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ALONG THE LINES.

LOTS OF NEWS FROM THE FIELD OF FIGHT.

LAW ENFORCEMENT—NOTES OF PROGRESS—HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

Enforcement in Lanark.

POLICE MAGISTRATE Kippen held court at Almonte on January 31st. Frank Coulter and Hugh Dickson of Fakenham, were fined \$100 and \$50 respectively with costs. A case against George Duck of the same place was dismissed for want of evidence. He was charged with a second offence. John Fay of Almonte was up for a first offence, but his case was adjourned to secure the attendance of certain witnesses.

He Must Obey the Law.

THOMAS MARTIN, of Amabel township, in the county of Bruce, who was arrested some time ago for running an illicit distillery, has been fined \$100 and sent to Walkerton gaol for one month. Martin is a hotel owner of Waterloo county but he has not made a success of the business he tried to run.

Lambton County Cases.

By a typographical error in our issue of January 20, we credited Lambton county with 23 Scott Act convictions when the number should have been 93. We have before us the report of Police Magistrate Campbell to the County Council at the December session, and we find from this report that Mr. Campbell has had a lot of work on his hands. He began enforcing the Scott Act on July, 1886. Out of 155 cases tried 93 convictions were made. Of the 93 persons convicted, seven left the country, two served a term in gaol, convictions of four were quashed, five have appeals pending, and of the remainder only one has failed to pay his fine. The total amount of money paid over to Mr. Campbell, exclusive of costs, is \$4,150. The report is dated December 14th. No doubt further good work has been done since that time. Mr. Campbell's salary for the six quarters amounted to \$900. A total of \$290.91 on other expenses was incurred, leaving a balance in the hands of the county for Scott Act enforcement of \$3,000.

Temperance in the Churches.

THE recent progress of the temperance cause among church workers is very marked and encouraging. The able letters from Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Wardsville, which appeared in the Toronto Mail sometime ago, discussing the Bible wine question were doubtless productive of very much good. In the city of London, in connection with Christ Church, there is a thorough-going, flourishing Total Abstinence Society, Rev. Canon Smith being president, and in the city of Hamilton, as most of our readers are aware, Rev. Canon Mockridge, D.D., presides over a similar organization which has achieved great success. Such signs of the times are cheering. The Church of God must be thoroughly aroused to the evils of intemperance, and the right method of removing them before we can hope to see our principles triumphant.

"What's the Matter With the Middlesex Men?" "Oh, They're All Right."

In the east riding of Middlesex, for the year extending from February 1st, 1887, to February 1st, 1888, W. C. Robertson, License Inspector, prosecuted 104 cases of Scott Act violation. In 82 of these he secured convictions, 57 first offences and 25 for second offences. The aggregate amount of fines imposed being \$5,350 besides costs. This is almost \$450 per month in fines, and more than \$100 per week. A number of hotel-keepers have given up attempting to sell liquor and others declare they will have to stop as they cannot stand the fining. The friends in Middlesex have no trouble about getting money enough to enforce the law.

A Prosperous Society.

THERE is in operation at Whitvale a flourishing Gospel Temperance Society, which was organized not long ago by Rev. Dr. Freed, who has lately been transferred from Stouffville to this locality. The third regular meeting of the organization was held on the 31st ult., and, notwithstanding bad roads, there was a large turn out. Addresses were delivered by R. J. Daly, of Stouffville, A. B. Nighwander, and Thomas Carter. A large number of signatures to the pledge roll were secured. Our Whitvale correspondent assures us that in that locality the Scott Act is well observed.

Certainly He Deserved it.

