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A coroner's jury at Hespler, Ontario, on January 2nd found that James Crane came to his death by accidental drowning while under the influence of drink.

The teetotalers are very active just now all over the colonies, and our lot generally is not a bed of roses. In New Zealand, as all are aware, women now have votes, and the general election just over has sent a lot of faddists to parliament in that colony who will make it unpleasant for the liquor trade, which will have to fight for its existence. The women franchise people will, no doubt, make a great effort to introduce this into other colonies, but it is to be hoped they will not succeed. —*Australian Brewer's Journal.*

THE FIELD OF FIGHT.

WHAT FRIENDS AND FOES ARE DOING ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.

There were 603 arrests for drunkenness in Philadelphia on Christmas.

The British Government licenses 10,417 opium dens in India.

The United States Congress is discussing a proposed additional tax of \$2 per barrel on beer.

Lou J. Beauchamp, of Hamilton, O., is lecturing to large audiences in Kentucky.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore has retired from the lecture platform. She is seventy-three years old.

In Sweden a man who is seen drunk four times is deprived of his electoral vote.

There are 185 municipalities in the Province of Ontario in which no liquor licenses are issued.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, one of the best known and ablest of American white-ribbon platform workers, is dead.

Barrooms are closed on Sunday in all of Scotland, in all of Wales, and in all of Ireland, except five towns.

The Massachusetts W.C.T.U. gave a reception and banquet at Boston Thursday night in honor of Lady Henry Somerset, of England. Over 750 guests were present.

It is said that the new Kansas legislature has a majority of over one hundred in favor of sustaining the prohibitory law.

The Woman's Temperance Publishing Association printed over one hundred million pages of literature in the past year.

The governor of St. Petersburg has ordered that the names and addresses of all persons found intoxicated in the state, shall be posted in public places in the city and printed in the Official Gazette.

English syndicates have \$91,000,000 invested in American breweries, the dividend on which at 9 per cent. last year, was \$8,190,000 and was paid in gold.

In New York in one year 1,494 husbands procured divorces from their wives on the ground of drunkenness. During the same year 12,432 wives procured divorces from their husbands on the same charge.

Dr. Carlos Martyn is delivering a series of lectures on municipal reform in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, Chicago. The addresses will be reported in the Christian Citizen.

New Hampshire liquor-sellers are said to be organizing to secure the enactment of laws favorable to their traffic. New Hampshire is now under prohibition.

The Canadian Temperance League has set a splendid example in the presentation of a good medal to the pupil of the public schools of Toronto who passed the best examination in the study of temperance and physiology.

The revenue from 9,028 licensed saloons in New York city the last year was \$1,700,000, against \$500,000 ten years ago from 10,000 saloons.

In the Catholic University at Washington there has been established a Father Matthew Professorship devoted to instruction in the important subject of temperance.

Commitments to gaol for drunkenness in the province of Ontario were, in 1894, one to each 400 of the population. In 1884 they were only one to 900 of the population.

The Quebec W.C.T.U. has petitioned the legislature to entirely separate the sale of liquors from the sale of other goods.

There has been 21,000 deaths from yellow fever in the United States during the last ten years, and 650,000 in the same period from alcoholism.

The new cabinet minister from Nova Scotia, Hon. A. R. Dickey, is a strong prohibitionist and a vice-president of the Dominion Alliance.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts on the evening of Jan. 3rd gave a reception to Lady Henry Somerset at Music Hall, Boston. Many distinguished people were present.

The National Temperance League of Great Britain inaugurated January 1, a pledge-signing crusade. An effort will be made to secure a million names to the total abstinence pledge.

Germany heads the list of beer-drinking countries in 1893 with 1,202,132,074 gallons, an increase of 31,000,000 over 1882, the consumption being thirty-three gallons per head.

Two saloon keepers of Canton, Ill., sold liquor to Andy Warfield. While drunk Warfield murdered Chas. Boswell. A jury has given the children of the latter a verdict for \$2,500 damages against the saloon keepers.

One hundred and sixty-five patients were treated at the National Temperance Hospital during the last year, including one hundred and seven females and fifty-eight males. Eighty-eight different diseases were represented; one hundred and seventy-nine surgical operations were performed. Only nine deaths were reported.

A desperate effort is about to be made to repeal the prohibitory law of South Dakota. The liquor party claim to have a majority of three in the House of Representatives. Prohibitionists doubt this claim, and feel confident that in any case the Senate will resist repeal.

The temperance party in Hamilton, Ont., did well in the recent municipal elections, securing the return of a council unusually favorable to prohibition. They are now going in for a sweeping measure of license reduction.

Judge Muir of Hamilton has given a decision which practically declares that liquor sellers in that city may keep open on Saturday evening to 7:30 o'clock standard time, holding that solar time is what is intended by the statute providing for 7 o'clock closing. This decision of course will work to prohibit selling on Monday morning till 6:20 standard time.

Gov. Cleves, of Maine, in his second inaugural address a few days ago, of the liquor traffic in that state: "In only 33 of the 438 towns of the state are agencies maintained under the law which authorizes the maintenance of agencies to furnish municipal officers of towns in this state and duly authorized agents of other states with pure unadulterated intoxicating liquors, to be kept and sold for medicinal, mechanical and manufacturing purposes."

The "Christian Citizen" is a new monthly journal published at 153 La Salle St., Chicago, in the interests of purer government. It is the organ of the Christian Citizenship League, and is edited by Dr. Carlos Martyn, assisted by an able staff of social reformers. The first number is very attractive, and full of vim and force. Subscription, 50 cents per annum.

The dispensary law is being rigidly enforced in South Carolina. The view that thoughtful prohibitionists take of it is well expressed in the following special despatch to the Chicago Severn: "The dispensary law is better than open bar rooms. It destroys the social feature of drink but prohibition with the law at its back would be far better. Local option and the dispensary has many similar features. From a moral standpoint prohibition is preferable."

Temperance Truth is the name of a valuable periodical of 16 pages, published every two months by Rev. Father A. P. Doyle at 415 West 50th St. New York. In each number some eminent authority discusses exhaustively some important aspect of the drink question. The subscription price is only 25 cts a year. A number of copies will be supplied at marvelously low rates.