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TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION AT ST. MARTIN'S, AU. 24TH.

St. John county W. C. T. U. will meet in convention at St. Martin's for the first time on Aug. 24th. There will probably be a gospel meeting on the evening of the 23rd. This regular business meeting will be held in the afternoon, and a public meeting in the interest of the plebiscite on the evening of the 24th.

IMPORTANT OPINIONS ON THE REVENUE QUESTION.

If the liquor traffic is wrong, then revenue derived from it is repugnant to every principle of justice.—Hon. John O'Donnell.

I cannot consent as your guest to take revenue from that which destroys the souls and bodies of my subjects.—Queen of Madagascar.

The deriving of vast sums for the revenue from the bitter sufferings and grinding pauperisms of the people is a terrible offence.—Canon Wilberforce.

That Christian nations should make saloons toll-gates for revenue, and sanction crime-breeding to coin money for current expenses, is unacceptably sad.—Albert C. Lawson, D. D.

One of the reasons why labor organizations have failed in the past is because the leaders didn't have the manhood to denounce liquor as a curse.—T. V. Doodley.

Luxury, my lords, is to be taxed, but vice prohibited. Let the difficulty in the law be what it will, would you lay a tax upon a breach of the ten commandments? Government should not, for revenue, mortgage the morals and health of the people.—Lord Chesterfield.

If it were not for the seven-tenths of the workmen would have their own homes instead of paying rent. Rum is at the bottom of the whole trouble.—P. M. Arthur, Chief of Brother, Loc. Eng.

For government to offer encouragement to ale-houses is to act the part of a fetter de se. Nor ought the public ever to be lulled into an acquiescence by the flattering bait of immediate gain, which ere long they would be obliged to pay back to paupers in relief with a heavy interest.—Sir Frederick Eden.

PROHIBITION AND BUSINESS. The Brewery and the Shoe Factory.

Walrus's brewery in Lawrence, Kansas, was a valuable piece of property. Prohibition made it useless for that purpose, and the owner sold the building and left the state. This turned the twelve men he had employed out of that into some other industry. Some people called it a "business calamity" to lose that brewery and the wages of the twelve men. It has been employed. But soon the big building was put to use again as a shoe factory, and now, with about the same capital that the brewery had, it employs one hundred sober operatives.

Supplanting the brewer's twelve men to have been all sober citizens, let us compare the business record of the brewery and the shoe factory, allowing that the men have the same wages, which we will put at an average of \$10 a week.

The brewer's men had their \$120 a week, or \$3,540 a year to expend in houses, rent, or homes, food, clothing, and household needs. The one hundred shoe makers have \$1,000 a week, or \$52,000 a year to expend in the same way. The brewery men rented at most twelve cottages. The factory men must have one hundred cottages or lodgings.

Under the new system the builders, butchers, bakers, grocers, clothiers, etc., of the town have one hundred customers in place of the twelve they have lost, besides a large amount of money from other customers that formerly went for beer. More than eight times as much money goes from the factory alone into the tills of the traders and workers of that town as used to go there from the brewery.

The shoes that are turned out harm no one. They serve a useful purpose, preserve health, and give comfort and pleasure. They are among the necessities of civilized life. There is not an oath, a theft, a wife-beating, a fight,

SAMPSON ARRIVES.

The Admiral Called on President McKinley Yesterday.

Thirty-five Minutes Was Spent on Cuban Commission Plans.

The New York Strangers and Sailors' Protective Association Expresses Appreciation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Admiral Sampson called on President McKinley today, and spent thirty-five minutes with him in a discussion of the Cuban commission's plans and other matters. At the navy department he spent some minutes exchanging courtesies with the naval officials, when acting secretary of the navy Allen drove with him to the White House. The president shook the admiral's hand very cordially, and inquired about his experience in commanding the fleet in the Cuban waters. Admiral Sampson referred briefly to a number of the important incidents in the war, and in response to a query from the president, explained his gratification at the achievement of July 3, when Admiral Cervera's fleet was annihilated. The details of the general battle were gone over quite thoroughly. The president also took the opportunity to express his thanks to the admiral for the success of the battle, and showed deep interest in the story of the engagement as told by him. The talk also bore on the reasons for not capturing the harbor of Santiago and the placing of mines and torpedoes in Cuban ports. The plans of the commission to arrange for the evacuation of Cuba were talked over, and Mr. McKinley told the admiral that written instructions would be given the commission in a few days. During the call Secretary Alger came over from the war department to consult the president regarding the disposition of troops, and finding Admiral Sampson there, greeted him and joined in the discussion. Both Rear-Admirals Sampson and Schley have been invited here by the president to confer on the plans of the commission, but Admiral Schley did not arrive this afternoon. Admiral Sampson appeared somewhat fatigued, but not in unbecoming form. When asked how he would remain here he answered: "No longer than necessary."

E. T. LEE DEAD.

ST. STEPHEN, Aug. 21.—At about five o'clock this afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded in Calais for a blaze in Greenlaw's barber shop near the Calais fire station. In response the Calais department was promptly at the scene. Foreman Ernest T. Lee undertook to use a chemical appliance in the form of a copper cylinder which on being inverted throws out a fire extinguishing compound. He inverted the cylinder, when instantly it exploded with terrible force and terrible effect. One side of Mr. Lee's face was torn and shattered by pieces of copper. He was removed to his home near by and a physician at once summoned. He has suffered intensely, and though still living is in a precarious condition. The other firemen were driven from the room by the explosion, but escaped injury. The fire was easily subdued, and but little damage resulted. Mr. Lee has been connected with the fire department for years and carries on a large insurance business. He has also been actively connected with militia matters for years, rising to the position of lieutenant colonel of the second Maine regiment. The terrible accident has been heard of with profound regret.