JOHN F. REEVES, of the township of London, has been fined several times for selling liquor without a license. He published a letter recently in the London Advertiser abusing the police magistrates and inspector, whom he accuses of being actuated by spite, and declaring that he was convicted without evidence. He is replied to by another correspondent who details the evidence given in a case in which Mr. Reeves was convicted on April 4, 1887, and another case on May 10, 1887, and then discusses the latest case as follows:—"On the 11th of January, 1888, he was again convicted of keeping for sale intoxicating liquors. Extract of evidence—Defendant says: I generally buy a gallon jug of rye whisky at a time from a man in London; as the jug gets empty, I get it filled again; I generally last about two weeks, sometimes not so long; I got bottled ale from the same place; I buy very nearly one dozen a week, sometimes half a dozen, just as opportunity occurs; I have not sold any intoxicating liquor of any kind in my premises since last May, I sell oysters and refreshments, etc., I drink a good deal myself; I have no doubt I have given a drink of whisky to people who have bought goods at my place; this liquor I keep for my own use and to treat my friends; I will not swear that I have not bought liquor from another person or persons in London besides the first named; I buy generally from him. Ten witnesses called and sworn. Six of them swear they had whisky at his place at different times, and that they had bought either cigars, tobacco, oysters, etc., at the time the whisky was drunk. Others would go in and help themselves in his presence. Then the man in London who sold Reeves the most liquor was subpoenaed and produced Reeves' account for liquor sold to him, that he had any record of, for 80 days past as follows, viz.: 1 gal. rye, 1 gal. rye, 1 doz. ale, 1 doz. ale, 1 gal. rye, 1 doz. ale, 1 gal. rye, 1 doz. ale, 1 doz. ale, 1 doz. ale, 1 gal. rye, 1 doz. ale, 1 doz. ale, 1 gal. rye, 1 doz. ale, 1 gal. rye. Yet in the face of all this evidence, and much more to add if necessary, this great moral philanthropist, this modern Peabody, would have the court and your readers to believe that he gave all this liquor away for love, did not even get a red cent for it, or, in his own words, "Williams did not send me a few lines, or even warn me that I would be liable. No, sir, there would be no money in it for the hungry money suckers." Well, how much money would there be in it for him to support his small wife and large family, by giving liquor away for love to such a hungry lot of whisky suckers. So now I will leave you to judge if it fair play, law, spite or justice that made P. M. Noble impose a fine of \$100 and costs, the lowest for a second offence."

Oxford County Convention.

Oxford County Scott Act Association met in convention at Woodstock, a short time ago, there being present a large representation from different parts of the county. From the Embro Courier we learn that, "The principal object of the gathering was the appointing a deputation to wait on the County Council, and ask to appoint a Scott Act Constable, for the county at a salary of \$500. The county has now about \$3,000 received from Scott Act fines. A deputation was also appointed to wait on the license commissioners and request them not to grant wholesale licenses in Woodstock, the idea of a wholesale license in a Scott Act county was in their opinion very inconsistent."

MORE OF THE SAME.

CHEERING ITEMS.

A New P. M. at Work.

POLICE MAGISTRATE Rochester, of Carleton county, held court at Hintonburgh some days ago, and fined J. D. O'Grady \$30 and costs.

Three in a Line.

THREE Ronfrow village hotel-keepers were summoned to appear before the Police-magistrate for Scott Act violation, a few days ago. They pleaded guilty and paid the usual fine for the first offence.

Getting Started.

MR. S. GRAY, the new Police-magistrate in Simcoe county, got to work on Saturday last at Oshawa. He imposed a fine of \$50 each and costs on A. Fralick, J. Crowther, and Frank Laplant.

A Second Offence Convicted.

W. J. BRADSHAW, who keeps a hotel at Middleport, was brought before Police-magistrate Grace last week on information laid by Inspector Pike, and was fined \$100, in addition to which he had to cover a bill of costs amounting to \$17.35.

Wise Y's.

AYLSMER Y. W. C. T. U. is one of the most successful organizations in the county of Elgin. This statement will be warmly endorsed by those who had the pleasure of attending their recent entertainment in Aylmer town hall. The entertainment consisted of songs, readings, tableaux, etc., in which the young ladies won for themselves a good deal of applause and for their cause no small financial benefit.

Cut Them Down.

The city of London is striving honorably and successfully to follow Toronto's example in the reduction of the licenses. At the last meeting of the city council, Ald. Winnett gave notice that he would move the following resolution:—"That a by-law be proposed and submitted at the next session of this council reducing the present number of taverns by fifteen in number; that the cost of licenses be increased for taverns by \$100, for wine and beer by \$150, for saloons by \$100, for shops by \$120, and for wholesales by \$50."

Masonic Prohibition.

Quebec Freemasons, at the annual session of their Grand Lodge, considered a proposal to make saloon-keeping and liquor-selling masonic offences. A number of prominent masons believed that any person so connected with the liquor traffic should be excluded from the Order. A committee was appointed to consider the proposition and make a report at the next annual session.

Lincoln County in Council.

THE Lincoln County Scott Act Association met in St. Catharines on Saturday of last week. There was a good representation of workers from different parts of the county, and reports were received of the enforcement of the law and progress of the cause.

