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SOCIAL MATTERS.

The contempt with which the curfew ordinance is regarded by our rising generation and the easy-going indifference with which it is looked upon by our "children of a larger growth" are noticeable features of the social life of this city. The bell sounds every evening, punctually, as the last stroke of the town clock clangs the hour of nine. But the groups of half-grown boys and girls, jabbering nonsense, continue to move along our sidewalks as if nothing had occurred and as if it were not at all necessary to be under the protection of their parents' roofs before eleven o'clock at night, and the parents or guardians make no sign, and the policemen go quietly on their regular beat. It is needless to say that the bad habit of being out late at night is not conducive to the good habit of early rising, which is essential to the prosperity of the community at large as well as to the success of the individuals who compose it. Nor is this bad habit conducive to modest behavior or purity of thought, word and act. On the contrary we know that those who are in the habit of walking the streets at night are, as a rule, bold in their manners, prurient in their thoughts, and not over scrupulous in their actions. Perhaps they do not "love darkness better than light," because their deeds are evil; but there is ground for the suspicion that their inclinations are in the direction of that which is evil. It is greatly to be regretted that the parents and guardians of the present age are not stricter than they are in respect to the conduct of the thoughtless and inexperienced children committed to their care; and it is greatly to be regretted that, a curfew law having been enacted, no one—except the man who rings the bell—takes the slightest notice of it.

Another matter affecting the social reputation of the town is that of the craze for bicycle riding. The proper use of the bicycle by boy or girl, man or woman, needs no one to commend it. It commends itself as a means of exhilarating exercise. But the craze for bicycle riding seems to have so turned the heads of many persons that a new idea of manly propriety and womanly modesty seems to have been adopted. We shall say nothing upon this point, except to suggest that the circuit of bicycle riding for girls and women unattended by responsible chaperons ought to be strictly limited to the town and its immediate vicinity. The freedom of riding fast and far into the country is liable to impart to young people a gipsy like want of respect for these conventionalities which should be respected because they are the protection of the good name of society.

SHERIFF McDONALD'S ACTION.

The action of High Sheriff McDonald in taking upon himself authority to decide upon the validity of the special votes transmitted to him in the regular way, besides being at variance with the ruling of the other sheriffs in the other counties, appears to be unwarranted by the statute and to be in direct opposition to not only the letter but the spirit of the law. The election law provides that every person qualified to vote on a property qualification shall be entitled to vote "by polling all his votes" at one polling district by delivering there a schedule of his qualification which shall be signed and sworn to. The presiding officer at the polling district is required to swear every elector to such schedule, and shall sign his name to the jurat thereof, and then the poll clerk is "to enter the name of such elector in the poll book, together with the candidate's name for whom such vote may be given." Now, it is quite clear from this that the act of voting is complete when the poll clerk has entered in the poll book the name of the elector and the candidate for whom he has voted. If, at that time, the presiding officer omitted to get the elector's signature to the schedule the fault lies, not with the elector, but with the presiding officer, who should have known his duty and performed it, and seen that the schedule was signed before him as the law requires. The neglect of this duty on the

part of the presiding officer at the poll cannot be the means of depriving the qualified elector of his vote. It would be unreasonable and unjust to allow the blunders of partisan presiding officers to defeat a man's vote; and the law does not do so.

The duty of the sheriff on declaration day is even more simple than that of a presiding officer at the polling. The power of the sheriff is simply to add up the votes given for each candidate and to declare the one having the highest number elected. The law on this is too clear for argument. It is, shortly, as follows: The sheriff shall keep the poll books unopened until declaration day and "then he shall openly break the seals thereof and cast up the votes as they appear on the poll books, adding those on the special returns"; and "he shall openly break the seals of the packets of special votes," and "he shall then proceed to add such special votes to the poll books." The sheriff's duty on declaration day is, then, simply to add up the votes. In no place in the statute is any power or authority given him to decide on the validity of those votes which have already been polled before the presiding officers and entered by them in the poll books. His duties are purely ministerial, and in no sense judicial. The assumption by Sheriff McDonald of the power to reject votes on declaration day was, therefore, unwarranted by the election law and utterly illegal. The Legislature has provided a proper tribunal, viz., the Election Court, where the validity of all votes can be tested in a proper manner, and the sheriff should not have anticipated or usurped the power of that Court.

It was hoped that the lesson taught Mr. William McGill, another "Liberal" Sheriff who in the year 1870, so far forgot or misunderstood his duties that for some alleged defect he threw out a number of poll books which "happened" to contain a majority of Conservative votes and returned the Liberal Candidates as elected, would be warning to all future Sheriffs not to undertake duties that the law did not impose on them. It appears, however, that some people need another lesson. It would be interesting for Sheriff McDonald to point out the exact section of the Act under which he undertook to reject the special votes cast for the Conservative candidate Mr. McKinnon. If he cannot find it, as we have no doubt he cannot, it would be a prudent act for him to correct some independent counsel and obtain advice on his past action as well as his future conduct for we observe that there is a large penalty imposed for not counting special votes which have been returned, and it is possible that the legality of the action of the Sheriff will be tested. As he has not yet returned the writ of election, it would be as well for him to hold it and if so advised, still add the specials given for the Conservative candidate, and return him elected.

