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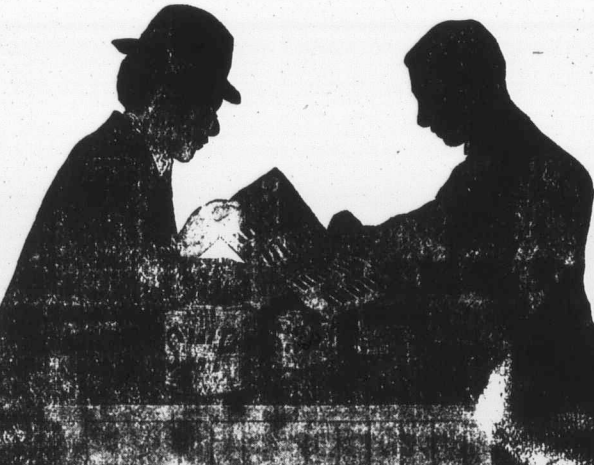
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CLEANING UP MONTREAL.

John H. Roberts Started Temperance When He Was a Boy.

A little man, but full of energy and determination, convinced that drink is a curse, that the police will do nothing to stop it, that preaching temperance, while all very fine, is by no means a practical way of downing the Demon Rum, and that he must succeed by digging out and doing what the police fail to do, shutting up the dives and making the license-holders live up to the laws.

Such is John H. Roberts, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who, perhaps, has more enemies than any man in Montreal, yet is probably proud to have been able to make so many. A Workman by birth, Mr. Roberts started temperance work early in life, touring England and Wales several times in a series of lectures before he was accustomed to long trousers. Three years ago he came to Canada and settled down in Montreal for a time. He was engaged by different organizations, and made several extensive lecture tours through the Eastern part of the Dominion. It is only a little over a year ago since he settled permanently in Montreal, becoming the secretary of the Alliance, and yet to day everybody knows John H.

Ample proof of the affection of the saloon men for Mr. Roberts was given recently when Mr. Roberts obtained a chair which was meant for lawyer, Mr. St. Julien, at a hearing of the license commissioners.

Mr. Roberts asserted his right to the chair, and so did Mr. St. Julien, backed up by a couple of court house ushers. A scrap finally ensued, in which Mr. Roberts was rather roughly handled.

"Kill him!" shouted half a hundred saloon men who were at the hearing. "Kill the son of a gun."

A few days ago, Mr. Roberts, with three detectives, undertook to raid a tough dance hall in the east end of the city. They marched through a crowd of dancers—coal heavers and like athletes, for the most part—and seized half a dozen bottles of whisky which they found in the refreshment room. They started back through the crowd, and just as they reached the door somebody threw a bottle. Then a little storm broke loose, and Roberts was the storm center. He was knocked down and clubbed with bottles and sticks, but finally he escaped with his three followers, bruised and bleeding, but still determined and full of energy.

"No, I didn't say a complaint—yet," he said the following day. "We are going to raid some more places like that one in a few days, and I will get them all in court together."

A Big Man With Big Views.

Charles A. McGrath, M.P. for Medicine Hat, is a big man with big views. He told the Montreal Canadian Club, at a dinner given in Canada to preserve her national identity she must keep the key to commercial success—which is cheap power—and use it to open the world's markets instead of letting it go to other competitors in the United States. He said that Canada with her wealth of undeveloped water powers, was like a nouveau riche, with a crowd after her to exploit her wealth for their own advantage. With a view to preserving our water energy for ourselves he would have a commission of competent consulting engineers.

Mr. McGrath is one of the best men that the West has to offer. He was born in Augusta, Ont., a little more than half a century ago, but he has lived in Western Canada for thirty years. So it's no wonder that he has a goodly share of a fine spirit of bigness.

That his fellow Conservative members think well of him is shown by the fact that he is Permanent Chairman of the Conservative Caucus—Canadian Courier.

Rumored Fortune.

George Normandin, notary of Montreal, has received a letter advising that the family Normandin dit Beausoleil has fallen heir to \$60,000,000 by the death of a widow in France. A Marie Normandin dit Beausoleil, so runs the story, became engaged to an English officer in 1887 and left with him for England after the rebellion. He served in all countries of Europe till he was killed in Afghanistan, with the rank of general. He was very wealthy, and his widow retired to Paris, where she spent her quiet living. The fortune grew to the amount stated at the time of her death.

The letter is from another of the name, saying that the death of this lady had occurred and asking all the family to unite in an attempt to get the fortune.

