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WHAT IS THE TROUBLE?

We are occasionally told by well-meaning and sincere temperance people that the difficulties encountered in connection with the enforcement of the Prohibition Act originate in the fact that there is no public sentiment behind it. While admitting that there is apparently some good ground for this idea we declare frankly that we do not believe it. Let us look into it. There is not a merchant in Charlottetown or anywhere else in the province who would knowingly employ a young man who drinks. There is not one who, except through tender-heartedness or in pity for an employee's family and admittedly against his own good judgment, would not discharge an employee who was found out to be in the habit of drinking. What is true of our merchants is true of all our industrial concerns, our railways, our transportation companies, in short, of practically all our activities. It is true, also, of our social life. There are few respectable homes in our province which will admit to their social life the young man who is known to be a drinker. Our farmers, who are perhaps the hardest driven for help, will engage a drinking man only when it is impossible for them to procure any other. In the face of this where is the lack of public sentiment with reference to the enforcement of the Prohibition Act? There are few who are not interested in the liquor question either from the standpoint of the employer or that of the head of a household. Who among them will stand up and declare openly that he does not care whether Prohibition prohibits or not? Who among them, consulting his commercial or industrial interests, consulting the interests of his family,

will say even to himself, in the privacy of his own commings, that it matters nothing to him whether the Prohibition Act is enforced or not? The truth is there is a strong public sentiment behind the Prohibition Act, a sentiment whose strength would be unmistakably shown in a sweeping wave of indignation if any attempt were made to repeal the Act. What, then, is the matter? There are some violations, more, unfortunately, than there should be. There are some who will drink and as long as there are there will be people who will take the risk of selling. These are being looked after. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the record made by Mr. Boisner, Prosecutor for Charlottetown and Queen's County. A glance at it will show that he has been working most creditably. How many are there in Charlottetown or in the county who are not with him heart and soul in his efforts to stop the traffic? We have never heard of any public sentiment expressing itself against his efforts. On the contrary, we have heard hundreds express their appreciation of his work and that is the character of ninety-nine and ninetieths percent of the public sentiment at his back to-day. The same sentiment will be found to exist in the other counties and any prosecutor who hesitates about doing his duty because he mistakes the interests of a few for that of the public is making a serious mistake. The public in this province to-day demands that the Prohibition Act be enforced and any attempt to hinder its enforcement will find itself up against a public sentiment that will not be balked by the interests of the very few who want either to sell or to drink liquor.

A JOOLY GOOD FELLOW.

How often we hear it said that a young man has been led into dissolute habits because of his good comradeship! It is true, and the truth is no wise creditable to the young man. Rather, it is an additional disgrace, a much more serious accusation than the simple fact that he went to the bad through drink. The good comradeship, the jovial fellowship, the bland and easy manner with his rollicking chums presupposes the opposite with those who have greater claims upon him. A broken hearted mother or wife at home, whom he has every right to protect, to shield from the disgrace of owning a dissolute son or husband; children whose bread and clothing he is squandering for drink among boon companions; to these he is no "jolly good fellow;" to these he is a disgrace, a heart-break, often a terror. The excuse, we repeat, is an added disgrace and should never be used to extenuate the fault or the folly of the crime of falling into dissolute habits. The excuse also presupposes lack of backbone. A man gets into dissolute company and, in order to be a half-fellow-well-met with his companions, follows the crowd, does what his chums do, drinks because they ask him to, in short goes to the bad because they lead the way. He is a coward; he lacks the moral backbone that constitutes true manhood; lacks the courage to tell his companions that they are on the wrong road and

he is not going. It is well to be a "jolly good fellow," well to be a man who can be companionable in company that he has no cause to be ashamed of, who can enjoy a joke and make himself agreeable wherever he is. But when these qualities mean spinelessness and a disposition to follow the crowd in to any kind of excess or recklessness that may be thefad for the moment, it would be better to be anything but companionable. The "gang spirit" is one of the great dangers to which the young especially are exposed and good comradeship, lacking moral fibre, is very "Never worry about a man. Many ladies profess to find it difficult to select holiday gifts for men, but it need not be difficult at all. A man is the easiest creature in the world to suit. If he is a smoker, he would be entirely satisfied if every one of his gifts were good cigars. We have the cigars he likes and smokes every day. J. G. Jamieson, Druggist. 12-13 Mt.

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For that room that you can't get warm, whether it be attic, bedroom or hall or any other cold corner of the house you will need a Perfection Oil Heater. The Perfection is a whole heating system in itself. It gives instant and satisfactory warmth, has no disagreeable odor, and heats even a cold room in the shortest possible time. This heater has fancy legs, heavy nickel mountings, cool spring handle, wick can be adjusted from outside. Three sizes \$4, \$4.25 and \$4.50.

