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**Daily Whig.**

**LICENSE LAW SCANDALS.**

There is a great scandal in St. Catharines, growing out of the declaration of a license commissioner that the board, of which he was a member, allowed patronage to affect its administration of the license law. The charge is made public—that one of the commissioners said a certain hotel proprietor could make himself solid with a certain member by buying from him what he had to sell, namely, meat.

The commissioners, outside of the stormy meeting, would not say anything, but they do not seek any course which will have the effect of ending the scandal. The government cannot afford to let this matter rest. When in opposition the present premier promised to take the license business out of politics. He has not done so.

Twice the gravest scandals broke out in Toronto, and the boards were changed. But the recommendation of a certain commissioner was not taken. He had in his mind conditions which would make grafting impossible, but his advice was not acted on. Why? For political reasons it would not be expedient to do so.

The result is the St. Catharines incident. It cannot be ignored. A new commission is not desired, however, since the government is not willing to invite further recommendations in which it is not willing to proceed.

**CONTRACTS MORE BINDING.**

The trustees' section of the Educational Association has sent to the department a recommendation which, if acted upon, will make the engagement of teachers, on the part of the school board and its employees, more binding. There has always been a contract, but it has not been observed in many cases. Teachers have left schools on very short notice, and the boards have submitted to all kinds of inconvenience and embarrassment because they thought they could not help themselves.

Only in one case was there a test made of the power of the department to enforce discipline, and it was reported at the recent meeting of the Educational Association. A board laid its grievance against a teacher, and the teacher was required to go back to the school he had deserted and serve out his contract or lose his standing and certificate. The procedure is rare, however, and it may not be resorted to by many boards.

The idea of the trustees' section of the Educational Association is to secure an amendment of the School Act so that contracts may be made binding without appeals to the department. Engagements must be finished as they have been begun, or sufficient notice must be given so that no party to a contract will be seriously inconvenienced.

**A GREAT CITY'S RECORD.**

Chicago has had a rare shaking-up on the social evil question. A commission, composed of some of the best citizens, and men who were unparading in the matter of investigating, has made a report in which it is boldly asserted that 5,000 lives are sacrificed annually to lust and \$15,000,000 paid in tolls for the tolerance of the evil.

The cry raised in Chicago was the cry raised in Winnipeg, and, strangely enough, by the same person, the mayor of the city, namely, that the evil could not be suppressed. If driven out of one place or resort it would appear in another. Segregation was better than scattering, with the widespread effects that would surely follow.

The committee was willing to make recommendations, and they were these, as summarized by the Literary Digest: "Institute a morals court and a morals commission to have exclusive jurisdiction in this matter; weed out disorderly houses as public nuisances and sources of contagious disease; try to teach first offenders the error of their ways, and send the hardened ones to industrial farms with hospital accommodations; pursue relentlessly the professional procurer, and establish an identification for all women found in resorts; divorce the connection between vice and the liquor business." As preventive measures the commission urges the better safeguarding of immigrants, removal of working-girls' economic temptations, the providing of wholesome recreation for the young of both sexes, and the wise teaching of sex hygiene.

The commission is willing to admit that machinery, having for its aim largely, if not entirely, repression will not do. The people must, as a

whole, take a different and improved view of the subject. "Until the hearts of men are changed," says the commission, "we can hope for no annihilation of the social evil. Religion and education alone can correct the greatest curse which to-day rests upon mankind." For this there is a mighty work for the agencies and institutions in our land.

It is a hopeful sign when the press of a great city supports a report which presumes to make a clean city of Chicago, socially, though there is not so much comfort to be found in the conclusion that had as this city is it is not to be compared with some other cities in the American union. There is a modern Sodom and also a modern Gomorrah, but just where deponent saith not.

**THE SPIRIT OF DUPUIS.**

The retirement of Prof. Dupuis, from the teaching staff of Queen's, is an event of passing importance. The Whig remembers him as a tireless worker in the cause of education when the university was very small, when all the work in connection with it was done by half a dozen men, in one small building, which is now used by the medical faculty, but so enlarged and changed as to bear little resemblance to the original. Here the convocations were held, under the direction of Principal Snodgrass.

