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THE PLEBISCITE VOTE.

Returns of the voting of the plebisoite in Ontarie are not yet complete, but sufficient is known to assure a large majority in favor of prehibition. The totals from 498 places for which reburns are to hand aggregate 139,310 years be 73,220 mays, giving a majerity of 66,090 for the enactment of prehibitien. It is not prebable that the full returns will reduce the ratio. This is a large majerity, but not tee large for the purper for which it is sought. And it is always be be berne in mind, that had the vete been an enacting one the result would have been very different, as the oppenents of total prehibition would doubtless have made a strong fight.

The situation has, hewever, been much simplified by the pleatsoits. As matters stand at present the decisions of the courts seem to deny the right of the Provinces to enact prehibitien. In order to settle the question and avoid the chaos which would fellow an attempt te enferce a statute which the courts would hold to be ultra vires, a series of questions has been referred to the courts for an authoritative decision en the pewers of the respective legislative bodies. Whey are as follows :

Has a Previncial Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit the sale, within the Province, of spirituean, fermented, or other intexicating

Or has the Legislature such jurisdiction regarding such pertions of the Province as to which the Canada Emperance Act is

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to prehibit the importation of such liquors inte the Prevince ?

into the Prevince? If a Previncial Legislabure has not juris-clotien to prahibit sales of such liquers, ir-respective of quantity, has such Legislature" jurisciction to prehibit the sale, by rotal, according to the definition of a sale by rotal, rotal, either in statutes in ferce in the Province at the time of Confederation, er on other definition thereof?

Province as the time of Confederation, or any other definition thereof? If a Provincial Legislature has a limited jurisdiction only as regards the prehibite of sales, has the Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit sales subject to the limits provided

of sales, has not Legislature jurisdiction to prehibit sales analysis to the the limits provided by the several sub-sections of the 99th soc-tion of "The Oanada Temperance Act, or any of them? (R. S. C., o. 106, s. 99.) Had bue Ontario Legislature jurisdiction to enact the 18th soction of the Act passed by the Legislature of Ontario in the 53rd year of Her Majesty's reign, and entitled "An Act to improve the Liquor License Acts," as the said section is explained by the Act passed by the said Legislature in the 64th year of Her Majesty's reign, and entitled, "An Act Respecting Licel Option in the matter of Liquor Solling"?

When the courts have dispessed of these questions the greund will be pleared for an advance in such ferm as the necessities of the case and the popular will demand. In any event, wherever it may be decided lies the right te prehibit, the plebiscite will not be lost effert.

In this connection the opinion of Hon. Mr. Fester, Minister of Finance, to an Empire reperter may be interesting, netwithstanding his celebrated "mement of weakness " confession :

Weakness Concessen : The vote is a remarkable one, the majori-ties being large and uniform in the obties. I de not knew what prepertien the actual vote bears to the pessible vote, but each side had equal opperindity to turn out, and I think we may take the actual vote as the fair relative vote of the electerate. If this have the solid is a strong one if the decure fair relative voie of the electerate. If this be so, the call is a strong one; it, of course, does not decide the question for Ontarie, as the matter voted on is not acknowledged to be within the jurisdiction of the province. But it may be fairly taken to indicate the position of Ontaric on the larger question. How would a prohibition liquor law affect the revenue. the revenue.

It makes no difference so far as mere It makes no difference so far as mere reverne is concerned, replied the Finance Minister, whether it be raised on tea, coffee and by direct tax, or from liquers. This is the paople's matter, and it is for them to decide. All that have ever wished to do in relation to this was to make it clear that The effect intended to be preduced could be.

are highest." Summing up his conclusions from ample data he says : ""Gating England alone, the average peried 1819-21 to the peried 1880-82 from 26 13to 244 44. Whrough three inter-mediate perieds, also, the advance of wages has been constant. The cest of labor per peund of yarn has, with equal steadiness, failen from 6s. 44. to 1s. 64. The product of yarn per worker has increased from 968 pennes to 5,520 pounds. In weaving the increased economy of pre-duction is still more marked. The average yearly income of the weaver in the sixty years has nearly doubled; the increase is from £20, 18s to £39. The cest of labor per pund has failen from 15s 5d to 22 33, and the product per worker in pounds has in-oreased from 322 to 4,039. Pref. Schulze-Gavenitz's Amesian figures show from 1830 to 1834 an increase of fail from 1.9 cents to 1.07 cents, and the number of yards produced per anoun per worker increased from 322 to 28,02." "In Switzsriand and Germany the wages are lower than in the United States. In weaving mills the weeksy product per worker is 466 yards in England and 1200 in this country; the wages are 11s 83 in England and Germany, 706 in England and 1200 in this country; the wages are 11s 83 in England and Germany, 16s 34 in England and der defermany. disease in its earlier stages, but the latter claim has not yet been fully established. In Great Britain, in Germany and in the are highest." Summing up his cenclusiens United Statist the testing of hords has been going on, and few hords have been exempt from the disease. The Canadian Gavernment herds have come under the test, and the result has been to show that soumber of animals are more or less affected, and they have either been slaughtered or isslated for further experiment in the interests of the steck raisers of the country. It is unfortunate that taberculesis exists and that it is hard to diagnose, but for that the autherities are not to blame ; they are doing their duty in using the best means in their pewer to discover and eradicate it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

By the way, there was a man yolept Van

Now that the municipal election is ever

OF 5 000 temple veters in Torente, enly

1,000 went to the polls on Monday, and 25

per cent. of these veted against prehibition.

