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The World

Owing to the pressure upon our columns this week, considerable matter, both editorial and contributed, has to be left over for next issue.

The report of the Toronto Board of Trade, for the month of December, 1884, shows a grand total of dutiable goods entered for consumption, of the value of \$821,702, and of free goods, of the value of \$250,210. The exports during the same months amounted in value to \$404,219.

The Supreme Court of Canada has decided that the License Act of 1883, and the Amendment Act of 1884, an *ultra vires* of the Dominion Parliament. The judges have, however, intimated that the enforcement of the Scott Act is within the competence of the Dominion Government. Simultaneously with these decisions comes the news that the Scott Act has been carried in four additional counties of Ontario. The star of prohibition is just now in the ascendant.

An event in journalism is the unusually large amount of space being just now accorded to Canadian writers in American periodicals. The Chicago *Current*, the leading literary weekly at least in the west, had in a recent issue, about three-fourths of its space available for contributions occupied by Canadian writers, and announces more articles from the same source as held in reserve for subsequent issues. The *Current* intimates by word, as well as action, its opinion that the Canadian contributions compare well with the American.

Petitions are being circulated by the opponents of the Scott Act, praying for an alteration in the law, so as to require the polling of a three-fifths majority vote in favor of the Act before it can be brought into operation. Counter petitions are also being numerously signed by the friends of prohibition asking that no change may be made in the Scott Act, that would make it less effective, or that would make it more difficult to secure its adoption or enforcement. The latter embody a prayer for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

One of the political sensations of the last week in England was caused by the ease and success with which Mr. Parnell quelled an incipient revolt against his authority in Tipperary. There was a dissension in the ranks of the Home Rulers, and a candidate had actually been brought forward by the Nationalists to oppose the man of Mr. Parnell's choice. But the Chief appears on the scene, has an interview with the Opposition candidate, and the gentleman immediately retires. The London *Times* pronounces Mr. Parnell "the most conspicuous and shining example of the "boss" on this (that) side of the Atlantic."

The air in Europe is full of diplomatic rumours. According to one report, England, Italy and Spain are combining to obstruct or resist the colonization schemes of Germany, France and Russia. Another predicts trouble in Egypt between Great Britain and Turkey, arising from resistance by the former to a design of the latter to land a military force in some part of that unhappy country. A feeling of bitter hostility, not only to Bismarck but to all Germans, is showing itself in the English press and people. Eaves-dropping reporters allege that the voice of discussion and wrangling has been heard at British Cabinet meetings. And so the interplay goes on. What the end may be depends largely upon the result of Wolseley's campaign in Egypt.

Another hospital horror is reported, this time from Kankakee, Illinois. One wing of a building for the insane was burned on Sunday, causing the death of seventeen patients. The newspaper reports indicate reprehensible negligence in regard both to precautions against fire and means of extinguishing it. The only water obtainable was from small wash-stand faucets, not