REV. MR SUTHERLAND'S VIEWS

ON HOTEL-KEEPERS GENERALLY AND LIQUOR SELLING PARTICULARLY.

(London Free Press.)

Rev. D. G. Sutherland delivered an eloquent address on Sunday evening, in the course of which he remarked that in licensing the sale of liquor, the Mayor, the City Council, the license Inspector, and the Commissioners and the people are all responsible. Watchmen are placed at sidedoors to give notice of the approach of authorities, screens lights, and all manner of schemes are employed to delude the eye of the policeman or inspector. To put an end to all this there is only one way at present—that is, to refuse a man a license who has set the law at defiance. As to his personal feelings he said:—Ever since I became a Methodist minister I have been a total abstainer. I gave up all that which I used to indulge in, and no longer privately or publicly use wine or beer. Since I was a young man public opinion has been rapidly growing in favor of prohibition. At present I do not wish to any hard things the liquor traffic. I do not believe in attempting to make the people of a country more virtuous or sober by legal enactments. When I was a young man I was more dogmatic, and could say a great deal harder things than I can to-day. When I was young I was infallible—at least a great deal more so than I am to day. We are in a sense co-partners with liquor sellers. We take an amount of money from them, and in return give them the privilege to sell rum. If it is a wickedness, we are co-partners. Some hotel keepers are very bad men; some are decent and respectable members of society as any person. I do not wish to accuse any man from whom I have taken money that he may not carry on a certain business. I have visited, and will visit, hotel-keepers and hotel-keepers' families, and like them to visit my church. I never had or knew of a church which hotel-keepers did not attend. I would welcome to this church a hotel-keeper just as heartily as I would welcome any other person. I would welcome any person engaged in the liquor traffic, and if a man happened to be a Minister of the Crown, I would welcome him and get him to do all I could for the poor Indians. I suppose all my hearers do not agree with me; well I don't care." In continuation, the speaker expressed his belief that the Scott Act was going too far ahead of public sentiment, and was consequently a failure. It involved questions of government, jurisdiction and finance—in fact, public opinion was not strong enough to enforce it. After a reference to the evils of intemperance, he alluded to the personal liberty of the subject to spend his money as he liked, and urged that the license system clothed the liquor traffic with a degree of respectability, and concluded by urging that the license law should be rigidly enforced.

SCOTT ACT SPIES.

HOW THEY NARROWLY ESCAPED BEING HURT AT GLENCOE.

A correspondent writing from Glencoe says:—Just a week ago word was received here that two whiskey informers, wearing black caps and overcoats and driving an iron grey horse, were on there way to our town. In less than half an hour some forty men banded together with the avowed intention of making an example of the coming visitors. A watch was sent out to Strathburn (two miles distant), and after patiently waiting several hours, saw the long-looked for about 5 p. m. passing through the village in the direction of Wardsville. All that night an angry crowd of men marched the streets of Glencoe, and had the whiskey informers entered the village there is no doubt some desperate deed would have been committed. Next morning word was received that the spies were on their way to Glencoe, and sure enough, about 9 a. m., the grey horse and the two bloodhounds entered the village. No man could be mistaken in them. They were the genuine type in every respect. They were young men in years, with a mean, hungry, sneaking appearance; said their name was "Jones," and that they lived near Ilderton. They stopped at McRae's hotel, and had no sooner entered than they were surrounded by an angry crowd, who were prepared to teach the Scott Act cranks a lesson; but at this moment Constable Donnelly and Doctor Blackwell appeared on the scene and prevented trouble. The latter two took the spies and escorted them out of town, and advised them to be careful in future. They then drove to Mr. Mullens, hotel-keeper, Appin, and asked for a drink and their dinner; but Mr. Mullens had just received word from Glencoe, and threatened to kick them of his premises. A letter just received from a man near Ilderton says:—"It was the two Joneses that visited your village, and I have no doubt from what I have just learned that they are hired servants of Inspector Williams." Such are the chances of murder being committed in every village in which the Scott Act is working. How long this state of things will be allowed to go on remains for those in higher power than I am to say.—London Free Press.

