

by the saloon, hearts broken, and children degraded—women had the chiefest interest in the contest. That the fight just now in the United States and Canada is on this line, and that although in these two counties the laws were different, the conflict is one and the end one. Mrs. Lathrop stated that under the present state of the work in Halton she would talk in connection with the home and saloon, on the importance of decision, and as an illustration gave the story of Ahab on the throne of Israel and the false prophet Baal. Mrs. Lathrop spoke of the false social teachings, false scientific education, and false religious views on the temperance question, and said that what was wrong for the individual to drink is wrong for the individual to sell. Mrs. Lathrop then spoke of our hereditary rights stating that in this decision for Halton, we are deciding for those who will come after us, and as patriots we have to remember that whatever the spoils, the citizen spoils the Government, and if anything makes harm with the individual, the Government has a right to protect the citizen by prohibiting by law the traffic. As the saloonists are trying to bring on the repeal of the Scott Act in whose interest is it done? In the interest of labor or capital, womanhood or childhood, Sunday schools or the Church of God? No, back of it all is avarice. The question is, Why do you have license liquor laws? Because the traffic is dangerous and must be controlled, and in this way the Government has gone into partnership with the traffic, and when the Government makes a thing right by law the State has to protect it. Mrs. Lathrop then made an appeal to the electors of Halton to stand by the home, the women, children, and the best interest of society, and again come with the freeman's vote and prove that it is the people, not the saloon interest, that rule Halton county.

In the afternoon, Mr. W. H. Bartram, known as the "Jersey lightning," was introduced as the speaker, and delivered a telling address on the wrongfulness of the license system, and showing that prohibition is the only right policy to be adopted in dealing with an evil. At the close of his speech, and at intervals all through the various meetings, music was furnished by a choir under the directorship of Prof. J. O. Jeffrey, of Lockport, N.Y.

Friday morning was spent in a praise meeting, and in the afternoon another large crowd listened to Mr. Bartram, who spoke on the evils of the liquor traffic, the iniquity of the Government partnership with such an evil, and pleaded strongly for the maintenance of the Scott Act.

In the evening a large audience was addressed by Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who forcibly pointed out the benefits of the Scott Act compared with the license law, and urged the hearers to stand by what they had already gained.

The principal speaker on Saturday was Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, of Minnesota. Her subject was "The Constitutional Fight in Iowa." She sketched the history of the temperance reform in that State, dwelling specially on the part that woman's work had played in it, and giving graphic pictures of the scenes of thrilling interest manifested on the polling day. She then appealed strongly to the Halton electors to stand by the Scott Act on the 9th of September, and support the interests of the home against that of the saloon, for, if prohibition is good for Iowa, it will benefit the people of Halton.

Sunday morning began with an old-fashioned love feast at 9 o'clock, followed with a telling sermon by Rev. Ward B. Pickard, of New Fane, N. Y., who took as his subject "The ten Commandments—God's law for man."

The great event of the day, however, was the afternoon address by Hon. J. B. Finch, of Kearney, Nebraska, Right Worthy Grand Chief Templar of the Independent Order of Good Templars. On the platform along with him, were the following workers:—Dr. Youmans, Rev. Mr. Orme, president of the Brant Scott Act Association; J. H. Flagg, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the Independent Order of Good Templars; Rev. M. C. Cameron, president of the Halton Association; Rev. D. L. Brethour, secretary of the Halton Association; Mr. T. J. Starrett, Mr. Johnson Harrison, Rev. D. McKenzie, Rev. Mr. Pickard, Father Washington, Rev. Mr. Earl, Mr. Wm. McCraney, M.P.; Mr. John R. Clark, of Michigan; Messrs. J. H. Harrison, A. McKay, James Hollindrake, Miss Bowes, Mrs. Brethour, Miss Phelps, of St. Catharines; Miss McKay, Miss Harrison.

