

THE LICENSE ACT.

distribution of legislative power under the Union Act of 1867 it was not intended to make any distinction as to the exercise of the power in regard to the liquor traffic upon the rivers of the Dominion as contradistinguished from its regulation on land, nor to confer the power upon the Dominion Parliament to declare an act done in violation of an act over which they had no legislative authority a misdemeanour. But considering that over these two matters there is more or less ground for disagreement between the Queen's Bench and the Privy Council, your advice counsel submit that upon all other matters the Acts are wholly *ultra vires* of the authority of the Dominion Parliament and unconstitutional.

The British Association.

In the Mechanical Science section, a paper upon

The light house system of Canada, which bears W. H. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine. He said that the cost of maintaining the light house system is not in Canada a charge upon the shipping which bears the cost of the goods imported out of the general revenue of the country.—The reason of this policy is that Canada is deeply interested in securing the most profitable and safe mode of carrying trade between Europe and America, and in taking away as much as possible of that trade from New York and other ports of the United States, and as the light house system in the United States is free, it is necessary that ours should be free also. At the London Convention of June 1884, the total cost of maintaining our light houses, light ships,

regarded the following, which is as the
 progress of the case, as a reflection
 on journalism is nevertheless quick
 in keeping with the usual course pursued
 by the Chatham Grid organ when
 badly cornered. This is what it says:—

At HM STILL.—Mr. Temple. M. P. of
 York, is again the subject of an *Advocate*
 attack, and that paper is now in the
 hands of the Government. Will you
 inform the ADVANCE as to what
 would constitute bribery and dis-
 qualify a man from being a mem-
 ber of the House of Commons?

Well, the *Advocate* is not
 much of an authority on bribery for we
 remember that it was the *Advocate* who
 endeavored to get Mr. Temple to
 go back on the Newcastle friends,
 and expose the cause of a gentleman it now
 professes to be a friend of. It is
 curious to find the *Advocate* in
 its behalf as the price of its apostasy was
 not forthcoming. It was not worth
 bringing forward. It was not worth
 the highest bidder, but for almost anything it
 would get. This is what disqualifies it, in
 the eyes of the public, as a paper
 of any public matter. A few cents properly

want to kill the Branch. Does the organ expect to gull the public with such a story? Mr. Snowball, Mr. Snowball has evidently taken the contract to stand in the way of others who would push the work on vigorously, and it is impossible to see how far he will be allowed to act the part of an obstructionist in the matter of the Branch to Indiantown.

Important Auction.

Mr. J. C. Fahey, Auctioneer, will wield the hammer in connection with an extensive sale of furniture to take place at the Masonic Hall on Thursday of next week. The furniture is the property of Mr. John McKee, who has changed his business and intends to dispose of all the furniture he has in the city. Parties who wish to fit out in the hotel conducted by him, will find it to their advantage to purchase the furniture. It will do well to attend the sale.

rate, which will be attached to the morning paper, and will be coupled to the evening express going south, excursionists leaving Metepedia at 6.37 p. m. Fare from New Mills, Charlton and New Mills, 10 cts., Dalhousie Junction and return 60 cts., Campbellton and return 30 cts. The section to be visited is a beautiful one, and as the excursion is a very short one, if provided, there will in all probability be a good attendance. As the object is a worthy one, we wish the managers of the affair every success.

Missionary Meeting.

A Missionary Meeting will be held in the Methodist Church, Newcastle, this (Wednesday) evening, to which the Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, of Charlton, and Rev. F. Harrison, will preside. Short addresses will be delivered by Revs. Chapman, Wells and McLaughlin.

Concert.—An excellent programme has been arranged in connection with the concert to be given this (Wednesday) evening, in the new church of St. Peter's Village, Bathurst, by the pupils of the Holy Trinity School, and by the church choir and the brass band of the Temperance Society. The proceeds are in aid of the Convent.

SCOTT ACT.—The Scott Act is being discussed in the "Morning Post," and the Estey's Frigorific Philodermia is still the standard remedy for Chapped Hands, Sore Lips, Chafing in Infants, &c., &c.

from 1,100 to 12,000 embraced in 240 lodges. The brotherhood was also in a prosperous financial condition. Then, Sir Henry Lefroy there delivered an address, and was followed by Colonel Maynard, of Indianapolis, and Dr. Wild. During the intervals between the addresses the band of the Royal Grenadiers played selections.

TORONTO, Sept. 24.—The convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen resumed this morning. The president, Mr. J. W. Stevens, made a decision in certain matters, which was adopted, and the report of the organizer and instructor, Mr. Stevens, was submitted, showing that during the past year sixty new lodges were organized with a total membership of 387. He also visited 58 lodges and had travelled 50,000 miles.

A disastrous fire is reported from the settlement of St. Anne, county of Richelieu, Que. The flames swept the main street of the village, consuming 12 houses and a number of barns, stores and out-buildings. There is little insurance. The fire is attributed to children playing with matches.

The *Western Chronicle*, of Wolville, N. S. says that the Rogers family, living on Gaspareaux Mountain, in very high winds, were blown down the hill, their house falling, and the family killed. The loss is estimated at least \$100,000.