

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1895.

Both friends and foes of prohibition will find in the two reports of the royal temperance commission, presented to parliament last week, much that will help to confirm and strengthen their convictions. The minority report prepared by Rev. Dr. McLeod is just what the zealous prohibitionists wanted. It declares in substance that immediate prohibition is the only effective remedy for the evils of intemperance, and that parliament should enact and thoroughly enforce such a law without further delay. Dr. McLeod declares that all the information which the commission has been able to obtain has made it clear to him that the effects of the liquor traffic are a hindrance to the moral, social, and material interest of the nation, and that the measures adopted to repress or lessen the traffic have been entirely unavailing. He also declares that the people of the various sections of the dominion have given expression to their opinions at the ballot-box, making it clear that a majority of them are in favor of the total prohibition of the liquor traffic. His report is quite lengthy, covering five hundred typewritten pages.

All the other members of the commission, however, appear to have arrived at an entirely different conclusion. Their report is an elaborate argument against prohibition and in favor of a system of license and regulation which they say has been the rule of all civilized nations for centuries. The report declares that the evils of intemperance are not so prevalent in those states of the American Union which have enacted prohibitory laws as in those Canadian provinces where a license system is in operation. It also deals with the revenue feature of the case, expressing the opinion that our federal, provincial and municipal systems could not stand the loss which would follow the enactment of a prohibitory law. These two reports, so diametrically opposed to each other, will leave the question about where it was when the commission began its investigation. Those who are opposed to prohibition will point to the majority report as proving conclusively that the enactment of such a law would not be in the interest of the country; while the report of Dr. McLeod will strengthen the convictions of the temperance people of the dominion and perhaps help to add new recruits to their ranks in the battle of prohibition. The majority report doubtless represents the view of a large majority of the business and professional men of the dominion, and that of Dr. McLeod will be heartily endorsed by the more prominent temperance workers both lay and clerical. To the politician who does not wish to antagonize the majority of the electorate, the task of dealing with this problem is a difficult one, and the commission has not added him one iota in solving it. The entire cost of the commission thus far has been \$80,376.

It is extremely doubtful if the action of the council at its late meeting in taking \$1,000 of the money received from the Western Counties Railway damages and using it as ordinary revenue, or for road money, would have the approval of a majority of the electors of the county. The amount received from that source was a wind-fall, a special sum received under extraordinary and special circumstances, and we think it would have been much more satisfactory, not only to those who were instrumental in getting this money for the county, but to the ratepayers generally, to have seen some of it something of a more permanent nature. Besides, as we stated some time ago, while the provincial government pursues the policy of paying large sums of money for our roads and bridges, it certainly does not seem just to the part of our contributors to use the county's little nest-egg as an ordinary revenue. There is no reason to suppose that the last provincial loan still remaining to the credit of the county. The bridge money is all used up, but a part of the road money allotted to this county in the last borrowing bill is yet unexpended. If the county were really in need of an extra thousand dollars of road money, it would seem to have been better to have used some of the provincial road money to the credit of the county. That money is drawn from the railway damages war. It would only have been necessary to prove to our two local representatives that the expenditure was urgently needed to have had it expended. We will not be unreasonable enough to suppose that in deciding to expend this extra thousand dollars on our roads, during this season, our councillors were influenced by the fact that a municipal election is to take place in a few months, and that this sum would give each councillor a few more road commissions to distribute. We have always believed that our present councillors were moved by higher and more disinterested motives. Still, we think they have made a mistake in this instance, whatever were the motives which led to it.

What a truly wonderful transformation Japan has undergone within the last half century! The conditions under which she has brought the war with China to a close leave her the leader of Asia and the equal of most of the great European nations. There is now a new power in the world with which Europe has to reckon in shaping its Asiatic policy. Never before in the world's history has such a power come to the front so suddenly. Fifty years ago Japan was comparatively unknown to the outside world. She was then a civilized but unenlightened, a prejudiced and almost barbarous nation, and she was regarded as little less than a god, was the awe and absolute ruler. Indeed, it was not until within the last year or two that other nations would allow her to regulate her own affairs, or execute her own laws, where foreigners were concerned. Today she has a free parliament and other representative institutions equal to those of the most advanced nations of Europe, while she now appears to be little if any behind those in all that goes to make up a civilized and enlightened and a progressive nation. Having conquered and humiliated China, she now proposes to reconstruct central Asia, and then open that vast continent to the civilization and progress which Japan has herself experienced. In becoming the leader of Asia she provokes the jealousy of Russia, which is protesting energetically against the terms of the late treaty of peace. The whole world is now waiting to see what France will do about it, and to see how she is to establish this new power in the east will be held by the hands of the West.

Mr. Mills, M. P., of Annapolis, will re-introduce this session his bill to disfranchise for Dominion purposes all provincial officials in any province discriminating in any way against federal public servants.

Local and Special News.

Money no loan.—Money to loan on first-class mortgage. W. W. Chesley. 6241

Mr. David McGrawy in the re-count in Quebec West has been the winner, and has been counted in by several votes. The total subscriptions to the Sir John Thompson memorial fund to date are \$30,000. The subscription list is closed.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son's direct importation of Neck Ties, at only half the usual price asked for that class of goods. A Winnipeg dispatch states that Ernest Meikle has inaugurated a revival at Portage la Prairie.