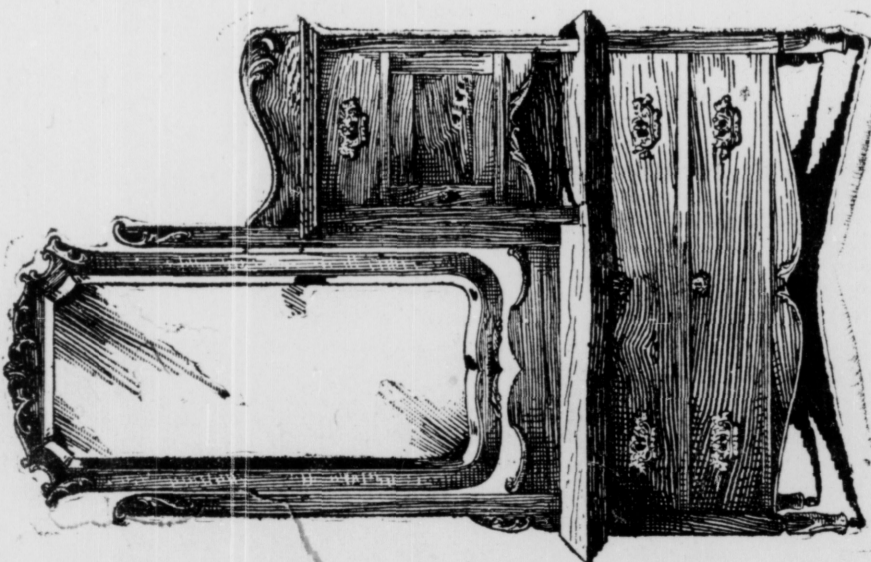
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THE SCOTT ACT DEAL.

A correspondent of THE EXAMINER has called attention to an important matter—one that requires explanation. It appears that some months ago convictions were obtained against violators of the Scott Act. These violators having left the city and gone into exile, the police were unable to execute the warrants of commitment. Just previous, however, to the Local Election the warrants were called in and taken out of the hands of the police. Immediately thereafter the exiles returned to the City and became active workers in the Provincial Election as well as at the Scott Act Election on the following day. It is now charged that these "culprits are still at large and day and night dealing out their unfortunate victims the poison cup." Our correspondent but voices the inquiry that many are making as to who arranged the deal by which the warrants against these convicts were withdrawn, and they allowed to return to the city to take part in the election, and afterwards remain Scott free. This matter must be answered by the authorities. It has been said that the Scott Act has been used for political purposes, and the deal by which these convicts returned to Charlottetown, and by which the Act was defeated is very strong evidence of something in the back ground. This is a matter which THE Guardian may fairly take up and endeavor to get at the bottom of, and in doing so it will have the assistance of THE EXAMINER, and the Guardian might also ask THE Patriot to join hands. There appears to be an idea about that, because a petition for the repeal of the Act has been adopted in Charlottetown the Act has ceased to be in force. But this is not so; for until an Order in Council is passed by the Governor General the law continues. In any event, we understand that the repeal will not invalidate convictions had while it was in force. Therefore there is no reason why the commitments already issued should not be returned to the policemen in order that they may be executed. "Let justice be done though the heavens fall."

CANADIAN WHEELMEN COMING.

The St. John Telegraph publishes the following:—

"Mr. Payson Davidson is endeavoring to make arrangements with clubs in the maritime provinces controlling cycling tracks in the more important cities for a tour through New Brunswick, N. S., and P. E. I. of the leading amateur and professional Canadian wheelmen. The principal riders composing the string which he says would come here should the moderate inducements he asks for be offered, are Angus McLeod, the holder of the Canadian mile record of 151; Harley Davidson, who won the Canadian championship at Chatham this summer for the one mile and the half mile; Geo Tucker and William Boake, the famous tandem racing team; T. B. McCarthy, who finished second in Davidson in the championship events by a few inches; Ralph Axton, amateur mile champion of the Dominion, John Davidson, holder of the American and Canadian hour record of 27 miles; Frank Moore, amateur half mile rider, and several more or less distinguished lights. The cities in which he proposes to have races are Moncton, Fredericton, Amherst, Truro, Windsor, Halifax, Charlottetown, and St. John. The date of races here, if they are obtained here, will be on the 18th. Whether the club here will agree to the proposition is a question, but, if they do, interest in cycling in this community will be greatly increased and the sport will undoubtedly be benefited by a visit of such talent. Local amateurs will have a good opportunity of trying their mettle against Canadian riders."

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