

DISPENSARY AFFAIRS.

CHAIRMAN HASSELDEN'S REPORT MAKES EVERYTHING PUBLIC.

After Thorough Study He Reads a Lecture to County Dispensary Officers Right in the City Dispensary and Says There is Too Much Breakage.

The board of control met in Columbia on last Wednesday. The most important matter was the report of Chairman Haselden. This paper demonstrates close attention to the conduct of the dispensary and the result for its future conduct. The report is as follows:

Columbia, S. C., June 7, 1898. To the Honorable the State Board of Control.

Gentlemen: As your chairman, it has been my duty and pleasure to spend a large part of the past month here in looking into and studying the dispensary. Various matters of interest have come under my observation, to which I wish to draw your attention, and in doing so my report will to a certain extent be disconnected.

I will first give you a statement of our financial standing: Cash on hand \$41,119.01 Total indebtedness \$3,617.07

Cash balance on hand \$37,501.94 We can safely rely upon the cash receipts amounting to \$2,000 per week.

By referring to the report of the Commissioner you will see that we have a large stock of liquor on hand. With the statement of our finances I would recommend that the Commissioner be instructed to pay \$10,000 to the school fund.

Mr. Mislay, the contractor, has given bond for the second contract awarded him. He is making fine progress with his work, and has been paid \$2,153.30.

I have made contract with him to enlarge door at the front entrance of the new dispensary building which I hope will meet with your approval.

I would suggest that there be built at some convenient point—near Commissioner Vance's office—a fire proof vault to hold the present steel safe, books and papers. The vault can be about 10x10 and about 4 feet high, with a heavy door, and a steel fire proof door to hold the present steel safe, books and papers.

The contract with Mr. Senn for the rent of a part of the vacant lot has been agreed upon, and signed by him and myself. This contract I herewith submit for your inspection.

I would suggest that you employ an expert to examine carefully the whiskey tanks now in use. I am of the opinion that it will be shown that it will be better to purchase new tanks; if so, then I would recommend that you buy three tanks of 30 barrels capacity each and one tank of 25 barrels capacity. Two of the large tanks to be used exclusively for whiskey, and the other for rum and whisky.

In moving from our present quarters to the new dispensary building we will certainly lose one week, possibly two. In view of this fact I think it advisable to make purchases of enough liquor to cover this period.

I would suggest that you instruct all the dispensers to increase their orders, so as to have a stock sufficient to carry them until work is resumed.

A DISPENSER SHORT. Dispenser J. W. Henry, Laurens, who was summoned here at the last meeting of the board, was checked up soon after our adjournment and was found in arrears \$328.25. I suspended him at once, and visited Laurens, where I collected from him the above amount and turned the same over to the clerk of the State board of control.

Mr. Edwards writes me that this dispenser acknowledges that he has been short for three years; yet his reports at this office have been made up with accounts here against him, and in some being approved by the county board of control.

Owing to your meeting here tonight I did not take action against him, leaving the matter in your hands.

Since the last meeting of our board I have made enquiry into the looting of the dispensaries at Timmonsville and Florence during the Darlington riot, and find that two dispensers placed in the hands of the circuit solicitor for suit covering the amounts of \$285.75 and \$115.51 respectively.

These cases were removed from Florence county to Georgetown county and suit brought and successfully maintained in one case to the amount of \$285.75.

The other case amounting to \$115.51 has never been tried.

The judgment obtained in Georgetown, a transcript of which should have been filed with Clerk of Court of Florence county, has never been entered up. I call this matter to your attention, so you can take such action as may be deemed best.

TWO MUCH BREAKAGE. I desire to call your attention to breakage sustained by the shipments of whiskey to the sub-dispensaries. I submit a report on eight dispensaries, which is a fair index to the others, as I have taken four of those who report the largest amount of breakage and the four who report the lowest.

Mr. W. J. Motte of Charleston leads the list with the highest amount. He stated in business in September, 1897, and purchases were \$362.28, and reports breakage \$5.25—2 per cent. In April, 1898, he purchased \$187.70, and reports breakage \$12.97—6 per cent.—which is 14 per cent. greater in April, 1898, than in September, 1897, when he assumed charge of the sub-dispensary.

This is out of all reason and there must be something radically wrong if his management from a business standpoint, is not a poor affair. I refer to the Mt. Pleasant dispensary, which is near Charleston, and to which the goods are shipped by way of Charleston and over the same railroad, and in addition to this these goods have to be unloaded upon the steamship wharf and reloaded upon steam boats and unloaded upon the wharf in Mt. Pleasant again, which requires a more handling than Mr. Motte's goods does in the city; with this additional handling the Mt. Pleasant dispensary breakage is not as great as Mr. Motte's. The figures are:

May purchases, 1897, \$362.28; breakage, \$5.44; 1.5 per cent. April purchases, 1898, \$187.70; breakage, \$9.20; 4.9 per cent. which is 7.8 per cent. greater in April, 1898, than in May, 1897, when he assumed charge. But his breakage is increasing instead of decreasing as it should with experience and proper management.

I believe if the records were searched it will be found that the Chester dispensary would have the largest breakage accounts of any in the State. I have taken the records of the other, the first report of the breakage of the present dispensary's management and the last report, which is April of this

THE BATTLE AT MANILA.

A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DREDFNOT CONFLICT.

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CONDITION OF CROPS.

REULAN WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN ISSUED.

What Young says on the subject of the crop conditions in the State. One year ago the crop conditions were very poor, but this year they are much better.

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THE COLUMBIAN REVIEW.

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TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION wrought BY THE FIRE OF THE FLEET.

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