

MORE OUTRAGES.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

A Riot at Georgetown - Desperate Conduct of Anti-Scotts - Clubs and Rot-ten Eggs

On Thursday evening of last week Inspector Brothers, of Halton county, accompanied by county constable McFadden went to Georgetown to serve some papers on some notorious Scott Act violators. The two men went to Clarke's hotel, but failing to find any one there, they crossed the road to Bennett's hotel and arrested William McLean, who was subsequently released on bail. They then returned to Clarke's and being still refused admission they forced the door and served summonses on George Gibbs and William Pittman, and arrested W. T. Jackson. After some delay Jackson was also bailed to appear, and immediately on his release from custody a mob was organized for the purpose of attacking the constable and inspector. Fifty or more of the lowest roughs of the town gathered together armed with fence pickets and other weapons and led by the notorious Bob Bennett, who has been before the police magistrate in connection with cases of Scott Act violation over 20 times. The crowd was warned to desist, but they paid no attention, pressing on the constables with shouts and missiles. Constable McFadden drew his revolver and fired over their heads in the hopes of scaring some of them. This action produced no result, and his life being in imminent danger he fired into the crowd but without hitting any of them, and then escaped into a house near by. The mob fell back, and Bennett at once proceeded before Magistrate Ruston, and swore out an information against McFadden charging him with shooting with intent to do bodily harm. The warrant was served on McFadden and he was placed under arrest, but subsequently released on bail. The Scott Act cases came up for trial the following day before Police Magistrate Young. William McLean was fined \$100 and costs; William Pittman was convicted of two third offences and will have to serve out in gaol the penalty of his illegal liquor selling; Elias Clark was convicted of third offence and another charge against him still remains, the charge against George Gibbs was dismissed, and that against Jackson returned. Later in the day Messrs Ruston and Kennedy, J. P.s., tried the charge made by Bennett against McFadden and promptly dismissed the case. During the riot some very rough work went on. Inspector Brothers was struck on the head with a loaded whip handle and stunned, but not seriously injured. Rev. Mr. Davy was hit with an egg, a kind of missile which seemed to be very popular with the rowdies. The whole affair is looked upon as a disgrace by all order-loving citizens. Mr. Elgin Schoff, Toronto, prosecuted in the Scott Act cases and also defended Mr. McFadden. Mr. Shilton acted on the other side.

RUFFIANISM IN OXFORD.

Housebreaking and Assault.

On the evening of the 21st ult., Constable J. W. Fish was serving papers on witnesses in a Scott Act case at Otterville. He was savagely attacked, knocked senseless and badly beaten by an Anti-Scott Act man who holds a position as Justice of the Peace. Between 12 and 1 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week Mr. Fish's house was broken into by a mob of rowdies, evidently with murderous intent. Mr. Fish concealed himself and after a fruitless search for him his would-be assailants gave the matter up and went away.

The Greenville Outrages.

The Leeds and Greenville Independent refers to the recent outrages in eastern Ontario in the following terms: "Farmerville was the first place which was

aroused by the lawless acts of the evildoers among the adherents of the license system, and the house of a prominent Scott Act supporter was made to shake with dynamite. Owing to the premature action of the detective, there was a miscarriage of justice. Then Irish Creek and Easton's Corners were ablaze with the fire fiend and excitement. One of the miscreants is now undergoing 20 years, a second 17 years and a third will be sentenced to day. Meanwhile many of the temperance men in that section of the country have taken full precaution to protect themselves. Then came the disturbances at Kempsville with the result of heavy fines upon several of the miscreants. Dr. Ferguson, M. P., has been the recipient of several letters of a most dastardly character, threatening all manner of dire calamities upon him unless he uses his influence to stay the Scott Act prosecutions. They are all anonymous of course. The Rev. D. D. McArthur, Baptist Minister, has been threatened, and one night lately, was met, while driving home, by a gang of men who evidently, intended mischief had they had a little better opportunity. Two of his deacons have received letters demanding his dismissal from the pulpit on pain of the destruction of the Church by fire. The Methodist Church has been destroyed. And thus the war goes on. What the honest men amid the mass of moderate drinkers can think of such tactics we do not know, unless their brains are so guided by their stomachs that they do not think at all. Where the end is we do not predict. So far the law and order has been on the side of the temperance people, and the evils of brutality, incendiarism, and ought else on the side of whisky. We would not, however, be surprised if the state of affairs should be reversed. Some of our temperance men are getting "mad," and a little more of such acts of incendiarism may open up a terrible harvest of reprisals upon the taverns, saloons and hotels of this county that will strike the country with surprise. We trust the day will not come and advise a quiet forbearance and stern adherence to the regular course of law. From what we can learn there is a bomb-shell going to explode in the county that will clear out some of the worst characters and send some men to spend the balance of their days in penitentiary."

