

The Temperance Worker

SATURDAY, JULY 19.

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance has been in session at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The annual reports adopted show a net increase of membership last year of 10,707, and for the last three years an increase of 19,152. Ontario is among the gains with 1,224, and Quebec 130. The largest gain was in Nova Scotia, of 4,329; the largest loss in Michigan, of 997, and Ohio 572. The financial statement shows receipts for the year of \$6,904,82, and expenses equal, with assets of \$31,208,25, including cash on hand, \$1,683,21. The total membership of the order on December 31st last was 66,570, including 2,688 lady visitors, with receipts during the year of \$92,291,59, of which \$12,207,33 was paid in benefits. The amount of cash on hand and invested belonging to the order on December 31st was \$146,293,89. The next annual meeting will be held at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, in July 1885.

AT A BANQUET given at Belfast to the team of American lacrosse players now in England, the chairman Mr. McCance, referred to their various successes, and to their narrow escape from a beating on that day. He said: "Since the American team left American soil, he understood, they had all been total abstainers—(hear, hear)—and if he might, as a total abstainer himself, express his feelings on the subject, he thought perhaps they were more nearly vanquished that day than before because they met a team, ten of whom were total abstainers. He might add that perhaps if the other two had been total abstainers the Americans might have been beaten."

SPEAKING AT A GATHERING of Surrey farmers two weeks ago the Earl of Onslow said he was one of the largest employers of agricultural labor in the county, and he believed that in the end the men would be willing to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. One great evil of the present day was the evil of intemperance among the peasantry, and recognizing that to be so, he had been induced to give his men something else in place of beer when working in the harvest field. He had tried it, and it had met with success, and he hoped he should not be thought presumptuous in expressing a hope that the example might be followed.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A.F. and A.M., in annual session at Toronto, has passed a resolution against placing intoxicating drinks on lodge tables. Let us hope that all Freemasons will act on this very good hint.

THE CHOLERA is still at its deadly work. Toulon is nearly emptied of all who can leave it, but twenty-two deaths took place in one night. At Marseilles, there were sixty-five deaths from cholera in twenty-four hours. The victims include the wife of an Admiral, a Municipal Councillor, and a Lady Superiress of Sisters of Charity. The sanitary condition of Paris is said to be good and where that is the case the disease is only likely to come in a mild form. The European and American governments are taking great precautions to prevent an invasion of the terrible disease. The poor people of Toulon and Marseilles are becoming very excited, and trouble is feared.

THE WEEK.

THE NEWS WAS SPREAD that a man named Albert was drowned in the Niagara Whirlpool Rapids recently, but it is now thought that the death never took place, the false report being spread so as to cheat the Travellers' Insurance Company out of \$3,000.

A HUNDRED-AND-TWENTY TON GUN, being cast at Boston, burst through the mould. The gun was ruined.

THE SUPERIOR COURT at Quebec has decided that a \$60 tax levied on commercial travellers doing business in that city is illegal. The city is condemned to pay \$150 damages to a commercial traveller who was arrested for doing business without paying the tax.

THE SOLDIERS of the French army have been forbidden to eat pork.

A SECRET MEETING of workmen at Vienna was surprised by the Austrian police, and twenty-six were arrested on the charge of Anarchism. They were found to have been corresponding with America.

THE SUPREME COURT of Hesse has formally decreed a separation between the Grand Duke and Madame de Kalamine.

THE NEW BELGIAN GOVERNMENT has decided to send a permanent ambassador to the Pope, as before the Liberal government came into office.

TWO GOOD-SIZED ALLIGATORS from Alabama have arrived in Canada; they belong to Mr. Dobell, of Quebec.

THE YACHT of the Prince of Monaco has been wrecked in Sweden; the crew were drowned. The Prince's eldest son was on board, and was saved. Just now, however, it seems doubtful whether he will ever occupy his father's position. The Prince of that little independent State draws his whole revenue from a great gambling establishment; and that is such a nuisance that France is likely soon to take possession of Monaco and crush out the gambling business.

THE IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN last month were \$38,000,000 less than in June of 1883; the exports were \$7,000,000 less.

THE POPE had one or two fainting fits on Wednesday of last week, caused by the great heat.

THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE has passed a resolution thanking Mr. O'Brien for his stand against Mr. Cornwall. Mr. Cornwall, although his action for libel was dismissed, still declares himself innocent of the charges made against him. He has, however, been arrested, with several others, and sent for trial.

A WHITE TRADER in British Columbia, named Yeomans, has been murdered by an Indian, because he refused to give enough compensation for the life of the Indian's son, who was drowned while in Yeomans' employ. More trouble was feared at last accounts, and the whites are fleeing to the seashore.

VISCOUNT BOYLE, son of the Earl of Shannon, is said to have purchased a valuable cattle rancho, forty miles west of Fort Macleod, in the Canadian North-West.

A GREAT FIRE at West Winchester, Ontario, last Saturday destroyed Beach's Mills and several other buildings, valued at some \$200,000.

A LARGE NUMBER OF COLTS have died in Grey county, Ontario; the cause is thought to be the over-feeding of mares with oats.

SOME TIME AGO the Canada Shipping Co. brought an action for libel against the Ottawa Free Press, for publishing a very severe article about the treatment of steerage passengers on board the steamship "Lake Nepigon." The jury brought in a verdict for the newspaper. The steamship company are now to be allowed to have the case tried over again, in September, as the various parts of the verdict contradicted each other. A new trial is also granted in an action brought by a father against the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company for the loss of his son's life. The jury gave a verdict against the company.

