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THE BRITISH LICENSE BILL.

The license bill which passed the Imperial House of Commons and was rejected by the Lords, was designed in part to impose further restriction and to reduce the number of public houses. It was a small concession to the growing temperance sentiment in the old country. In point of fact the number of licenses is somewhat less than it was twenty-five years ago—63,387 against 66,122 in 1883. The population of England and Wales has in the meantime increased from 26,000,000 to 35,000,000.

There is now in England and Wales one license for each 550 of the population. A like ratio would give 186 for Prince Edward Island, if we had the license system. License fees in England have been relatively low, ranging from \$50 to \$300 and had become extremely valuable if the holders, being practically perpetually renewable if the holder kept the law. Hence the claim of vested rights, and compensation for those who would be put out of business if the number of licenses should be cut down.

A probable result of the conflict will be a sharp increase in the license fees, which the Government can impose, the Lords having no power to amend a tariff bill. This may be made a fruitful source of revenue, and would at the same time be about as distasteful to those in the liquor trade as was the proposed reduction in the number of licenses. In any case the deadlock between the two Houses of Parliament over license brings the liquor question fairly into limelight and will force a discussion which in the end will most likely promote the temperance cause.

The distilling, brewing and public house interest is immensely rich, strong and resourceful in the Old Country and temperance sentiment is relatively much less strong than in Canada, but we cannot doubt that in the end the present alliance between the liquor trade and the Lords—"the House of Beers," as it is ironically called, will prove unfortunate for the latter. It is at best a tottering support for the great hereditary Chamber, which must in the near future moderate its pretensions, or submit to sweeping reform.

BORING FOR COAL.

There is wide and general interest in the boring operations at St. John's. The Guardian has only the public interest to serve in regard thereto, and desires that the facts shall all be brought out. The late Sir William Dawson was employed by the Government of Prince Edward Island in 1871 to explore and report upon the geological structure and mineral resources of the Province and he did so. He made an exploration of the southern side of the Island, and also crossed the Strait and examined the rocks at Cape Jervis in the New Brunswick side.

His report with maps and plans is before us. The direction of the anticlinal as traced on the map is from Cape Tormentine, N. B. east 15 degrees north, skirting Rice Point, passing just north of St. Peter's Island, cutting through Governor's Island and so on to Gallias Point. Sir William in his report says: "The places explored by us in which the coal measures are nearest the surface are Governor's Island and Gallias Point and the coast extending from West Cape to North Cape. To these may perhaps be added the coast near Wood Islands, where it is probable that the Carboniferous rocks may be covered with only a very limited thickness of Trias.

"If boring were undertaken at either of the above places it might be hoped that the upper coals would be reached at a depth of not less than 500 or more than 2,000 feet. Should these be too thin to be worked, there would be little hope of the lower coals at a less depth than 3,000 to 5,000 feet."

It will be seen that the places for boring were very precisely located by Sir William Dawson. Why bore first on one side and then on the other side of that line? Again we are informed and believe that no one watched the operations for the Government, except the contractor, until a depth of over 1,000 feet had been reached. At that depth the upper coal seam should have been struck. We do not question the good intentions of the contractor for a moment, but was it not a strange thing to do, to dump buckets of coal into the well just when the depth had been reached at which coal might be found, and when the closest watch should have been kept for traces of coal? It is said this was to prevent the casing from sticking. Would not sand, or pebbles have served the purpose as well, or better? And why was coal thus used at a depth of a thousand feet, and not used later when at greater depth the longer casing would be more liable to stick as it was pushed down?

Just a word more as to the kind of drill that was used. The Nova Scotia Government since 1906 has procured a number of drills, seven in all, to be driven by steam, horse and hand power. Down to 1904 these had been used to bore 121 wells in search of coal, oil, salt, iron and water respectively. All of these are core drills. The larger ones are known as calyx drills, making a hole five to six and a half inches each, and the smaller ones are diamond drills, making holes under two inches in diameter each.

