are the results desired. Certainly St. John has no cause for complaint in these respects. Fires are of such rare occurrence here—although alarms are more or less frequent—that the younger generation is deprived of much excitement. But perhaps the aldermen who feel that money is being wasted, desire a more spectacular display; maybe they think the men attached to the department are not doing enough work for the money they receive. If such is the case, the remedy is easy. Hire another man—there are plenty anxious to get on the civic payroll—whose duty it would be to walk around town pulling in alarms. That would keep the department on the jump, the men would have no time for gossip, the Chief could not even get enough sleep, and certainly from a spectacular standpoint the return to the city in entertainment might be greatly increased. The investigation will prove nothing except that the meddling of unqualified aldermen in an efficient department is highly detrimental.

ANOTHER BUSINESS OFFER.
The proposition made to the Safety Board by the David Craig Company, of Boston, is businesslike. There is no mysterious silence as to the intentions of the company in coming to St. John. No air of secrecy surrounds the proposal, and, strange to relate, the company is not asking as a gift all the land from Fort Dufferin to Grand Bay. Briefly, an established manufacturing concern wants to start a Canadian branch here, and asks a base of certain life property at a fixed annual rental. Whether the sum mentioned is reasonable, whether it would be better to have this land remain unused and unprofitable for a few more generations, and whether St. John needs or does not need new industries are questions which will scarcely require prolonged consideration.

Such a proposal as has been made deserves a prompt and definite reply. The safety board has done well in appointing a small committee to look into the matter; it will do better by having that committee make its report without waste of time, and letting the company know the city's decision at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile, what about that sugar refinery?

THE PUGSLEY BANQUET.
This evening at the Keith Assembly Rooms leading men from all parts of New Brunswick and from Upper Canada will meet to do honor to the 22nd anniversary of the late Dr. Pugsley, at which Dr. Pugsley will be the principal guest. This has been arranged by a number of friends as a mark of appreciation of the minister's efforts, of his able administration of an important department, his personal ability, and the large measure of success which has attended his work. As a rule, it is a public life, and especially one who has attained such eminence as has Dr. Pugsley, is the target for continued criticism on the part of political opponents. Generally this criticism is prompted solely by political prejudice. Dr. Pugsley has borne his full share and has met each attack by a more determined effort to conduct the affairs of his office according to that policy which he believes to be in the best interests of Canada. Tonight instead of hostile comment, he will hear from friends words of appreciation of what he has accomplished. Censure for a time will give place to commendation. It is well that such occasions arise, well that men once in a while are impressed with the fact that they have friends and that their work is not displeasing to everyone. Dr. Pugsley by his able administration of the Public Works Department deserves the testimonial to be tendered this evening.

Your clerk may not always say "the right thing at the right time" to your customers—but your ads can do so.

BLACK HAND SCARE
STAMPEDES CHILDREN
One Killed and Fourteen Injured When 1000 School Children Made Mad Rush for the Doors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Terrified by Black Hand stories, 1,000 children stampeded in a Polish parochial school in Jersey City today when fireworks were set off in the street below, and in the mad rush for the doors fourteen were crushed, one seriously so. The fatal child was Marianna Zelacka, 7 years old; the others are five little girls and eight boys, all ranging from 7 to 10 years in age. All are in Jersey City hospitals, but it is believed that all will recover.

GALE FINISHES THE STRANDED BARQUE
Roll Practically Broken in Two—Will Be Sold as She Lies—Effects of Storm on the M'ramblit.

CHATHAM, N. B., Sept. 28.—The southeasterly gale which set in on the city in entertainment might be greatly increased. The investigation will prove nothing except that the meddling of unqualified aldermen in an efficient department is highly detrimental.

EDUCATION THE REMEDY FOR EVILS OF DEMOCRACY
Says Judge Russell in Address Before Moncton Canadian Club—Lectures Also by W.C.T.U. Pres. and Wolfeville Prin.

MONCTON, N. B., Sept. 28.—Judge Russell, of Halifax, addressed the Moncton Canadian Club last evening on "The Seamy Side of Democracy." There was a good attendance and the members greatly enjoyed the remarks of the learned lecturer.