Mr. Leander Ford, of Queen's county, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the Western District, vice Kinney resigned.

Mr. Robert McCallan, who has been proprietor of the Bear River Hotel for many years, has retired and the place has been leased to the Harris Bros., Granville.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son have just opened their immense stock of Spring Hats and Caps. In all the latest novelties. It is not far from them if you want the newest styles.

The preliminary trial of Dr. Miller vs. R. S. Packer, adjourned from last week, will be resumed on Friday next at 10 o'clock a.m. at Annapolis before Judge Leavitt.

Mr. Robert McCallan, who has been proprietor of the Bear River Hotel for many years, has retired and the place has been leased to the Harris Bros., Granville.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son have just opened their immense stock of Spring Hats and Caps. In all the latest novelties. It is not far from them if you want the newest styles.

Local and Special News.

Money no loan.—Money to loan on first-class mortgage. W. W. Chesley. 6241

Mr. David McGrawy in the re-count in Quebec West has been the winner, and has been counted in by several votes. The total subscriptions to the Sir John Thompson memorial fund to date are \$30,000. The subscription list is closed.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son's direct importation of Neck Ties, at only half the usual price asked for that class of goods. A Winnipeg dispatch states that Ernest Meikle has inaugurated a revival at Portage la Prairie.

Mr. Leander Ford, of Queen's county, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the Western District, vice Kinney resigned.

Mr. Robert McCallan, who has been proprietor of the Bear River Hotel for many years, has retired and the place has been leased to the Harris Bros., Granville.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son have just opened their immense stock of Spring Hats and Caps. In all the latest novelties. It is not far from them if you want the newest styles.

The preliminary trial of Dr. Miller vs. R. S. Packer, adjourned from last week, will be resumed on Friday next at 10 o'clock a.m. at Annapolis before Judge Leavitt.

Mr. Robert McCallan, who has been proprietor of the Bear River Hotel for many years, has retired and the place has been leased to the Harris Bros., Granville.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith & Son have just opened their immense stock of Spring Hats and Caps. In all the latest novelties. It is not far from them if you want the newest styles.

New Advertisements.

Imperial Superphosphate, Potato Phosphate, Bone Meal, which they are selling VERY LOW FOR CASH.

Large Stock of SEEDS FOR THE SEASON. All Fresh and New.

Flour, Feed, CORNMEAL, BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE.

BRIDGETOWN BOOT AND SHOE STORE. A Permanent WALL COATING.

ALABASTINE. Ready for the brush by adding cold water.

1895! 1895! SPRING! New Dress Goods.

THE BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., LTD. BRIDGETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA.

4 Reasons FOR USING CRABB'S POLE FENCE.

FOR SALE! Anchor Brand! Sugar-Cured Hams.

New Advertisements.

Imperial Superphosphate, Potato Phosphate, Bone Meal, which they are selling VERY LOW FOR CASH.

Large Stock of SEEDS FOR THE SEASON. All Fresh and New.

Flour, Feed, CORNMEAL, BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE.

BRIDGETOWN BOOT AND SHOE STORE. A Permanent WALL COATING.

ALABASTINE. Ready for the brush by adding cold water.

1895! 1895! SPRING! New Dress Goods.

THE BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., LTD. BRIDGETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA.

4 Reasons FOR USING CRABB'S POLE FENCE.

FOR SALE! Anchor Brand! Sugar-Cured Hams.

New Advertisements.

Imperial Superphosphate, Potato Phosphate, Bone Meal, which they are selling VERY LOW FOR CASH.

Large Stock of SEEDS FOR THE SEASON. All Fresh and New.

Flour, Feed, CORNMEAL, BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE.

BRIDGETOWN BOOT AND SHOE STORE. A Permanent WALL COATING.

ALABASTINE. Ready for the brush by adding cold water.

1895! 1895! SPRING! New Dress Goods.

THE BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., LTD. BRIDGETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA.

4 Reasons FOR USING CRABB'S POLE FENCE.

FOR SALE! Anchor Brand! Sugar-Cured Hams.

New Advertisements.

Imperial Superphosphate, Potato Phosphate, Bone Meal, which they are selling VERY LOW FOR CASH.

Large Stock of SEEDS FOR THE SEASON. All Fresh and New.

Flour, Feed, CORNMEAL, BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE.

BRIDGETOWN BOOT AND SHOE STORE. A Permanent WALL COATING.

ALABASTINE. Ready for the brush by adding cold water.

1895! 1895! SPRING! New Dress Goods.

THE BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., LTD. BRIDGETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA.

4 Reasons FOR USING CRABB'S POLE FENCE.

FOR SALE! Anchor Brand! Sugar-Cured Hams.

New Advertisements.

Imperial Superphosphate, Potato Phosphate, Bone Meal, which they are selling VERY LOW FOR CASH.

Large Stock of SEEDS FOR THE SEASON. All Fresh and New.

Flour, Feed, CORNMEAL, BOUGHT BEFORE THE ADVANCE.

BRIDGETOWN BOOT AND SHOE STORE. A Permanent WALL COATING.

ALABASTINE. Ready for the brush by adding cold water.

1895! 1895! SPRING! New Dress Goods.

THE BRIDGETOWN FOUNDRY CO., LTD. BRIDGETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA.

4 Reasons FOR USING CRABB'S POLE FENCE.

FOR SALE! Anchor Brand! Sugar-Cured Hams.