

making the measure permanent, and extending its operations to the country at large. In Dublin, of householders and heads of families, there voted in favor of these propositions 34,696, and against only 8,117. Of the total pollable constituency of electors in the city, 5,919 signed a declaration to the same effect; 5,047 made no return, and the balance was accounted for by forms returned by the post-office marked 'dead,' 'gone away,' &c., and by the number (570) of publicans, whose opinion was not solicited.

Selected Articles.

DRINKING DOES NOT PAY.

Go with me to every jail and prison throughout our land, from ocean to ocean, and ascertain how large a portion of those crimes and misdemeanors that have taken men from their families and lodged them there in prison walls has resulted from intoxication; and the answer from every jail and prison comes to us to-night that "drinking does not pay." Visit the poor-houses, which the charities of mankind provide for those who from competency have been reduced to destitution, and learn there the sad lesson, how many of them have ceased, to become useful and valuable members of society, and dependent upon the taxes by which we support the poor, in consequence of yielding to the intoxicating bowl; and every poor-house answers, "Drinking does not pay." Examine the statistics of the gallows, and learn how many of its victims were induced to take the downward road thither by that intoxicating cup which turned their brain and nerved their arm for the block which sent them to the gallows; and the gallows tells you that "drinking does not pay." Read history, and learn from it how many of the great and the gifted in other lands as well as our own have commenced at wine drinking and ended in ruin, mental and physical; and history tells you that "drinking does not pay." Nay, more, read the papers of the day, and from every quarter you hear, morning after morning, and evening after evening, of the thousands who, once having pledged at the altar a lifetime of devotion and affection to their brides, reel home from a drunken debauch, to treat with brutality and violence those who should be as dear to them as their heart's blood; and this army of worse than widowed wives, whose woes no one but themselves can realize, tells you most sadly and impressively that "drinking does not pay."

It has been well said, "It is the first step that costs." Young men stepping out upon the threshold of life, with everything bright and hopeful in the future, let me adjure you, above all things else next to devotion to that religion which is to smooth your pathway to the tomb, avoid taking that first step. Plant your feet upon that solid rock of sobriety, as well as of safety, and then you may know that, so far as intemperance is concerned, its waves can dash against you, but they will dash in vain.

—Hon. Schuyler Colfax.

VOTE IT OUT.

There's a nuisance in the land,
Rank with vice and foul with crime,
Strong with many a legal band,
With the strength of wealth and time
"How shall we this wrong o'erpower?"
Is the question of the hour.

Vote it out;
That will put the thing to rout.

We have begged the traffic long,
Begged it both with smile and tears,
To abate the flood of wrong;
It has answered but with sneers,
We are weary of the scourge.

Vote it out;
Loyal people raise the shout.

'Tis the battle of the hour,
Freemen, show your strength again;
In the ballot is your power,
This will bring the foe to pain;
We have preached against the wrong,
Argued, plead, with words of song;

Votes are stout,
Let us vote the traffic out.

Vote it out of decency;
Vote it down a craven crime;
Let the fearful traffic be
Branded for all coming time;
Draw the lines of right, and stand,
Christian man, and show your hand;

Vote it out,
Join in with your prayer devout.

While the broken-hearted pray,
Where the bitterest tears are poured,
In low anguish every day,
In the sight of God, the Lord,
Let us pray and say "Amen,"
Lifting holy hands, and then
Vote it out;
It will bring the victor's shout.

Never shall the promise fail,
God is with us for the right;
Truth is mighty to prevail,
Faith shall end in joyous sight;
We shall see the hosts of rum
Palsied with affright and dumb;
Vote it out,
This will put the trade to rout.

Contributed Articles.

A REVIEW OF THE DOMINION LICENSE ACT.

READ BEFORE THE TORONTO BRANCH OF THE ONTARIO ALLIANCE.

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LOCAL OPTION.

The most important provision of the new Act is the admission of the principle of local option. It is impossible to view this as other than an important and valuable concession to the temperance reformers of the Dominion. This principle is admitted in two ways. First, as to the obtaining a new license, *i. e.*, for a house not having been previously licensed. For such a license the applicant must present a petition signed by one-fourth of the electors of the sub-division in which the house is situated. This clause (13) does not refer to houses having been previously. Second, the Act provides that a vote of any parish or municipality may be taken, and if a three-fifths majority of those voting declare in favour of no license, the commissioners shall not grant any license for the space of three years, and not then unless the prohibitory-vote has been reversed by a three-fifths majority. Thus, if 500 votes are taken in any parish under the Dominion Act, if 300 vote no license then prohibition is as clearly carried as though the Scott Act were put into operation, always excepting, of course, the huge blunder in opening the way to unlimited auctioneers' licenses. Whatever may be the result of a future appeal to law-courts as to the constitutionality of the new Act, this provision marks a decided step in advance, and it is to be hoped that it will not be lost to us in the legal quibbles which must follow the enactment of the new law.

SUNDAY SELLING.

We have thus far seen some striking advances made in this Act, as well as some serious inconsistencies and many evidences of hasty legislation. But there are yet more serious considerations than these. The new Act provides for the sale of liquor at meal hours to guests in hotels on Sunday, thus recognizing Sunday liquor selling, and making an innovation upon our strict Sunday prohibition of the past. It does not answer our objection to this, to say as the *Mail* reports that the practice of hotel-keepers has been to sell to guests in spite of the Crooks Act, nor that the language of that Act is not clear on the subject. If liquor is sold against the well understood meaning of the Act then it is illegal, and it is a decided step backward to legalize the Sunday sale on the excuse that hitherto the prohibitory law has not been invariably respected. Again, concessions are clearly made in the new Act to supposed vested interests. The Act proposes to separate the sale of liquors from other commodities, but postpones the operation of this needed reform, in regard to existing license holders, till 1890, although in many places the community were ripe for immediate putting into force the veto which they possess under the Crooks Act, through their councils. It is a mischievous thing to admit by statute the right of a liquor seller to hold a license for a number of years as a kind of compensation for loss of a privilege which when exercised always results in demoralization and crime, and which public opinion condemns.

Similar respect is paid to existing interests (so called) in exempting the holders of licenses in the past from the condition imposed upon new applicants, *viz.*, a petition signed by one-fourth of the ratepayers of the district.

HARD ON THE LIQUOR SELLERS.

Whatever may be said *pro.* and *con.* of the Dominion Act, temperance reformers cannot but rejoice that Parliaments, whether Provincial, Dominion, or Imperial, are compelled to turn attention to the grave problem "how to stop drunkenness." The immediate result of the new Act may be of little consequence, until the question of jurisdiction is settled. To the liquor dealers, however, it must prove harassing in the extreme. No hotel