

THE ENGLISH CHURCH AND THE BREWERS.

Archdeacon Farrar has met the challenge of the brewers with firm and manly front. They having threatened to aid in the work of disestablishing the Church if the clergy dared to oppose the liquor traffic. Dr. Farrar, speaking at Leeds the other day, said, "The Church of England had faced Popes and Kings, and was not going to recoil before the threatened vengeance of publicans and brewers." It will do no harm to let it be seen that brewers are not so needful to the Church as some people have supposed. Certainly all that is good in any Church can stand without the support of money or influence gained by alliance with traffic in strong drink. At Burton-on-Trent, a Curate has roused the ire of local brewers by writing a pamphlet in favor of total abstinence. It has led to their threatening to withdraw their money aid of some £1000 annually from the church with which he is connected, unless he is removed from his post. It is said that the Vicar has asked the Bishop to remove the Curate; if it be so, many will look with eager interest for the result. Brewers will not gain much to their cause by making martyrs of their Temperance opponents. But drink and the devil have ever been closely allied, and it is no new thing to find them united on the side of opposition of good works.—*The Christian*.

An attempt is being made to organize a Working Men's Club in Melbourne, Australia, for the recreation and social intercourse of young men—a place where friends and acquaintances might meet and discuss the topics of the day, etc., without the elements of drinking and gambling.

General News.

CANADIAN.

In Toronto on Saturday last, after a brief illness, Dr. A. A. Riddell died at his late residence, corner of Duke and George streets, at the age of 64 years. The doctor was an old and well-known citizen of Toronto. After following for some time the calling of a printer, he studied medicine. Afterwards he went to Mexico, where he practised his profession, and passed through many thrilling adventures in the revolutions by which at that time the country was disturbed. Dr. Riddell was a coroner for the County of York. He had also been a member of the Toronto City Council, and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

The elections for the Ontario Local Legislature last week resulted in the return of Hon. Ross, (Reformer), for West Middlesex; Hamill, (Conservative), for Cardwell, and Phelps, (Reformer), for West Simcoe.

The Dominion Election for West Middlesex, resulted in the return of Cameron, (Reformer).

Toronto Women's Medical College has made formal application for affiliation with Trinity College.

Sir Leonard Tilley on Friday last, at an interview in Toronto with the promoters of an iron smelting scheme, gave them very little encouragement. They want the duty on pig iron raised to six dollars a ton. The Finance Minister was more favorable to admitting books for public libraries duty free.

John Brown's sheepskin tannery in Picton, was burned on the 13th inst. The tannery and contents are a total loss. Insured in the City of London for \$1,925; loss about \$3,000.

On Saturday a gang of French-Canadians arrived from the West, en route from the Michigan woods to their homes in Quebec. One of their number, John Shaw, of Three Rivers, while being conveyed to his seat in the cars, died in the arms of his companions. The man had been ailing for some time past. The sum of \$47 was found on his person.

A fire broke out in the warehouse and offices of H. B. Rathbun & Son, Campbellford, on Friday evening, consuming the building and contents, shanty supplies; also a large quantity of grain. Loss about \$2,000; insured for nearly \$4,000.

John Hawthorn's residence in Dorchester, West Middlesex, was burned last week.

Edward Travers' barn in Sidney, was burned on the 13th. Loss \$2,500.

Joseph Carr's barn on the Kingston Road, near Whitby, was burned on the 13th inst., together with a large number of pigs and cattle, as well as the season's crops.

The Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association, Toronto, have resolved to memorialize the Education Department with a view to having agriculture taught in the public school.

A man named Isaac Powley, a farmer of the township of Kingston, was killed on Sunday at the Cataragui Crossing of the Grand Trunk Railroad. His wagon was struck by a train from the west. Powley was knocked out and fell on the platform above the cow-catcher, his head being crushed in. Death was immediate.

On Monday morning the dwelling-house of Lewis Heartwell, in Georgetown, was totally destroyed by fire with the entire contents, the family barely escaping with their lives. Probable loss \$2,000; insurance, \$900.