Complaint was made against the Inspector, who seems to be possessed of the not uncommon inspectorial disposition to let offenders off a good deal more lightly than the law intended. A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting that such line of action should not further be followed. After the transaction of some interesting and important business Mr. P. Murgatroyd was re-elected president for the ensuing year, and Dr. Youmans, Secretary and treasurer. The convention was then adjourned to meet again next June.

Prescriptions Galore.

THE scandalous conduct of some rascally M. D.'s in Scott Act counties, who prostitute their professional privileges for the benefit of old toppers who otherwise would have difficulty in obtaining their accustomed beverage, is one of the abuses demanding immediate and stringent legislation. A correspondent of the Globe, recently referred to the case of a druggist in his locality who was charged with violation of the Scott Act, says:—"A complaint was lodged and a trial held, when the evidence disclosed the fact that a number of the witnesses held orders from five to ten gallons, granted by an M. D., a brother of the defendant. They swore that they came to the store and got a pint or two, just as they needed it for medicine to mix with roots and herbs, sweet nitre, etc., etc. Nearly all of the parties are known to be drunkards and have often been seen under the influence of liquor within the last three months."

FROM OTHER LANDS.

WELCOME TIDINGS.

Wine Growing in California.

LAST year's California production of wine amounted to 17 million gallons. It is expected that this production will be nearly doubled during the coming year, and yet the wine makers cannot fill their orders. It is estimated that there are \$75,000,000 invested in the business.

Go Ahead, Boys.

THERE is a prohibition club in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor which has 200 members.

Everywhere

THE Prohibition Party has now got perfected organizations in all the States of the American Union (excepting Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, and South Carolina).

Prohibition for the District of Columbia.

THE United States Congress is having a lively time discussing a bill introduced by representative Platt for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia. A large number of petitions have been presented praying for the passage of the Bill, and the W. C. T. U. are looking forward to it with much enthusiasm.

A Hard Place for Law-Breakers.

KANSAS is a pretty hard place for men who are determined to sell strong drink. At the District Court recently held at Wichita, Joseph Rhoads was found guilty of selling 26 glasses of beer. This constituted 26 offences against the prohibitory law, and the judge had no alternative but to pronounce sentence accordingly. He gave the offender the smallest penalty for each offence which the law permits, and his punishment will just aggregate imprisonment in the county gaol for two years and two months with fines amounting to \$2,600 and costs.

A Temperance Veteran.

THE name of Spence is connected with temperance work in many parts of the world. Our recent Scotch exchanges call attention to a great social gathering of Good Templars held in Paisley, Scotland, to celebrate the jubilee anniversary of brother John Spence who has been hard at work as a temperance reformer for 50 years. Mr. Spence—known in Paisley temperance circles as "Father Spence"—is a brother of Mr. Jacob Spence of this city. He had presented to him a handsomely illuminated address referring to the extended and effective service he had rendered to the cause of total abstinence in many different organizations including a vast amount of Band of Hope work, the results of which were being recognized and acknowledged in many parts of the world to-day.

In acknowledging the testimonial presented to him, Mr. Spence feelingly referred to his many years of temperance work, and his many associates who had preceded him to the great gathering beyond the river. He held in his hand while speaking a copy of the West of Scotland Temperance Standard, dated 1838, a journal that began its work for temperance co-temporaneously with himself. He had seen many ups and downs and could not but contrast the position of the temperance cause to-day with its comparatively humble commencement. He thanked God for what had been accomplished, and tendered much earnest advice to his younger co-workers in the great cause.

Total abstinence seems certainly to have agreed with our good brother for even yet, though a very old man, he bids fair to do much good work before he lays down his armor.

IRISH PROHIBITIONISTS.

Their 30th Annual Convention.

THE thirtieth anniversary of the Irish Temperance League was held recently in Belfast. A large number of members and representatives were on hand, and there was a good deal of enthusiasm manifested. Among the prominent speakers might be mentioned Mr. P. McLagan, M.P., of Scotland, J. T. Richards, M.P., of Scotland, J. P. Mayor of Belfast, Rev. R. Hood, of Glasgow, William Johnston, M.P., T. McKean, M.P., D. Davin, M.P., the Dean of Armagh; and many other prominent moral reform workers. A banquet in the Lombard-hall was crowded, and the meeting was a great success; showing conclusively that notwithstanding all the troubles in Ireland temperance sentiment there is still in a healthy condition.

