

## DANCE WAS FITTING CONCLUSION FOR DAY

Affair in Rink Was Largely Attended—Prize Waltzers.

The dance given by the Trades and Labor Council in the skating rink last night was a fitting conclusion to the successful celebration of Labor Day under the auspices of that organization. The big hall was crowded and the assembly was the largest since last winter's dances.

The committee in charge comprised J. R. Beatty, master of ceremonies; Arthur Ellis and Len Dewhurst, on the door; W. E. Thompson, W. A. Shortridge, Joe Hatchford, Mesdames Ellis and George Kerr were in charge of the refreshments.

Much interest centred about the waltzing competition, the winners in which were Harry Day and Miss Davidson.

## The Man in the Moon SAYS:

THAT if the ball game yesterday was rather loose, there was class to the Colts' rooters.

THAT the local speed boats have not yet enough speed to annex the Campbell silverware.

THAT if a local boat does not carry off the prize this year, we shall have to recognize that Prince Rupert is slow and that Granby is the only speedy place on the north coast.

THAT there are all sorts of rumors about the "Flying Dutchman" from Ketchikan and the wonderful speed it makes.

## In the Letter Box

### THE GALA PROTEST

Editor Daily News—

I ask you, Mr. Editor, for a little space to answer a letter appearing in your Saturday paper under the pen of T. H. Nuttall. The honorable gentleman states that apart from any question of religion it is well known that hundreds of boys and girls are pledged to some loyalty other than swimming. Would Mr. Nuttall inform the public what that pledge is and not keep the people in the dark as to the object of the letter?

As regards "a great temptation," neither I nor the other 800 onlookers on Sunday afternoon saw any temptation other than an invitation to partake of a friedly dip in the Salt Lakes and enjoy a good healthy and clean exercise in the sunshine and fresh air, which fresh air is the best medicine ever known for ailments.

### Not Care a Nickel.

It is a very poor saying of Mr. Nuttall to speak of sportsmanship, for did he not say at a musical festival, given on a Sunday evening, at his church last winter, that "people did not care a nickel for religion but only came to hear the music." Perhaps this is right. The gala was attended by a large number of his own congregation, who all left in time to get supper and go to service, if they so wished.

Now regarding these things taking place on a Sunday is because the majority of Rupert people and their families cannot be assembled during week days for business reasons, some having a half day Wednesdays, some Saturdays, others only Sundays off, whereas our local clergy have the best part of six days to go boating, launching and picnicking, therefore, it is their duty to stay at home one day in the week.

### Decent Sunday Pleasures.

During past years the hardest work was done on Sundays by those fighting for civilization and according to the times there are a few who are trying to bring about the decent stamp of Sunday pleasure to the many mothers who are tied up all week.

Have we not enough days to stay indoors when the weather is bad? The local clergy do not want to take to heart these Sunday afternoon occurrences. Of the recent picnic, practically all who attended go to church occasionally, but do not reap the same benefits as Mr. Nuttall. If we had not been doing good, why did the Great Provider give us good weather and glorious sunshine to help up to a successful day.

Speaking from my experience, there are just as good people out-

side the church as inside. While Mr. Nuttall's protest is justified, he wants to remember that people's ideas of Sunday observance have changed.

I answer Mr. Nuttall's letter personally, having been on both recent committees, not on behalf of either organization.

Thanking you for the publication of this letter.

J. DAY BELL.

### AGAINST PROHIBITION

Editor Daily News:—Not being an advocate of prohibition, I cannot very well qualify as an entrant in the competition, even for 10 pieces of silver (which, you will observe, is 20 pieces below the scale established by Judas some time ago), but, as the subject has been much to the fore-

front of late, I would like, with your permission, to express my opinion upon it at this time.

The word "prohibition" is enough in itself to sound the death-knell of any reform movement. It is a peculiar trait of humanity (especially so of the Anglo-Saxon section) to desire to attain, by hook or by crook, anything prohibited or forbidden them. Our fabled ancestors in the Garden of Eden seem to have set the fashion in this regard when they plucked the forbidden fruit. The ten "Thou shalt nots" which constitute the Ten Commandments of Christianity are not as favorably received as they might be if otherwise expressed and explained.

Be this as it may, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, when they are permitted to be im-

ported into the province, is senseless legislation. It is on a par with placing a bottle of "G. & W." in front of an old "drouth" and daring him to drink it. The results are the same.

### Difficult Question.

Admittedly, the problem is a difficult one to solve, it being a problem of human weakness criss-crossing that of the liberty of the subject; but, like all problems, it offers an approximation.

Light beers and wines never yet caused anyone to dance the highland fling in front of the Presbyterian Church on Sundays, and I believe they are less harmful to the system than the near-beers and pink lemonades offered as a substitute; and I also believe they will not be under the ban much longer. The trouble rests with the spirits—the alcoholic ones, of

course. Any sensible person, no matter how much they may love their "wee drappie," will willingly forego the pleasure if they knew that by so doing they were preventing the weak brother or sister from being on visiting terms with "auld Nick," but what's the use if the weak brother or sister goes in that direction full of wood alcohol or hair-oil, or lemon extract? Both sides are getting the worst of the deal, and the boot-leggers are getting off with the coin.

