

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

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

THE NATIONAL REVENUE QUESTION.

The actual amount of revenue accruing to the Dominion government from the liquor traffic in every form for the year ending June 30th, 1898, is set out in the following table:

Excise Duties.	
On Canadian spirits	\$4,029,859
On malt liquors	6,748
On wine	75,585
On other liquors	1,211,461
License Fees.	
Distillers' licenses	\$2,500
Wholesale licenses	5,000
Customs Duties.	
On imported ale, beer, wine and spirits of all kinds	\$2,362,793
On imported malt	8,891
Total revenue	\$12,251,154

This amounts to about \$137 per head of our population. It is estimated that about 32 cts. per head is for spirits used for medicinal and scientific purposes, and that the revenue from the liquor traffic for beverage purposes is about \$5,000,000, or about \$1.05 per head of the population.

In leaflet No. 1 of this series, it is shown that consumers of liquor pay for it the sum of \$39,879,854, and that the country is impoverished by the full amount of the money paid for liquor. If this traffic is stopped, the people at large will be richer at the end of the year to the full amount of this sum, and parliament may be relied upon to adjust its revenue raising so as to make it as effective as possible, and at the same time as easy as possible to the people.

Some of the suggestions that have been made are, however, here submitted as information:

The whole amount might be raised by direct taxation, in which case people would have to pay about one-sixth of the amount they now pay for liquor, retaining the remaining five-sixths and leaving them as a whole more than \$30,000,000 better off than they are under the present plan, a new \$30,000,000 being added to their wealth each year. Direct taxation is, however, only one of the available methods of revenue raising.

A tax of one-half cent per pound on sugar, seven cents per pound on tea, coffee and cocoa, and sixteen cents per pound on tobacco, levied on the quantities of these articles now used, would make up the amount named, \$1.05 per head, or \$5,000,000 on the whole.

The government might take over the liquor traffic remaining for permitted purposes, carry it on and retain all the proceeds. It is estimated that this could give a revenue of about \$4,000,000. It could be the safest way of applying pure liquor for medicine, etc.

If the plan just mentioned were adopted, the balance of \$3,000,000 to make up the whole temporarily displaced revenue, could be secured by an extra excise duty of thirty cents per pound on the quantity of tobacco now consumed.

The same amount could be secured by a special customs duty of four and one-half per cent. on the value of all imported goods that do not pay duty.

On the preferential duty plan it could be obtained by an extra duty of seven and one-half per cent. ad valorem on the quantities now imported of all other than British goods, leaving the duty on all imports from Great Britain unchanged.

As it is clear that the deficit would only be temporary and that a richer country would soon make up the missing revenue, the temporary deficit might be met by a special loan as in the case of some other national emergency.

Grand Trunk Engineer Swears by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mr. Geo. Cummings, for over 20 years engineer on Grand Trunk, running between Toronto and Allandale, says: "The constant duty with my work gave me excessive pains in my back, racking my kidneys and tried several remedies until I was recommended by my friend, Mr. Dave Conley, to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Two boxes have completely cured me and I feel to-day better than ever. I recommend them to all my friends."

P. E. ISLAND.

Rev. Mr. Wadman Will Spend the Winter in Massachusetts.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Sept. 1.—Rev. J. W. Wadman lectured in Grace church on Monday evening on "Mission Work in Japan." On Wednesday evening he gave a stereoscopic exhibit in the First Methodist church. Mr. Wadman and family will leave in a few days for Cambridge, Mass., where they expect to spend the winter.

Rev. B. D. Keefe, late assistant editor of the Temperance, has been engaged by the Provincial Temperance Alliance to lecture throughout the province until September 25th.

Harvest operations are now well under way. The oat crop is an abundant yield, and other grain and root crops generally promise well. But owing to the prevalence of damp weather and especially to the appearance of fog during the night and early morning, the wheat crop is a failure. It is so badly affected with rust that in some instances it is being cut down for fodder.

"FIRST AID" BY A DUCHESSE.

At Edinboro, Mich. Miss Mabel Smith was knocked down by a swerving horse, her ankle being injured. A lady and gentleman, at once alighted from an adjacent carriage, and most kindly proffered every possible assistance. They proved to be the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The lady, who was bandaged up the injured ankle, is now at the Duke's residence.

Krupp is building five centimetre (two) paper fold guns for the German navy. They are so light that a single soldier can easily carry one and the resistance of the paper is greater than that of steel of the same calibre.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 7.—Two weddings were celebrated here today, the first at the Baptist parsonage early this morning, when Rev. J. D. Freeman officiated. The bride and groom were John Cooley of St. John and Miss Besie Graham of this city. They went down the river by steamer.

