

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE PROHIBITORY LAW.

There is nothing that it more misrepresented by its opponents than a prohibitory law and the effect of its operation. The reason for this is that the most active enemies of the law—notably those who are engaged in the liquor traffic—are absolutely unscrupulous in their statements. There is another class, travelling salesmen for liquor houses, who spread abroad most unwarrantable and sometimes quite incredible stories as to the amount of liquor that is sold and consumed in Scott Act or local option or otherwise prohibited districts. Still another class are found who are fond of liquor and sometimes take too much, and who while under its influence, or when unable to gratify their craving for stimulants proceed to energetically decry the restrictive law.

It sometimes happens that well-meaning but too credulous persons, not belonging to either of the classes just referred to, are misled by these misrepresentations and accept them as truth. Such appears to be the case of Mr. McGregor, M. P. P. for Pictou, who during the debate in the Nova Scotia Legislature on the prohibitory bill made some rather extraordinary statements respecting prohibition and Charlottetown. Mr. McGregor told the House that Charlottetown has "about ten thousand inhabitants," which shows that he is far out in his first item of statistical information. He goes on to say "there are practically no industries there and very little money in circulation in the city proper." He thinks that Trenton, New Glasgow and Stellarton together have a larger population than Charlottetown; although he clearly does not know what the population of Charlottetown is. The census figures are against him too in the comparison of population.

Mr. McGregor went on to state that there were more arrests for drunkenness in Charlottetown last year than in the three little towns of Trenton, New Glasgow and Stellarton. But he did not tell and seems not to know how many arrests were made in this city or in the three towns. He gave no authority for his statement whatever. Another statement made by Mr. McGregor is that from a record kept at the custom house in Pictou it was found that an average of one hundred gallons of spirituous liquors per day went over to Prince Edward Island in bond. Who kept that record? Mr. McGregor has not told us, or how he got access to it. It may be but a matter of hearsay, and the information is precisely of the kind that is circulated by the emissaries of the liquor trade. Mr. McGregor has either said too little or too much. He had, however, the grace to admit that a Provincial prohibitory law is better than the Scott Act, but whether this was intended to discredit prohibition or to discredit the Scott Act, is not quite clear.

We would not have taken notice of Mr. McGregor or his speech but that we find it printed in some of the newspapers and being circulated with the object of decrying our prohibitory law. Mr. McGregor's speech is a libel upon Charlottetown in the first place, and after that it is a collection of bald statements such as are commonly made by the oppo-

nents of prohibition with no authority behind them that any one can respect. Whatever Charlottetown may have been in the old license days, it is now a progressive city and the soberest city in Canada that we know of, just as our Province is the soberest Province by far. In proof of this we cite the official criminal statistics of Canada. This is not hearsay, or guesswork, such as Mr. McGregor's speech seems to be wholly based upon. That sort of speech may mislead persons abroad, but can do no harm here where the facts are known, and where the prohibitory law is more and more endorsed and approved from year to year.

BETTER SECURITY FOR HUMAN LIFE.

The other day twelve persons were burned to death in a hotel at Cornwall, Ont. The guests were in their beds and the fire had made such headway before it was discovered that the escape of these twelve became impossible, while many others were in mortal peril and got out of the burning building with the greatest difficulty. The necessity of perpetual watchfulness, and of some ready means of alarming every one in case of a night fire is enforced by such a terrible disaster.

Those who read the telegraphic reports in the newspapers must have been impressed with the constant repetition of fatal accidents from fire, including the many cases of persons and in some cases entire families, burned in their homes. The conclusion is inevitable that in many cases these terrible fatalities were the result of carelessness, or neglect of the proper precautions, and yet there are many cases in which the greatest care could not have prevented the fatality.

We must use fire to cook our food, to warm our dwellings, and we must have lamps and lights and matches to start the fire in the stove or grate and to light the lamp. Fire is proverbially "a good servant but a hard master." It is an imperative necessity in every household and yet takes toll in hundreds of lives and millions of property year by year. A defective flue, a lighted match thrown down carelessly, an overturned or exploding lamp, a mouse gnawing in the match-box, a stove or pipe too near dried wood, a spark falling on a dry roof, a coal snapped from the stove or grate, these and any one of a hundred other causes may lay a home in ruins and perhaps cause loss of precious lives.

Fatal fires are manifold more common in America than in Europe, because our dwellings are mostly of wood while in older countries stone or brick is the material used. But even in a stone or brick house a fire may occur and the inmates may be smothered in smoke, if not burned to death. The two great needs are ever-watchful care and precautions to prevent a fire occurring, and some instant, effectual and automatic means of arousing every one in the house when a fire begins. It would seem that here is a large and useful field for the inventor of today.

THE LABOR PARTY'S TRIUMPH IN AUSTRALIA.

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AT THE FURY OF A MAD DOG.

ALBERT, N. B., May 4—At the mercy of an enraged bull-dog for half an hour, Albert Tucker, the 12 year old son of John Tucker, of Hopewell Hill, was bitten, torn and mangled almost beyond recognition. Had it not been for the fact that the ferocious animal directed its attack chiefly to the child's legs, the boy would not be alive. The little fellow is lying in a precarious condition with the flesh stripped from his limbs and bitten in a dozen places.

BAD FIRE REPORTED.

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