PROGRESS IN TORONTO.

Mr. Doutney's Meetings—Medical Students' Temperance League—W. C. T. U. Work—The Banner Lodge—Toronto Christian Temperance Mission.

IT was announced that last Sunday there would be no meeting of the Y. M. P. C. in the Horticultural Pavilion, Mr. T. N. Doutney having arranged to commence that afternoon a series of Gospel Temperance meetings in the hall of the Temperance Reform society in Temperance street. This meeting was a success. Mr. Isaac Wardell occupied the chair, and introduced the lecturer, who is an earnest, effective and forcible speaker. He has arranged for a series of meetings in this hall to be held every night for some time. Among those who have already given him the encouragement of their presence and support are Ald. McMillan, Mr. Isaac Wardell, Mr. Malcolm Gibbs, Mrs. W. H. Howland, Mr. James Matthews, Mrs. Jarman, Rev. Dr. Moffat, and many other well known temperance workers. A large number of signatures to the pledge have already been secured. Mr. Doutney is ably seconded by his talented wife, who conducts the musical part of the services. Mrs. Doutney is a vocalist of talent and of culture. We earnestly wish our good friends all the success they can possibly have in their efforts.

Toronto Medical Students Temperance League is doing good work. Its second public meeting was held on Saturday evening last, every available seat in the large hall being filled. President W. H. Smith presided, and among the speakers were Dr. Geikie, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Rev. A. Longley and J. W. Bengough. A vast amount of good has already been accomplished by this organization which includes in its ranks a majority of the young men who are studying medicine in this city.

The W. C. T. U. of Toronto is driving its work with enthusiasm and vigor. Outriders marvel at the amount of work which they have the courage to undertake and the perseverance to carry out. Five different branches are in vigorous operation in different parts of the city, and no less than twenty different departments of work are being carried on.

Mr. W. A. Dean, of this city, has good reason for being a proud young man. He was installed on Monday night last as Chief Templar of Toronto lodge, No. 827, I. O. G. T. This organization, stands in numbers ahead of any lodge on the continent of North America, and in fact, we believe, in the world. Among its membership it numbers some of the most representative men of Canada, and those who are foremost in pushing the work of moral reform. To preside over such a body is no small honor and we congratulate Mr. Dean upon the position to which he has attained. He was installed in his office by Mr. Matthias Brown, D. G. C. T. Those who have been chosen from among the lodge's 450 members to act as the other officers, are as follows: Vice-Templar, Sis. Jessie McLean; Secretary, Bro. W. H. Clark; Financial Secretary, Bro. G. H. Marvin; Superintendent of Juvenile Temple, Mrs. Jewell; Treasurer, Miss Kate Watson; Chaplain, Bro. Depew; Marshal, Bro. Dawson; Guard, Sister Christie; Deputy Marshal, Sister Jessie Morrison; Sentinel, Bro. Lukes; Assistant Secretary, Sister Annie McKenzie; P. C. T., Bro. Baillie.

The Board of Directors of the Toronto Christian Temperance Union met on the 1st inst. Dr. W. B. Geikie presiding. Mr. R. Hall, City Missionary, presented his 30th monthly report, giving an interesting epitome of the work he had accomplished. Many homes had been visited and relief given to the suffering and destitute. He recognized the great difficulty encountered in charitable work in the danger of fostering a spirit of dependence in those helped, many of whom had actually come to regard visiting Christian workers as simply persons out of whom they were bound to get all they could. An indiscriminate charity had, to some extent, been demoralizing to those who received it. The aid given by the missionary had mainly been in the form of clothing and provisions. Eight cottage meetings had been held, 12,000 tracts distributed, a Sunday-school taught in Mr. Hall's house, entirely made-up of children from wretched homes who would otherwise attend no Sabbath-school. The casual wards at the House of Industry had been visited every Sabbath. The gaol had been visited eight times, and in this institution Mr. Hall had found the library of incalculable value in aiding him in his work—breaking down the barriers of reserve between the prisoners and himself. Some remarkable cases were recorded of work done in this institution. There are 200 prisoners confined here and Mr. Hall finds his present library insufficient. Many other meetings have been held in different parts of the city, and great good had been accomplished. The report was adopted, and the Secretary, Mr. James Thompson, was requested to prepare a synopsis of it for publication. The Toronto Christian Mission is doing incalculable good, and we strongly commend it to the support of our friends.