

NOTES OF NEWS.

ABOUT THE WAR AGAINST THE RUM TRAFFIC.

The Montreal Witness of April 6th, reports a brutal murder committed by a drunken man upon his wife whom he choked to death in a fit of passion.

On Wednesday, March 25th, two men in the London, Ont., Aged Peoples' Home procured a quantity of liquor and drank of it to excess, one of them died the same evening and the other on the following morning.

A sad catastrophe took place at the New Fort in Toronto on March 22nd. A young man, highly connected, who had held good positions, and who was then serving with the Royal Canadian Dragoons deliberately shot himself after a prolonged spree. His death was instantaneous.

A Gratifying Improvement.

The net result of the voting on local option in New Zealand in December last is that the liquor party increased their vote since the election of three years before, by about 4,000 and the prohibitionists increased their vote by about 22,000.

Cost of the Plebiscite.

Inquiries are sometimes made about the cost of the Dominion Plebiscite. On June 23rd of last year the Premier stated in the House of Commons that the total expenditure up to date in connection with the matter had been \$192,541 and that about \$1,000 more would be needed to meet outstanding liabilities.

Legislation Promised.

The Ontario Government has announced that the Provincial Liquor Law is to be consolidated. This ought to result in the removal from the Act of a number of absurdities and contradictions. It will also give the Government an opportunity, if they so desire, to show their friendship for the temperance cause by improving the Act in some respects in which it is sadly defective and unduly favorable to the liquor traffic.

A Victory for Law.

A very important decision has been given by the Imperial Privy Council, reversing the judgment of a Quebec Court regarding the Dunkin Act. A druggist in Richmond was convicted for thirty-two violations of the Act. On appeal Judge Lemieux quashed all the convictions but one, on the ground that the penalties might be as great as imprisonment for life in default of payment of fines, which would be oppressive. The Privy Council reversed the judgment and sustained the convictions.

Prohibition Works.

An article in The Rum's Horn, gives an interesting history of the growth of the city of Fargo, N.D., where the Mayor J. A. Johnston, has insisted upon thorough enforcement of the prohibitory law during the six years that he has held office. Fargo is compared with Moorehead, Minn., a town of about the same size and similarly situated. Moorehead has forty-five saloons, each paying \$500 license. The assessment increase for 1899 was \$1,457 in Moorehead and \$514,964 in Fargo. Fargo's increase of population was six times that of Moorehead. Predictions were made when the saloons were suppressed, that the result would be disastrous to the prosperity of the city. The reverse has been the case. More than \$1,000,000 has been expended in buildings in Fargo during the past three years, and there is not a desirable vacant house or store in the city. The tax rate despite large civic improvements, has been reduced twenty-five per cent during the past four years.

WHAT WILL THE GOVERNMENT DO?

While Great Britain is prompt to provide trade privileges for its citizens, as is well known, it has also a regard for the interests of those with whom they deal which may well be followed by other countries, our own included. In view of the fatal effect of the use of strong drink and of firearms among the people of the Pacific Islands, her traders are forbidden to carry the one for traffic. Dr. Paton, the apostle of the New Hebrides, is now in this country endeavoring to have our Government impose like restrictions. He should succeed. It will be a shame to have islands that have been largely redeemed from barbarism and cannibalism by self-sacrificing missionaries debauched and devastated by the drink demon, set on by our own citizens under the forms of commerce and trade.—North and West.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Personal abstinence lies at the foundation of our great reform.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

For thirty years I have been a temperance man, and I am too old to change.—Abraham Lincoln.

Total abstinence is the surest way, all other things being equal, of attaining the highest physical, mental moral, and every other kind of health.—Norman Kerr, M.D.

We esteem worthy of all commendation the noble resolve of your pious associations, by which they pledge themselves to abstain totally from every kind of intoxicating drink.—Pope Leo XIII.

Let there be an entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks throughout this country during the period of a single generation, and a mob would be as impossible as combustion without oxygen.—Hon. Horace Mann.

Oh that we could get them sober, and perhaps we might make better men of them. You cannot do much with these fellows, unless you can enlist them in the cold stream guards.—Charles H. Spurgeon, D.D.

Total abstinence we seek through voluntary action for the promotion of individual virtue and of the general good. Legal prohibition we seek for as means of guarding our rights. Let the law cease to appeal to us by taxing us for the support of pauperism and crime caused by the selling of intoxicating drinks, and we will cease to appeal to the law.—Mark Hopkins, D.D.

"ITS A PITY TO FIND THEE HERE."

A tall, rough-looking man, holding a child by the hand, entered the bar-room of a much frequented saloon. Ordering a glass of beer, he sat down and joined in conversation with those around him; another and another glass was ordered, and soon all thought of his child, who stood near the doorway, vanished from his mind.

"Hallo, youngster!" cried the landlord, who had been too busy to notice the child before, "whose son are ye, an' where do ye come from?"

"I'm my daddy's son," whimpered the child, as his large blue eyes met the gaze of the stern, stout landlord.

"Oh—ah—ahem!" stammered the landlord, as he recognized the man to be one of his best customers.

"Thou'rt a bonnie bairn, to be sure; but, after all, it's a pity to find thee here," he said, apparently in deep thought, and scarcely knowing what he said.

"Landlord!" cried the father, as he threw down the glass he had held in his hand, "them are the very words you said to my father when I first came in here with him thirty years ago.

"Landlord!" he cried again, bringing his hand heavily on the counter, "my lad nor I shall never come in here again. I see it all now. My father died a drunkard; I, too, shall do so unless I am quickly rescued. And this lad—what will he do? I am going home to ask God to keep me from this accursed drink. I shall ask Him to help me to train up my boy in the way He'd have him go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. I thank you for them words of yours. Good night!"—The Inland.

A GREAT OFFER.

READ CAREFULLY.

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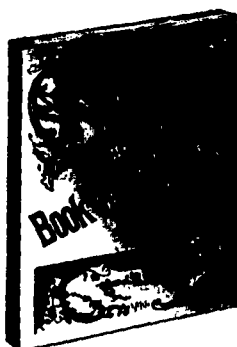
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