David Moore & Son's flouring mill, at Walkerton, was burned on Sunday. Loss, \$35,000; insurance, \$19,000.

A sad affair has occurred in Markham township, not far from Toronto. A man named Robbins was found dead in his cottage, with a bullet in his brain. His wife states that he came home intoxicated and shot himself after a quarrel.

Mr. Egan says the C. P. R. Company will close the railway for the winter rather than yield to the striking engineers.

The latest discovery of coal in the northwest is on the north side of the Sturgeon river, near Edmonton. The seam is being worked by the settlers in that vicinity for their own benefit, and although they have only gone a couple of feet back from the face of the seam the coal is first-class.

The most disastrous conflagration that has yet visited Rat Portage occurred on Sunday night. About half-past eleven o'clock a fire broke out in the general store of Baker & Co. The flames were fought heroically, but the wind from the south very quickly blew them into the adjoining building, and, although every exertion was made by the people, they saw that the side of the street up as far as Second-street must go. The total loss will foot up to \$100,000 or more. The flames subsided about three o'clock next morning. The flames subsided about 3 o'clock next morning. The gap made by the present fire extends nearly 200 yards, being the portion of the town most thickly and compactly built upon, and occupied by the principal business establishments. Probably 75 people will be rendered homeless, who will need prompt assistance from sister towns and villages in both Ontario and Manitoba. The sufferers have nothing to fall back upon, no resources whatever further than the business they were each depending upon. With the fire they have lost everything. The origin of the fire is attributed to the explosion of a lamp in Baker's shop.

The writs for the election to the House of Commons in the county of Soulanges, Que., have been issued. The nomination takes place on January 21, and the election on January 27.

The Council of Agriculture in Quebec recommend the establishment of an agricultural college.

Joseph Dennison, of Huntingdon, Que., shot and killed himself on the eve of his marriage.

Two buildings were destroyed by fire on Sunday morning in the village of St. Urbain. Loss, \$7,000.

Employment Agent Corbett, of Montreal, sent men to work on the C. P. R., at Lake Superior, who were disappointed on arrival, and came back here, and one of the returned fired through the window of the hotel where Corbett was sitting. The bullet whistled past his head and lodged in the wall. The agent has received numbers of anonymous letters threatening his life.

The receipts of the late Dominion Exhibition in St. John, N. B., were \$45,000, about \$40,000 less than the expenses.

Mrs. and Miss Johnson were thrown from a carriage at St. Mary's, N. B., on the 15th inst., the former receiving fatal and the latter serious injuries.

John Pickard, M.P., for York county, N.B., died on Monday morning. Mr. Pickard was a Liberal. He had been in Parliament for a long time. Previous to 1869 he sat a year in the New Brunswick Assembly. In that year he was returned to the House of Commons, and has represented the constituency at Ottawa ever since. He was a very popular member, having been returned again and again by acclamation.

At Halifax, on Sunday, a fire destroyed the Queen Building, occupied by the Queen, Guardian, and Union insurance offices; V. J. Gibson, clothier; Graham, Tupper & Borden, harristers; the Spanish Consulate, and several other offices. The total loss is \$80,000; insurance, \$30,000, in the Queen's, Royal, North British, and Western Companies. A clerk named Edward O'Connor, aged 56, who slept in the building, was suffocated. The remains, with the head missing, were found in the debris this afternoon. Martha Boutilier, niece of the janitor, received fatal injuries by jumping to a roof adjoining the building.

A movement has been started at Charlottetown, P.E.I., to secure a grant for the purpose of aiding a Dominion exhibition there in the Fall of next year.

UNITED STATES.

Commander Cheyne's scheme for reaching the North Pole by balloon has fallen through.

The Board of Education of Brooklyn has decided that colored children shall be received in the public schools on the same terms as white children.

At Youngstown, O., on Sunday last, there was a riot between 500 labourers of the Pittsburg, Cleveland, and Toledo railway and the employees of Ellis Planing and Booth Miller Companies. Seven thousand people