Law of Bigamy.

The judgment of the Q. B. Divisional Court in the case of Queen v. Pierce develops a state of the law relating to bigamy which is as astounding as it was uncontemplated. The result fairly established by an ingenious counsel from the criminal statute relating to bigamy is that any married Canadian citizen who crosses the line and marries again in the States cannot on his return be prosecuted successfully for bigamy, provided that he did not leave Canada with intent to commit the offence. And to this may be added that it is for the prosecution to show that that he did so leave with intention to commit the offence. The defendant, Pierce, in the present case was married first in Toronto and resided here and in Hamilton for some years until trouble arose between himself and his wife, when he went to the States and was married there to wife No. 2. He returned to Toronto and was arrested and tried for bigamy before Judge Rose and a jury and was found guilty, subject to a special case reserved for the full court on a point raised by Mr. Bigelow, that it had not been proved that the prisoner was a British subject or that he left Canada with intent to commit the offence. The Act reads as follows:—"Provided that nothing in this section contained shall extend to any second marriage contracted elsewhere than in Canada by any other than a subject of her Majesty resident in Canada and leaving the same with intent to commit the offence." Our Act is taken from the Imperial Statute, which, however, is without the fatal exception, and which, as one of the Justices remarked in giving judgment, was stupidly added as a rider by the draftsman. The unanimous judgment of the court is in favor of the prisoner on the case reserved, the conviction is quashed, and an order made in legal phraseology that the prisoner may go without a day. Something in this case recalls an expression about "a criminal unwhipt of justice."—Mail.

"The Woods is Full of Em."

Globe.

Sam Jones says a man who talks prohibition and uses whiskey is a jugwump. There are many jugwumps in Canada.

A young man named Stainton of Fall River, Mass., died to all appearances two weeks ago and was buried. His brother, a medical man, was not satisfied of his death and visited the tomb every six hours. He detected signs of returning animation, had the body removed home, and young Stainton revived and is now up and in good spirits.

NELSON COUNCIL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Nelson, March 7th, '87.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present; the Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

T. Walker renewed his claim for two sheep killed by dogs and stated that he had failed to recover from the supposed owner of the dog, and on motion of Mr. Pettit, $6.66 was ordered to be paid for the said damage.

Messrs. Corlett and Shields made application for a grant of money to aid A. Peer in procuring surgical treatment of his eyes, and on motion of Mr. Harris, $14.00 was granted for that purpose.

The reeve reported that he had expended the $10 placed in his hands for the benefit of Isaac Armstrong: also a further sum of $6, and had him (Armstrong) taken to the Hamilton city hospital; and on motion of Mr. Harris, the $6 so expended was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, Hart & Co.'s account for blanks, amounting to $9.50, was ordered to be paid.

Rev. G. W. Dean addressed the council in reference to damage to his horse, caused by breaking through a bridge; and on motion of Mr. Hartley, $10 was ordered to be paid therefor.

The following persons proved the loss of sheep killed and damaged by dogs, viz:—C. Porter, one killed and two damaged, and David Sinclair, four killed; and on motion of Mr. Harris, $7.33 was ordered to be paid C. Porter and $12.66 to David Sinclair, for the said damages.

Mr. John Foster made application for a grant of money to assist T. Telfor, an indigent: and on motion of Mr. Hartley, $15 was granted for that purpose.

Mr. Harris moved, that whereas Thomas Watson, Assessor of this township, has sustained an injury in the discharge of his duties which may prevent him from completing the assessment rolls in proper time: resolved therefore, that George A. Watson be and is hereby appointed an assessor, jointly with Thomas Watson, to continue and complete the assessment of this township; that the clerk affix the corporation seal to this resolution, and that it considered a by-law for the purpose of the said appointment.—Carried. Signed by the reeve and clerk and the corporate seal affixed.

On motion of Mr. Peer, the sum of $20 was ordered to be paid to the clerk for registering births, marriages and deaths for 1886.

