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Liquor Statistics.

When comparing the liquor statistics of last year with those of previous years, it must, of course, be remembered that last year was a year of elections, and that, consistently with the "custom of the country," it was to be expected that there would be a larger quantity of intoxicating liquor, consumed than in other years.

Another point to be remembered is the fact—repeatedly referred to by THE EXAMINER—that a larger or smaller number of importers of liquor purchase their supplies duty paid in St. John, Halifax or Montreal, the probability being that a larger quantity was so imported in Scott Act years, during which entries of liquor at our Custom House were regarded as suspicious acts indicating illicit sale.

Bearing in mind these two points, the following statistics obtained from the Custom House and Excise Office of this city may be of value, as tending to a right judgment concerning drinking and drunkenness in this community. We quote first the following:—

Statement of Liquors of all kinds entered for consumption at Charlottetown, for years ending 31st December, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891.

Table with columns for Year, Ale, Beer and Porter, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Wines, and Total. It shows consumption data from 1886 to 1891.

Showing an average of 35,308 gallons per year for the six years enumerated, and an average of 36,451 gallons for the five years immediately preceding last year.

Then note the following comparative statement of beer and spirits, obtained from the Excise office:

Table showing comparative statement of beer and spirits from 1886 to 1891, with columns for Year, Ale, Beer and Porter, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Wines, and Total.

Showing an average of 38,958 gallons per year for the six years, and an average of 39,320 gallons for the five years immediately preceding last year.

Table titled 'SPIRITS FOR CONSUMPTION BY WAREHOUSE' with columns for Year, Gals., and Total. It shows data from 1886 to 1891.

Showing an average of 3,701.74 gallons for the six years, and an average of 3,213.48 gallons for the five years immediately preceding last year.

These figures, taken together with the facts which we have pointed out, indicate that the defeat of the Scott Act has not resulted, as was feared by many persons, in a greatly increased consumption of liquors. It is true that the convictions for drunkenness have been increased. But this may have resulted from greater carelessness on the part of the liquor dealers in letting their drunken customers out upon the street late at night, or from greater activity on the part of the police, or from both.

trade, does not now exist in Charlottetown as it existed in recent years. The trade is divided among a larger number of persons who are not working together and helping one another, but are in active competition. Its solidarity has already been broken, as witness the divisions recently made apparent in the City Council. If there be "no money in it," and if its dealers are divided among themselves, we may not be very far wrong in concluding that it is on the down grade, and that it will not grow and flourish as in days of yore. However this may be, the policy of "let it alone" seems to be at this juncture alike necessary and wise. The magistrate, ought, indeed, to be invested with power to impose very much heavier fines in cases of a breach of the Lord's Day Act. We think, too, that liquor dealers here should, as in some parts of the States, be held legally responsible and liable for damages which may result from the sale of intoxicants to drunkards. But the experience of the past year seems to prove that all the worry and trouble and expense of legal repression of the liquor traffic in the years that are past, went for nothing or almost nothing. If our people were educated to abstain from the use of intoxicants and if counter-attractions to those of the bar room were provided, if in short every one could be induced to "let it alone," there would soon be an end to the evils of the liquor traffic.

In this connection, we note with pleasure the additional attractions now being supplied by the Y. M. C. A., and the movement which has been inaugurated by the Rev. Mr. Brewer, as well as all other means of innocent and improving diversion for our young men.

Notes and Comments.

The Superintendent of Education is instituting improvements in respect to the inspection of our public schools, not city schools alone, as inadvertently stated yesterday.

Large numbers of Russian Methodists are reported to be on the eve of emigrating to America. If, says the Montreal Gazette, Canada could capture some of them it should be well. If Russian Methodists are like other Methodists they will make good citizens wherever they settle down.

Montreal Gazette: "Hon Mr. Dewd ney has not been long in replying to Mr. Davin's charges in connection with that Regina quarter section. He says he advised Green to take up the land, that Green did so and now owns the property, and that he (Mr. Dewdney) never made any profit or had any interest in the affair. As an imitator of Mr. Tarte, the Windy Bard of the Prairies appears to have been most successful in the completeness of his collapse."

The influenza is prevalent throughout Great Britain and the number of cases daily grows larger. A marked feature of the present visitation of the disease is the large number of deaths resulting either directly from it or from the complications attending it. In London alone during the last week nineteen deaths due to these causes have been reported. The reports received from all the places where the disease had made its appearance that show it is of a far more serious type than ever before known.

