

Temperance News.

CANADIAN.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Dominion Alliance will be held 1st of October. A growing interest is being manifested in this branch, and its anniversary is expected to be an interesting event.

Mr. W. H. Rodden, Provincial Deputy and special organizer for the Grand Lodge of Canada of the I. O. G. T., is having much success in extending the order in Ontario.

Mr. Gawin Kirkham and Mr. M. Forbes, English temperance workers of great ability and reputation, are on their way to Canada, where they expect to spend some time.

Determined efforts are being made by the temperance men in Toronto to prevent the carrying out of the proposal to sell liquor on the Industrial Exhibition Grounds during the time of the exhibition.

UNITED STATES.

The past year Iowa manufactured 765,658 gallons less beer and whisky than the year previous.

Father Hagan is reported to have administered the total-abstinence pledge to 9,000 Irishmen in Chicago.

The National Roman Catholic Total-Abstinence Union numbers 36,039 members.

Gov. St. John says: "Kansas has increased one hundred thousand in population under prohibition, and not one of these is a saloon-keeper."

The superintendent of the Delaware division of the Erie Railroad has issued orders prohibiting the use of wines or liquors by the employees of the road.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has just dedicated the first sidewalk free ice-water fountain in New York. It is an ornamental object, piously inscribed, and fed by pipes running through an ice-box under the kerbstone packed with 300 pounds of ice.

Something is the matter with Maine. While the average expenditure *per capita* for tobacco, in the entire nation, is one dollar, in Maine it averages but seventeen cents. And yet they tell us that wherever men are prohibited from strong drink they fly to other excesses.—*Ex.*

"This morning Sheriff Windle threw open the cell doors of the jail, as the last prisoner had been discharged. It will be remembered that in 1879-80, the year of prohibition, during the last three months the jail stood empty. With the advent of saloons, came prisoners into the hands of the sheriff, soon running up to eight or ten, charged with various crimes, from larceny to murder. The first part of the year of prohibition had to be devoted to working off the victims of the license year, some of whom were sent to Joliet. This being done, an empty jail is the result. This is something of which every good citizen of Logan county ought to be proud, and for which all tax-payers should be thankful. The country people—the farmers of this country—can well afford to put their shoulders to the wheel and with a shout, hurrah for Lincoln and prohibition! Send the car of progress wheeling forward until the traffic is driven from our borders."—*Lincoln (Ill.) Sentinel.*

The city of Millville, N. J., supported twenty grog-shops some years ago, and drunkenness abounded on every hand. Eleven years ago, the voters elected officers who refused license, and after a hard struggle, banished the dramshops. A population of eight thousand are now sober, prosperous and happy.

The glass factories of Whiteall, Tatum & Co., employing one thousand five hundred hands, are located here, and a member of the firm recently said: "Prohibition is worth to us as a firm at least ten thousand dollars a year in the general regularity of the men at their work."

Another man said: "I have been connected with these works for more than twenty years. I know the employees: their condition is vastly improved since prohibition went into effect. Nobody learns to drink in our town now."—*Morning and Day of Reform.*

"It is asserted by Kinne, and echoed by all the saloons and the most of the Democrats, that prohibition is a failure in Kansas. From such Kansas papers as we can see we know this is a false assertion. We quote from a few of them. The Winfield *Courier* says:

"Winfield has a population of four thousand with the prohibitory law enforced. The city has no police except the marshal, who has been made street commissioner to keep him employed. The city is rushed with business, and is exempt from drunken men."

"The Ottawa *Republican* corroborates the above as follows:

"Ottawa has a population of five thousand. The prohibitory law is strictly enforced. The city is quiet because there are no saloons to create drunken rows. The city has a marshal and night-watchman."

"The Atchison *Globe* has been a persistent opponent of prohibition, and yet its editor is forced to admit:

"Nothing but our sense of duty as an independent journal impels us to remark that, notwithstanding our earnest opposition, the prohibition cause is gaining ground every day. We are really afraid that prohibition will be a successful national issue long before sanguine prohibitionists expect it. Revolutions sometimes come with the swiftness of a whirlwind."—*Iowa State Register.*

General News.

The General Conference of the Canada Methodist Church has carried a resolution for union by a majority of seventy-seven.

The corner stone of a new Methodist church has been laid at London.

A freight train ran off the track near St. Paschal station, Que. Five cars were wrecked but no one hurt.

A boy named Albert Longhurst was drowned in the Toronto public baths.

Nathaniel Vanmer, aged 75, was killed on the 30th August by a fall from a wagon.

Mr. Fauquier, the recent member-elect for Muskoka, has been unseated and disqualified, because of corrupt practices.

John Donohue's farm buildings at Newboro were burned on Saturday night.

Vanstone's flour and grist mills at Brussels were destroyed by fire.

A workman was killed on the Canada Southern track near Windsor.

Robert B. Keighly committed suicide at London.

BRITISH.

Mr. Lowther (Conservative) has been elected to the House of Commons for Rutlandshire.

Crops in the South of Ireland have been much damaged by storms.

A company has been formed to lay an independent Atlantic cable. It proposes to send messages at one half the present rates.

UNITED STATES.

Robert Winters poisoned himself at Detroit on the 30th ult.

High-tides and storms have done much damage at Coney Island.

A drunken sailor, named John Smith, was clubbed to death by a policeman in New York.

Texas cattle fever has broken out at Detroit.

A boy named Willie Hill was drowned in the river at Detroit.

John A. Moran committed suicide at New Haven on last Friday.

Forest fires are doing much damage on Long Island and in Texas.

George Feltz shot Peter Broomfield in a quarrel at Warrentown, Ga.

A boiler explosion at Frankfort, D. T., killed several persons.

The Telegraphers' Brotherhood has separated from the Knights of Labor.

FOREIGN.

Work on the Panama Canal is being pushed forward very energetically.

The total number of deaths from cholera in Egypt so far is 27,318.

Violent storms in different parts of Europe have caused much loss of life and destruction of property. Several shocks of earthquake have been felt in Italy.

Forty persons were killed by a railway accident near Berlin last Sunday.

The number of lives lost by the Java eruption is estimated at one hundred thousand.

War between China and France seems almost certain.

A niece of Queen Ranavalona succeeds her on the throne of Madagascar.