THE only way the Deries of Hamilton

culd find to beat a Grit was to flep ever in a body to the support of another Grit.

The TIMES should not have lied about the P. A., nor persecuted it.—Spectator.

Preduce the evidence of your statemen

that the TIMES " lied " about the P. P. A.

THOSE twin Tery ergans, the Empire and

Mail, seem to work on a prescribed plan.

that he delivered the most comprehensive,

statesmanlike speech on municipal affairs

that was ever heard in Hamilton. And he

did not say one unkind word of an oppenent

from the beginning to the end of the cen-

ME. LEACOCK, the magistrate whese com-

personator slip through his fingers, says in-

geing eut te help capture King Lobengula.

He had Chamberlain captured, but he did

net take any extraerdinary precautions te

better secured by insinuation and inuende ;

therefore no direct imputation was at-

er stand convicted of falschood.

the Spectator dreps disguisss and blessome

Allen whe ran for Mayer ence upon a time.

friends sell him out ?

out as a P. P. A. organ.

nd yet they feel well.

lack ergans in Teronto.

best.

keep him.

Where is he at?

Nor at all wishing to fight the Mayeralty battle over again, we take this oppertunity te remark that when Mr. A. D. Steward called the TIMES the Reman Catholic ergan he was " talking through his hat." Cathelic has a dellar's worth of stock in the TIMES Printing Company. There is no Oathelio on the writing staff, net because the TIMES disorimates against Catholics, but because the last Catholic who was empleyed on the TIMES staff-Mr. Frank Nelson-found a more remunerative job in Teronte. When the TIMES becomes less Probestant than Mr. A. D. Stewart, the DID VanAllen sell out, or did his Tory Mayor elect will receive efficial netification

of the change. CLAPP & Co., in their weekly bulletin say : "The total of all railway stocks, securities and obligations placed under centrel of court acceiverships in 1893 exceeds the tetals of such steeks, securities and obligations so placed during the pre ceding ten years." This condition of affairs, they say, is the "result of the credit panic and an over supply of question able securities," and they add that it cannot be repaired in a day," but hope that " the lesson of 1893 may have taught the management of some of these aggregations of localized individual effort that the manufacturing of papar te sell in Wall spreet is net always as profitable or reputable as it semetimes has seemed."

THE littleness of the Chompson Gevern ment has disgusted even such a therough geing supporter as "Don " Sheppard.

Writing in Saturday, Nicht he says: The meet ploayung phase of the present Government, however, has been developed in a sext of ridiulouf "step-my-paper" policy. Some of the Ministry have had spats with newspapers which have been thereughly loyal to the party, but listely have adopted a rather independent tene. Instead of conciliating these who have manifuses enough to speak cut in meeting, it is reported that Government advertise-ments have been taken away from them and that a number have been out off the parliamentary subcoription list. New, any Minister who thinks he can got even with a newspaper by refusing to take one or two copies at a dollar or two dollars per annum, is too small to be pathmaster even in a swamp township. I am teld that seme fifteen or twenty newspapers have been treated in this way, and that the Ministry have cossed advertising in several influential jeurnals because they refused to be entirely subservient to the Government. Writing in Saturday Night he says :

It is to be regretted that the Hamilton TIMES deemed it necessary to drag the religious ques-tion into the civic election context. It froubed at the mouth with rage at one section of the people, and implored the help of another sec-tion of the people for its candidate. We fear that the injudicious action of the TIMES has arrayed the two sections against each other.— Succedure. mission was cancelled by the Maniteba Government for letting the Winnipeg Tory flaential English friends have get him a commission in the army, and that he is

> against each other," sh? Just notice this special frem Berlin to the leading P. P. A.

tempt for its author. The TIMES did not

One lot of Tapestry Carpets, splendid patterns, reduced from 55 to 45c a yard. Don't forget that we show the best 50c Tapestry Carpet in the city. Special line of Tapestry Carpets, beautiful designs at 65c a yard. See our Tapestry Carpets in Brussels effects at 75c a yard. Ingrain Carpets reduced from 45 to 35c a yard. See our extra Stout Ingrain Carpets at 50c a yard. Special line of Ingrain Carpets, beautiful designs and colorings, at 65c a yard. See our Wool Carpets in Brussels effects at 75c a yard. Extra Super Wool Carpets at \$1.00 a yard. Don't forget that we sell Five-frame Brussels Carpets in new designs at \$1.00 a yard. A beautiful line of Brussels Carpets at 85c a yard. Fancy Jute Carpets in Tapestry designs at 221/2c a yard.

