

the Department of the Secretary of State and had been certified as "correct in every detail;" then the services of a Montreal lawyer—a member of Parliament—was secured by telegraph, and he was rushed into the Departmental Offices at Ottawa with a brazen misrepresentation on his tongue.

The 20th of November was about to be appointed by the Cabinet Council, a meeting of which was about to be held, when the distinguished representative of the Lanark liquor men arrived on the scene and delivered his false message, which was to the effect that he had "objections" against our petition; he could not, he said, file them just then, but wanted time, and time was granted. Our petitioners again urged that their opponents file their objections without delay; but still the representative of the liquor interests asked for time, and it was granted. Then a pretense of filing the objections was made, but they amounted to nothing—in fact were most frivolous and childish, so flimsy that they were dismissed without consideration. In the meantime, November had passed, and the end of the anti-Scott Act men had been gained—gained by most high-handed and shameful means. Then the next object in delaying the vote, after this object was gained, was to render void, if possible, the work of organization that the temperance people had done preparatory to the vote. Under these circumstances, let no man be neutral or indifferent. Turn out and show that you will condemn to the utmost of your power any such scheme to thwart the will of the people. Be not indifferent about the matter. Do not depend upon others; for the cause that requires to be bolstered up by such foul work as has been done against the petition, calls for your unqualified disapproval—your active opposition—your vote of condemnation—and such a crushing defeat that it will not rise again.—*Carleton Place Herald.*

ST. JOHN, N.B.—A very large meeting was held in St. John in the interest of the adoption of the Scott Act in the cities of St. John and Portland, N.B., and the County of St. John. The resolution affirming the advisability of submitting the Act, was carried by an almost unanimous rising vote. A citizens' committee has been added to the temperance organizations for the purpose of canvassing for signatures to the petitions. The adoption of the Act in these cities and county would not only be a great victory in itself, but would have a good effect in facilitating the enforcement of the Act in the neighboring counties.—*Montreal Witness.*

TORONTO.—The temperance cause generally, and the Good Templar cause in particular, in this city has suffered a serious loss in the recent sudden death of Sister Jennie Smellie, of St. John's Lodge.

Miss Smellie came of a good sound temperance stock, her father and mother being among the most consistent and earnest workers in the I. O. G. T. Order and cause. They are known and esteemed by an unusually wide circle of warm friends who deeply sympathize with them in the painful bereavement that they have been called upon to undergo. Their child was worthy of her parentage. A loving and dutiful daughter, the light and life of a happy home, she carried with her to the lodge room the same attractiveness and amiability. Many a programme has been enhanced by her talents; many a lodge meeting has been made a success through her ready assistance; many a repentant brother, striving in earnest to lead a new life, has been cheered by her words of encouragement.

A quick and painful sickness suddenly terminated her promising early career; she was only twenty years of age, and but two or three days from the time that she had actively engaged in household duties, sorrowing friends gathered to follow her to the grave. She was buried in Mount Pleasant cemetery on the Tuesday of last week. A long file of Toronto Good Templars headed the funeral procession, and over her grave Bros. Wilkinson and Rodden read the solemn and beautiful burial service of the Order.

Our sister's reward came very soon; while we miss her from many a gathering, let us remember what it was that endeared her to our hearts, and let us all endeavor to also do our duty faithfully and well. Her sorrowing parents do not grieve as those who have no hope. Their affliction is sore, but they have consolation in fragrant memories of a useful past, and a strong faith in a blissful future.

General News.

CANADIAN.

The nomination of candidates for the Municipal Council took place in Toronto on Monday last. Messrs. J. J. Withrow and Alex. Manning are rivals for the mayoralty.

Ald. Erratte will be a candidate for the mayoralty of Ottawa, in opposition to ex-Ald. McDougall.

There is an unusual number of cases of typhoid fever in Toronto at present, in the Hospital alone there being over 100 patients suffering from this disease.

An outbreak of smallpox has occurred in Seymour township, East Northumberland, four cases existing in one family. The disease is of a mild type, and the patients have been isolated to prevent the contagion spreading.

Sir John Macdonald will leave the capital on the 12th prox. for Montreal, accompanied by Lady Macdonald, to attend the demonstration and banquet in honor of his forty years of public service.

FIRES.—Three hundred carcasses of mutton were destroyed by a fire in a Kingston slaughter house on Monday night.—At Belleville on Dec. 27th, the residence of W. A. Hungerford, Isabel street, took fire, and was badly damaged. Mr. Hungerford's loss is heavy.

UNITED STATES.

One hundred saloon-keepers were arrested on Sunday in New York for violating the Sunday law.

At Shanandoah, Pa., two collieries owned by the Reading Company have been closed indefinitely, being unprofitable. Two thousand employees are thrown out of work.

The snowstorm in Oregon has ceased. It has been the heaviest fall ever known in that State. The snow is five feet deep on the level.

At Detroit, on the 29th ult, George Riley, while cutting ice on Black river near Port Huron, fell and broke his neck, dying instantly. He was aged thirty-five and leaves a wife.

Mrs. Williams, living near Dahlgren, Ill., while in a fit of mental despondency on Friday last, threw her little girl in a well, and attaching another still younger child to her dress, jumped in herself. The three were drowned.

At Greensburg, Pa., while on a lark on Saturday night last, four young men procured half a gallon of alcohol and drank it, mixing a portion with the oyster stews ordered at a saloon. On Sunday all were taken dangerously sick. Two of them died in great agony, the others will probably recover.

A special from Sierra Blanca, Tex., says Thomas Merrill, a well-known cattleman, and his wife were to-day discovered murdered on the Merrill rancho. Merrill had two Mexicans in his employ. He was seen alive on Christmas day. Merrill's body was found lying near a table, where he was evidently eating when struck by a hatchet. Mrs. Merrill's corpse was in a kneeling posture near the bed. Her head was severed from her body. The Mexicans are missing.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

An earthquake was felt in Wales on the 29th ult. Many houses were injured.

The betrothal has been announced in London of Princess Beatrice to Prince Henry Maurice, of Battenburg. It is expected that one of the Queen's gifts to Princess Beatrice will be the pearls of the late Lady Otho Fitzgerald, which were privately bought by her Majesty for £200,000.

A Berlin despatch says the King of the Belgians will be proclaimed suzerain of the Congo Free State. If the Belgian constitution precludes this, the Count Flanders will be proclaimed in his stead.

The British flag has been hoisted at St. Lucia. The Governor of Cape Colony has asked the Home Government to approve the raising of the flag.

Six brigand chiefs have been captured in the vicinity of Salonica, and two others killed.

As far as known two hundred persons were killed in Andalusia, Spain, by the recent earthquake.

The English Expedition is about ready to start from Korti. It will consist of 900 infantry, 1,500 cavalry, 6 screw guns, and 1,800 camels.

The news from Lord Wolseley's headquarters is very serious. It appears that he has abandoned his idea of advancing from Korti across the desert, but will proceed from Merawe to Berber. This will delay the entrance into Khartoum for a further period of two months.

Six thousand French troops are to be sent to Tonquin to reinforce Gen. de l'Isle within a fortnight.