A reader of the Patriot has directed our attention to the fact that it has quoted, without remarks the Moncton Transcript's reproduction of its false statement that the Judges complimented Messrs. Davies and Walsh "upon the purity of the election." Everyone in court at the time knows that the Judges said nothing of the kind. Nor did Judge Hensley say, as the Patriot asserts, that it would have been "atrocious in respect to Varnon River" if the charge in respect to McLeod's Hall, it must be patent to all that that must be a very questionable reputation which has to be sustained by statements which are not true.

Religious Services.

St. Paul's Church.—Services to-morrow: Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 o'clock; Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7 o'clock.

St. Peter's Church.—Services to-morrow (First Sunday after the Epiphany): Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and Litany at 10:15; Choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Sermon at 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon at 7 o'clock. The offertory at all the services will be for foreign missions.

Gospel Meeting.—Remember the Gospel Meeting in McLeod's Hall to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Railway men. Strangers always welcome. Lesson taken from Mark 10:46—"Spiritual Blindness."

St. James Church.—Services will be conducted Sunday morning by Rev. Gordon, and evening by Rev. C. W. Hamilton.

Zion Church.—Services will be conducted Sunday morning by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, and evening by Rev. Mr. Brewer. Morning prayer meeting at 10:15. Sabbath School and Bible classes will meet at 2:30 p.m. Quarterly review.

Services will be held in the First Methodist church Sunday as follows: In the morning at 10 o'clock, prayer meeting; at 11 o'clock, preaching by Rev. Mr. Carruthers; Sabbath School at 2:30; and preaching at 7 p.m. by Rev. Mr. Sutherland.

Services in the Second Methodist church Sunday as follows: Prayer meeting at 10 a.m.; preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, and at 7 p.m. by Rev. Mr. Gordon. S. S. services and Bible classes at 2:15. Quarterly review. Attentive ushers at the doors to show all strangers to comfortable seats. "Love Feast" Friday evening.

The usual services will be held in the Meeting House, Upper Great George Street, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Sunday School at 2:30. Kensington Hall, Edward Street.—Sabbath School at 2:30 p.m. Popular service in the evening at 6:30. Song by choir of forty voices. Seats and books provided. Evangelist Sutcliffe will give an address. Strangers made heartily welcome.

Baptist Church.—Services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Brewer at 11 a.m., and by Rev. Mr. Carruthers at 7 p.m. Sunday School at 2:30. Quarterly review. Prayer meeting Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. Praying meeting in mission rooms, Long Street, on Thursday.

A union communion of the members of St. James and Zion churches will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Zion church. The sessions of both churches extend a cordial invitation to members of other churches to be present and to participate in the service.

Among the Esquimaux.

AN ISLANDER'S VERY UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

"I thought I was a dead man, sure, when I was up among those savage Esquimaux," said Harvard Pursey, of 737 Howard St., to a Chronicle reporter yesterday.

"I went up there on the schooner John McCulloch to put up a house which the vessel carried for the new mission station on St. Lawrence island, and I have just returned to San Francisco. I expected to find the revenue cruiser Bear there to protect me, but she did not show up and there I was, the only white man among 200 or 300 savages.

"As soon as the schooner left the trouble began. There were at least two factions among the natives, headed by rival chiefs. I didn't know a single word of the language, but as well as I could make out they were fighting to see which could get possession of me, and consequently, as they thought, of the house.

"Almost every day a lot of them would get drunk on mean whiskey, which they had procured from the whalers, and then there was the mischief to pay. They would cut one another with knives until the blood ran all over their bodies, and pistols and rifles were brandished in the most reckless manner imaginable.

"I had some food left me by the schooner and obtained some more from the English gunboat Pheasant when she touched at the island, but it didn't do me much good. The oldest and most unscrupulous of the chiefs, I-you-ook-shook, took possession of me and my food and he and his family ate most of it. I had a revolver with me, but that was no protection, for nearly every Esquimaux had a better one, besides a rifle or shot gun.

"Even after I completed the schoolhouse I was forced to live in the chief's dirty tent infested with lice and filled with the sickening odors of half-putrid walrus meat and oil; and at night I had to sleep among those Esquimaux, too. They all strip stark naked and sleep under reindeer skins instead of blankets.

"When weeks passed and the Bear didn't come, as I told them I thought she would, the only one among them that could speak a little broken English would say to me, 'You bad man, you lie; Bear no come; what for you no talk; you think bad.' Then they would all look at me as if they had half a mind to kill me and be done with it, and I thought several times my last hour had come.

"What sort of homes have they? Now they live in a sort of tent formed by pieces of drift wood and wreckage, fastened together with sealskin thongs and covered with walrus hide; but they formerly lived in underground houses using immense whale ribs for timber instead of logs. I saw the remains of several houses of the kind.

"Yes, much of their food is horribly disgusting to us. They kill walrus in May and put the meat in holes in the ground. By August it is horribly putrid, but the poor creatures have nothing else to eat and so they are obliged to live on it.

