

liquor-traffic, although nominally licensed, is really unlawful, not solely upon the nature of government, but also upon the findings of the law-controlling courts.

They claim that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the famous Kansas Appeal case makes it absolutely clear that the liquor traffic is a nuisance, and has no right to exist. With this decidedly definite position as a base of operations, they have started a campaign for the suppression of the liquor traffic, through the law courts. An organization, termed the *Anti-Nuisance League*, has been formed, of which the president is the well-known W. Jennings Denmore and Frank C. Smith (who visited Toronto last winter) is the secretary. The object of the society is to fight the liquor traffic, as a nuisance, in the courts, and it is already at work backed by earnest men and seemingly fairly well supplied with funds.

To make clear the ground taken by the "Anti-Nuisance League" we quote a few extracts from the famous decision to which we have referred, and which would make their position absolutely unassailable if all law was constitutional and all courts were consistent.

"The acknowledged police power of a State extends often to the destruction of property.

"A nuisance may be abated. Everything prejudicial to the health or morals of a city may be removed.

"No Legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. . . . Government is organized with a view to their preservation, and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them.

"Any citizen of the country where such nuisance exists, or is kept, or is maintained, may maintain an action in the name of the State to abate and perpetually enjoin the same.

The courts can not only prevent nuisances that are threatened and before irreparable mischief ensues, but arrest or abate those in progress, and, by perpetual injunction, protect the public against them in the future."

The power undoubtedly exists in courts of equity thus to protect the public against injury.

The *Anti-Nuisance League* is not meeting, so far, with much seeming practical success. Proceedings were opened in Indianapolis. The League objected to the issuing of a license by the County Commissioners, claiming that the statute authorizing the issue of the license, was *ultra vires* of the State Legislature. The County Commissioners over-ruled the objection and issued the license. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court. Judge Sullivan here overruled the appeal, holding that the Commissioners have simply the right to obey the Statutes without considering their constitutionality. He further held that if the allegation of the appellants is true, the license law unconstitutional, and the saloon a nuisance, they have redress in the proper courts, by application for an injunction to abate the nuisance. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

Whether or not our *Anti-Nuisance* friends have any immediate, direct success, they will certainly do good in keeping before the public the question of liquor legislation, in exposing continually in the courts the villainous character of the liquor traffic; and they will thus do valuable educating work.

An Aerostic—Vote as You Pray.

Vain are all our heart's petitions if our hands' best efforts fail; Only when with works united can the prayer of faith avail; Though our ranks are swelling grandly in this prohibition fight, Every honest vote is needed in the cause of Truth and Right.

As you ask God in His mercy, this, our country's scourge to stay, So He deems you His co-worker—bids you act as well as pray.

You've a ballot, O my brother, to be wielded in this fight; Only one, 'tis true, but tell me who can estimate its might? Use it as a trust God-given, let it count for Truth and Right.

Pause before you cast that ballot—reconsider—count the cost; Reckon up with fear and trembling all that must be won or lost; And, with faith firm and unshaken that the righteous must prevail, You may prove the mighty ballot that shall tip the wavering scale.

—L. A. Ford, in the *New York Pioneer*.

OUT AND ABOUT.

BY OUR MAN AROUND TOWN.

Rev. Mr. Burton on the Scott Act—A Talk About the Third Party—What Mr. McCraney Thinks—A Puzzled Gentleman who Doesn't take the "Citizen"—How different from another who does!—A Talk with W. W. Buchanan—The Coming Capture of Montreal.

Just after the Scott Act blizzard I met a man—a man who is only about forty-second cousin to Prohibitionists—a man who smokes but doesn't drink; and he began to curse the Scott Act. It was a fraud of a thing anyhow, and never could or would be a success, because it was not fair to the whiskey men that while those in one county must not sell without having to pay heavy fines, those in the next could do about as they pleased. Since this man made his little speech, I notice that Rev. Mr. Burton has been saying in his pulpit something like this, only of course saying it in much better English than my friend uses. So I thought as how I'd just put the layman and the parson together, and say to both of 'em that they're both quite right. The Scott Act is a fraud—we want a'uthin' stronger.