Mr. Peer moved for leave to introduce a by-law to appoint a Medical Health Officer and a Sanitary Inspector for the year 1887.—Carried.

By-law read and laid over to next meeting.

Mr. Harris moved, that the interest arising from the clergy reserve fund be apportioned as followed for 1887, viz:—To School Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13, $45 each; to Section No. 9, $55; and to Union A, $17, payable to the order of the trustees of said sections.—Carried.

A communication from the County Clerk of Halton was read to the effect that the county of Wentworth would grant $50 to improve the town line between the township of East Flamboro' in the county of Wentworth, and the Townships of Nelson and Nassagaweya, in the county of Halton, on condition that the county of Halton would grant an equal sum for that pupose: the matter had been considered by the council of Halton at the meeting in January and referred to the councils of Nelson and Nassagaweya to deal with as they might deem expedient. After consideration of the matter Mr. Harris moved, that the sum of $25 be granted to improve the town line between Nelson and East Flamboro', opposite lots 13, 14 and 15, in the 1st con., New Survey, Nelson, that councillor Peer be commissioned to expend the same, and that the clerk notify the clerk of Wentworth to that effect.—Carried.

Mr. Pettit moved, that the clerk be instructed to notify the collectors to return their rolls forthwith, and in the event of them not being returned before the 15th of this month to notify their sureties.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Hartley the council adjourned to meet on Monday, the 4th day of April, at 10 o'clock a. m.

DANIEL MCLAREN, Clerk.

Esquesing Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Reeve in the chair. All the members present. The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed.

A petition from the trustees and certain other ratepayers of School Section No. 10, requesting an alternation in the boundaries of said section was received and read.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the report of the auditors on the Treasurer's account be received and that the Council go into committee of the whole to re-audit the same. Mr. Graham, in the chair. Council in Committee of the whole. Mr. Graham, in the chair.

The Council resumed; the Reeve in the chair. The committee reported as follows: Mr. Reeve, your committe appointed to audit the Taeasurer's accounts beg leave to report that having examined the accounts and auditors' report they find them correct, and satisfactory, and recommend that the Council do pass the same, and that 250 copies be printed for distribution.

SGD. R. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report of the committee of the whole relating to the auditors' report be adopted and that 250 copies of the same be printed for distribution amongst the ratepayers. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Dr. Webster, that one dollar and twenty cents be paid to Thos. Aitkin for cedar furnished to Arch. McDonnall, pathmaster, also that three dollars be paid to T. J. Whetham for cutting ice at Glenwilliams bridge. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the following accounts:—R. Scott, repairing bridge at Norval, $15.00; John Holmes, repairing bridge at Norval, $9.40; Clement & Co., nails bridge at Norval 60c. Also the following items for cutting ice at Norval bridge:—J. Henderson, 3½ days, $5.25 John Gollop, 1½ days, $2.25; A. Sinclair, 5½ days, $8.25;—Watson, 2 days $3.00; D. Burns, 1 day $1.50; D. Ford, 1 day $1.50; Thos. Moore, 1½ days, $2.25.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham seconded by Dr. Webster, that the account of Mr. E. Bessey of seven dollars and seventy cents for damages to his wagon at Limehouse be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the clerk be authorized to notify the engineer of the H & N. W. R. Co., of the dangerous condition of the road on each side of the crossing between lots Nos. 10 & 11., 3rd concession and to request that the same be repaired immediately. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law at the next meeting of the Council to appoint overseers of Highways and Pound keepers, and that notice of such meeting be published in the Georgetown Herald. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the petition of the Trustees, and other ratepayers of School Section No. 10., requesting certain alterations in said section be laid over until the next meeting of the council, and the clerk is hereby authorized to notify the trustees of the school section interested to attend the said meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Dr. Webster, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to loan to Mr. John Saunders the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the term of five years at the rate of five per cent per annum payable semi-annually in advance. The loan to be secured by a first mortage on the East ½ of lot No. 5, Con. 6, Erin, containing one hundred acres. Carried.

