

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

It is one thing to possess an opinion, it is another matter to make that opinion square with common sense and facts.

People get possessed with ideas some times without knowing how or where they gather them, and with nothing more certain on which to base an opinion.

A good deal of the same kind of opinion exists on the question of High License, a subject that is coming more and more to the front in Canadian discussions every day.

This fallacy creeps out again in the case of those who sometimes, we fear from selfish motives, not wanting to give up their supposed comforts, will tell us that no possible harm can come from moderate drinking.

This view of the question is further substantiated by a reference to the address of Colonel J. L. Green, president of the last-named Society above.

It is a poison imparted to the blood, most persons do not know and are slow to believe. For two or three years there was nothing very remarkable to be noted among the selected lives of beer drinkers.

This is an instance of many others of facts as against mere opinion. It is the worst of dogmatism to say that the moderate drinker stands on an equal platform with the total abstainer in the matter of longevity.

Adding a further illustration or two in this same line of thought, how common a thing it is to be told that it is only one's own business if they are foolish enough to drink to excess and, as it is sometimes put, to make boasts of themselves, but is it a fact that the man who does this only injures himself?

This liquor traffic, in some of its relations, affects everybody. John Stuart Mill has said, "the only justification for interfering with any trade is the amount of mischief that trade does."

The encouragement of drunkenness for the sake of gaining money is a more desperate form of assassination than has been adopted by the brave of any country or age.—Thomas Carlyle.

The Canada Temperance Act.

RESULTS OF THE VOTING SO FAR:

Table with columns: PLACE, VOTES POLLED (For, Against), MAJORITIES (For, Against), and DATE OF ELECTION. Lists various Canadian locations and their respective voting results.

N.B. In the preceding table a place that has voted more than once has the different votes indicated by the figures (1), (2), (3) after the name of place.

Nov Scotia has eighteen counties and one city, of which thirteen counties have adopted the Act. New Brunswick has fourteen counties and two cities, of which ten counties and two cities have adopted the Act.

It is more than eight years since the Scott Act was first voted upon and adopted in different localities, and only one county has yet REPEALED IT, although many votings have taken place on the question of repeal.

Campaign Tidings.

Teetotal Soldiers. Our soldiers in Burmah have a Temperance room in the palace of the ex-King of Burmah, at Mandalay, and on its walls is a list of Good Templar Lodges in India and Burmah.

Getting Out. The Port Huron Commercial reports no less than eight tavern keepers there have recently skipped out on account of Scott Act.

The World's Drink Statistics. From reports recently issued by the British Foreign Office we cull some rather startling figures regarding the drink trade of the world.

"Diet" and Drink. The Austrian Imperial Diet has just been dealing with the drink question. The Austrians are arousing at last to a sense of the terrible increase of drunkenness amongst them.

Scotland and the Local Government Bill. The Scottish people are not likely to take kindly to the probable proposals of the present British Government regarding local self-government.

The Licensing System of Ceylon. Mr. W. S. CAINE, M.P., during his prolonged tour, has kept a keen eye on the liquor laws of the many lands through which he has passed.