This afternoon John Babbington, Jr., and Grace L. Merrithew, both of this city, were united in the bonds of wedlock in Christ church cathedral by Rev. Dean Partridge. The edifice was most tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride and groom went to Boston by this evening's train.

Two moose hunting parties have already left here this week in search of big game, and Major Hallows and wife with their party start tomorrow for the Miramichi district on the same mission.

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 31.—W. W. Buchanan of Toronto will lecture on prohibition in Oulton hall, Albert, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 7th. Henry A. West and Misses Maude Jackson, Julia Brower and Orpha West left this morning for Fredericton, where they will attend the Provincial Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collinson and family, who have been visiting relatives here, returned to Boston this week.

The stean saw mill and grist mill of J. L. Peck, at this place, are being fitted up in good shape this season. The grist mill will have rollers put in and other approved appliances, and will be run by steam power. C. L. Peck is manager of the mills.

Chas. McLaughlin of Demingville lost a very valuable horse last week.

H. B. Peck, mail clerk, of St. John, spent last week at his home here. Miss Alfreda Smith has gone to Boston for the winter.

HOPEWELL HILL, Sept. 2.—Capt. William A. Copp, one of the best known of Albert county shipmasters, died at his home at Riverside, yesterday, after an illness of several months. He leaves a wife, formerly a Miss Wilbur of New Horton, and three sons and two daughters. Two brothers, Capt. Warren Copp and Capt. A. I. Copp of Riverside, also survive him.

Capt. P. R. Tingley, Mrs. Tingley and daughter left today for New York en route for their home in England.

John Russell had two teeth knocked out and his face badly cut yesterday by a kick from a horse. Dr. Chapman rendered the necessary surgical assistance.

Rev. A. H. Foster returned today from Pictou, N. S., whither he was called last week by the death of his father.

Mrs. Harriet Comben, youngest daughter of Rev. Mr. Comben, has gone to Sussex, where she has been engaged as one of the teachers in the Grammar school on Tuesday.

W. J. Daniels and his mother, Mrs. Wm. Daniels of Whitman, Mass., are visiting their old home in this place. Miss Annie Rhoda, bookkeeper in W. Frank Hatheway's office, St. John, spent a few days with friends here last week.

The Albert County Teachers' Institute meets in annual session at Harvey on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8th and 9th. Prof. Andrews of Mount Allison and Dr. G. U. Hay of St. John are to be present.

PETITCODIAC, N. B., Sept. 8.—All the summer visitors have returned to the States.

Edward Simpson is opening a grocery store in connection with the Mansard house. Humphrey & Triton have been running their saw mills with the "full force" of men.

There are about twenty entries for the Havelock races on Saturday. One or two fast horses from Boston have arrived and seem to be the favorites.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 9.—William L. Bates, who went through the late Spanish-American war on board the American cruiser Albatross, is home on furlough.

Larry Goodwin was arrested at Upper Kingsport this morning by Detective Roberts for violation of the liquor laws. This afternoon he pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs.

ST. ANDREWS, Sept. 8.—The teachers of All Saints Church Sabbath school, together with a number of their friends who are interested in Sunday school work, and who were joined by a party from St. Stephen, proceeded to St. George's yesterday by steamer Arbutus to attend the Charlotte county council, which met in the village. The weather was not so favorable as was hoped for, thick fog prevailing throughout the day. The steamer started on its return trip shortly after four o'clock p. m. All went well until St. Andrews was nearly reached. The fog was very dense, which, unfortunately, led to the steamer running ashore on what is locally known as the short bar. This was about six o'clock. The vessel went over the bar, her heel caught, and she was held fast. In answer to her alarm whistle, several boats put off from the harbor, which, with the

assistance of the steamer's boats, landed the party on the beach. Some of the ladies were much alarmed and burst into tears, but happily the danger was more imaginary than real. The St. Stephen party, numbering eighteen, were driven up river in carriages from W. J. Burton's livery stable, making the trip in a little over three hours.

SUSSEX, N. B., Sept. 8.—Joseph Campbell, the well known lumberman, Mrs. Campbell and their two sons, as well as two of their hired men, are lying seriously ill of diphtheria at Mr. Campbell's residence in Newtown. A trained nurse is in attendance.

