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PROHIBITION MATTERS.

During the past few days we have received quite a number of letters dealing with and complaining of the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. The letters deal practically with the same phase of the question and as nothing would be gained by publishing them in full we shall briefly summarize them:

(1) From the vicinity of Alberton, Prince County, comes a complaint that, about two months ago, a certain man had been convicted of a second offence and that, after the close of the court, the fine was reduced to that for first offence. It is alleged, also, that a woman, fined for first offence, was allowed to go on suspended sentence on promise of going out of the business. Our correspondent asserts that she is now "selling more than ever."

(2) From Queen's County come several letters asking why two persons recently convicted escaped with first offence fines while one of them had served a term for a similar offence last winter and the other had previously been convicted.

(3) From Souris, King's County, there are two complaints, one stating that definite information had been given the Inspector on November 11th which, if acted upon, would have convicted a certain offender but that the Inspector took no action in the matter. The other states that he had positive information against a man in one of the country districts but that, on mentioning the matter to the prospective witness, the latter said it would not matter for the Inspector would not act upon the information. This correspondent states further that the leniency of the Inspector is taken advantage of both by sellers and buyers.

These matters appeared to us to be sufficiently important to be fully investigated and we accordingly consulted Premier Mathieson. The gist of the Premier's replies to our enquiries was that each of the Inspectors has definite instructions to proceed against all violators of the law when it appears to him that there is reasonable hope of securing a conviction; that the matter of first, second or third offence rests entirely with the Inspector, his instructions

being to make the charge fit the offence, whether it be first, second or third. The Premier was entirely frank in the matter and intimated that if there was any favoritism shown to offenders the responsibility rested entirely with the Inspectors.

(1) Acting upon the Premier's suggestion we wrote the Stipendiary Magistrate for Prince County regarding the reduction of the second offence fine to first. If this was done, the Magistrate informs us, he knew nothing about it. All he knew, and all he had a right to know, was that the man had been convicted of a second offence and fined. The woman mentioned by this correspondent, also, was convicted and fined for first offence. He, the Magistrate, knew nothing of any subsequent arrangements. We have not yet heard from the Inspector who may be able to throw more light upon the subject.

(2) Regarding the first offences for former offenders, the Inspector for Queen's informs us that he had no knowledge of previous convictions against these men, the charges on which they were convicted being the first against them during their term of office. It appears that the custom is to deal only with what the theologians would call "actual transgression" committed during the present political life, original sin, in a former stage, not being imputed.

The King's County complaint appears to be a serious one. We may mention, in justice to the Inspector, that we did not write him in connection with this particular charge as we had previously written him several times without receiving any reply.

Summing the whole matter up briefly we have the Premier's assurance that the Inspectors have implicit instructions to prosecute, that their duty requires that first, second and third offences shall be charged as the offences warrant and that the object of the government is to stop the traffic. The onus rests with the Inspectors. If there are local influences—and the Premier denies the existence of such—it is for the Inspectors to show that they regard their oath of office and their own manhood by rising above them and doing their clear and honest duty.

REVIEWING THE NAVAL POLICY.

In considering the merits or demerits of the Naval Policy now before the House of Commons little assistance can be secured from the party papers. The Conservative press without any exception, as far as we have seen, gives the policy its un-

qualified endorsement while the Liberal press as unreservedly condemns it. The intelligent Canadian must judge the policy on its own merits, independent of the comments of its party friends or its party opponents. In forming his conclusions he will be confronted with difficulties also for even the data upon which his conclusions are to be based are so honey-combed with political jugglery as to be practically unreliable.

For many months before the policy was submitted to the Canadian Parliament, while the message of the British Admiralty lay in its sealed envelope in the Prime Minister's desk, strong emphasis was placed upon the

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existence of an "emergency" in Great Britain' relations with her European nations. "Emergency" was in the air everywhere. The growing strength of the German navy was expatiated upon and complications in connection with the Balkan settlement were freely predicted. The loyal liberality of the other overseas dominions was dangled before the eyes of Canadians and a week or two ago we were told that the Indian Princes had offered twenty millions for the building of dreadnoughts.

How much of this fear and anxiety and Indian liberality really existed we have no means of knowing except from sources of information which are strongly suspected of being interested. This only we know that the German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the Reichstag the other day discussing the Balkan settlement, welcomed the occasion to say that "during the whole crisis our relations with Great Britain have been especially marked by mutual trust, which has not only brought about a most gratifying intimacy in our relations" and I can express the certain expectation that they will continue to do this." In connection with the gift of the Indian princes the Indian Under-Secretary, in the British House of Commons, on December 4th, in reply to a question said he had "no information of a naval gift of twenty millions from the native provinces."

