

**HOUSEMAIDS' HALF-HOLIDAY.**

**AN INTERESTING JUDGMENT.**

A reserved judgment of considerable importance to hotelkeepers was given in the Magistrate's Court on Thursday by Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., in the case of James Shanaghan, inspector of factories, v. S. J. Fleweilyn, licensee of the Royal Hotel, Victoria Street. The defendant was charged with failing to grant a half-holiday to four of his assistants from two o'clock in the afternoon during one working day of the week ending March 12, 1910.

Mr. Kettle said the question to be answered was whether the defendant had failed to give the four housemaids in his employment the half-holiday to which they were entitled, or whether he had in any way, directly or indirectly, prevented them from taking such a half-holiday. The evidence conclusively showed that the defendant had expressly told the housemaids that they were entitled to a half-holiday, and that they could arrange amongst themselves as to the day upon which each should be off duty. The evidence also showed that the girls were, as a rule, off duty from two o'clock until six o'clock every week day. The defendant had had no complaints from them, and they were perfectly satisfied with the arrangements. Until these proceedings had been taken, the defendant had been entirely ignorant of the fact that on some occasions they may not have taken their half-holiday. It was clear to His Worship that the evidence was wholly insufficient to justify him in convicting the defendant of having failed to give a half-holiday. It was obvious that the defendant, in informing the girls that they were to arrange their days off amongst themselves, did all that could be reasonably expected of him.

The information was dismissed. Mr. F. Earl, who appeared for Mr. Fleweilyn, did not ask for costs.

**TO PREVENT BEER-HAWKING.**

It will be remembered (says the L.V. Gazette of last month), that at the Brighton Conference of the Licensed Victuallers' Defence League, the delegates came to the conclusion that legislation was needed to stop the growing practice of beer-hawking, and it was left to the secretary and manager to draft a Bill for presentation to the House of Commons. This has now been done but, of course, there will be no chance for it this session. Expensive prosecutions have been undertaken without securing a conviction and it is quite clear that the law will have to be strengthened before this evil can be put down. What Parliament, therefore, will be asked to do is to make it illegal for any person to canvass for intoxicating liquor in less quantities than four and a half gallons of beer and to prohibit the holding by a brewer, wholesale dealer, or brewery employee of a beer dealers' additional off-license in respect of the premises occupied by or forming part of the brewery. The Bill which Mr. Robinson has drafted is sufficiently comprehensive to cover all the points; the only question is whether it is not a little too drastic. For instance, it is stated that if the holder of the beer dealers' additional retail license has knowingly failed to comply with the conditions set forth "the Licensing Justices shall refuse to renew such license." Would it not be better to give them power to refuse to renew? The Bill is not to apply to Ireland and Scotland.

**TEMPERANCE v. PROHIBITION.**

**TWO DISTINCT CLASSES.**

Temperance, temperance is about the prettiest word in the English language. Temperance bespeaks much that is manly. Manly men and ladylike women are temperate. Temperance is refinement at its best. Temperance is humane. Temperance is godly; therefore, be temperate, and you will be as God wishes you. Temperance does not mean total abstinence. And prohibition, "when it interferes with what we eat, drink, or wear," is tyranny, cruel, cold, unadulterated tyranny. Prohibition breeds treason, murder, cowardice and theft. Prohibition is the selfish bludgeon of the self-appointed autocrat. Prohibition is mockery; with a de-

sire to deprive the many, so that a favoured few may debauch.

Prohibition, "next to the race question," is the greatest nuisance this nation has to contend with.

Prohibition is a silly, unconstitutional plaything used by designing politicians to pull a mask over the eyes of our weaklings, and cause rotgut whisky to be sold without giving our Government its just revenue; therefore, fattening the bank rolls of unscrupulous druggists and the aforementioned politicians.

The average prohibitionist is a narrow-minded, selfish bigot; in most cases non-productive.

Strong-minded prohibitive women often condemn honorable men and ridicule our Government, then go home and get drunk on some patent medicine or other. Yet there are many good men and women who advocate prohibition; but they are to be most respectfully pitied, for they are not what you would call the bright, brainy people of our nation; they are simply the honest, unsophisticated, God-fearing minority.

There is another class of prohibitionists who buy whisky, brandy, wine and beer by the case, and have it at home, where they debauch to their heart's content.

They are the selfish, greedy rich, who advocate prohibition because they do not want the middle class (better known as the common people) to enjoy the pleasures of their superiors (as they style themselves).

There is an element among the (ignorant) rich, who think themselves the masters, while we common people are only termed subservient slaves.

Read whatever Bible you may, and you will find that it is God's will that every man on this earth is entitled to his own opinion or belief; therefore, of course, the prohibitionist has a right to his belief; but there is no law of God or man that gives that same prohibitionist the power to force, bribe, or coerce the great majority into that selfish belief.

Were it the will of our great Almighty that prohibition should reign supreme, God would not have put instruments into the hands of man to manufacture spirits. God would not have not allowed grapes, peaches, rye, oats, wheat, nor barley to grow so plentifully if He did not want His people to have spirits.

Most any broad-minded man that has travelled will tell you that you can find more drunken men and boys in prohibition towns than you can find in towns where the sale of liquor is licensed.

Stop the teachers of religion from drinking high-priced wines.

Stop the rich man from debauching at home.

Stop the adulteration of spirits.

Place the sale of liquor in the hands of honest, intelligent men.

Then, without prohibition, we will have temperance. — "Goodfellow," Chicago.

**THE HOME OF WINE.**

Dr. Stephen Paget a while ago laid it down that Pasteur had taught England to brew good porter and ale. This seemed a strange statement, considering that England has always been held to be the home of beer and France of wine. But, curiously enough, M. J. Challie has just sent to the French Academy an interesting study on the "Evolution of the Brewery in France," in which he shows that the "brasserie" is not a modern introduction from Germany, but of the oldest date in France. Without going back to Cato and Pliny the Elder, Charlemagne and Saint Louis both legislated on beer, and all through the Middle Ages the Royal Edicts show that great interest was attached to brewing. Louis XIV. even went so far as to forbid foreigners to brew or sell beer. In 1735 brewing was a great source of revenue to the State (says the "Globe"), but in the middle of the eighteenth century, beer seems to have been supplemented by wine in France, as, indeed, it was among the wealthier classes in England, and, to some degree, in Germany. But wine not being a native production in England, of course, affected the general consumption of beer very little, whereas in France beer-drinking was extinct in most parts of the country until about a quarter of a century ago. Now the wine-growers complain that beer is ousting wine, especially in the north-west of France, and this was one of the causes of the disturbances in the Midi last year.

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