Prof. Dupuis was the professor of chemistry. He was capable, however, of lecturing in many subjects, and he gave evidence of his remarkable capacity, in many ways. No man in the charmed circle, which a Queen's professor has occupied, could impress his students more. He was the one who knew his subject, who had the student constantly in his thought, and lectured so that every word which fell from his lips carried meaning with it. If one could be said to breathe his spirit into the young men of the college he did it, and of the thousands of graduates who have passed out of the college halls all who came into contact with him carried away a feeling of affection for Nathan F. Dupuis. It is gratifying to know that in a large constituency, that covered by those who pride themselves as Queen's men, with love for their alma mater, Prof. Dupuis, though not anxious to teach any more is in a position to enjoy the rest which he now proposes to take. May he live long to receive the tokens of the esteem of his friends and may his spirit, so hopeful, so cheerful, so helpful, remain as an inspiration to every dutiful son of Queen's.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The theological hall would suffer by his absence, for, of course, the editor could not be a lecturer in theology, but the journalistic profession suffers by Prof. Jordan's absence from it. His articles in the Queen's Quarterly give evidence of the observant and reflective mind.

Peace in Mexico! Welcome news. All the same the Mexican insurgent-like the American insurgent at Washington—is an uncertain quality. There is no telling the day he may break out afresh. Diaz's idea was to hold him in check by force, and it may be the only way.

**Toronto Street Market.**

Toronto, April 25.—Wheat, white, per bush, 80c. to 83c.; wheat, red, per bush, 80c. to 83c.; wheat, goose, per bush, 78c.; oats, per bush, 41c.; peas, per bush, 70c.; rye, per bush, 70c. to 75c.; buckwheat, per bush, 45c. to 50c.; hay, timothy, per ton, \$16 to \$19; hay, mixed, per ton, \$12 to \$14; straw, per ton, \$14; dressed hog, \$8.50 to \$9; butter, dairy, per lb. 25c. to 28c.; butter, inferior, per lb. 20c. to 22c.; eggs, new-laid, per dozen, 20c. to 23c.; chickens, per lb., 18c. to 20c.; spring chickens, per lb., 22c. to 25c.; turkeys, per lb., 22c. to 24c.; apples, per bbl., second, \$3 to \$5; cabbage, per dozen, 30c. to 35c.; cauliflower, per dozen, 75c. to \$1; onions, per bag, \$1; beef, hindquarters, \$9.50 to \$11; beef, forequarters, \$7 to \$8; beef, choice, carcass, \$9 to \$9.75; beef, medium carcass, \$8 to \$9.50; mutton, prime, per cwt., \$8 to \$10; veal, prime, per cwt., \$10 to \$11; lamb, per cwt., \$11 to \$13.

**Notes From Picton.**

Picton, April 22.—The ice has left the bay and the steamer Aletha has come up into the harbor in preparation for her trip the first of the week. Rev. J. W. Lewis was recently in Lindsay conducting the examination for the probationers for the ministry of the Bay of Quinte conference. Miss E. M. Ward is leaving her school near Peterboro to teach at Cobalt. Rev. Mr. Armitage, St. Mary's Magdalen, received a new cassock as an Easter gift. Miss C. Fox is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fox, "Maple Dell." Mrs. Davis, Kingston, is spending some days visiting in town.

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The May number of the Columbian Magazine, published in New York, has interviews on reciprocity by its special representative, Henry Mann, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden, and Sir Donald Mann. There is nothing new in the Laurier and Borden statements; but Sir Donald is more emphatic than in his previous statements, that the Canadian railways, in the event of reciprocity, can more than hold their own with the United States road. Sir Donald Mann's statement, as it appears in the Columbian Magazine, is in these terms:

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"Next in importance to the producer comes the manufacturer and it is the duty of the government to provide increased market facilities for both. The United States has ceased to export cattle and may soon cease to export wheat. The balance between production and consumption is drawing nearer adjustment. If it were possible to prevent grain from going south, without injury to the producer, I would say avoid a treaty or other reciprocal arrangement, but it is beyond our power to hold our wheat within British territory. The United States can remove the tariff whenever it suits her convenience so to do, without consulting us.

"Without regard to the export of wheat Canada will have her own lines of railway across the continent as well as ships upon the sea. This will enable them to take grain for export from the producer to the consumer, without any division of rates, and, in the same way, manufactured goods as return cargo from the producer to the consumer in the west. On the other hand, going south through the United States, wheat for export would have to pass over three or four lines of railway, and thence by independent vessels to European markets.

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