In the Dryden shooting case today, Justice Morrison, under the evidence, found there was no criminal intent shown, but under the law the accused was guilty of an offence, as he unlawfully wounded the informant, Holman, and, therefore, sent him up for summary trial before the stipendiary, Geo. H. Wallace, under a provision of the criminal code covering the matter. The trial will take place before the stipendiary on Thursday, the 15th inst., at two o'clock p. m.

ALBANY, N. B., Sept. 7.—A public prohibition meeting was held in the Baptist church on Saturday evening. Rev. Mr. Young, vice-president of the county association, occupied the chair, and after addresses by the Rev. Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ryder and J. T. Horsman, the following officers were appointed: Rev. Mr. Young, president; Rev. Mr. Davidson, vice-president; J. T. Horsman, secretary; treasurer: R. A. Smith, Amasa Ryder, Daniel and Wm. Smith and W. A. Colpitts, committee. The choir of the Baptist church furnished music. A collection was taken to procure temperance literature for distribution.

This quiet little village was thrown into quite a state of excitement on Sunday last by the arrival of Hamilton McManus of Kings Co., with his two sons, Herbert and Arthur, and Constables James Hyslop and Robt. Thompson of Alma, to take possession of what is known as the Blakely mill. This mill is owned by Mrs. E. A. Blakely, and rented from her by Geo. Haskins, and Mr. McManus claims a title of said mill. He had Mr. Haskins arrested, and he and his boys forcibly ejected Mrs. Haskins from the mill. Mrs. Haskins, who is a widow, and her two sons, were in the meantime quite a crowd had gathered, and warrants were got out for their arrest for assaulting Mrs. Haskins. The door was broken in, and after quite a struggle McManus and his sons were arrested and taken from the mill in the early morning. The door was broken in, but no one was hurt. They are now before Justice Robt. A. Smith for congregating together and breaking and causing the peace to be broken. W. B. Jones appears for the prosecution, and McManus appears for himself and other prisoners.

Sheriff Lynds was in town today posting proclamations for the vote on the prohibition plebiscite.

Rev. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Horsman are attending the Albert Co. Institute, which met at Harvey.

The Baptist Sunday school held their annual picnic on Wednesday last. The picnic was held at the shore of the lake. The children were very happy, and the day was a success.

WATERBURY, Albert Co., Sept. 8.—A very severe thunder storm passed over this place Sunday evening. Simon Jones's barn was struck by lightning. Mrs. O'Brien, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lorne Hanson, for the past month, left today for her home in Portland, Me. Mrs. Colwell of Elgin is here visiting her mother, William Martin, Mr. Ross of Moncton, and Mr. P. J. Pella, Greaves of Harvey passed through this place yesterday en route around the square on a pleasure trip.

HOPEWELL HILL, Sept. 7.—The most largely attended meeting of the plebiscite campaign, so far, was held in Oulton hall, Albert, last night. The hall was packed to the doors. Rev. Mr. Hinson of Moncton gave a forcible and eloquent address in denunciation of the liquor traffic and in favor of total prohibition. Clifford W. Robinson, M. P., also spoke, and bore length. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. G. C. U. Prescott, president of the W. C. T. U.; Rev. Messrs. Comber (Methodist), Colwell (Baptist), Foster (Episcopal), and Smithers (Presbyterian), occupied seats on the platform. A public meeting under the auspices of the parish plebiscite association was held at Riverside on Monday night. Rev. Mr. Foster, A. C. M. Lawson and others delivered addresses.

A largely attended Orange picnic was held today at Albert.

Mrs. A. H. Kinney, who has been spending the summer months with her parents here, left yesterday for her home in New York.

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A public meeting in the interest of the plebiscite was held at Hopewell Cape on Saturday evening. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Messrs. Colwell, Manning and others.

J. D. Moore, who has been in Boston the past year, is spending his vacation at his home here—Miss Minnie Dodge of Boston is visiting relatives at the Havelock. Peck left this morning to attend the Mount Hermon institutions.

The s. s. Norfolk sailed from Grindstone Island on Saturday.

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The two year old son of Levi Crandall of this place died yesterday after a short illness.

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For the proclamations posted this week, the fact of an election being held would hardly be known.

CORN HILL, Kings Co., Sept. 8.—Mary, wife of David Clark, died of consumption at her residence in Graves settlement on the 28th ult. Her remains were interred in the F. B. cemetery here.

Corn Hill Division, S. of T., held a well attended public meeting of an interesting character on Thursday evening.

On Saturday evening a public temperance meeting was held in Stockton's hall, in connection with the plebiscite campaign in this parish.