THE CONFERENCE.

QUEBEC, Aug. 22.—The opening session of the international conference will be held tomorrow. It is expected it will be purely formal, and an adjournment will be taken for a few days to enable both sides to prepare their cases for submission. There are many rocks ahead, but the one attracting the most attention just now is the attempt of the Michigan lumbermen to get rid of the Ontario government's policy adopted last season of compelling all log cut in the province to be manufactured in the province.—D. S. Dickenson of Detroit is here in connection with this matter, and had an interview with Laurier tonight. The two United States commissioners, Dingley and Senator Gray, have not yet arrived.

BRIDGETOWN ACCIDENT.

(Special to The Sun.)

BRIDGETOWN, N. S. Aug. 22.—Daniel Charbon, seriously injured this afternoon while working on the river bridge which the government is repairing. He had gone down to the bed of the river for a chisel and a large boulder was accidentally rolled down on him, striking him on the back of his head. It is feared he may not recover. Mr. Charbon had a son accidentally killed a few months ago by being crushed under a wagon wheel. Dr. Grant is attending the injured man.

Some women odder their faces as small boys wash theirs, within an inch of their ears. The effect is just as bad.

CHATHAM.

A New Fire Bell Procured and Placed in the Town Hall.

A New Barking Mill Being Erected—Fifty New Houses in Course of Construction.

CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 22.—The fire committee have procured a new fire bell at a cost of \$250. James De-mond placed it in position in the town hall last week. Ald. Robinson tested it Saturday night and found it satisfactory. It is a fine, loud-toned bell, and will be heard a long distance. Michael Holly of Chatham and T. W. Butler of Newcastle left for Quebec on Saturday to attend the meeting of the grand council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, which meets in that city tomorrow. At the last meeting of Northumberland Division S. O. T. the members presented E. A. Jack with an address, B. H. and gold seal pin. Mr. Jack leaves shortly for Scotland, where he will reside in the future. The address was signed on behalf of the division by Allen Kerr, W. P. Mr. Jack made a feeling reply. Foremanate Wilson is having his residence on Wellington improved and enlarged. Town Treasurer Johnson is also making extensive improvements on his residence. The barking mill of the M. S. F. Co. in their Wellington street wood-yard, recently destroyed by fire, is being replaced by a larger and better mill. The engine house is of brick and the mill, when completed, will be a modern ideal of a barking mill. Street Commissioner Wyse is making great strides in the way of street improvements. The low street of Wellington street has been wonderfully improved, and is now the best and prettiest street in Chatham. There is great activity among the builders here this summer. Probably fifty new houses are now in course of construction. Warren C. Winslow, representative of the justice department, has been trying for some time to secure possession of the old dominion building here. Shortly after the big fire of 1895, Harry Brobecker was allowed to take up his residence in the building. Since then the building has been occupied by him without rent. When asked to give up possession, Mr. Brobecker refused to do so and Mr. Winslow brought him before Judge Wilkinson to show cause why he should not vacate the premises. The court decided that Mr. Brobecker had had the building long enough and ordered his removal. Deputy Sheriff Irving came to Chatham to remove him, but Mr. Winslow granted an extension of time. The time is up now and Mr. Brobecker still holds the fort. The end is not yet. It is the intention of the public works department to have the building sold as soon as possible. The local government are preparing to make extensive repairs on the ferry slips and the approaches thereto. The slip on this side adjoining the town wharf, and the town and government will work together in the matter of repairs. It is pretty generally felt here that a general local election is brewing. The activity of provincial Secretary Treadwell certainly means something, and he has been known to canvass an employer of labor, whose support is supposed to be in doubt, lately. As a general thing the liberals feel that dominion party lines should be drawn in local contests, and a liberal convention to nominate a ticket will probably be the result.

BRITISH TRADE.

MONTEAL, Aug. 22.—The Star's London correspondent cables: Lord Charles Bessford, when interviewed today respecting his mission to China in the interests of British trade, stated he was going east via Manila and Hong Kong, but very possibly he would return via Canada, though he is not yet settled about it. Lord Bessford puts great emphasis on the interest of Canada in the future of China, and holds that no part of the empire is more vitally interested than the dominion in the preserving of the British trade and commerce in this vast and undeveloped country.

REMEMBER THE MAINE.

(Bystander in Toronto Weekly Sun.)

The evidence in the case of the Maine has now been impartially examined by a first-rate expert, Lieut. Colonel J. T. Bucknill, of the Royal Engineers, who was a member and the secretary of the "joint war office and admiralty committee" which carried out the experiments against the double bottom of H. M. S. Oberon during 1874 to 1876. Colonel Bucknill comes to the conclusion that the explosion was due to coal-heating in a bunker containing forty tons of soft Pocahontas coal. It therefore seems to him that "Americans should blame themselves from their minds the idea that the Maine was blown up by the Spanish authorities, or with their connivance; all the evidence pointing entirely in the other direction, viz., that the disaster was purely accidental, and that the explosions were confined to the interior of the ship."

YET WORDS WILL FAIL HIM.

Lord Alton has angered Scottish golfers by angling at Frasburgh from Pau to coach him in the game which boasts such native champions as Andrew Kirkcaldy. But Lord Alton is wise in his generation. He will learn how to express his feelings after fooling the ball to two languages.—London Globe.

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