We should either stop manufacturing and importing the stuff, or else manufacture and sell it under government control, and under the direction of those best qualified to administer it, the medical profession.

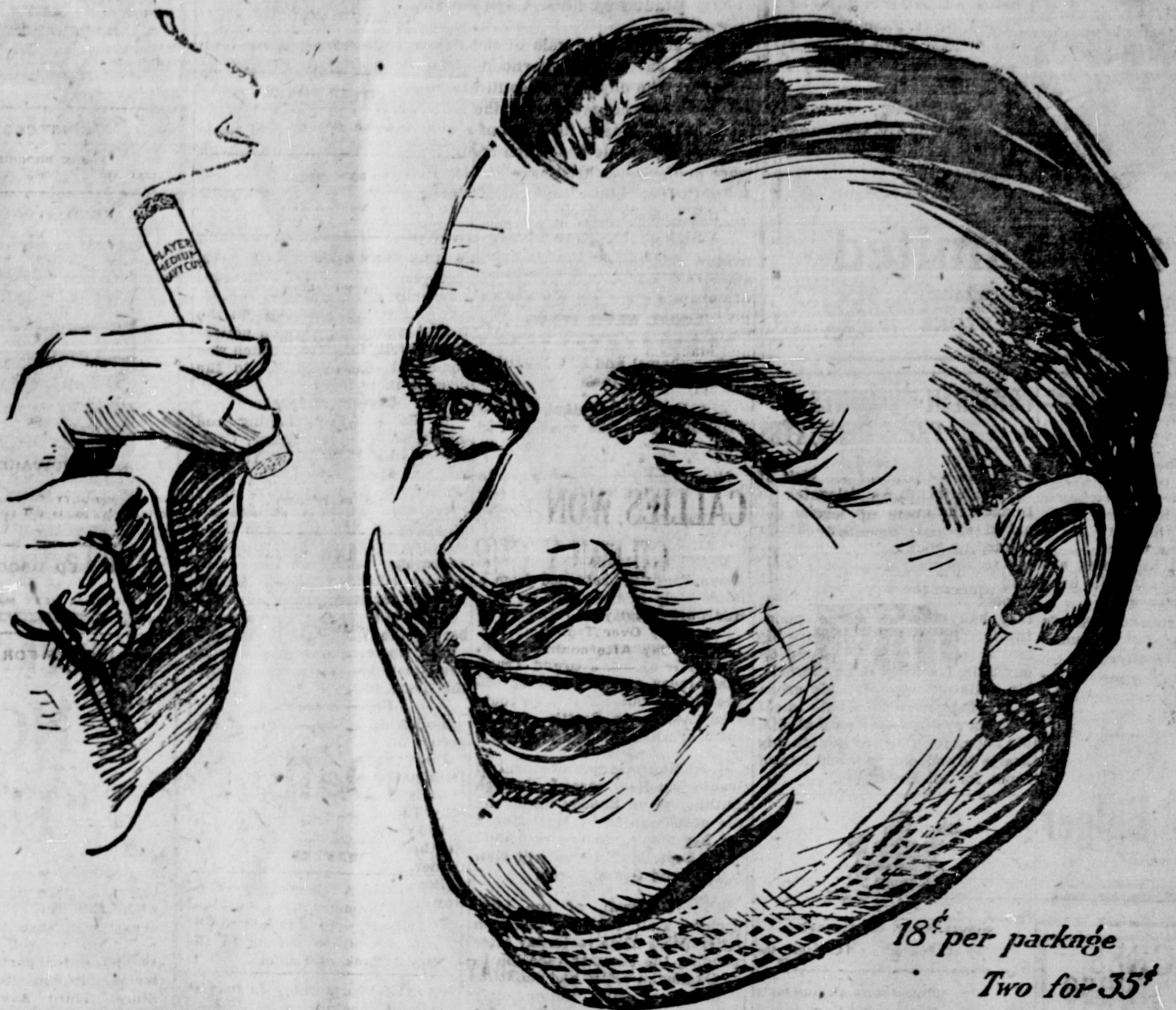
Couple this with an educational campaign, to young and old alike,

in school, "movies," and elsewhere, of the effects of the excessive use of alcohol upon the system, and of the mental and physical degeneration and degradation resulting, and I firmly believe we would be heading in the right direction.

WM. CRAIG.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lipsett reached town on Saturday morning and returned to Vancouver Sunday night. Mr. Lipsett is the head of the Lipsett and Cunningham firm which has a branch here.

H. C. Higgins, of the Grand Trunk offices, left on Saturday morning for Montreal where he will meet Mrs. Higgins who is just coming out from the Old Country.



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