WATKINS' CARPET DEPARTME

Floor Oil Cloths, 2 yards wide, at 50, 70, 90 cents a yard. Floor Oil Cloths, 1 1/2 yards wide, at 40, 55, 70 cents yard. Floor Oil Cloths, 11/4 yards wide, at 35, 45, 60 cents a yard. Floor Oil Cloths, 1 yard wide, at 25, 35, 45 cents a yard.

## LACE CURTAINS.

We show the largest assortment of Lace Curtains in the city at the lowest prices. Lace Curtains, 21/2 yards long, splendid designs, at 50c a pair. Special line of Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, extra wide, at 75c a pair. See our Lace Curtains at \$1 and \$1.35 a pair. A special line of Lace Curtains 31/2 yards long, new designs and extra wide, at \$1.50 a pair. We show the latest novelties in Lace Curtains at \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.50.

#### BLANKETS--BLANKETS.

We are showing extra value in White Blankets at \$2.50, \$2.65, \$3, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5, \$5.25, \$6, \$7.50 a pair.

- Comforters at \$1.10, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$6, \$7, \$7.50.
- Art Muslins at 5, 61/2, 81/2, 10, 121/2, 15, 20C a yard.
- Curtain Poles at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 65, 75, 80, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2 complete.
- Window Shades at 50, 65, 75, 80, 90, 95c, \$1.05, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 complete.
- White Curtain Muslins at 161/2, 20, 221/2, 25, 27, 30, 33c a yard.
- Chenille Table Covers, half square with heavy tassel fringe, at \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50.
- Chenille Currains, in all the leading shades, at \$4, \$5.25, \$5.50, \$6.75, \$8, \$8.75, \$9.25, \$11.25, \$14 a pair.



# Great Stock-Taking Sale AT A. MURRAY & CO'S.

Great Reductions in Every Department.

DRESS GOODS of every description greatly reduced.

BLACK and COLORED SILKS all reduced to cost price, as usual. BLACK DRESS GOODS all reduced-Serges, Henriettas, Diagonals, etc. EIDER DOWN QUILTS and PILLOWS all reduced-lovely goods. HOSIERY, GLOVES and UNDERWEAR marked away down. LACES, RIBBONS, and ALL FANCY GOODS reduced.

LACE and CHENILLE CURTAINS-great bargains given.

A FEW PATTERN MANTLES and CIRCULARS, beautiful new goods, at half-price.

25 MANTLES, last season's goods, splendid quality, for \$3, worth from \$8 to \$15. REMNANTS OF TWEEDS, MANTLE CLOTHS, DRESS GOODS, etc., at half-price.

You can procure some truly wonderful bargains in new fashionable goods during A. Murray & Co's. great stock-taking sale. Don't fail to call and secure some of them. You will get bargains and no mistake at

21, 23 AND 25 KING STREET EAST.



We will sell the balance of our Handsome Satin-lined Baskets at the following big reductions:

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One	Basket	Satin	Line	d	\$1	75	now	\$1 19	
One	Basket	Satin	Line	1	\$2	2 25	now	\$1 29	
Two		6.	**		\$3	00	now	\$1 75	
Four		64 '	"		3	00	now	\$1 85	
Two		**			3	00	now	\$1 99	
One	**	**	**		3	50	now	\$229	
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Four		**			3	78	now	\$2 59	
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Two		66			8	00	now	\$3 39	1
	Jewel	Cases			\$8	00	now	\$4 79	i.
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L	adies	buyin	g gi	fts fc	or th	e.I	New	Year	,

This week we will sell our entire stock of unlined Baskets out at reduced prices, and this week is the time to buy if you want bargains. All the Flower and Tennis Baskets at half price. See the line of 25c Baskets, closed and open, selling off at 10c. One line of 38 and 40c Baskets, 19c. One line selling off 25c Ladies, if you want Baskets of any kind buy now. It will pay you to buy them whether you want them or not at these prices. Ladies going to the ball, see our evening Gloves

The Empire caters to the straight hardshell element, while the Mail plays the " independent" role and bids for the prohibitienists and P. P. A. It's a great combination. With the professedly independent evening papers in Tery centrel, the party should not MR. HENRY CARSCALLEN was beaten in the Mayoralty contest, as any other good man would have been besten under the ciroumstances, but it will leng be remembered

The TIMES " arrayed the two sections

HAVING gressly slandered the Bank of Hamilton in its effert te do a municipal eppenent injury, the Spectator is new busily engaged in its election dessert of humble ple. It never intended to "impute improper metives to the bank efficials, or any of them," it says. Oh, dear, no f

Ne, Mr. Specky ; even the most woeden. headed of your readers is not able to read yeur paragraph above quoted without cen-

organ, the Mail :

organ, the Mail : "BERLIN, Jan.2.-(Special.)-The results of the municipal elections held here yesterday were a great triumph for the Protestand Protective Association at this enan. The standard the their separation of the second over readinate they soluted with the association of one, was elected with sweepilon of one, was elected with sweepilon at a correspondence of the second and the second over the con-cil, though there were about half a dozon mem-bers of that sect running for office.

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