But these matters aside, while there may be well founded doubts as to the existence of an emergency while the offered contribution of the Indian princes may be a myth, it is certain that "Canada, as a part of the British Empire has a right to bear her fair share of the expense of protecting herself and the Empire, an expense hitherto borne by the taxpayers of Great Britain alone. The right to share in this burden has been freely admitted alike by the opposing political parties in Canada. Criticism of the present policy is, therefore, just as legitimate as was that of the policy which it is intended to supersede. Both parties have a right to be credited with honest intentions and it is regrettable that in the consideration of the two policies this credit has been withheld.

So far as we have seen no fault has been found with the amount of the proposed Canadian contribution. It is not regarded as excessive. Fault has been found with the manner of the contribution and apparently with good reason. Canada provides empty ships. The British taxpayers must bear the cost of manning and maintaining them, thus adding to instead of lessening his burden. It has been shown in the British House of Commons that Britain's great need is men; she may need the ships, she probably does, but if she cannot man the ships she now has, and this complaint has been made, the addition of more ships without men will be of doubtful benefit.

This objection to the present proposal is not a fatal one and may yet be remedied before the bill becomes law, if both parties take a broad view of the situation. Until the discussion develops, as it doubtless will during the next few days it will be useless to discuss it further.

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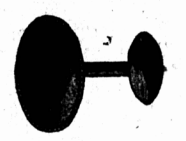
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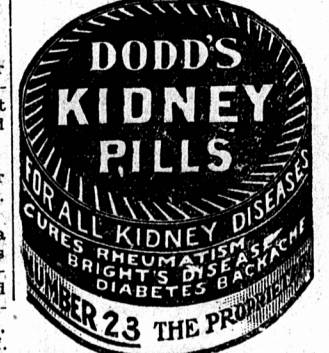
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1913 Art Calendars

During the last few years it has been a pleasure for me at this time to present an Art Calendar to the lady policyholders of the Canada Life and also to many who were eligible to become policyholders thereby in a small way showing my appreciation of their patronage. For 1913 I have purchased five different subjects and as I wish a record of how these are placed I propose to distribute them as applied for either personally or by mail to my lady policyholders until the supply is exhausted. The first subject to be distributed is

"PEACEFUL BROOK"

and these will be delivered or mailed as applications are received.

W. K. Rogers, Manager of the P. E. I. Branch Canada Life.

Mrs. Housekeeper

(Don't Bake)

BUY Cameron's Home-Made Bread

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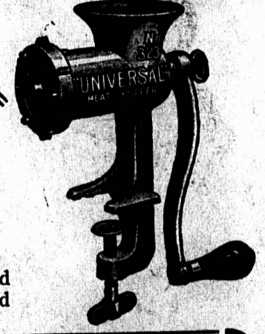
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EWEN CAMERON

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Next week will appear No. 5 "ad" of the series. P. L. SMALLWOOD—MBT.

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There is not a housewife who would not welcome as a Christmas gift a good food or meat chopper.

The Universal is the one to give your friend. The Universal is very strong and durable, runs easily, looks neat and attractive and gives satisfaction every day in the year. It has a cutting surface for coarse, medium and fine work, also pulverizing and grinding surfaces. Call in to-day and look over our showing.

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We have given great care to the selection of holiday gifts this year. As a result we believe that our stock affords more really satisfactory gifts than any at your command. The most distinctive feature about our stock is that every thing is of worthy quality—is worth giving.

Toilet Sets

This season our display is more extensive, more complete than ever before shown. We have silk lined cases from \$2.40 to \$7.00 each. Some just brush and comb others with mirror and still others with manicure pieces complete.

Manicure Sets

We surely have the finest array of those in the city. We find them the most popular gift for young ladies that we have and are increasing in popularity. Some ebony plain or mounted, other French Ivory, Sterling Silver and Mother of Pearl.

Nickle Shaving Stands

At present we are showing a larger assortment of these but have only one of each kind. These always move quickly and any one desiring one should make prompt selection. This year's styles are all new.

Shaving Sets

A splendid lot to select from here now. Most lines we only buy one of each and each season we have cleaned them out entirely very early. We urge you to make prompt selections. They are fine goods and well worth considering.

Other Helpful Suggestions

French, Ivory and Ebony Toilet pieces, Military Brushes, Travelling Sets, Candle Shades, Safety Razors, Shaving Pad. The new Onyx Toilet Articles, Thermos Bottles, Perfume, Brass and Wood Pipe Racks, Tobacco Jars, Cigar Cases, Pipes of every description. We are only giving you a few ideas of the magnificent stock you have to select from here.

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