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Notes By The Way

Few if any of the provinces of Canada have had a longer and none of them a more varied experience than Prince Edward Island in dealing with liquor traffic.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest.

What Does It Mean?

Sir—Would some one kindly explain to your readers what the coming plebiscite is for? It seems to me the matter is being misrepresented by the extreme prohibitionist.

In America the first temperance pledge was drafted by Micajah Pennington of Virginia. In 1836 the American Temperance Union was formed on a basis of total abstinence.

The Western Meteor

Sir—In the person of Dr. Cosgrove, of Wellington, a new meteor has flashed its self-contained light to brighten up the prospect of a glorious new setting so unaccountably upon the booze fraternity.

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island world is ignorant of. But amid all this was there the glowing satisfaction that not all of the human kind are steeped in these depravities.

And the Doctor, still hankering to diffuse his brilliant light, is out on a challenge to the "Cleverest Prohibition orator to meet him in any hall."

U. S. Attorney General and Mr. McIntyre

Sir—In your issue of Jan. 10th there appeared a letter signed by John D. McIntyre of Boston Massachusetts in the following statements were made:

"On Dec. 30th I find fifteen rum ships slipped into New York Harbor with a total of sixty thousand cases of various kinds of liquor at an estimated value of \$7,000,000."

Now I would point out that this astounding feat of rum running was performed, according to Mr. McIntyre on Dec. 30th. His letter is dated Jan. 5th. Now one naturally asks the question how did Mr. McIntyre come into possession of these remarkably accurate details as to the number of ships, the number of cases of liquor and the estimated value of the shipment, within five days of the occurrence when the whole affair would necessarily have to be conducted with the utmost secrecy since both the rum ships and their cargoes were liable at any time to confiscation by the vigilant Secret Service Department of the United States Government?

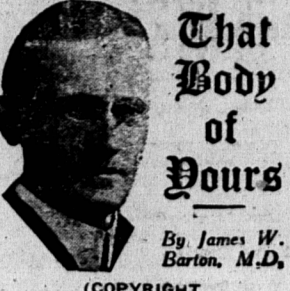
Again in view of the fact that the New York harbor is guarded by one of the largest and most efficient policing systems in the world such a statement, that 15 rum ships with an average cargo of 4,000 cases had passed through this guard in one day, sounded ridiculous on the face of it. In order to investigate these sweeping assertions, I wired Attorney General Daugherty at the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

On Jan. 15th I received a lengthy reply from the Department of Justice. The Attorney General in charge of the enforcement of prohibition throughout the United States after inquiring into the matter stated that there was no foundation whatsoever in the statements made by John D. McIntyre regarding the fifteen rum ships. He added that in their return such statements could only be rumor. The Attorney General asserted further that the enforcement of prohibition is developing satisfactorily in the United States. Liquor is not being sold freely. There is a certain amount being sold surreptitiously but this is only in certain spots of the country where legal sentiment does not aid the enforcement of the law.

Now Sir, it should have been very easy for Mr. McIntyre to have made an attempt to verify these rumors before sending them to the Island press for publication. The fact that he did not do so casts a great deal of suspicion on the honesty of his intentions, especially when he forwarded them to the eve of a prohibition plebiscite.

Further, I would ask you Sir, if it is fair to the cause of temperance in our province, especially at such a critical time as this, that the letters of so unreliable a correspondent should be given publicity when there is little time to have his misstatements refuted?

I am, Sir, etc. A MOFFATT, President Tem. All. New Glasgow, P.E.I. Jan. 18th, 1923.



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That Body of Yours

ARE YOU TOO THIN About twenty years ago an emaciated man came into my office in Atlanta, Ga., and wished to consult me about his progressive loss of weight.

A careful examination failed to reveal any organic trouble and I was really at a loss to understand his condition. He was of average height and weighed only 96 lbs.

I advised light work, plenty of rest, and more food. He secured a position as a collector, and was given his own time to make the collections. He went to bed early and got up late. In addition to his ordinary meals I had him drinking a quart of milk a day and three eggs. The milk and eggs were taken half way between the meals.

At the end of a month he returned and stated that he felt a little better had put on a couple of pounds, but the rate of increase was just a little too slow to suit him. In fact he had decided to go to New York to get the famous bread advertised by Dr. ...

In a few months he returned to Atlanta, the picture of health and weighing 120 pounds. I said "Well, I'll have to give the devil his due, that bread has made a new man of you. How much and often did you eat it?"

He laughed—"Why as for the bread I guess I only ate it twice during all the time I was away." "Well then," said I, "How did you put on so much weight?" "Oh, I ate eighteen to twenty raw eggs and drank six to eight quarts of milk a day."

This story is an absolute fact, and I leave you to draw your own conclusions. Milk and eggs are wonderful as food. Sometimes I have had patients beat up the eggs and fill the glass with siphon soda, where they could not tolerate milk.

those trained in the service, some of them fully qualified for the position to give it to a new and untried appointee? I am, Sir, etc. ANOTHER CITIZEN.