The noteworthy feature is that each of these drills in use by the Nova Scotia Government preserves a core of rock from top to bottom of the boring, a complete and indisputable record. Would not such a record have been more satisfactory than what we have from Earncliffe? Especially as there appears to have been no skilled person vested with proper authority to watch the boring until a depth of a thousand feet had been reached.

Space will not permit further discussion of this interesting subject to-day, and we shall return to it shortly.

"Wearwell" pants for working men, look well, fit well, and wear well.

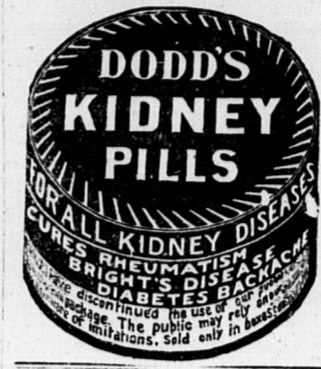
Seasonable Footwear.

Ladies' we have the goods that will keep your feet warm this cold weather in Felt Boots and Overshoes, made on neat but comfortable lasts, also Gaiters and Leggings in all the different lengths.

Colors, Black, Blue and Brown.

Goff Bros

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT. The past has shriveled and buried deep. All yesterdays—there let them sleep. Nor seek to summon back one ghost Of that innumerable host. Concern yourself with but to-day, Woo it, and teach it to obey Your will and wish. Some time began To-day has been the friend of man; But in his blindness and his sorrow He looks to yesterday and to-morrow. You and to-day! a soul sublime And the great pregnant hour of time, With God Himself to bind the twain! Go forth, I say, attain! attain!



All cold silks and remnant, 1-3 off at Paton's 1-8drii.

The annual meeting of Strathalbyn district L.O.L. will be held in Calvin Lodge Room, Bradalbane, on Tuesday the 12th inst, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. Hugh McLure, R. S. 1-7rd2i.

Black Peau de Soie silk (bonnets) make will almost stand alone, 1-3 off at Paton's 1-8drii.

COME AND SELECT A NICE PAIR OF MEN'S OR WOMEN'S FINE SLIPPERS AT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT AND ALL NEW. GOFF BROS. 12-15drii.

300 Remnants from our swift discount sale. All short ends suitable for waists and skirts. Also heavy cloth remnants at about Half Price at Paton's. 1-8drii.

Balance of that 12c line of Print Cotton at 8c at Paton's. 1-8drii.

Watches

Rings

OR Spectacles

Suitable for New Year's Gifts

at E. W. TAYLOR

South Side Queen Square

PERFECT PIES.

The crust tells the tale, its delicious and tempting appearance can only be attained by expert workmen. The flavoring of our pies are perfect, and they will fairly melt in your mouth. To Realize pie perfection you'll want to try our pie.

- Apple Pies 12c
Mince Pies 12c
Cream Pies 12c and 15c
Coconut Pies 15c

THE NORTH BAKERY dmw6m 226 Euston St.

Plenty of Room for ME and THEE Be Fair With Your Competitor Never Try to Build Yourself Up By Tearing Down another There is Plenty of Room for Both The ad man was taught this long ago.

It is now six years since Paton & Co. offered their stock at a clearance price of 25 p. c. 33 1/3 p. c. and 50 p. c.

There have been sales, sales and sales year in and year out but Paton & Co did not object, always preferring to move along on the even tenor of their ways and always remembering that there is always room for Me and Thee.

Slaughter Sale—The word slaughter has never been used in Paton's ads.

They do not like the word and do not use it. It does not sound well between Me and Thee.

When Paton advertises a Discount Sale everyone believes the discounts are given as advertised and Paton believes the people believe in him and he believes in himself, and the old saying "There is plenty of room for all" still holds good.