Uncle Walt
The Poetic Philosopher

A tall and pompous citizen pursues his stately way. "That man is worth five million bucks," we hear admirers say; and folks salute him as he goes, and wear the servile smile, and while he lingers in their view, they talk about his pile. It's good to have five million bucks, or half a million less, but being wealthy doesn't mean that you are a success. Of all the gifts the gods bestow, the commonest, I wot, is that of raking in the scads till friction makes them hot. There is no cross roads in the land but has its plutocrat, some village Astoribot who hoards, and grows exceeding fat; but villages are far between, to judge from late returns, which breed a future Millet or a follower of Burns. It's good to have five million bucks, if they're not counterfeits; it's nice to class yourself around, and feel that you are it; but if you have no other claim to confidence and love, the jumping-off place you should seek, and give yourself a shove. I'd rather keep a-plugging on, with little to disburse, and journey to the beyond in the county poor farm's hearse, and have folks say I tried my best to do my little part; than leave a lot of rocks behind and not a mourning hearse.

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SOPHIA BECK JAILED; TRAILED FOUR YEARS
Most Daring Woman Swindler Arrested at Shore—Sorry Only for Child—Fled With \$2,000,000 and Storey Cotton "Pais."

Here are pertinent facts of Sophia Beck's career after she joined the Storey Cotton Swindlers. Drew \$500 a week from crooked company and shared in surplus. Helped to lure dupes who gave up \$3,000,000. Was married and a teamster and made him rich. Skipped out with fellow swindlers and \$2,000,000 on March 16, 1934. Lived gay life abroad. Pursued for more than four and a half years, the chase covering 25,000 miles, and captured yesterday at Atlantic City with her 2-year-old boy.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27.—Sophia Beck, the most picturesque and daring woman swindler that ever lived, was arrested yesterday at Atlantic City, after a chase which lasted four years and a half and covered 25,000 miles.

PARTED FROM HER BABY.
It was a different Sophia Beck that was locked up in the Camden county jail last night. The heavy hand of the law that clutched her did not shake her nerve, but it wrung her heart, for Sophia Beck, or Graham, is now a mother.

When they looked her up in the Camden jail they parted her from the 2-year-old son Jamie for the first time since he was born.

It is significant of the change that motherhood has wrought in this queen of confidence women that she admitted her identity when arrested, and admitted three of the aliases used in the indictment, she emphatically denied the fourth alias.

This was "Mrs. Edward Dunn." It is alleged by the authorities that at one time in her career Sophia Beck lived in New Orleans with Francis C. Dunn, a turf swindler. Yesterday when arrested the Beck woman denied the Dunn alias, although admitting those minor which she is charged only with crimes against business honesty.

It was on March 16, 1934, that the Storey swindlers, frightened by the crusade exposing the character of their business, gathered up \$2,000,000 in cash and left for parts unknown. The Storey Cotton Company was the conception of an Englishman with a criminal record. His name was F. Evans Storey. The idea took the fancy of Francis C. Dunn, who had been living on his wits for several years. The idea of the Storey swindle was similar to one that Martin had previously conducted under the name of Dunn.

HOW PUBLIC WAS DUPED.
With alluring advertisements the public was invited to send its money to the Storey company. This was done, and it was represented, had inside information about the cotton market.

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the music. He was Stanley Francis. He was arrested and placed under \$100,000 bail. It was afterwards reduced to \$50,000, and finally, again cut in two.

Francis was convicted of conspiracy to defraud through the use of the mails. He was sentenced to 15 years and four and a half years in prison. His term expired last Friday, and he is serving out his fine. He probably will be released next month.

SOPHIA THE LAST ONE
Sophia Beck was the last of the big swindlers. Inspector Cortelyou, 6790 Kensington road, New York, said that with which she was now charged involved the stealing of \$2,000,000. It was not extraditable. If she had stolen \$50,000, she would have been extradited.

ADMITTS HER IDENTITY
When the inspectors arrested the Beck woman she readily admitted her identity. She was named in the indictment under the aliases Estelle Graham, Sophia Beck, Mrs. Edward Dunn and Estelle Collins. She admitted her identity and all the aliases except "Mrs. Dunn."

