

## The Temperance Worker

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## THE SCOTT ACT CAMPAIGN.

IN HASTINGS temperance work is all the go. Canvassers for each polling division have been appointed.

THE ANNAPOLIS liquor-sellers are finding out that they are no more going to get off. Half a dozen liquor-dealers and a couple of hotel-keepers have been heavily fined.

IN MANY municipal elections in the Province of Ontario temperance was made the chief factor, and in most cases won the day. Especially was this the case in Paris, Brant county, where the men who were known to be advocates of the Scott Act and would support it were elected. This was all the more a victory because over a hundred majority was given against the Act in this town at the Scott Act election.

FOUR VICTORIES.—There is joy in the camp of the temperance workers over the four victories just gained. Kent has given the largest majority for the Act of any county—2,012. Lunark gave a majority of 412; Lennox and Addington of 28, and Bromes of 485.

THE CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT will go into force in Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry on the expiration of the present licenses.

THE SCOTT ACT petition for Wentworth county was filed a few days ago. The Middlesex, Lambton and Lincoln petitions will shortly be sent to Ottawa. The Missisquoi petition which was forwarded to Ottawa contained over \$1,400 names.

## POLLINGS FIXED.—

Guelph.....Jan. 22.  
Carlton.....Jan. 29.  
Northumberland and Durham.....Feb. 27.

## "HELL'S ANTE-CHAMBERS."

Judge Johnston, of California, in passing sentence of death upon a criminal, is reported to have used the following strong language: "Nor shall the place be forgotten in which occurred the shedding of blood. It was one of those ante-chambers of hell which mark, like plague spots, the fair face of our state. You need not be told that I mean a tipping shop, the meeting place of Satan's minions, and the foul cesspool which, by spontaneous generation, breeds and nurtures all that is loathsome and disgusting in profanity, and babbling, and vulgarity, and Sabbath-breaking. I would not be the owner of a grocery for the price of this globe converted into ore. For the pitiful sum of a dime he furnished the poison which made the deceased a fool and this trembling culprit a demon! How paltry a sum for two human lives! This traffic is tolerated by law, and therefore, the vendor has committed an act not recognized by earthly tribunals, but in the sight of Him who is unerring in wisdom, he who deliberately furnishes the intoxicating draught which inflames men into violence and anger and bloodshed, is *particeps criminis* in the deed. Is it not high time that all these sinks of vice and crime should be held rigidly accountable to the laws of the land, and placed under the ban of an enlightened and virtuous public opinion?"

MR. T. BURT, M.P., in an address at Bampton, England, on the 20th of December last, spoke of the small proportion of the money spent in the manufacture of in-

toxicating drinks which went to the remuneration of the labor. He said that some time ago he collected some figures from a temperance publication when he was addressing a temperance meeting in Carlisle, and they went to show that if you expended say £5 on woollen cloth about £3 of that went to labor, and if the same amount was expended on earthenware about £2 10s. went to labor, whereas if a similar sum was spent on liquor only 2s. 6d. went to labor. Where other employers gave work to 17 people the manufacturer of liquor gave employment to only one.

ONE STATE'S PROGRESS.—The W. C. T. U. of the state of Iowa sends to the W. C. T. U. department of the World's Exposition at New Orleans as its representative, a white satin banner, on which is printed its motto, "This is the victory even our faith," also its aim, with date of organization and incorporation. Its financial progress is given as follows: "Receipts 1874, \$39,707; 1883-4, \$5,533.31. The results are 'known and read of all men,' viz., a home for fallen women established on a sound financial basis, and a prohibitory law enacted for the whole state."

CALIFORNIA'S SHAME.—California has an annual wine yield of 14,000,000 gallons, of which 10,500,000 gallons are consumed in the state. In its chief city, San Francisco, there is an average of two homicides every month, and ninety-three suicides, twelve of whom are women, while three hundred and ninety-two divorces have been granted by its courts during the past year, largely on account of intemperance. Is wine the harmless beverage that many would have us believe?

WORSE THAN SAVAGES.—Mr. Price, a United States Indian Commissioner says of the city of Washington, "There are 200,000 inhabitants in the city, which is the capital of this great nation, and the central point of its refinement and culture, and yet there is more drunkenness and crime here among the 250,000 Indians who are savage and have never felt the elevating influence of our modern civilization."

A NUMBER of persons have been canvassing in the city of Quebec for names to a petition asking that the Scott Act be brought into force in that city. They have so far met with very good success. The archbishop, it is stated, will shortly issue a mandamus in favor of the Act. The Rev. C. Hamilton, of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, is also making strenuous efforts to have the Act brought out in the city.

AT A MEETING of the United States House of Representatives House Committee on military affairs, on Friday, Gen. Slocum was authorized to call up in the House at the first opportunity the bill introduced in the Senate at the present Congress, providing for placing Gen. Grant on the retired list. At a meeting of the committee a motion authorizing him to call up the bill passed by the Senate on the 14th instant was lost by eight to two.

A MASS MEETING of 10,000 unemployed working-men was held in London (England) on Saturday last, and was addressed by Mr. Henry George, Miss Helen Taylor, and Mr. W. Saunders. The speech-making was of an inflammatory sort, while the gratuitous literature distributed appealed to "Blood, bullets, and bayonets."

MR. YATES, of the London *World*, has surrendered to the officers of the law and has been placed in custody. In serving his sentence he will rank as a first-class misdemeanant.

