

Trade AND OTHER Notes.

WOMEN as hotel cashiers and bookkeepers are increasing everywhere.

An ancient fairy story is circulating again in London is circulating again.

CORNS DOYLE was surprised our hotel waiters were not pleased over a dimetip.

No composer has ever been able to set to music the song of the hotel chambermaid.

No hotel is so firmly established that it can afford to go abroad without advertising.

A FEW more "old fashioned" hotels destroyed by fire will cause people to avoid them.

The Delavan House, Albany, is to be re-built. This time a fire-proof building is promised.

The proprietor of the Bates, Indianapolis, gave \$2,000 among his employees Christmas Day.

SOME persons effected an entrance into Banyan's hotel, Toronto, and made off with a few bottles of whiskey.

The Grievous hotel in Napanee has changed hands and is now called the Hawley house. M. A. Hawley is proprietor.

It is never too cold for bridal parties to go to Niagara. Recently the weird ice scenes attracted dozens to the few hotels now open there.

TRAVELERS and TOURISTS are beginning all the time to find that they have to pay for all the superfluous goodness identified with "palace" hotels.

GEORGE DIXONWOOD, license inspector for South Simcoe, formerly of Clover Hill, dropped dead Friday at Alliston, Ont., from heart failure.

MR. RICHARD McLAUREN, of the Mississippi Hotel, Carleton Place, and Miss Ferguson were married on Monday, and after the ceremony drove out to the residence of the groom's mother, near Perth.

THE name of the Grand Union will be changed to the Hotel Clarendon. The many extensive improvements to the Hotel Clarendon will be completed in a few days and a bus will be put on next Monday.—*Ontario News Record.*

A WELL-KNOWN figure, in the person of Patrick Finnigan, passed over to the great majority on Saturday. Mr. Finnigan formerly kept an hotel on Church street, south of Adelaide, but retired from business many years ago. His death occurred at his residence, 343 King street west.

A TERTIARY correspondent of the *Press* tells that he had in a large stock of temperance drinks for the Christmas season, and after drinking thereof members of his family showed unmistakable signs of intoxication. At this we are not surprised. The presence of alcohol in many so-called "temperance" drinks is a fact that was known before yesterday.

MR. FRED MALCOLM, for over two years the popular proprietor of the Park hotel, has sold out his good will of the business to Mr. John McGraw the proprietor of the Windsor hotel, Paris. The consideration was \$25,000. Mr. Malcolm will retire from the business and live privately in the city for a time. Mr. McGraw is an old Bradford man. He takes possession to-day, and many will welcome his return to the city.—(*Bradford Courier.*)

The hotel *chef* is often a highly paid official, but if all his guests were to be as simple and certain in their tastes as Macaulay, the great essayist and historian, *messieurs les chefs* would fall on

evil days. On putting up for a time at a small West-end hotel, Macaulay was asked what he would take for dinner. "Chop to-day, rumpsteak to-morrow. After that repeat in same order daily." "Thank heaven," our *chefs* may exclaim, "that few people follow Macaulay's example!"

THE Licensed Victuallers' Association and the Mutual Benefit Society of hotel and restaurant keepers of Montreal are likely to be amalgamated in the near future. At a meeting of committee, of both associations on Saturday, held at the Rielensau hotel, this move was decided upon, the amalgamated association to be known as the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Resolutions were passed to this effect, and now it only awaits the general meetings of both societies to ratify the work of the committee.

THE SCOTT Act has not altogether died out at Simcoe yet. A case from Simcoe held yesterday on Monday has caused considerable talk owing to one of the witnesses being a prominent citizen and a man who was thought to be a staunch temperance advocate. When the stand he took and purchased liquor of a certain dealer in the ardent, but like the rest of the "boys" his memory was not good enough to permit him to swear to the exact date, no conviction could be made. (*St. John Globe.*)

At the annual meeting of the Elgin License Holders' Protective Association held yesterday the election of Officers resulted as follows: H. A. Branton, St. Thomas, Pres.; John Wallace, Aylmer, and John McIntyre, Dutton, vice-Pres.; A. S. Smith, St. Thomas, Sec.-Pres.; Geo. Gray, Port Stanley, Member of Executive, which meets to-morrow at Toronto. Resolutions were passed condemning abuses of the Pharmacy Act and report of same to be forwarded to Department. A telegram was read from Secretary Dickey, of Toronto, announcing that the Provincial Parliaments have not the power to prohibit. Arrangements were made for the fermenting out of parties selling liquor illicitly, and Mr. Thomas Donohy, Grand Central, was appointed chairman of the committee to make arrangements for convention to be held in Toronto about the 18th of March.