ONE SWINDLER REMAINED
Finally, when the hunt became too hot, "the bunch" disappeared, leaving the Storey company with its own typewriter girls and office boys. One member of the firm remained to face

DREW \$500 A WEEK.
Money fairly flowed into the coffers of the company. Sophia Beck received an annual salary of \$500 a week, besides taking an interest in the surplus.

NOT SLEPT IN
"Porter, this berth has been slept in!" "No, sah! I assure you, sah! Merely occupied. It's the one over the wheels, sah."—Purdie.

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GOUT
DIABETES
MIGRAINE
HEADACHE
NEURALGIA
BRISBANE
23 THE PROTESTANT

GREAT-BRITAIN BENEFITS BUT CANADA PAYS
J. Henniker Heaton Scores the Present Arrangement of Rates on Newspapers and Magazines.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—In giving a few examples indicating the necessity for an "Imperial Post Master," Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, says: "Canada has Post Master General, asked for cheap newspaper and magazine post from the Mother Country. The reason given for this request were that it was in order to counteract the pernicious influence of 'Yankee literature' and to keep up and sustain a patriotic interest with Great Britain and Ireland. In scathing terms the present Governor-General of Canada announced that this request had been granted by Mr. Sydney Buxton, the Post Master General, but at Canada's expense. 'Meaner action by our Post Master General could not be imagined. He would scorn an act in the above described manner in private relations but now triumphantly points to the enormous and unparalleled newspaper and magazine postage from this territory. Canada, however, bears the entire burden and the British post office takes its full profit.'

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DON'T PUT OFF
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DON'T PUT OFF
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+ with your name and address, cut +
+ out coupon and mail to the +
+ PYRAMID DRUG COMPANY, +
+ 216 Pyramid Bldg., Marshall, +
+ Mich. A trial package of the +
+ great Pyramid Pile Cure will then +
+ be sent you at once by mail. +
+ FREE, in plain wrapper. +
+ Name +
+ Street +
+ City and State +

HAD TO POSTPONE THE ST. STEPHEN EXHIBITION
ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Sept. 28.—Because of the deluge of rain yesterday and the day before, the Agricultural Exhibition to have been held here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, has been postponed until Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Eyesight.
Eyesight is priceless. You can preserve it at small cost if you call at D. BOYANET'S Scientific Optician, 33 Dock street. Store closed at 6 p.m. Saturday 5.30 p.m.

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COURT UNION JACK, No. 540—Orange Hall, Gormain Street, 4th Wednesday.
COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.
COURT YUKON, No. 735—Orange Hall, Simonds street, 3rd Wednesday.
COURT HIAWATHA, No. 758—Temperance Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.
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"Silver Plate that wears"

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"SHIP AHOY," MAKES A STUPENDOUS HIT

If the ability to provide laughter is the standard of success, the Robinson Opera Company's new bill, Ship Ahoy, made a very decided hit last evening. The piece has been announced as a musical comedy. It is full of fun from start to finish. The story relates the adventures of an operative troop ship, wrecked and stranded on a lonely island. The chorus girls adopt the principles of suffrage, organize, and take charge of affairs. A ship; sprivens; and the comedians, while in a state of hilarity, changes clothes with the manager of the company. With the change of raiment their positions are reversed, and the efforts of the theatrical man to handle the vessel are as entertaining as those of the comedians in ignoring the chorus suffragettes. The leading ladies fall in love promiscuously, the officers of the ship prove unwilling victims, and the seamen and chorus girls following the examples so placed before them. A day of reckoning comes between the manager and the comedians, and all differences are settled by a few rounds with the gloves. The boxing scene is the climax of the show, and is riotously funny. The comedy was ably handled by Edward Beck and Jack Leslie, as commodore and manager respectively; a number of popular ditties were introduced and there was some clever dancing.

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DEATHS
PIERCE—At her residence, 318 Main street, on the 27th inst., Melissa Kinny, widow of John Pierce, leaving one son and three stepchildren, one brother and two sisters to mourn.
Funeral on Wednesday at 8.15 a. m., from her late residence to St. Peter's church. Requiem High Mass at 5 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.
MARVEN—At Springfield, Elmville, wife of Charles Marven, aged 65 years, leaving a husband and four stepchildren.
Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, Springfield.
GILLISPIE—At Boston, on the 27th inst., James Halford Gillispié, aged 35 years, leaving a widow, one sister and one brother.
Funeral notice later.