Slightly Inappropriate.

Clergymen are placed in an especially embarrassing position when anything goes wrong in the service, for the solemnity of church makes the ridiculous all the more incongruous. One Ontario minister told recently of a contretemps with the choir, arising from his not having informed them of the subject of the sermon. He had put thought and vigour to a discourse along the text: "Woe to you That Sleepeth!"

To his horror, the choir followed with a number entitled: "Sleep on, sleep on, and take thy rest!"

Another pastor related how an unassuming stupa-christian arranged for a hymn, "Oh, what must it be To Be There!" at the close of a sermon. The title, "Hell," there was a noticeable coolness after that, for some time, between pastor and choir leader.

A Van Horne Story.

Sir William Van Horne, on his sailing for England recently, was smoking a cigar at the Sand Point docks, St. John, N.B., when a dock policeman, not knowing him, informed him he was breaking the regulations. Sir William threw away the cigar, and remarked: "He's right. That's what we pay him for."

DR. BOYLE'S EARLY CAREER.

His Advice to the Woman With Special Views on Discipline.

The late Dr. David Boyle, the veteran archeologist, left a splendid monument to himself in the Ontario Provincial Museum, which he brought to its present state of perfection, but he also left another similar monument which is not so well known. When Dr. Boyle taught in the little village school at Elora, he had the same enthusiasm for research and folklore which afterward proved so valuable to the province. Before he went to Toronto to start his larger work, he had already gathered together curios enough to make an excellent little museum in the Western Ontario town. One room of the school where he taught was then devoted to it, but it has since been enlarged and removed to more commodious quarters.

Dr. Boyle was always a most enterprising citizen, and he suggested many ways of making use of the natural beauties of the village. As a schoolmaster, he was known far and wide as a disciplinarian, but many stories are also told of his wit. Some of his old pupils recall his encounter with the village virago, who could be silenced by no one, according to general public belief. The schoolmaster had punished one of her children, and she retained that privilege for herself, she appeared upon the scene to protest. He allowed her to run along at a great rate till her vocal stearn was almost exhausted. She devoted her energy chiefly to announcing that she was strongly opposed to corporal punishment, and that she wished him to remember it.

At last Dr. Boyle got a word in, and he asked simply, "Well, how do you think I should punish children when they will not behave?"

"I send them to bed," replied the woman.

"All right, madam," said the future curator of the Provincial Museum with a composure which completely disconcerted her. "If you will send down a couple of bedsteads, I shall be delighted to try the form of discipline which you find most effective with your children."

The woman beat a retreat.—Saturday Night.

The Job Higher Up.

F. H. McGuihan, the ex-railway man who undertook the contract for Ontario's hydro-electric power line, is a big Irishman of warm heart and quick temper. There are probably good grounds for the fact that Mr. McGuihan called Jim Hill something stronger than "falsifier," and that he used a similar word to a member of the Ontario Cabinet who tried to meddle too much with the hydro-electric department. Mr. McGuihan probably owes much of his success to keeping an eye on "the job higher up," a trait which is illustrated by an incident of his boyhood which is frequently related with gusto by his friends.

"The" McGuihan was employed at the time in carrying water for a gang of men engaged in railway construction somewhere in the St. Thomas neighborhood. In this humble capacity he begged his career as a railroader. A strike was threatened among the men, and one of the engineers imparted to the boy the information that he might soon be out of a job.

"No, I won't for I'll get years," came back young McGuihan like a flash.

The engineer laughed. "I'd just like to see you run this engine," he said scornfully.

"I'll show you," persisted the water-carrier, and he did. There was little about the engine that he did not know. He could run it backward or forward, slow or fast. He had been simply keeping his eyes open, qualifying for "the job higher up."

An Irresistible Appeal.

A prominent Montreal flour house received the following letter, soliciting one of their calendars: "One of my friends in here says you na no and so like dat I make my address. If you please I want you sent me hot now Kallindrie for a happy new year. Las year I had by mee one too kupal bag flore twainy fore bag becoss she sheeper dat weay, an dat is not my idee I merite on Kallindrie. I sponse I sijk to you tranchment of your flore. Sometime she rose and sometime she don't rose at all but prynciple she good flore but she maik sum mistaik. I expec you gone sen me dat Kallindrie it is avers before dis maik of your flore on — and I tole it hevrybody de nodder for she don't wort a cent. Pleas give my respections on Msieu KeewaTin and tole him she don mak so good flore has yours."—Saturday Night.

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