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#### Selected Articles.

##### FIGHTING THE SCOTT ACT.

To us there seems no stronger evidence required of the unqualified success of the Scott Act than the fact of the enormous subscriptions that are being so generally and voluntarily donated, not alone by the liquor-sellers, but by the liquor manufacturers, to the fund which is being raised by the Licensed Victuallers of the province for the purpose of fighting the Scott Act in those counties in which it is intended to be submitted.

At a recent meeting of brewers, distillers and others concerned in the liquor traffic held in Toronto, between \$30,000 and \$40,000 was subscribed to a fund established for the purpose of fighting the Scott Act in the coming campaign. Of this sum Messrs. Gooderham & Worts, wholesale distillers, Toronto, subscribed \$10,000. The association expects to raise \$100,000. The meeting pledged itself not to deal with, or support any wholesale wine or spirit merchant, brewer or distiller who does not contribute his share to the general fund now being raised to fight the Scott Act movement.

Query? If there is really more liquor sold in those counties in which the Scott Act is in operation, than in those under licensed law—as is invariably claimed by those interested in the liquor traffic, and the opponents of the Scott Act generally, why is it that the liquor manufacturers are so illogical and short sighted as to donate such liberal contributions to oppose its adoption?

Referring to this subject the *Milton News* says:—

"This premonitory symptom of a conflict between right and principle, and the good of the human race on the one hand, and a lucrative though demoralizing trade on the other, is but the prelude to one of the severest and most uncompromising struggles ever known. Philanthropists appeal to the higher, nobler instincts of men's natures for their verdict upon the traffic now arraigned for trial, but the traffic appeals to what? Money! This constitutes their 'sinews of war.' A few thousand dollars are to be spent in each constituency for the purpose of fighting the Scott Act. No, not fighting the Scott Act; but fighting against the principles which elevate

men, which lifted them out of the bondage worse than slavery, and from a mental, moral and social desolation appalling as it has been disastrous."

The above action should stimulate temperance men throughout the Dominion to deal generously with their own campaign funds. Do not let the cause suffer reproach and, perhaps, defeat through insufficient support of it. But we feel satisfied that every man who has the best interests of his country at heart will do his duty in this matter. They have done so whenever occasions required it in the past and will do so now. Right must and will prevail.—*Action Free Press.*

#### THE LIQUOR CURSE.

BY S. CORNELIUS, D. D.

Virtues go in families. One of these family groups is "faith, hope, charity;" another is "long-suffering, gentleness, goodness;" another is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." The same is true of vices. "Filthiness, foolish-talking and jesting" are classed together as if in close relationship. So are "bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and all malice;" and so are "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like." We often hear of parent vices, and what vice is not the parent of a vile and various progeny of vices? What form of sin is not infinitely productive and reproductive? What crime does not lead to crime? What evil does not draw other evils in its train? What curse is not cumulative?

Certainly the liquor curse has roots and branches without number. Certainly the drinking-saloon is one of the chief synagogues of Satan. It is not only that drunkenness is born and bred there; this is but the beginning of the evil wrought. The lowest and basest passions are fired there, contention and strife spring up there, and murder often does its bloody work there. Crime in all its forms seeks not in vain for hellish inspiration there; oaths and curses resound there; the whole vocabulary of profanity can be acquired there. Sabbath-breaking finds its chief harbors there, and infidelity under all its forms gains unrebuked utterance there. The chief antagonism that the Church finds throughout our land is there, with its scores of attendants where the Church has its units, and there on the Holy Day and on every day alike. The bartender is the most dangerous rival of the minister; and not only is he this, but he is, also, the rival and the adversary of every philanthropist, every moralist and every reformer. The awful business in which he is an active agent is a direct attack not only upon the Church, but upon the community; a menace to every home, and the dread of every loving heart that has son, or husband, or lover, or friend exposed to its insidious temptations. The liquor traffic, whether conducted at retail or at wholesale, is a traffic in the peace and safety and prosperity of the people, and not only those who profit by it, or who patronize it, but all who apologize for it, or palliate, or excuse its atrocities, are aiders and abettors in its spreading devastations.

God be thanked, the multiplied revelations of the results of this foul iniquity have so aroused the public conscience that "Prohibition" is now becoming the temperance watchword everywhere. Arguments and apologies and excuses for an evil which has eaten like a cancer into the most vital interests of the family, the Church and the community, are becoming more and more odious to increasing multitudes. A radical reform in this matter seems to be approaching; a reform, which, it is presumed, will rescue thousands from alcoholic temptation, and from the fearful fate of the drunkard. God speed the day!—*American Reformer.*