The Council then adjourned till the 18th April.

Stewarttown, 7th March, 1887. —Herald.

Experience at Woodstock.

(London Free Press.)

The public meeting that was held at Woodstock last week was the outcome of the righteous indignation of the people. It was entirely unpremeditated. It protested against the scurvy methods of the informers, and did so in a way that will teach those miserable catiffs—who are the outcome of the Scott Act—to beware in future how they comport themselves. It is time that towns situated like Woodstock should apply to Parliament to be relieved from the operation of the Scott Act amongst them. Its violent interference with the habits of the people was forced upon them by residents of the outlying townships, whose mode of life and whose necessities may not call for the consumption of those things the use of which is forbidden by the Scott Act. But they take them on the sly all the same. They manage, because they like them, and they know that when taken in moderation, judiciously, they have their beneficial effects. Yet no hesitation has been shown by such people in inflicting on the citizens of Woodstock and other towns a code of repressive legislation to which they are violently opposed. That is a state of thing to which a remedy should be applied. The resolution that was so enthusiastically adopted by the public meeting, which was moved by Mr. Beard, Q. C., and seconded by Mr. J. A. Mackenzie, denouncing the outside interference that has been attempted, was an excellent one. But it did not go far enough. It should have set forth the fact that this obnoxious law, the imposition of which has been the cause of so much ill will, so much riot, and has come very nearly to the loss of life, was imposed on the people of Woodstock against their will and is in force today against their remonstrance. It is not matter for surprise that when a law of that kind is sought to be enforced by means of informers the blood of the people should rise; that they should protest in a rough and ready way against it.

The Scott Act in Nova Scotia.

The Globe's Nova Scotia correspondent writes:—Our Provincial Government does not assist in the enforcement of the Scott Act here. It has made provision that the county councils may provide for an inspection, and on that word "may" some of the councils have quibbled and have done nothing. There are no Provincial funds provided for the enforcement of the law. The results is that the Act is not well enforced any where here where it has been adopted. Of course the Dominion Government has done nothing to assist. In the counties of Colchester, Cumberland, Hants, Annapolis and Digby there is now practically no enforcement. In Colchester there is now an agitation on foot to repeal the Scott Act and go back to the Provincial License Act of 1886, which is considered a better law in many respects and easier enforced. I do not consider the Scott Act will be of any real value to Nova Scotia unless the Ottawa Government makes all the reasonable necessary provisions to have it enforced."

NEWS ITEMS.

No expedition will be sent to Hudson Bay this year.

Nova Scotia has a deficit of $23,000 for the past year.

The Government will engage another fisheries cruiser for this season.

St. Patrick's day was generally celebrated in peace throughout Ireland.

Heavy snowstorms have caused blockades in Spain and the north of Italy.

Coal is selling at $20 a ton at Macleod, N. W. T.

Sam Jones realized $400 by his two lectures in Hamilton.

The Government have chartered another schooner of 150 tons to be fitted out as a fishery protection cruiser.

The Hudson Bay Company's furs this year in London have brought much lower prices than usual.

The law inflicting capital punishment for murder has been repealed in Maine and life imprisonment substituted.

Several Moors have been stripped and flogged for smoking in contravention of the Sultan's order.

The Sultana of Morocco has prohibited traffic in intoxicants, and has also abolished the state tobacco monopoly.

Moonlighters wrecked the houses of ten tenants on General Stewart's estate in West Clare.

The Simcoe County Council has refused to recommend the introduction of the Torrens' system of land transfer.

An increase in the number of Dominion cruisers employed to protect the fisheries this season is considered probable.

Judge O'Brien, in opening the Kerry A-sizes, said he was grieved to announce that there had been no decrease in crime since the last assizes.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a speech at Birmingham, urged the necessity of Mr. Gladstone's making concessions on the Irish question, in order to re-unite the Liberals.