The Renfrew Incendiarism.

We referred last week to the rascally incendiarism at Renfrew, by which the office of the Mercury was completely destroyed. Notwithstanding the disaster our good friends managed to get out their paper on time last week, and from their report of the terrible disaster we make the following clipping: "It is our own belief, and it is the public opinion, beyond all doubt, that the fire was of deliberately incendiary origin, and that by burning down the Mercury office it was hoped to embarrass, if not totally extinguish the publication of The County Temperance Advocate, and to 'pay out' the Junior Editor for his efforts on behalf of the Scott Act, as Secretary of the County Alliance, and on behalf of law and order, as a special constable. The loss on the building, plant and stock will be about \$3,000, on which there was only an insurance of \$700. General indignation is expressed at this outrage and people are asking one another, who is safe from similar cowardly attacks? Just before taking the train for Almonte, whence we are issuing this number of the Mercury, we were told that \$600 had already been deposited to our credit in the bank by the temperance people of Renfrew and neighborhood, as an expression of their sympathy with us, and that lists were being circulated in Pembroke and Amnpor also. At the moment we can only thank the friends for their kind intention."

At a recent trial at which a large number of witnesses were summoned, it was proved to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant, who was formerly engaged in the liquor business, had dismissed his clerk, closed his place, and totally abandoned all attempts at illegal liquor-selling. The police magistrate expressed his personal gratification at the success which the law had achieved in the town of Pembroke.

Alexander Hudson was convicted some time ago by Police Magistrate Mitchell of a third offence, and sentenced to serve a term in the county gaol. The conviction was appealed against but the magistrate's decision has been sustained and Mr. Hudson must go to gaol unless he keeps himself out of reach of the officers of the law.

Ontario County Cases

THE charges against Port Perry hotel keepers, which had been in abeyance for some time, have been tried at Whitby. The cases were characterized by a frightful amount of hard swearing, a lot of bar-lewing being brought to light, and other similar tricks of the trade being freely exposed. Messrs Parks, Broad, Glover, Curson, Lindsay, Doncaster, were each fined \$50 and costs, two fines being imposed on the last named offender. In referring to these cases the Whitby Chronicle says: "From reading the evidence people will be able to form an idea of the class of men who keep public houses in that locality. Out of some fifteen cases there was not a single defendant, nor even a witness for the defence, who admitted having sold, or having purchased, intoxicants since the first of November. The bad conduct of these same hotel-keepers during the existence of the Crooks Act gave the temperance party the most powerful assistance in their efforts to carry the Scott Act, and their conduct now, though no worse than then, will enable the temperance people to keep the Scott Act in force until such time as the whole country may declare for prohibition. Nothing places as strong an argument in people's mouths against legalizing liquor-selling as the outrageous conduct of those engaged in the traffic. We trust the Inspector and Magistrate Horne may never bring another batch of such cases to Whitby. We are bad enough down here without the corrupting influences of a hundred false oaths taken in the most reckless and brazen faced manner. We suggest that in future such cases be heard in Algoma."

A Second Offence.

In Renfrew county, last week, John Barnett of Stewartville was fined \$100 and costs. Mrs. Baldwin of Pembroke has been fined \$50 and costs.

A New President.