Perhaps it's a Third Party we need. "Happy Homes" Moore says it is, and he says it emphatically. The "Patriot League of Canada" means business. The other day the Executive Committee met and appointed an organizing agent—a clergyman named Jacobs, who has had experience in this work in the U. S. The salary will be \$1,200. If the League does no more than keep this agent in the field and pay him, it will do a great deal to answer the sneer that temperance people have no snap. Mr. Moore and his fellows are in dead earnest, and he says there's plenty of money behind the movement. Mr. Moore spoke kindly of the "bolters" at the Shaftesbury Hall meeting; but he waxed warm as he protested that those people did him gross injustice who, charged him with self-seeking. He feels that there is a great work to be done, and that what he does must be done quickly. So, without further parley, he proposes to pitch in and work for the organization of a Third party with all that it implies.

The War Horse of Halton—Mr. McCraney, ex-M.P.—gave me a bit of his mind the other day. He only wishes he was free to take off his coat and go to work on the lines the Alliance laid down two or three years ago—the plan of Electoral Unions. "When I see the way this question of prohibition is being trifled with constantly at Ottawa," said he, "I wish I could just tell the prohibitionists of this country how they're being bamboozled. Why, Prohibition has been promised ever since I was a boy." He emphatically expressed his belief that the Electoral Union plan, fairly worked by honest men, would carry the country; but there had been treachery among the temperance men, who cared chiefly for party. He believed in the local movement and the pledge to local candidates. He didn't think the Montreal Convention could pronounce for a third party.

In the course of my walks abroad I dropped into the office of a wealthy Christian gentleman—an office-holder in one of our largest churches—a temperance man—a liberal man. I drew him into conversation on the temperance question, and he was quite ready to talk. His first remark was that the impression on his mind was a hazy and rather an unpleasant one in connection with the temperance cause. What bothered him was the number of different temperance societies and "orders" and organizations; and he feared, that they were clashing against each other. He did not understand their relations, and couldn't see what they were all driving at. Let me say, in justice to this good man, that he doesn't take the *Citizen* or any other temperance paper, and he is content to get his temperance news second-hand from the "Temperance Corner" of the religious and secular journals. There ought to be a fund started for the Enlightenment of the People by the distribution of temperance literature.

Contrast with this interview the one I had with another gentleman, not known as a prominent temperance man, and one not usually called on by collectors for temperance work. He quietly talked for ten minutes over the work of our temperance pub-

lication house, and then subscribed for a large slice of the new allotment of capital stock. Why the contrast? Because this latter gentleman gets the *Citizen* and reads it. His name is—well, no, I'll not divulge. He's a modest man; and, besides, I don't want him to be bothered too much just now with collectors.

Talking about these different temperance organizations, and the wealthy gentleman's mental trouble about them, reminds me of a little chat I had the other day with Willing Worker Buchanan, who runs the *International Royal Templar*, and is Great Mogul of the R. T. of T.,—which, being interpreted for the benefit of our puzzled brother, means Royal Templars of Temperance. W. W. (contradictory tho' it sounds to say it) is always full. His head is full of plans, and his heart is full of sympathy. He's always got some big idea running thro' his head. This time it is the capture of Montreal by means of a detachment of the military section of the R. T. of T., aided by the battalion band which hails from Hamilton. The blooming boys with their showy suits and shining swords, will mystify the Montrealers and astonish the aborigines. Pardon my calling in "apt alliteration's artful aid" to express my idea, but I caught the habit from reading the *I. R. T.* I hope to go down on the boat with them, for they are jolly fellows, as I know from a brief experience with them in camp at Lansdowne Park, near Hamilton, a couple of years' ago.

SCRUTINEER

On Scott Act Repeal.

The best way to get at the truth as to the real or chief factor in bringing about the repeal of the Scott Act would be real, rigid, honest investigation. The many somewhat conflicting statements made by friends as well as by enemies, need severe sifting so as to elicit beyond doubt the true "why and wherefore" of such immense reverse majorities.