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\$25,000 for A Boy

When Mr. Cudaly of Omaha, Neb., found that his boy had been stolen and that his captors would put his eyes out unless the father agreed to pay them \$25,000 for his return, Mr. Cudaly readily complied with the terms. These was, they were not protected. But kidnapers were out of other boys are being stolen ever yday, and no amount of money could give them back to their heart-broken parents.

They are stolen under the protection of Law! No one makes any complaint, the most we hear of it is—"The Drink has got him." Banish this curse from our fair island!

The Power of Our Vote

Do not think your vote of little worth, and so remain away from the polls. When the fate of our boys, the home-makers of the future, is being decided, if you have any love for your children be at the polls and cast your vote for the entire suppression of the blighting curse of Drink.

One vote elected Oliver Cromwell to the Long Parliament, brought revolution to England and made Britain free! One vote sent Charles I. to the scaffold. One vote elected Governor Morton over Everett Hole in 1839.

One vote of the electoral College in 1876 decided who should be President of the United States. One vote gave Texas to the United States. One vote brought California into the Union and turned the tide of immigration westward.

Those in Favor of Drink Will Vote—Dare You Stay Away? For God, For Home and Our Boys

A Friendly Word to Workers Did BOOZE Ever Do You Any Good? Did BOOZE Ever Get You a Better Job? Did BOOZE Ever Make Your Home Happier? Do You Want to Owi a Home that is Really Yours? How Much Will BOOZE Help Towards the Price of it?

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers From the W. S. Louson collection

DAY BY DAY I heard a voice at evening softly say: "Bear not thy yesterday into tomorrow, Nor load this week with last week's load of sorrow; Lift all thy burdens as they come nor try To weigh the present with the by and by; One step and then another, take thy way— Live day by day. Live day by day. Though the autumn leaves are withering round thy way, Walk in the sunshine. It is all for thee. Push straight ahead as long as thou canst see. Dread not the winter where thou mayest go; But when it comes be thankful for the snow. Onward and upward. Look and smile and pray— Live day by day. Live day by day. The path before thee doth not lead astray. Do the next duty. It must surely be The Christ is in the one that's close to thee. Onward, still onward, with a sunny smile, Till step by step shall end in mile by mile, I'll do my best," unto thy conscience say— Live day by day. Live day by day. Why art thou bending toward the backward way? Stop not at every round the space to count. Watch not the ashes of the dying ember. Let past mistakes, if thou must still remember. Kindle thy hope. Put all thy fears away— Live day by day. Julia Harris May in the "Atlantic"

HOME The joy that some hearts treasure, the hope that others prize, The wistful wish that, buried deep sometimes in others lies; A word so dear that men will die with gladness for its sake! The force at which are welded strong the ties that naught can break;

A garden in the wildest waste of this world's desert life; A spot where dwell both peace and calm amid the fiercest strife; A refuge from each storm that beats the place in all the land Where there are souls who sympathise and hearts that understand.

The rock whereon the anchors hold that keep it safe and fast When else would perish all we are and have amid the blast; The shrine before whose holy light does fondest worship come; The choicest ideal of the heart— Its sacred name is Home. —Clarence E. Flynn

Why Father Objected Daughter—What is father's objection to Tom? Mother—He plays poker. Daughter—But so does father. Mother—I know, but Tom wins.

NOTICE Danger ever lurks in man's pathway and while we may be unusually careful we can not always prevent accidents, fires and the many other misfortunes that befall one, but we can stop the loss.

GEMS OF THOUGHT The code of society is stronger than some persons than that of Sinai; and many a man who would not scruple to thrust his fingers in his neighbors' pocket, would forgo pearl rather than use his knife as a shovel.—J. R. Lowell.

Simplicity of manner is the last attainment. Men are very long afraid of being natural, from the dread of being taken for ordinary. —Jeffrey.

The generous who is always just and the just who is always

COST OF LIVING

Dr. H. L. Brittain of Toronto, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce in Stratford, Ontario, a few days ago made the statement that taxation rises as one travels westward. "Charlottetown," he said, "was the cheapest city to live in, Calgary and Edmonton the most expensive."

This unsolicited testimonial from one who has evidently informed himself as to the conditions under discussion is very gratifying. It is only by comparing our condition with that of others, that we can really find out where we stand. We are too liable to measure ourselves by ourselves, to compare our present position with the position we occupied some certain number of years ago. Times have changed here as elsewhere; the cost of living here today is much higher than it was some ten or fifteen or more years ago, but we believe it is lower than anywhere else in Canada and we have the evidence of Dr. Brittain to substantiate it.

In any city the level of the cost of living is a measure of its popularity as a place of residence or visiting resort and while Charlottetown retains its reputation as the cheapest place in Canada to live in it will draw residents both permanent and transient, employees and employers.