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susceptible to its influence. The conscience of the crowd is different from that of any one of the individuals composing it and only the strong can stand up against its leading. Hence the necessity of developing the moral fibre in the young, of cultivating the spirit of resistance, of insisting upon the right. It is possible to be a "jolly good fellow," and to lead the companions in the right direction. In that case the title is one to be proud of; when it means following the crowd wherever their waywardness may suggest it is a distinction to be shunned and to be ashamed of.

IN MEMORIAM.

McLeod—In loving memory of Alexander Dull McLeod, beloved son of William and Mrs. McLeod, formerly of Hartsville, P. E. I., now of Vancouver, B. C., who was accidentally killed at Mullain, Idaho, on December 18, 1909, aged 22 years.

Rest on, dear brother, thy labor is o'er Thy willing hands will toil no more; A faithful brother, true and kind, No friend on earth like thee we'll find.

A sudden change—at God's command he fell; He had no chance to bid his friends farewell; Affliction came, without a warning given, And bade him haste to meet his God in Heaven.

A shadow rests upon our home, we miss his well known face, Where'er we turn, where'er we look we see a vacant place; His memory is as dear today As at the hour he passed away.

(Inserted by his sister Miss Catherine I. McLeod, Vancouver, B. C.)

NEW C. P. R. HOTEL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20—It is announced here today that a delegation from the Maritime Board of Trade, an institution composed of the president and executive officers of all the local trade bodies of the three Eastern Provinces, will go to Ottawa early in the year and strongly urge the Government to either double track the I. C. R. from Moncton to Windsor Junction, or to hand the same road over to a private company.

Matthew Lodge, the president of the Maritime Board, and also president of the Moncton Board of Trade, states that a very radical change has come over public opinion in the three Provinces during the past year or more, and they all now think that the sooner the Government road passes under company control the better it will be for all concerned, and more especially for the people of the Lower Provinces. It is stated also today that the I. C. R. will spend \$500,000 on rolling stock. It is also said that the C. P. R. will soon build a monster hotel in Halifax.

WANT DOUBLE TRACK.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—Matthew Lodge of Moncton, President of the Maritime Board of Trade here will early in the New Year head a delegation from the Maritime Provinces asking the Dominion Government to double track the Intercolonial and will urge that the road be handed over to a company. Besides him, W. A. Black and Lt. Col. Whitman of Halifax, E. M. McDonald, M. P. for Pictou and H. J. Logan, Ex-M. P., here, today declared in favor of company ownership of the Intercolonial.

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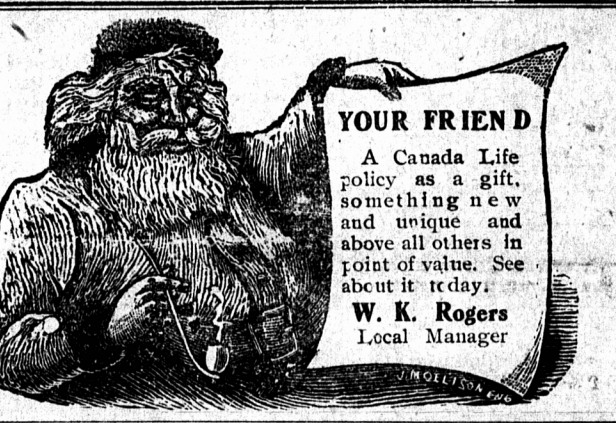


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A Christmas Offer on a lot of Fur Neckpieces at HALF PRICE PATONS Victoria Row Phone 9-6

PAID FOR HIS COLD.

TORONTO, Dec. 20—An appeal lodged in one of the oddest cases which ever engaged a Canadian court was heard before the Divisional court at Osgoode Hall, today. The Pere Marquette railway appealed against a judgment of Justice Britton, a night watchman, \$1,500 damages for sickness, which Morrison claimed was the result of a severe cold contracted by him from exposure while waiting for a late afternoon train at Marshfield, Essex County. The station at Marshfield was burned over two years ago and the company claims that it was not required to rebuild it, as the traffic originated at Marshfield did not justify the cost of erecting and maintaining a station. Justice Britton held that it was the duty of the railway company to provide adequate shelter for its passengers at stopping places. The appeal was argued today and judgment was reserved.



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Our shaving sets and stands are one of the finest gifts you can give a young man. They are splendidly finished and remarkably low priced. We have a splendid line of razors, strops, mugs etc.

We cannot mention here anything like all the fine things you will find here for: want of space. We might mention Thermos bottles leather cases for same, Thermos lunch kits etc. A pack or two of nice playing cards is rather neat present also tobacco and tobacco jars.

How to strike a satisfactory average between our desire to give and our ability to pay is a problem that worries nearly every one at Christmas time. However we believe our stock offers an easy solution of the problem. We have the kind of gifts you want to give at the price you want to pay.

Grid of gift categories: French Ivory, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Ebony, Poker Sets, Superb Confections. Each category includes a brief description of the products available.

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