

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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PROHIBITION IS GOOD FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY.

It is sometimes admitted by opponents of prohibition that such restriction of the liquor traffic is a good enough thing for country districts, and villages of small population, but the same persons will assert that it is wholly impracticable or useless in cities. It is no doubt more difficult to enforce prohibition in cities than in country districts because as a rule public opinion on the temperance question here is more divided, because the demand for liquor is greater, and the profit on sales consequently larger.

But on the other hand if the sale can be shut out in cities the moral gain is the greater, because it is in the centres of population where the greatest evils of the licensed traffic are always found. The question is, can the liquor traffic be suppressed in large cities? And the answer must always be, not wholly. It is evident, however, that by good laws, energetically and carefully enforced, the evils of the traffic can be greatly diminished. In like manner the prohibitions against crime and vice are wholesome and beneficial although thefts, burglaries, assaults and murders are still committed in the land.

A prohibition law in cities, well enforced, serves something of the like purpose of an efficient fire department, which cannot prevent the outbreak of fires here and there from time to time, but in hundreds of cases checks the incipient blaze and prevents it becoming a sweeping and disastrous conflagration. Our neighbors in the United States have been experimenting with prohibition for the past fifty years, with the result that very large areas in states and municipalities have altogether prohibited the sale of liquor within their borders. It is, however of cities that we wish to speak. We have before us a list of fifty cities in the United States which

have wholly delegalised the liquor traffic within their limits in one way or another. Some of these are in States that have prohibitory laws, and others are under prohibition by the direct vote of the citizens. All of these cities are larger than Charlottetown, ranging from 20,000 inhabitants upward to 128,000, seven of the number each containing 100,000 people or more. Collectively these cities contain about three millions of people, or an average of 60,000 per city. The larger cities include such great manufacturing centres as Worcester and Fall River, Mass., and Birmingham, Alabama.

Here then, are fifty American cities, averaging five times the size and population of Charlottetown, and larger in the average than St. John or Halifax, that have resolutely determined that liquor shall not be sold within their confines. The number of these prohibition cities is larger than it ever was before, and is increasing from year to year. These three millions of people in fifty cities are not acting blindly. They have had the examples of other cities for their guidance, and they have shown by their action that they believe absolute prohibition is best and is practicable for town and country alike.

Moreover these examples should stimulate the people of Canadian cities, and especially those of the Maritime Provinces, not only to hold the ground they have gained, ward by ward and street by street, but to press onward with renewed energy till the liquor traffic is placed under ban of law throughout Eastern Canada. Where prohibition is denied by timid legislators let the Scott Act take its place. A resolute effort might place both St. John and Halifax in the list of cities locally "dry," and this would be an incalculable gain. It is well worth trying. It would take away the shelter of law behind which the traffic is now entrenched and place it on the defensive.

THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC SALARIES GENERALLY.

Including members of Governments and of Parliament, the Judges and the civil service, there are today in Canada over seven hundred and fifty official salaries and indemnities of \$2,500 a year and over, running up as high as \$14,000.

Along with this we have the average salary of 570 school teachers in Prince Edward Island officially stated at \$220 per annum. There is thus extravagance at the top and niggardliness and penny at the bottom. The contrast is a disgrace to our common country.

Where does the responsibility rest? Well, for thirteen years the Liberal party has been in power in Canada, and for eighteen years the Liberals party has held power in Prince Edward Island. During that period many new high-salaried offices have been created and all the big salaries have been increased, a large proportion of them more than doubled. The teachers of Prince Edward Island still receive the average pittance of \$220.

For very shame's sake, if for nothing else, we must pay our teachers more, and we trust the school districts will deal generously with them this year. How easy it would be to do this if it were not for extravagance in high places and the millions exacted from the taxpayers to maintain a retinue of officials whose salaries average \$4,000 each! A large part of this is paid by the farmers of the country, while the total production of the average Prince Edward Island farm is officially set down at \$564.

We regret greatly to see our best teachers leaving us, but for every teacher who has gone there are ten young farmers who have gone away.

The new organ of American Suffragettes which bears the name Votes for Women has appeared in New York. The cover is yellow and it bears this announcement: For the long work day, For the taxes we pay, For the laws we obey, We want something to say.

We can ill afford to lose either. To our mind there can be nothing more beneficial to the teachers, the cause of education and the public welfare generally than a full and free ventilation of the question of official salaries in Canada, and the relation of the taxpayers thereto.

The fleet reviewed at Portsmouth for the benefit of the colonial newspaper men at Portsmouth represented a cost of over \$10 per head of the people of the British Isles. If Canada were equally generous in the matter of naval preparation it would represent a contribution of \$70,000,000 and Australia at the same rates would have a fleet costing \$50,000,000.

Some of the militia officers resent the cutting down of the grant for annual training. The Stormont and Gengery Regiment practically refused to go into camp at half strength, with the result that the camp at Cornwall has been called off. The officers declined to drill "a mere handful of men."

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MARRIED POOLEY-TOOMBS—At the Manse, Summerside, May 15th, by Rev. R. G. Strathie, Frank Pooley of North Tryon and Pearl Toombs of Tryon.

THOMAS-BROWN—At the Manse, Summerside, June 15th, by Rev. R. G. Strathie, Chester Reginald Thomas of North St. Eleonors, and Florence May Brown of St. Eleonors.

DIED. McLELLAN—In this City at his residence, Cumberland Street, on June 16 after a short illness, Stephen E. McLellan, aged 60 years. Funeral notice later.

PROFIT—There departed this life suddenly at French River on May 1st, Mrs. Wm. H. Profit, st., aged 77 years. The deceased leaves to mourn two sons, Wm. Hall at home and James E. of Ayer, Mass., besides a large circle of friends.

RIGGS—In this City, on the 14th Inst., Eric Warburton, son of Harry and Mrs. Riggs, aged two years.

ROPER—At Victoria, B.C., May 7th, James Douglas, widow of the late Charles Roper, formerly of Cornwall, P. E. I.

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HORSE NOTES. The black mare, Jet, owned by Frank Rossiter, Morell, has dropped one of the best foals ever seen in Morell. The yearling is from Royal Parkland.

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Canada Life Facts. The Canada Life at the end of 1906 had on its books 20 per cent, of the total business in force in the twenty-two Canadian companies. During the past five years, however, the Canada Life paid 40 per cent, of the total cash profits paid by all Canadian companies during the same period. W. I. Burrows, Agent Summerside. W. P. Callaghan, Agent Ebbesfleet. W. K. Rogers, Manager P. E. I. Branch. B. D. Rogers, Cashier. Charlottetown.

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