The Richmond hotel and several other buildings were burned in Buffalo on Friday causing the loss of several lives. Some of the victims were Canadians.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to open the Manchester Exhibition on May 3rd, where Canada will be largely represented in the display of goods.

The Radical-Unionists have formulated their demands for concessions from Mr. Gladstone on the Irish question, and they do not appear such as Mr. Gladstone can well make.

It is stated the English Admiralty has information that the Russian Government has drawings and papers connected with British naval designs which were sold by draughtsman Terry.

Oscar Ault a carpenter working in the Stormont mill at Cornwall, fell into a vat of boiling indigo, and before he could be taken out the flesh was stripped from his bones.

Mr. Gladstone on Thursday night delivered a speech, in which he insisted on Home Rule as the remedy for the Irish difficulty, and hinted his willingness to drop the land purchase scheme.

A number of the Lindsay Salvationists who were committed for a term in prison have filled their time and are in Peterboro' parading in convict costume and narrating their experiences behind the prison bars.

The St. Paul, Minnesota & Northwestern Railway have given notice of withdrawal from the Northwestern Freight Association, on account of dissatisfaction with the arbitrators' award of percentages.

A powerful syndicate purpose building a tunnel at Niagara Falls for supplying mills, factories, etc., on the Canadian side with power from the cataract.

It has been decided that only the word "Saskatchewan" shall be engraved on the clasps to be awarded to those volunteers and Mounted Police who were under fire in the North-West rebellion.

Senator Wisner, of Michigan, has introduced into the Legislature of that State a bill providing for compensation from the public funds for any loss resulting to individuals or corporations "that may arise on account of the enacting of any law or from any change in the constitution of this State, whereby any business, trade or occupation theretofore carried on in this State, was or is made unlawful or is prohibited."

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Oracle.

Mr. Editor:

Timothy Tuzzle is an oracle—a first class one too, and it will be fortunate for society if he perseveres in the business. But there are objections to his ruling in accounting for the cause of the defeat, if it can be so called, of Mr. Henderson in the late election. No doubt there may be better men, and if he had continued counting the fingers on his other hand he might have found better men still than those he has given us. The mistake the convention made they over-rated the political morality of the electors of Halton. They thought the Scott Act had made a great reformation; in this they erred, for it has not, and its advocates and all that fraternity are not what they profess to be. The convention will do better the next time.

ONLOOKER.

A Question of Veracity.

Mr. Editor:

In his inaugural address Governor Bodwell, of Maine, said:

"What is actually needed is a sound public opinion to urge and uphold the enforcement of the law. Where that is wanting the case is made difficult with the prohibitory law, as indeed it is with every form of law."—Toronto Globe.

What wisdom after thirty years experience, to have made this discovery regarding the enforcement of law! The Dominion Alliance should have Gov. Bodwell to address them on this subject, or pay a visit to Milton and, if not fanatically blind, see the proofs for themselves. Their Scott Act reports then might show a greater respect for truth. Who made the following report of the Scott Act in Halton to the Dominion Alliance in Toronto the other day, as reported in the World?

"Halton has a good Inspector, and the Scott Act is as well enforced as any law on the statute book. There is a rumor of a repeal movement, but little can be heard of it. Favoritism was shown to Reform offenders, one of whom is known to be in his house, but he is not arrested, although there are three convictions against him."

If there was a penalty for lying on the statute book, then this report might be partly true, but this and many more of such reports condemn themselves. Is there a truthful, honest citizen of Milton or vicinity that will deny that the Scott Act is a curse to the place?

MILTONIAN.

Some boys playing on the rampart in the rear of Hotel Dieu Hospital, Quebec, found what they considered a small bundle of rags and began to use it as a football. A dog that was with them seized the bundle and tore off some rags, when the body of a female infant was uncovered.

Mr. Sandford Fleming will shortly visit England in the interest of the Canadian Pacific cable scheme, which will be discussed by the Imperial Confederation conference, to be held in London next month. Mr. Fleming states that if the scheme is acquiesced in by the other colonies and the necessary subsidies granted, the work of laying the cable will be commenced immediately.

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