The London *Advertiser* refers as follows to Mr. Finch's able address:—

"He came before the public as one of the most eloquent speakers on the platform, equal to any emergency, bold and aggressive, and the great spokesman of the temperance reform. Mr. Finch always arouses enthusiasm with his sharp and poignant sentences, while his sarcasm cuts like a knife. As a lawyer thoroughly familiar with

every phase of common law, he undoubtedly made the greatest appeal for the home against the saloon that was ever heard in this county! Again and again the large enthusiastic audience expressed their hearty approval and appreciation, not only with the cause, but with the splendid manner in which the honorable gentleman presented it. He said: The institution on trial is the liquor traffic. The question at issue is the relation of the highest material interests of society. Society tries men or their acts, institutions for their results. The traffic is not to be tried by the statements of temperance lecturers, but by its own results as recorded in police courts, asylums, jails, penitentiaries, ruined homes and broken hearts. Each voter is a citizen-juror, who is to assist in the trial. Concluding, he said the only remedy is prohibition. The traffic must be outlawed for its crimes. To say prohibition won't prohibit is to say the Government is powerless to punish crimes. The fact that liquor men violate the law simply proves them rebels and criminals.

On Thursday the 7th inst., an interesting event took place in the annual excursion of the West End Christian Temperance Society of Toronto, from that city to Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Over 700 persons enjoyed the fine trip across the lake and subsequent proceedings at the different points. In the afternoon there was a meeting in the Creemore Gardens, St. Catharines, of the greatest interest. A. Farley, Esq., the veteran president of the Society occupied the chair, and thrilling addresses were delivered by himself, Mr. Spence, of Toronto, Dr. Youmans, Hon. J. Curry, of St. Catharines, and other prominent workers. Over eighty-five signatures to the pledge were secured from amongst those present, and an impetus was given to the cause in that town that will no doubt lead to a great amount of good. The excursion returned to Toronto in good time, after a most enjoyable day, unmarred by any untoward incident.

A very interesting pic-nic took place in the Queen's Park, Toronto, on Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Temperance Reformation Society. Mr. Isaac Wardell, president of the Society occupied the chair. Mr. Emerson Coatsworth made an able address, the principal subject of which was the Scott Act and the progress of the movement throughout Ontario. Several other gentlemen followed him on the same theme. There were about five hundred people present during the afternoon, among whom were Dr. McCully, Messrs. W. Burgess, A. Bell, J. B. Marshall and E. M. Morphy. A most enjoyable time was spent by everyone, and the party dispersed about six o'clock.

## General News.

### CANADIAN.

According to the crop bulletins a big crop is anticipated generally throughout the province of Manitoba, the wheat, barley and oat crops being particularly large. The recent heavy rain did very little damage to the crops. Harvesting has commenced.

Sylvester Middagh, about twenty-one years old, was drowned at Kemptonville, while in bathing on Sunday morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, Octave Rousseau, clerk in a hotel at Sherbrooke, Que., was drowned in the St. Francis. His body was recovered an hour afterwards.

A boy 13 years, son of Henri Robert, of Three Rivers, was drowned in the St. Maurice river, Sunday morning, while bathing. The body was recovered Monday afternoon.

On Saturday night, Mary Elizabeth Glenn, of Ameliasburg, being seriously affected by the heat in the Salvation Army barracks at Belleville, walked out of an open door in rear of the hall formerly used for bringing in baggage from the hoist. She fell a depth of forty feet, striking on her breast, and causing instant death.

A serious explosion occurred at Prescott on Monday morning, about 11 o'clock. The barque Seneca loaded with coal from Oswego, en route for Montreal, was lying at Buckley's dock, when the captain discovered that the barque was leaking. He sent two of his men down the hold to ascertain the extent of the leak when their lamp went out, and one of them struck a match, and the gas, which had accumulated, exploded at once, blowing the hatches off into the air and injuring the deck very much. The two men were badly burned, one probably fatally.

### UNITED STATES.

Yellow fever is reported to be declining in Sonora.

Cattle in Wasco county, Oregon, are reported to be suffering dreadfully from a disease believed to be black leg.