

HAMILTON EVENING TIMES

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THE PROHIBITION VOTE.

Returns of the voting of the plebiscite in Ontario are not yet complete, but sufficient is known to assure a large majority in favor of prohibition.

The situation has, however, been much simplified by the plebiscite. As matters stand at present the decisions of the courts seem to deny the right of the Province to enact prohibition.

Has a Provincial Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit the sale, within the Province, of spirituous, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors?

Or has the Legislature such jurisdiction regarding such portions of the Province as to which the Canada Temperance Act is not in operation?

Has a Provincial Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit the manufacture of such liquors within the Province?

Has a Provincial Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit the importation of such liquors into the Province?

If a Provincial Legislature has not jurisdiction to prohibit the sale, by retail, according to the definition of a sale by the Province at the time of Confederation, or any other definition thereof?

If a Provincial Legislature has a limited jurisdiction only as regards the prohibition of sales, has the Legislature jurisdiction to prohibit sales subject to the limits provided by the several sub-sections of the 99th section of "The Canada Temperance Act, or any of them?"

Had the Ontario Legislature jurisdiction to enact the 18th section 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 Act," as the said section is explained by the Act passed by the said Legislature in the 54th year of Her Majesty's reign, and entitled, "An Act Respecting Local Opinion in the matter of Liquor Selling?"

When the courts have disposed of these questions the ground will be cleared for an advance in such form as the necessities of the case and the popular will demand.

Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, in an Empire reporter may be interesting, notwithstanding his celebrated "moment of weakness" confession:

The vote is a remarkable one, the majorities being large and uniform in the cities. I do not know what proportion the actual vote bears to the possible vote, but each side had equal opportunity to turn out.

It makes no difference so far as mere revenue is concerned, replied the Finance Minister, whether it is raised on tea, coffee and by direct tax, or from license.

Mr. Johnson, Dominion Statistician, does not think the vote a fair test of public opinion.

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WAGES, PRODUCTION AND COST OF LIVING.

The question of wages alone is a poor criterion of the condition of the laborer. If we may judge by newspaper reports the highly paid laborer of the mining regions of the Western States sinks into absolute helplessness when thrown into idleness more quickly than the British coal miners on whose hard labor production papers are wont to dilate.

are highest. Summing up his conclusions from ample data he says:

"Taking England alone, the average yearly wages of spinners have risen from the period 1819-21 to the period 1880-82 from 228 1/2 to 244 1/2.

In Switzerland and Germany the wages are lower than in England, as in England they are lower than in the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Did VanAllen sell out, or did his Tory friends sell him out?

By the way, there was a man yelped VanAllen who ran for Mayor once upon a time. Where is he at?

Now that the municipal election is over, the Spectator drops disguises and blossoms out as a P. P. A. organ.

Of 5,000 female voters in Toronto, only 1,000 went to the polls on Monday, and 25 per cent. of those voted against prohibition.

The only way the Tories of Hamilton could find to beat a Grit was to flop over in a body to the support of another Grit. And yet they feel well.

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

Produce the evidence of your statement that the TIMES "lied" about the P. P. A. or stand convicted of falsehood.

Those twin Tory organs, the Empire and Mail, seem to work on a prescribed plan. The Empire caters to the straight hardbell element, while the Mail plays the "independent" role and bids for the prohibitionists and P. P. A. It's a great combination.

Mr. HENRY CARROLLAN was beaten in the Mayoralty contest, as any other good man would have been beaten under the circumstances, but it will long be remembered that he delivered the most comprehensive, statesmanlike speech on municipal affairs that was ever heard in Hamilton.

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Having grossly slandered the Bank of Hamilton in its effort to do a municipal election injury, the Spectator is now busily engaged in its election desert of humble plea. It never intended to "impute improper motives to the bank officials, or any of them," it says.

The Halifax Herald becomes mightily indignant as it dwells upon the thoughts that the Grits advocate freedom of trade, and it fairly slopes over as it enumerates the disasters which would have overtaken Canada if the country had taken the advice of the Grit party, one terrible count in the indictment being that "it would have committed suicide on several occasions."

The P. P. A. made itself manifest in Bruce and Lambton, showing its strength in the country. Yesterday it showed its strength in the cities by ensuring the election of Mayors in Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, London and other cities.

And why should it put Meredith in power? Is he a stronger Protestant than Meredith? Only a few years ago Meredith obtained votes on the plea that his father bequeathed money to Catholic institutions.

Referring to the discovery of tuberculous in the dairy herds at the Dominion and Ontario experimental farms, the Montreal Witness says: "What is wrong at the great Experimental Farms which the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada are running in the most liberal fashion as regards expenditure?"

disease in its earlier stages, but the latter claim has not yet been fully established. In Great Britain, in Germany and in the United States the testing of herds has been going on, and few herds have been exempt from the disease.

Nor at all wishing to fight the Mayoralty battle over again, we take this opportunity to remark that when Mr. A. D. Stewart called the TIMES the Roman Catholic organ he was "taking through his hat."

CLAPP & Co., in their weekly bulletin say: "The total of all railway stocks, securities and obligations placed under control of court receiverships in 1893 exceeds the totals of such stocks, securities and obligations so placed during the preceding ten years."

The titlelessness of the Thompson Government has disgusted even such a thorough-going supporter as "Dan" Sheppard.

It is to be regretted that the Hamilton Times deemed it necessary to bring the religious question into the civic election contest. It frothed at the mouth with rage at one section of the people and implored the help of another section of the people for its candidate.

The TIMES "arrayed the two sections against each other," eh? Just notice this special from Berlin to the leading P. P. A. organ, the Mail:

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The results of the municipal elections held here yesterday were a great triumph for the Protestant Protective Association. The association has elected their separate ticket, and every candidate they supported, with the exception of one, was elected with sweeping majorities.

How eagerly these protectionist organs seize on the smallest item capable of being construed to the disadvantage of Britain's commercial showing! That is one way they have of showing their loyalty.

The late Mr. Blaine and other protectionist writers have been in candor obliged to admit the unparalleled prosperity of the country after the change in 1846 from a protective to a revenue policy.

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"So you have a Government clerkship, have you?" "Yes."

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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.

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We show the largest assortment of Lace Curtains in the city at the lowest prices. Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, splendid designs, at 50c a pair.

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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.

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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.

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.

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

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