We want the Wills not the Wonts. We want the wills to join the big army of Cash Buyers from all parts of the Island that have branded across their Brains "wills" who are like the big Ocean Liners, C. P. R. Empresses, plowing through the Atlantic waves who don't stop or slow up for fogs, storms, sharks, or thunder who keep sailing on till they reach the Harbor with a Square Sail like Paton's great "Square Sale" on shore at Queen's Square. A lady said to one of our salesmen the other day, "Your store does not look much from the outside these days but you have beautiful bargains inside." It is nice to be "beautiful inside." "I always find you do as you advertise. I just bought a big parcel. Some people who don't try to remember that there is room for all will say I am crazy but hey forget that I know real bargains."

400 prs of Lace Curtains on Sale to-day at the following Prices

Table with columns: Lace Curtain, yds Long, x 30 in. wide, Regular Price, 50c for, 34c. Lists various sizes and prices for lace curtains.

Carpet and Furniture Department Half Price 33 1/3 off 25 p. c. off

- Brussels Carpets Specified
Wicker Rocking chairs
Parlor Suites
Odd D. Room Chairs
100 Plain Kitchen Chairs
AS AN APPETIZER.
1-3 off Cut Heel Overalls.
Size No. 84 No. 163
10 1-2 65c.
10 63 \$1.00
9 1-2 63 85c.
9 60 85
8 1-2 60 85
8 60 70
7 1-2 55 70
7 50 68
6 1-2 45
6 45
Brussels Carpets
Axminster Carpets
Wilton Carpets
Axminster Squares
Wilton Squares
Tapestry Squares
China Matting
Lace Curtains
Window Muslins Specified
Wire Door Mats
Rubber Mats
Gimps
Linoleums
Window Shades
Curtain Poles
Curtain Pole trimmings
Cocoa Mats
Table Covers
Tapestry Covering
Silk Coverings
Wool Blankets
Cotton Blankets
Grey Blankets
Iron Beds
Springs Mattresses
All kinds of Furniture

When you see this beautiful lay out you will say we must have bought them from the maker when he was asleep. A glance over the above goods will convince you that it pays to buy from those who underbuy to undersell.

JAS. PATON & CO.

Relief For Sore Chapped Hands

You can cure your chapped hands in a remarkably short time if you'll apply

Carnation Cream

to them a few times a day. Sometimes a single application will effect a cure. This is a preparation you can use at any time as it is promptly absorbed and leaves no trace of grease or anything else to soil gloves. Just as good for chapped face or lips. Daintily perfumed and delightful to use.

Price 25 cents Sold only by

J. G. Jamieson Druggist The Medical Hall

Received

Too late for Xmas a few pairs of solid gold Cuff Links which we can now engrave to your order.

G. H. Taylor Jeweler Optician

Peloubet's Notes on the International Sunday-School Lessons for 1909, for sale at Carter's Bookstore.

To Clear In a hurry

Ganong's--Lowney's Webb's Chocolates \$1.00 Packages 85c 85c Packages 75c 60c Packages 50c 30c Packages 25c All fresh goods bought in December.

REDDIN BROS Opp. P. O.

Bargain List

These are real Bargains, a small reduction from our low prices means a bigger bargain than a big reduction from other stores high prices

Curtains Etc 20 p. c. off

All curtains, curtain muslins, cretons, portieres, coverings, this week 20 p. c. off

Blankets and Comforts Reduced

Clearing out the few pairs remaining as follows:—

- \$2.60 Blankets for \$2.15
2.85 " " 2.30
4.00 " " 3.95
6.00 " " 4.80

Flannelette Blankets 68c

Ten quarter size sold in most stores at \$1.10 per doz. To clear the last few pairs, 68c

Napkins 59c doz.

Damask linen table napkins good size per doz. 59c

Towels 12c each

Heavy all linen huck towels good quality hemmed or fringed special at, each, 12c

Beer @ Weeks

Successors to Mark Wright F. C.