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### A PLAN FOR TEMPERANCE.

Mr. John Graham Brooks, recently connected with Harvard university, has contributed to the December number of the Forum a paper describing the workings of a singular scheme which has been used at Gothenburg and other towns in Sweden for the abatement and regulation of the liquor traffic. In the system there in operation the business of selling strong liquors has been placed in control of the community, all the profits being devoted to swelling the public revenues. With the object of placing the traffic in the hands of those only who could have no motives of personal gain in handling it, the bartenders are appointed from among men of trustworthy character and placed upon a saiary. The number of saloons has been reduced and they are restricted as to hours and the selling of liquor to minors, intoxicated individuals or confirmed drunkards.

But the chief aim has been to make the conditions such that no one would have a motive for pushing the sale of intoxicants any more than for making sales of food, tea or coffee. A great objection, of course, in thus making the municipality the saloon-keeper lies in the encouragement to lighten taxes by JOHN L. STODDARD increasing the saloon trade. To meet this objection the revenues have been made to yield the tax-payer a merely indirect interest in the way of established parks, schools and other public improvements.

The scheme has resulted in a partial success, in that the drinking of ardent spirits in Norway and Sweden has greatly decreased. On the other hand, there is a steady and alarming growth in the imbibling of beer, which has not been included in the experiment. The two nations, instead of being great drinkers of brandy, have become great at this office. drinkers of beer.

Mr. Brooks would like to see a similar experiment tried in small American towns where a pronounced sentiment in favor of temperance would insure the election of municipal officers who would not misuse their singular powers. To attempt the experiment in large cities, with their enormous liquor revenues and corrupt politics, would, of course, be out of the question.

Transportation through the Sault Ste. Marie canal this year amounts to 11,-241,000 tons. Every important article of commerce shows an advance in tone Next seasou's outlook for a still larger increase is encouraging. With the opening up of several new ore depots and the construction of large ore docks at West Superior and Duluth the iron product of Lake Superior will increase at least twenty per cent. The lumbering on Lake Superior also promises to assume unusual proportions. It is apparent that the canal will be taxed to its full extent next season and that work on the new lock, 1,000 feet long with twenty-one feet of water on he mitre sills, must be pushed to early completion to meet the enormous demands of the commerce of the Lake Superior district. This is but an intimation of possible developments in the Inland Empire with an open Columbia

"Spectator" in the Oregonian would have us believe "it is nonsense to talk of working the state's convicts on the roads. In six months a third of them would escape, while the labor performed would not amount to enough to cover the extra expense of guards." Spectator is a little off. He is referred to Illinois, where convicts are successfully worked in quarries; to several southern states where they are employed in mines, on public works, etc., and to our own Oregon, where they were worked on Portland streets, Main street plaza etc., etc., for years. Judging from the tone of his article Spectator must in some way be interested in the Salem penitentiary "stove contract."

We are pleased to learn that Hon. H. F. Smith, of Osooyoos lake, commonly called Okanogan Smith, is in a fair way to recover. His friends expect to see him bob up serenely at Olympia when the legislature, of which body he is a recently elected member, meets on January 9th. He is a pioneer prospector, and has stuck to Okanogan steady for nearly a quarter of a century. The Madre D'Ora advances the name of Mr. Smith as a suitable person for surveyor General of our sister state.

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