If the voters who three years ago voted for bringing the Act into force and now against sustaining it, could be induced to candidly speak out, they of course could cast some light on the question, and even those who formerly voted, and latterly refrained from voting, might also be able to shed a feeble ray, could they be brought to explicitly say just why. No doubt there would be various reasons given, but it is not at all likely that the main bulk of new anti voters would be found prepared to avow, that within the last three years they had entirely changed their minds from having been Prohibitionists to now favoring licensed drink traffic.

When we can have the several false theories as to the reverse vote demolished, and the supposed reasons exposed, as not founded on facts, much will be done helpful to truth-seekers. Even zealous Prohibitionists ought to be willing to see clearly, should the real progress of what is known as public sentiment be discovered in favor of license—the defeat of the Scott Act being the adoption of Crook's Act. Let strict investigation be made as to which in operation tends most to "the public good."

Another branch of the inquiry very important to prosecute is, as to whether or not these repeals are favorable or unfavorable. Many voters may be found to avow that they voted against Scott Act because it was not sufficiently prohibitive, or because of its very serious defects and failure of enforcement. Then may most searching investigation result in unmistakable demonstration that enlightened public sentiment calls, not for something less restrictive, but for law more prohibitive than Scott Act, and for this will forthwith set up its banner.

READ OUR GREAT OFFER ON PAGES 6 AND 7.

Mendessohn Piano Company.

MANUFACTURERS OF

HIGH-CLASS

PIANOS!

UNEQUALLED IN ELEGANCE OF CONSTRUCTION, BEAUTY OF FINISH, EASY AND SYMPATHETIC TOUCH, FINENESS AND PURITY OF TONE.

ALSO DEALERS IN

AMERICAN PIANOS

OF UNDOUBTED REPUTATION, AND
CANADIAN AND AMERICAN ORGANS.

63, KING ST. WEST.

"Cranks."

They call us cranks, and at the name we see no cause to blush for shame, For they will find in all the land We're turned by brain power, not by hand.

That the saloon controls the vote Of politicians, none should doubt; And when we cranks that truth did learn, We all began at once to turn.

The rum power gave its whip a crack; The bosses tried to turn us back, But they were made to understand We're turned by brain power, not by hand.

We take this plain, expressive name, And turn away from crime and shame, We'll turn till we with glorious might Turn out the wrong, turn in the right.

N. R. Turner, in *Portland Herald*.

They Will Have to Quit It

Most of our readers will remember the Alliston shooting case some time ago, in which two Scott Act constables who defended themselves with revolvers against a gang of roughs, were arrested for assault, counter charges were also made, and Tuesday all the trials came off in the town of Barrie. The matter was gone into very thoroughly, and constables Morrison and Hanks were acquitted. One of their assailants, however, a ring-leader of the party, Carroll by name, was found guilty of assault, and sentenced to three months in jail with hard labor.

TELEPHONE No. 1381. 711
T. COULTER,
Importer and Dealer in Best Grades of Coal and Wood. Wood Cut and Split by Steam.
Head Office and Yard: 75 to 85 Spadina Avenue.
Branch Office: 325 Spadina Avenue.
Full Weight and Measure Guaranteed.

GORDON & HELLIWELL,
ARCHITECTS.
24 King Street East, Toronto, Ont.
(Next to Globe Office.)
H. B. GORDON. GRANT HELLIWELL.

W. G. STORM, R.C.A.,
Architect and Civil Engineer
Rooms 18 and 19, Union Loan Buildings,
Toronto Street.

CLARK & CAMPBELL 704
House & Sign Painters
PAPERHANGERS AND DECORATORS
136 Dundas Street.

THOMAS MOFFAT 746
(Late of E. Deak & Son.)
FINE : ORDERED : BOOTS : AND : SHOES
A good fit guaranteed. Moderate prices. Strictly first-class.
No. 1044 Yonge St., 3 doors north of Albert Hall.