THE Toronto W.C.T.U., on Monday afternoon last, elected Mrs. John Shaw as President instead of Mrs. McDonnell, who resigned her position on account of holding at the same time that of President of the District Union.

London Law Breakers.

Two Toronto liquor detectives have been at work in London, and secured the conviction of illicit liquor-sellers as follows: James Macdonald, Charles Kennedy, Sam Grigg, Jas. McMartin, James Horseman and Edward Horseman. The two former were fined \$20 each and the other, \$40 each.

Advice for the Government.

THE Waterloo County Council has memorialized the Ontario Parliament not to grant money in aid of Scott Act enforcement. The Scott Act is not in force in Waterloo, but the Waterloo Municipal Legislators think they have a right to instruct the Ontario Government as to how they should run the other parts of the Province.

The Scott Act and Crime.

In a recent able address at Stratroy, Rev. W. W. Sheppard gave the following facts in proof of his statements that the Scott Act was effective in the lessening of crime: "Committed to St. Thomas gaol, 208 in 1885, 126 in 1886, 171 in 1887, 156 in 1888, 97 in 1886, 121 in 1887. Committed for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 57 in 1885, 30 in 1886, 25 in 1887. Before Police Magistrate for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 248 in 1885, 141 in 1886, and 107 in 1887."

A Batch in Bruce

A CORRESPONDENT from Bruce county tells us that Inspector Irving recently had up a batch of Scott Act cases, at Walkerton, before Police Magistrate Vanstone, with the following results: James Kaake, Pinkerton, second offence, \$100, Win. Mason, Ennisville, \$50 James Marshall, Chepatow, \$50, Isaac Hilyard, Riversdale, \$50, Louis Morton, 10th con. Elderslie, \$50, Robert King, Chesley, adjourned, Jas. Mullen, Riversdale, laid over for judgment, James Hill, Ellengowan, was also up on information of the inspector for East Bruce and fined \$50.

The Law in Digby, N.S.

THE Digby Courier reports some Scott Act enforcement work as follows: "The first of a series of prosecutions which it is intended to carry on for the enforcement of the Scott Act, was before Stipendiary Thesell at the Court House, Tuesday afternoon. H. Vantassal the party charged with selling liquor in violation of the law, was represented by T. C. Shreve, Q. C., for the defence, R. G. Monro, B. A. conducting the prosecution. We never remember to have seen so much general interest taken in a matter of this kind before. There were about three hundred spectators present, fully one half of whom were ladies, who wished by their presence to show their sympathy with the efforts of the temperance body, which is endeavoring to put down the illegal sale of liquor in this town. Judgment was reserved by the magistrate, but we greatly hope that no miscarriage of justice shall prevent punishment adequate to the offence, being meted out to those who persistently and defiantly continue to violate this law."

Since writing the above, judgment has been given in favor of the prosecutors, and a fine of fifty dollars and costs, imposed upon the defendant.

We cannot refrain from saying that in the course of this trial we were disagreeably impressed by the unmannerly conduct of one of the witnesses, whose behavior, while on the stand, disgusted all present, and was a direct insult to the court.

Another noticeable feature was the fact of boys and mere lads being brought forward as witnesses. This shows a bad state of things in our community, and proves if nothing else does, the necessity of the steps which are being taken.

The second of this series of cases was tried yesterday, and judgment reserved.

The Usual Fine.

JOHN LACROIX, of Sarnia, has paid \$50 and costs to the Scott Act enforcement fund.

Two More Victims.

SOME days ago Mr. J. C. Morrow, of the North American Hotel, and H. Couse, of the Commercial Hotel, in Fergus, were before Police Magistrate Lowe and paid \$50 each and costs for violation of the law.

Gone to Gaol.

E. GREEN, of Peterboro', has been sent to gaol for two months for default of payment of the Scott Act fine. M. Halpin and J. Clancy have each been fined \$100 and costs, and P. N. Donough \$50 and costs.

A Band of Workers

MESSRS. Irish, Iredale and Smith, who form one of the Royal Templars Revival Bands, have had a very successful series of meetings at Flesherton, where they have roused public sentiment and established an effective Band of Hope.