"Do I think they can be civilized? Oh, yes. They have plenty of sense, and show wonderful ingenuity in the manufacture of their tools and weapons. If the United States Government would only take more energetic measures to suppress this unlawful liquor traffic, I feel sure the Esquimaux could be rapidly civilized."—San Francisco Chronicle.

[The Harvard Pursey referred to in the foregoing article is a son of Mr. Pursey, keeper of the lighthouse at Rustico.]

Wonderful Weather.

The lilac trees are budding. They anticipate the spring.

Mr. Henry Hine, sexton of St. Peter's Church, was digging in his garden yesterday—Jan. 8th.

There was a rowing match on Summerside harbor yesterday afternoon. When shall we have one in Charlottetown harbor? Though navigation remains open, trade with the outside world has been for some time past practically closed. To such an extent are merchants creatures of habit? Or, perhaps, the thought of what might happen in case of an old-fashioned January storm restrains them.

A gentleman from Rustico to day reports that there is not a speck of ice on the rivers or harbors of the North Side.

Mr. Dingwell, of St. Peter's Bay, was ploughing yesterday—Jan. 8th, 1892; and he may be ploughing to-day.

Personal.

We are glad to note that Mr. Unsworth, Superintendent of the P. E. Island Railway, is out again after the recent severe illness.

Sir George Biddell Airy, at one time the Astronomer Royal of Britain, is dead in London, aged 91 years.

"Prinz" von Michaels, who insisted on marrying the daughter of Jay Gould, has been sent to a lunatic asylum.

George McSweney, Esq., of the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, was at the Hotel Davies last evening. He went to Summerside this morning.

Dr. Bourinot, Clerk of the House, has returned from Washington, where he was attending the annual meeting of the American Historical Society.

The Guardian reports concerning the excellent lecture delivered in Summerside on Thursday evening, on what it terms "Ireland's Great": "Mr. James McIsaac, editor and proprietor of the Charlottetown Herald, was introduced by the president. Mr. McIsaac took the floor and with a few terse remarks began his lecture on the immortal Sir Thomas Moore, one of Ireland's greatest sons, who in the reign of Henry the Eighth, occupied the imposing position of High Chancellor of England.

Really! As a great contemporary of Sir Thomas Moore has said, "This is the unkindest cut of all." The Guardian should adopt straightforward means of casting ridicule upon a rival editor. The lecture and other biographies which state that Sir Thomas More was an Englishman born in London, must now, we suppose, be revised!

The Toronto Globe says that Mr. Davies, M.P., of Prince Edward Island, who has just emerged successfully from the election courts, is "agacious in council" and "formidable in the House." Upon which the Empire remarks that Mr. Davies may be crammed full of sagacity in the Grit council, which we have never attended regularly, partly through lack of an invitation and partly on account of the din, but when he escapes from the melee of the interior to the open air no trace of sagacity remains, as to his formidableness, the Opposition have bitter cause to rue it.

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PROGRAMME.

ODE BY THE BROTHERS.

- 1. Overture—"The Diadem".....Herman Orchestra. 2. Glee—"Now Tramp Over Moss and Fell".....Bishop Twenty Picked Voices. 3. Vocal Solo—"Sing Me an English Song".....Wrighton Mr. Fred Davies. 4. Vocal Duet—"See the Pale Moon".....Campau Miss Arlo and Mr. A. L. Rice. 5. Waltz—"Rural Pictures".....CZibulka Orchestra. 6. Vocal Solo—"The New Kingdom".....Barthold Tours Mrs. Malcolm McLeod. 7. Inst. Duet—Overture Bellario.....Donizetti Miss Weeks and Mr. Karle. 8. Vocal Solo—"The Kingdom of Love".....Paul Rodney Mrs. E. H. Norson. 9. Cornet Solo with Orchestral Accompaniment—"Schlafa Wohl".....Millard Mr. C. P. Fletcher and Orchestra. 10. Song—"Ah, Coult's But Know".....Paife Mr. A. L. Rice. 11. Vocal Duet—"The Merry Bells".....Glover Mrs. McLean and Miss Lewis. 12. Violin Solo—"Schlummerlied".....Schumann Mr. Vinnicombe. 13. Vocal Solo—"The Emigrant's Farewell".....Scottish Song Mrs. Roomo. 14. Waltz—"Beautiful May".....Strauss Orchestra. 15. Vocal Solo—"The Return".....Millard Mrs. J. M. McLeod. 16. Grand Chorus from "Cinderella".....Bellini Twenty Voices.

Doors open at 7:30. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. A plan of the Hall is at Davies' Drug Store, where tickets may be procured. Tickets 50c, 35c and 25c.

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