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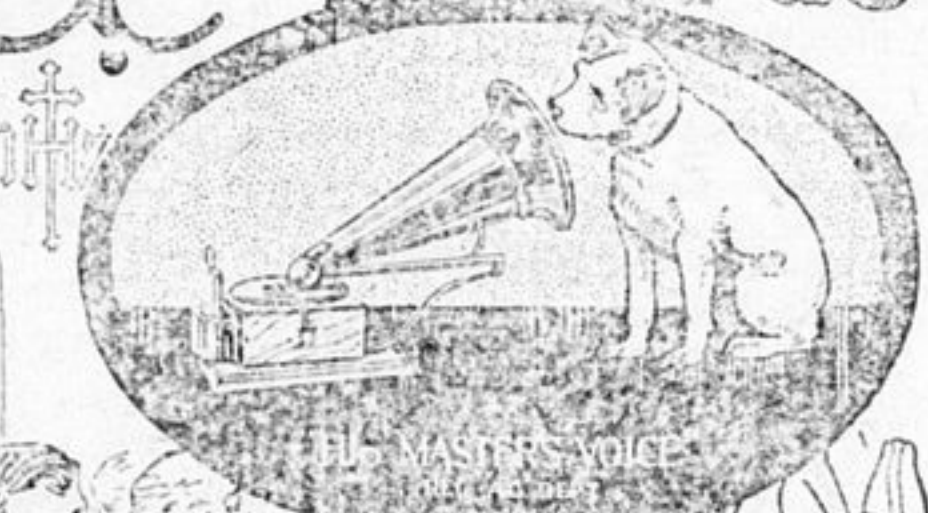
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**SOME OF THE ODDITIES
OF THE LAW "AS SHE AM."**

One of the esteemed readers of The Advance has been speculating on the oddities of the law as it is enforced sometimes in this queer world,—the North Land,—and he has come to the conclusion that Mr. Bumble was not so far wrong when he suggested that the law may be a proper donkey sometimes.

Law is common sense and Justice,—at least so the legal lights inform us,—but in its administration by different people of different temperaments some remarkable results occur. For instance, Judge Rose of the Supreme Court allowed the chief of a bunch of Timmins highgraders to go on suspended sentence with the admonition "to sin no more" while one of the poor runners-in for the establishment had previously drawn six months in jail from the District Judge. And this, though the runner-in had only made a few dollars from the game while the chief's gains were estimated in the thousands. Some equally peculiar decisions were handed out at the last session of the Division Court, according to the viewpoint of our esteemed reader. A man caught in the act of unlawfully appropriating his neighbor's wood was in effect given judgment for the time and labour he had spent in an attempt to put the wood in shape so that he could haul it away. A stableman was deprived of his wages in another case, according to our reader's view, because he failed to attend to his duties as stable man to twenty-four horses and also perform all the functions of a veterinary or horse nurse. In still another case after the Judge had given judgment to the defendant in an action for taxes, because of non-service of the assessment notice, the bailiff volunteered the information that the defendant had admitted to him the receipt of the notice but, stated that he had received it too late to appeal. The Judge admitted the first part of the bailiff's evidence,—which was in favor of the plaintiffs,—but excluded the last part which favored the man sued for taxes. The Judge then gave judgment for the plaintiffs, reversing his former decision. One more humorous case was that where a disputed fimsmith bill was argued about for over an hour. The defendant succeeded in having the \$9.00 account reduced to the extent of \$2.60, but judgment given against him and he had to pay the costs which amounted, to over \$8.00 so he was a net loser by about \$6.00. Surely, it is a funny world, this North Land, and there are wilder speculations in the law courts sometimes than ever came to public notice in the mining game.

**COBALT LIBERTY LEAGUE
HOLDS BIG MEETING**

Over 300 citizens of Cobalt and Haileybury attended the first public meeting of the newly organized Citizens' Liberty at Cobalt last week. The avowed purpose of the new league is to fight oppressive legislation and to protect personal liberty. At present it is chiefly concerned to fight the prohibition measures in regard to liquor. At Cobalt last week a number of stirring addresses were made. Mr. J. W. McPhie thought the people ought to know what they wanted. Mr. Arthur Ferland referred to the number now being killed by the use of drugs and dopes. "They might be alive to-day," he said, "if they could have had decent whiskey to drink." Mr. Jos. Gorman argued that a man had a right to a drink if he wanted it, so long as he did not make a nuisance of himself, and in the latter case the law should attend to him. Mr. Geo. Mitchell classed the O.T.A. as a mean failure. Mr. James Hylands pointed out that if the ordinary man worked as hard as the temperance fanatic in the matter of advancing his views the prohibition game would never get along at all. Other speakers were Messrs. A. A. Amos, F. C. Elliott, N. M. Mulholland and H. A. Day. It was an enthusiastic meeting, and in the words of Patrick Henry all cried, "Give us liberty, or give us booze!" Cigars and cigarettes were served free during the evening. The Cobalt promoters say that it is the intention to organize branches of the Liberty League all over Canada, so that men may live decently according to their tastes without knuckling down to the Lord's Day Alliance, the Dominion Alliance, the W. C. T. U., or any other body of social reform extremists.

South Porcupine last week organized an Athletic Association to oversee the sports in the neighboring town this year. Football and baseball will be the two chief sports likely to be followed in South End this year, the Dome likely going in with South End for both the football and baseball games. H. G. Laidlaw is the president of the S. P. Athletic Association, and J. R. Meyers the secretary. Pte. McCauley was among those returning last week to the Camp after several years' service overseas.

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