

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE FAIR FAME OF A CITY.

Rev. Dr. Shearer in Toronto gave a description of the liquor dens and brothels of Winnipeg which made unpleasant reading for some of the people of the prairie metropolis with the result that he was denounced in some western prints as a liar and a slanderer, and besides was told that he would not dare to make his statements in Winnipeg where they could be met and refuted on the spot. Dr. Shearer is pretty well known in Eastern Canada and few in this section would believe he would state what he knew to be untrue. Be that as it may, he has since stated that he had nothing to retract, whereupon a Judge of one of the high courts of Manitoba has been appointed by the Provincial Government to investigate the grave charges made. Since then, according to the Winnipeg Free Press, still stronger charges were made in that city by Adjutant McElhenny of the Salvation Army. His statement is in brief that in one small district there are 51 houses which sell liquor without license at all hours of the day and night; that in these houses 216 girls are kept; that by actual count 232 men visited at 14 houses within two and a half hours "in the dullest night during the period of investigation," and that every three months \$108 is required to be paid by each of these houses to Magistrate McMicken for the privilege of selling liquor therein without license.

Without giving further unsavory details it may be added that Adjutant McElhenny pledges himself to furnish sworn evidence of the truth of his statements. These places exist, he says, with the full knowledge of the magistrate and the police and under protection by them. We are sometimes told by the opponents of prohibition that it tends to drive the liquor traffic into dens and dives such as those above described. But Winnipeg is a license city, as Montreal is, and very shocking conditions as to all night sales of liquor in scores to hundreds of immoral resorts exist in both these cities.

Things are in pretty bad shape in Winnipeg if Dr. Shearer and Adjutant McElhenny tell the truth and it is high time there was a general cleaning up if the prairie capital is to preserve a decent name. No doubt the reformers in Winnipeg will be told that all large cities have their slums of vice and crime, but the reports that have gone abroad in regard to the associated evils of whiskey and harlotry, under police protection, in that city, apparently based on credible testimony, are a scandal to Canada. Let us hope that the judicial investigation now undertaken may find matters not so bad as reported, or at least lead to better conditions of decency, sobriety and order being established for the future.

THE DUTIES ON FARM MACHINES.

A writer in The Examiner of yesterday finds it "hard to believe that The Guardian's campaign for lower duties in the best interests of the farmers of this Province." But he gives no reasons and does not even sign his name to his letter. When The Guardian or The Examiner express their opinions in favor of lower duties the public know who are speaking, but when a writer signs himself "Canadian" the reading public is left to guess who among the millions of Canadians has written the letter and why he thus conceals his identity.

But as this writer ought to know, the burden of proof and argument rests upon those who insist that the farmer shall be fined 20 per cent. for buying his machines and implements in the cheapest market. What we know is this, that the American duties on farm implements have since 1898 been reduced by an average of five per cent. because American farmers demanded it. And though the Canadian duty on some farm machines has been reduced to 17 1/2 as against the American duty of 15 per cent., the average of duties paid by Canadians last year on farm implements and machines taken together was 20 per cent.

As to the relative cost of manufacturing such machines in the two countries, what has the farmer to do with that? And, if after thirty years of protection our manufacturers cannot produce mowers, reapers, ploughs and shovels as cheaply as they can be produced in the States, it is surely high time that they could do so. The vast fortunes made by the implement makers in Canada, who are rated in millions, and the fact that they are able to compete extensively in distant foreign markets, is proof that the cost of manufacture is no greater in Canada than in the States.

Take another evidence. All articles imported and exported are valued at the custom houses. The mowing machines exported from Canada last year were valued at an average of \$34.50 each. The mowing machines imported to Canada were valued at \$44 each. The harvesters exported were valued at \$103 each and those imported were valued at \$112 each. Our farmers know what they are paying for the machines they buy. Let them compare figures and they will be in a position to know whether

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All available evidence goes to show that the implements and machines used by the farmer can be made as cheaply in Canada as they can be made elsewhere; that the amount of the duty is paid by the farmer whether he buys a Canadian or a foreign machine; that when he buys a Canadian machine the extra price he pays because of the duty does not go into the public treasury, but into the coffers of the manufacturer, who has already grown rich by these exactions.

Whether under the conditions it is just, honest, or patriotic to compel Prince Edward Island farmers to go on paying tribute to the millionaire manufacturers of Ontario, to whom they can sell nothing in return, we leave our readers to judge. By all means let us build up Canada, but let us not build up the rich and prosperous at the expense of the honest toiler or build up Ontario manufacturing cities and towns by a forced tribute from Prince Edward Island farmers. That is what we have been doing. That is the effect of the tariff on agricultural implements. Surely it is not too much to ask that this tariff shall be reduced to a level with that of the United States.

OUR REPRESENTATION.

It is affirmed on high authority that Prince Edward Island would not have entered the union with Canada but for the stipulation that the Province should have a representation of six members in the House of Commons and four in the Senate. Be that as it may, the question of representation is a very vital one in this Province and in the sister Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The matter of our lost representation has been often discussed in Parliament; it has been the subject of

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able speeches there by some of our past and present representatives; it has been carried to the Privy Council, and very shortly the Provincial Premiers are to meet at Ottawa to give it further discussion. All this goes to show that the question is considered to be important, even urgent.

But for a good while past one of the seats in the Senate to which the Province is entitled has remained vacant. Hon. Donald Ferguson, one of the ablest of our representatives in the Upper House, died in September, 1909. All last session his seat was left vacant. Another session is now in progress and the seat is still vacant. Regrettably another of our Senators, Hon. Dr. Robertson, is ill and has so far been unable to take his seat this year. We sincerely hope that he may be restored to health and resume his public duties, at an early day.

The present situation is that we have but four members in the Commons in the place of the six we formerly had and but two Senators sitting out of the four to which the Province is entitled. This is not quite fair to the Province and it certainly does not tend to strengthen the Government in this Province. A small community such as this is probably a little more sensitive on this point than a large Province might be. In any case the Government would do well to give this matter their immediate attention.

The House of Lords has simply ignored the veto bill and sent down to the Commons their own scheme of reforming their own House. This supercilious attitude demands and will receive the attention of the electors within the next few weeks. The King, the Lords and Commons alike will be very deeply interested in what the plain people will have to say on the subject through the ballot box.

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CALGARY, Nov. 22.—At last comes vindication for certain "seers" in Canada, who for some time past have

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