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Temperance Notes.
Edited by the Temperance Committee.

We hear frequently the assertion that if, by any means, prohibition should become the law of the Dominion of Canada, there would be serious difficulty experienced by municipal councils in meeting the deficit in their annual income that would be caused by the withdrawal of the present revenue from license fees. In order that the electors may fully understand this matter, there are here placed before them a few facts in relation to the present revenue and its probable diminution under prohibition.

The total amount received in license fees, etc., from the liquor traffic, by all the cities, towns, villages, townships, and other municipalities of the Dominion of Canada, for the year 1890-1, was estimated by the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic to be \$429,107, the number of licenses being 7,654. The data from which this estimate was made were somewhat defective, full returns not having been received from the provinces of British Columbia and Quebec. A safe estimate will be that 8,000 licenses are issued, and that the revenue derived therefrom by the different municipalities is about \$500,000.

The same report estimates that the amount of money annually paid for liquor in Canada is \$39,879,854. Assuming that the licensed places are open for only 310 days in the year, this would amount to an average of a little over \$15 per day for each licensed place. In some places the business done is much larger than this, and in others probably less.

Out of this large sum of money received by the liquor sellers from the people of Canada, there was paid into the municipal treasuries only the comparatively small amount of \$500,000. So far as the municipal revenues are concerned, it is as if the municipal councils, representing the people of Canada, had employed the liquor sellers to secure for them the revenue of \$500,000, authorizing them to collect much larger amount and retain the balance and retain the balance for their own benefit; so that the account stands as follows:—Amount collected by the liquor sellers \$39,879,854. Paid over to municipal treasuries \$500,000. Cost of collecting \$39,379,854. The folly of the policy of paying \$391 for the sake of securing a revenue of \$5 is too patent to need comment. Would not a people richer by \$39,879,854 be able to pay the extra \$500,000 and still be vastly better off?

It must be remembered that the liquor traffic pays none of the revenue out of its own resources. It creates no wealth. It simply takes the taxpayers' money and hands it over to the municipality, taking from the people, as has been shown, about eighty times as much as it turns over to the municipal treasury.

A sad accident happened in Clinton last week, that we mention in our local columns, to show that even in play there is danger to little ones. Two boys, Eric Gilroy and Stuart Jackson, aged about six years, were swinging. A brother of Eric's, aged two years and five months approached the swing from behind. Before the swing could be stopped, the board of the swing caught the little fellow in the backward stroke. He was struck on the corner of the forehead, his head thrown suddenly backward, and his neck dislocated; he gave two or three gasps, and expired. A doctor was called, but the child was beyond all human aid. The mark on the forehead was quite slight and would not seem to indicate a severe blow.

There is great uneasiness on all sides in view of the Chinese situation, which is regarded as bringing an open conflict between Great Britain and Russia within measurable distance, and it is universally intimated that Russia's aggressive policy is responsible for the dangerous complication, which can only be overcome by the most prompt and most firm intimation that Russia's open opposition to British commercial concessions must cease. It is now said that the Princess of Wales' hurried departure from England was in response to a dispatch from her sister, the dowager Empress of Russia, bearing upon the Anglo-Russian relations. It is well known that the dowager empress is strenuously working to conclude a definite understanding regarding Anglo-Russian interests in the far east, and it is said great importance attaches to the meeting of the sisters at Copenhagen.

Letter to the Editor.

In reply to an item which appeared in the Huntingfield correspondence two weeks ago, I beg to say that I never received any money from the storekeeper to purchase tobacco, and the loss is my own. The author of that article should be more careful in future, as I can prove that item to be a mean lie.

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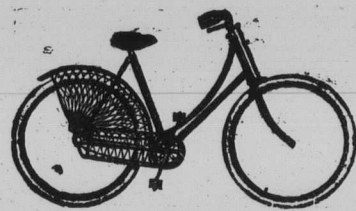
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