A Concert Coming.

THE Toronto Y's have announced a concert for February 16th, in Association Hall. A strong committee is in charge of arrangements, and has prepared a very good programme. Mr. W. H. Howland will preside, and some of the best known vocalists of Toronto have been secured for the occasion. The proceeds will be devoted to the Headquarter's Fund. We wish them the success they deserve.

Poor Friendless Traffic.

THE Scottish Reformer, published at Glasgow, said in a recent article: "How the liquor traffic is kicked and cuffed on all hands, and meekly submits. Here is another slap in the face, aggravated by the fact that it is not the first time it has been given from the same quarter. No drink to be offered to postmen during the holiday season. Such is the strange recommendation issued by the Postmaster-General. He reckons it 'putting temptation in their way.' But if treating with drink is customary and commendable at this season, why should not postmen share in it? Will moderate drinkers explain?"

SOUTH OF THE LINE.

OUR AMERICAN COUSINS HARD AT WORK.

Organizing Societies - Punishing Law-breakers - Enfranchising Ladies - Enacting Prohibition - And Generally Doing Well

MORE than fifty new branches of the W. C. T. U., have been organized in New York State since the State Union met in October last.

Since vigorous steps have been taken to enforce the Sunday closing law in Philadelphia arrests for drunkenness on that day have fallen off ninety per cent.

Hon. Franklyn Howland, of New Bedford, has introduced a Municipal Women's Suffrage Bill in the Massachusetts legislature.

At Sebecus, Maine, a few days ago, fines were imposed on would-be rum sellers to the extent of \$2,063, and two of the offenders were sent to gaol.

Professor Samuel Dickie, of Michigan, the now chairman of the National Prohibition Party's executive committee, is making a tour of the Eastern States and meeting everywhere with a remarkably cordial reception.

Miss Isabel Howland, of Sherwood, Cayuga county, New York, a graduate of Cornell University has been appointed secretary of the Association for the advancement of Women. Her address is 1510 North 12th street, Philadelphia.

Governor Larabee, of Ohio, in his inaugural address delivered a short time since reported much progress made in prohibition enforcement. He also strongly recommended the experiment of granting municipal suffrage to women.

A despatch from Wichita, Kansas, says that on the 9th inst., seven prisoners were found guilty of violations of the prohibitory law and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. One, Mike Donnelly, was fined \$2,000, with costs, and given two years and six months in jail.

A good deal of interest has lately centered in the debate going on in Washington Territory Legislature on the question of granting the right of suffrage to women. We are pleased to learn that the Legislature has voiced the general public sentiment by declaring itself in favor of the proposal.

Fifty-four counties and eleven towns and cities of Missouri have carried Local Option. This makes a large majority of the whole State. The law has been before the Courts and the Supreme Court of Justice decided in its favor. Our Missouri friends are jubilant.

Mrs. Cleveland, the President's wife, gave her first great reception of the season at the executive mansion in Washington, on Saturday, January 7. This gathering was one of the most successful ever held in the capital. Nearly 4,000 people were present, and Mrs. Cleveland is to be congratulated on the fact that while everything was provided that could minister to the comfort of her guests no intoxicating liquor of any kind was to be seen.

Pennsylvania State Temperance Union held its 21st annual meeting, at Philadelphia a few days ago. A report was received of the past year's work which was very encouraging and there was much enthusiasm over the success and prospects of the organization. Judge Black was re-elected president, and Rev. C. D. Babcock, secretary.

The Georgian M. E., at a recent session cordially endorsed the White Cross work of the W. C. T. U., and adopted the following outspoken resolution. Resolved: That in our opinion, society is unjust to women, in that it discriminates in the weight of its censures in favor of the offending man, and against the offending woman, and we hold in justice that her fall should be regarded as no worse than the fall of the stronger sex, and that offending man, when clearly convicted, should be held to as just and severe a punishment as woman; but that on repentance and reformation mercy should be shown to both.