THE YORKVILLE LAUNDRY,
43 ELM STREET,
W. D. PALSER, PROPRIETOR.

All kind of Laundry work well and promptly executed. Parcels sent for and returned to any part of the city. Telephone 1380.

LADIES Get the Best. OUR NEW 600 Tailor System (Simplified by Prof. Moody.) of Dress-cutting. It drafts pattern: no paper or patterns required. Also new book on Dressmaking and Mantle-cutting. Agents wanted.
J. & A. CARTER, 373 Yonge St.

Dentists.

M. E. SNIDER 718
DENTIST.
Has removed to 330 Jarvis Street, third door north of Carlton Street. Nitrous oxide administered. Telephone No. 539.

SPAULDING & CHEESBROUGH 759
- DENTISTS -
51 KING STREET EAST, TORONTO, ONT.

DENTISTRY 120
S. E. PEARSON, L.D.S.
74 DUNDAS STREET. Filling and Extracting a Specialty. Vitallized Air. 15 Years Experience.

TEETH WITH OR WITHOUT A PLATE 92
BEST Teeth on Rubber Plate, \$2. Vitalized Air. Telephone 1678. C. H. HIGGS, L.D.S., Cor. King and Yonge Sts., TORONTO.

PROGRESSIVE DENTISTRY.

—[o]—

For the best known methods of saving natural teeth, and replacing those already lost with the greatest degree of comfort, perfectness in appearance and utility, and at the least possible cost, consult

M. F. SMITH, DENTAL SURGEON.
(15 Years' Experience in Europe and America).
Offices—Over Molson's Bank, Corner King and Bay Streets, Toronto.

Medical.

NIGHT CLERK. 728
SPEAKING TUBE. TELEPHONE No. 118.
J. A. ALLEN,
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

386 SPADINA AVE. Cor. Nassau St.
119 B.—Special attention given to physicians' prescriptions. Remember the address.

CATARRH! 730
HAY FEVER.
CATARRHAL DEAFNESS.

A New Treatment.

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the membrane of the nose and ear-nachian tubes. Microscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result is that a simple remedy has been formulated, whereby Catarrh, Catarrhal Deafness and Hay Fever are cured in from one to three simple applications made at home. A pamphlet, explaining this new treatment, is sent free on receipt of stamp, by
A. H. DIXON & SON,
305 King St. W., Toronto, Can.

For Purity and Healthfulness

THE CELEBRATED
COOK'S FRIEND
BAKING POWDER
CANNOT BE SURPASSED.
For Good Value to the Purchaser it has No Equal.

Experience of over a quarter of a century in making and selling the "COOK'S FRIEND" enables the manufacturer to guarantee it with the fullest guarantee of superiority in every valuable point. It needs but a trial to convince any one that it will do more work for the same money than any other.

All Ingredients Absolutely Pure.
Retail by all Grocers.

RICHARD ARNDT 736
Manufacturer of
WILLOW BASKETS, WARE AND REED FURNITURE.
Dealer in
PAINTS, BRICKS, ROADS, WIRE GOODS, AND GENERAL FANCY GOODS.
818 Queen St. West (Near Glendon St.)
(Phone Bottom Chairs Re-seated)

STAR LAUNDRY. 740
- 23 -
Adelaide St. W. West of Grand Opera.
F. H. HOPLAND, Proprietor.

FILTERS.
TYPHOID FEVERS, DIPHTHERIA AND ALL OTHER DEADLY DISEASES
PREVENTED BY CHINO

MAIGREN'S PATENT "FILTRE RAPIDE."
Adopted by Her Majesty's Government, England; the present Regulation Field Hospital Filter in Her Majesty's army, used by Lord Wolseley during the Nile Expedition, used by Her Majesty during the Jubilee Celebration, the only filter permitted to be used during the Fisheries, Health, Inventions and Colonial Exhibitions. Any one desirous of seeing the practical working of this filter need only look at our window, 18 King St. East, when the contrast between the city water filtered and unfiltered will be seen.

JOHN ORCHARD & CO.,
KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.