In some cases, it is possible, we say occasionally cast murderous eyes on the goose that lays the golden egg. This has been the outstanding temptation in all ages and the killing of the goose has been the outstanding folly. In cultivating our tourist trade some of us may be tempted to get as many dollars as we can squeeze out of the visitor but if we squeeze too hard the visitor will not return, and not only that but he will persuade others not to come to us. Dr. Brittain's testimony goes far to prove that we have not done his to any considerable extent. We still have our reputation as the cheapest place in Canada to live in. He might also have gone further and said that we live as well and fare as sumptuously as any other place in Canada. There are many reasons why we should grow practically all our food-stuffs and these are within easy reach of all our tables.

Dr. Brittain's remarks on the up grade westward of taxation is explainable by the fact that the sell government has only been in power for four years. Before we suffer any loss of reputation in his respect we can assure him the Bell government will be out of business.

THE MAILS

Of all public officials probably the most deserving of credit and commendation for the work of the past five days of snow blockade are those concerned with the carrying of the mails. The Carberry has had the fight of her existence since last Friday night and she has won out. On Tuesday she put in practically a whole day pounding heavy ice and reached Tormentine in the evening, leaving immediately on return, bringing mails and passengers and getting into Borden at two o'clock yesterday morning. The railway from Borden to Charlottetown closed since Friday night, was opened yesterday afternoon about four by the arrival of the Borden train.

The rural mail carriers did much better work even than the railways. The Hampton and Bonshaw couriers missed only Saturday and Monday, when the roads were absolutely impassable, and resumed their regular return trips on Tuesday. A courier also arrived in the city yesterday morning bringing a

WINTER SPORTS

Little good can be accomplished by complaining about the weather. Certainly we have had some weather since the winter began, but with all its faults—if they were faults—it was better than no weather at all. From the aesthetic point of view it has been a success. Certainly the City of Charlottetown never looked more beautiful than it does under the decorations left by the last snowstorms. The sidewalks with their high alabaster walls on each side are not only exceedingly beautiful, but so absolutely safe that the wayfaring man, though drunk and disorderly, could not stray away from the beaten path. The dirt and the debris lie forgotten under the mantle of absolute purity; the city is clean and white and beautiful. Why not enjoy it and revel in it? And the country! Bathed and blanketed under its downy coverlet, its tender plants tucked in from frost and storm to awaken refreshed and rested when the blanket is removed in the Spring morning! What could be more wonderfully beautiful? What a sight it would be for one who had never seen snow, for one who had been reared in the monotony of scorching sun and fading flowers and browning foliage!

Winter is in many respects our most enjoyable and most healthful season. The human animal is essentially a fighter and a few weeks contest with the wintry forces sets him on his feet. What can be more exhilarating, for instance, than a five or a ten mile cross-country snowshoe hike, with no roads or fences to interfere. Or a tramp through the woods with its glimpses of wild life and a picnic on the snow "at the end of a perfect day?"

We are not making enough of our winter sports. In a few weeks we shall have our usual winter horse races on the harbour but in the meantime the winter is passing away. There is no more enjoyable winter weather anywhere in Canada than right here in Prince Edward Island but we are not getting the full benefit of it. A well organized snow-shoe club would do much to start something out of which much enjoyment and good sound physical and mental health could be extracted.

THE DIFFERENCE

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It will be seen from the above brief recital how steady and constant has been the onward and progressive movement of temperance reform and prohibition until now a number of nations, embracing 150 millions of people have placed the liquor traffic under ban. As was the case with Human Slavery, so it is now with the liquor traffic. The awakening conscience of the world demands its abolition. Prohibition comes upon the stage not in a hurried moment or by a snap verdict, but backed up by a great reform movement which has steadily increased in strength during a hundred years of growth and progress.

It is to be noted that in our own Province since the Prohibitory Law was first enacted no representative public man has ever asked for its repeal, while year after year amendments have been adopted, always for the purpose of making the law stronger and more effective. These are significant facts, showing, as successive plebiscites have always shown, that the people are strongly behind the law. The present plebiscite has for its object the removal of the one remaining and greatest impediment to the enforcement of the law. We have no doubt as to how the men and women will vote on this vital question. They will vote to stop the importation of intoxicating liquor!

Unfortunately the date fixed for the voting comes in a season of inclement weather and with the railway and the highways sadly blocked with snow. It will require more than usual effort and self-sacrifice to reach the polls and place the vote on record, but in so good a cause in which the welfare of the Province is bound up no effort or sacrifice will be too great. It is important that the majority shall be made as large as possible that the Government, the Legislature, the administrators of the law and the general public shall be impressed. Other Provinces have already spoken with an uncertain sound. The time has come for Prince Edward Island to speak with no hesitant voice.

The time has come to wipe out the same and disgrace of free liquor importation through the country. Now for the first time

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