## THE WEEK.

THE PROPOSALS OF EARL GREY, formerly secretary of state for the colonies, and the Marquis of Lorne, late governor-general of Canada, to create a council composed of the high commissioners and agents-general of the British colonies, to be attached to the Colonial Department, have been submitted to the Government. It is reported that Earl Granville, the foreign secretary, and Earl Derby, the colonial secretary, approve the scheme.

MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, president of the Board of Trade, London, in a recent address, stated that he was convinced that protection would not improve the position of the farmers. The condition of the farmers was never so hopeless and the condition of the laborers never so abject as when corn was dearest. The creation of a peasant proprietary and permanence of occupation were the only remedies for agricultural stagnation. The present system was based on robbery and the community was entitled to restitution and redress.

THE BLACK SEA Steam Navigation Company has given orders for the building of a fleet of steamers in Sweden and England. Each steamer is to be fitted up with petroleum tanks, and have a capacity of 1,500 tons per trip. The design is to compete with the American petroleum trade.

WAR has broken out among the trans-Atlantic steamship companies. Steerage passengers are carried from New York to the Continent for \$14 by some lines.

THE DEFICIT in the Prussian budget for 1885 amounts to 5,600,000 marks.

SIR CHARLES DILKE addressed a meeting of Liberals, at Kingston, on Tuesday evening week. He said the Redistribution Bill would destroy the old-fashioned Conservative party, which would develop into a rival democratic party, and hasten the solution of the land problem.

THE AUSTRALIANS seem to be thoroughly aroused against the policy of the British Colonial Office. Mass meetings to protest against foreign annexations in the Pacific are an every day occurrence. Shire and borough councils are recording their protest, and the press without a dissentient voice is engaged in an emphatic denunciation of all foreign attempts to gain a foothold in Australia.

OWING to information recently divulged to the police, the customs authorities at Liverpool and the Irish constables strictly examine all vessels, passengers and luggage on arrival.

AN ANARCHIST plot has been discovered at Lyons. It contemplated the seizure of arms and the proclamation of a revolution.

"TRUTH" says that the Queen and the Princess Beatrice will go to Germany in March, and that they will remain on the Continent three weeks.

THE SOCIALIST members of the Reichstag have caused a bill to be introduced to abolish duelling. It is proposed to make the offence punishable by whipping.

A CONFERENCE of Highland landlords in London on Tuesday unanimously resolved to increase the size of the crofters' holdings, to grant leases for twenty years when rents are not in arrears and to permit a revision of rents as compensation for permanent improvements; also to urge the Government to aid in the development of the fishing industry and assist the crofters who desire to emigrate.

THE KARL FAMILY, of Creston, Ia., numbering twelve persons, are looking for the end of the world. The men have thrown up their positions and will not work. Bibles are constantly before them. It is rumored one poor girl who is not a believer is to be offered up as a sacrifice. The police are watching them closely.

THE MORMON CHURCH newspaper organ of Salt Lake, has had articles recently urging the assassination of United States Marshals who attempt to serve warrants on polygamists by entering their houses, or to serve subpoenas for witnesses. It is now said this policy has been decided on and that a large number of special policemen had been sworn in to guard the houses of polygamists against alleged intruders.

A STRANGE DISEASE has broken out amongst the sheep in Belleville, Ont. It is an affection of the head. Many of the animals have died and others have been killed to end their sufferings.

FIVE THOUSAND unemployed workmen held a meeting, in Birmingham, on Thursday last. A resolution was passed asking the corporation to furnish them with employment. After the meeting, a procession marched through the streets and halted before a bakery, and shouts of "Break in" were heard. An artisan stole a loaf of bread and was promptly arrested. Much excitement prevails among the working classes. It is feared violence will be resorted to unless their condition is improved.

THE SENATE has passed Mr. Edmunds' bill by 49 to 9, placing Gen. Grant on the retired list, with the rank and full pay of a general-in-chief.

COUNSELLOR RUMPH, who took an active part in the prosecution of the eight anarchists recently tried at Leipsic on the charge of attempting to assassinate the Emperor William and others of the Imperial family, while on their way to attend the ceremonies consequent upon the unveiling of the Neiderwald statue, was found dead on Wednesday week, at his own doorstep. The police have no clue as to the assassins, but generally believe the crime to be the work of the friends of some of the convicted Anarchists.

THE TOWN HALL at Warminster, Wiltshire, was partially wrecked by an explosion of dynamite on Tuesday night last. Several houses in the neighborhood were badly shaken, many windows shattered and several persons thrown to the ground by the shock. The report of the explosion was heard two miles. Fenianism is given as the motive.

DURING DECEMBER 13,632 immigrants arrived in the United States. The arrivals were 454,000 last year, as compared with 560,000 in 1883.

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, has written a reply to a letter of congratulation which he received from Mr. Gladstone on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday. The Prince says: "Please accept many thanks for your very kind letter, which admirably describes much that demands my earnest thought and which I will prize among my dearest treasures."

A MAN named Delahanty, who was occupying a farm at Kibbeggan, Ireland, from which a tenant had been evicted, was shot dead on Wednesday night last.

THE CUNARD STEAMSHIP LINE will extend its service after April first, despatching a steamer to New York every Saturday and every other Wednesday, and to Boston every Tuesday.