THE "SARNIA," a magnificent steamship of the Dominion Line, has been ashore on the North Coast of Ireland, but has got safely off and arrived at Liverpool.

THERE WAS A REPORT that a reciprocity treaty had been negotiated between Canada and the United States; this is denied by Secretary Frelinghuysen.

THE ONTARIO AND QUEBEC RAILWAY, it is now said, will be open for regular passenger traffic on July 21st.

HUNDREDS of Swedish and Hungarian miners have been brought into the Hocking valley to take the place of those now on strike. The strikers are very indignant, and serious riots are feared.

WILBUR F. STOREY, the well-known editor and proprietor of the Chicago Times, is unbalanced in his mind.

AN INVESTIGATION is to be held in the United States Post Office department. It is stated that some employees have been systematically stealing large quantities of stamps, in sheets, and selling them to outsiders.

THOUSANDS OF ACRES have been laid waste in Westphalia, a province in the West of Germany, by forest fires.

AN OFFER OF \$25,000 was made to the famous German University of Heidelberg, on condition that women should be allowed to study there. The authorities would not accept the condition, and have had to go without the money.

AT A GRAND BANQUET in Paris, attended by many of the Senators and Deputies belonging to the Bonapartist party, Prince Victor was introduced as the claimant for the imperial throne of France.

AS THE STEAMSHIP "ALBERTA" was going into the Neelish rapids, on her way up from Lake Huron to Lake Superior, she had collision with the steam-barge "Pacific." Both vessels were badly damaged, but happily there was no life lost. The "Alberta," which belongs to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, had 200 passengers on board.

THURSDAY, JULY 10th, was kept as a fast day by the orthodox Jews. They say that on that day, the 11th of the month Tamuz, about 3200 years ago, the first two Tables of Stone were broken; and on the same day, in later times, the scrolls were burned and an idol set up on the altar of the temple.

A VERY SAD ACCIDENT took place last week at Valois. Two young ladies, one the daughter and the other the niece of Mr. P. S. Ross, a well-known citizen of Montreal, were drowned while bathing within 150 yards of their home.

SHOOTING THEIR FRIENDS.—Several men recently offered to fight against Agüero, the revolutionary leader in Cuba. The only reward they got was to be taken into custody, and three of them were shot by order of a cavalry commander. It is supposed he was jealous of them.

THE NATIONAL ARTILLERY Association of Great Britain has decided to send out a team of three officers and twenty-two men, to compete with the Canadian gunners at Quebec in September. This will be the first team of British Volunteers to visit Canada.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY is living with the greatest economy since the death of her husband, Prince Leopold.

SOME COWARDLY RUFFIANS, concealed behind a hedge or wall, fired into a carriage at Lurgan, in the North of Ireland. The carriage contained Mr. Liddell, a magistrate, and his wife; the magistrate was unhurt, but the lady was shot in the face.

AN UNUSUALLY LARGE CROP of cotton is expected in Egypt this year, because the system of watering has been improved.

THERE IS A REPORT that the French in Western Africa have had a conflict with Stanley's men.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT is going to set to work to destroy the rocks at the Iron Gate, on the Danube. "Iron Gate" is the name long since given to the terrible rapids which so block the navigation of that great river, and to remove the obstacles will take six years, and will cost five million dollars.

FORTY PERSONS have been injured in a railway collision at Bayeux, France.

THE STEAMER "OROGON," which sailed from Liverpool last Saturday for New York, has three famous passengers on board,—famous in very different ways, however. There is the President of the Republic of San Salvador; there is Mr. Moody, the evangelist; and there is Mr. Dion Boucicault, a well-known play writer.

THE KING OF ABYSSINIA, to show his friendship for England, has sent an elephant to Queen Victoria. As the Queen does not keep a menagerie, perhaps the new arrival will take the place of Jumbo at the Zoological gardens.

MADAME CHRISTINE NILSSON, the queen of singers, has just returned to England from America. A large crowd of friends and admirers met her on the quay at Liverpool.

ABOUT TEN MILLION POUNDS of canned salmon are annually produced by British Columbia and the trade is growing fast.

A NEGRO who killed two young boys by giving them poisoned water to drink has been lynched, by being hanged on a tree. The negroes were more anxious to lynch him than were the whites.

A BAD CHARACTER in Wilmington, Delaware, has been trying to get at a Catholic priest, to murder him for marrying his son to a half-bred girl. The girl to whom her father-in-law objects is really a pretty "brunette," and belongs to a respectable family.

MRS. CATHERINE STUART, who has just died in Scotland at the age of ninety years, was one of the last survivors of the ancient Royal Family, that was finally driven from the British throne in 1688. This royal personage was the wife of an inn-keeper at Kincairdine.

PRINCESS LOUISE still suffers from neuralgic headaches, which were begun when she was thrown out of her sleigh in Canada some years ago. The Princess is going to Marienbad, Germany, to take the waters.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT of New Hampshire pays a certain amount to anyone who kills woodchucks. It is now announced that nothing will be allowed for animals killed on Sundays.

KARL RICHTER, an Egyptian, has been sentenced to seventy-one days of imprisonment.

DETECTIVE in Chicago, who has his private series of stories, will publish a book, with the title of "The Official of the Police."

DR. CERVANTES, a Panamanian, has been appointed to his place on the board of directors of the Panama Canal.

IN SOUTH AFRICA, a headway has been made to pass a bill to smoke the fine wild woods, with imprisonment.

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