IS a recent issue of this paper a writer on legal subjects proves conclusively that it will not do to arrest the genus hotel "dead beat" without a warrant. While that instrument is being secured the lord keeper has down and the hotel proprietor is left to whistle for his pains. Regarding this matter we say "find and arrest after he has flown. The fact that it requires time and patience to bring the guilty party to terms should not deter the hotel keeper. Such effort is well repaid when the more arrests made the scarcer will become the hotel dead beat. The thing to do is to secure the proper papers, go about the matter legally, and not give up till the man is found and imprisoned, when that is possible. It may not pay a hotel keeper in dollars and cents to arrest a dead beat, but if more of this class of swindlers were sent to jail their number would soon grow beautifully less, and then the hotel fraternity would be repaid for its troubles.—*Hotel World.*

A GREAT deal has been said in the past about the rope fire-escape for hotels. No one will deny that in the case of the recent hotel calamity at Albany the rope was better than no escape at all, yet how much better would it have been had there been provided the proper exit, elevator shafts, and so on. It is worth more than ten thousand ropes in a case like the one cited. Again, when the fire department arrived at the scene it was almost powerless for want of water. It is barely possible that

the authority which provided the ropes better look sharp on the first thing shot for the hotel ropes over-looked the matter of broad stairways, located away from the elevator shafts and did not recognize the necessity of a sufficient number of exits. As to the fire brigade finding no water that represents a condition of things upon which it is impossible to make comment. It is a sad commentary on the members of the legislature, makers of the laws which provide for the inspection and danger from fire in hotels, that they were themselves driven from the Delavan, some of them glad to escape with their lives. *Hotel World.*

BLOODY WAR AVERTED.

REV. W. F. WILSON, of this city, is a man remarkable in many respects; in his personal appearance, for the vehemence with which he upholds his views, for a certain turgid eloquence which is not without effect upon a class, and for collisions with the police. In private life Rev. Mr. Wilson is the most harmless of men, large hearted, compassionate, doing good for the sake of good, tender of the frailties of weak mankind, striving with gentleness to lead men into loving obedience to that Master in whose service he is a pillar of strength; but mount him upon a platform and then, my brethren, what a change is there! Like war horse, he snuffeth the battle afar off, and like that same noble animal he prances and rears and paws the earth and lashes defiance to the enemy. Anon he lashes out to the right and to the left, tosses his mane to the breeze and struggles impatiently at the bit which restrains him from flying into a fight that has not yet commenced.

This by way of preface. On Sunday last Rev. Mr. Wilson addressed the temperance meeting in the Pavilion, and after perusal of his speech we were forced to the conclusion that he had reached the full determination to cut his hair, roll up his pants and wade in hotel keeper's gore. There are no "ifs" or "buts" about the rev. gentleman. The Supreme Court decision he brushes aside as a fleck of dust. That highest court in the Dominion had declared that Ontario had not the right of prohibition. "But I," says Rev. Mr. Wilson, "as a citizen, as a taxpayer, as one who takes an interest in his country, declare that, by the help of God, Ontario shall have that right." It "shall" be so, please notice.

Then he proceeded to tell how it "shall" be done. Sir Oliver Mowat "shall" send a petition to Ottawa, the Dominion Government "shall" send it to the Home Government, the Imperial authorities "shall" revise the British North America Act, and that revision "shall" give to Ontario the right to do anything she pleases under the sun. But lest there should be any disposition to disobey the mandate thus announced far warning is given. When, says the Rev. warrior, the thirteen states were cruelly treated by George III, they fought for their rights, and when France was ruled by tyranny and the desires of the people were not heeded, royalty was hurled from the throne and a republic established. It is plainly evident that Her Majesty had

known the crown will be snatched from her ancestral line so quick that the Prince of Wales will not have time to take to the woods. As to the fate of Sir Oliver or Sir MacKenzie, should they dare to hostiate, no doubt it would be something to make the nations shudder.

We confess that at the first blush this dreadful pronouncement caused us grave alarm. It meant that we five million Canadians were to march across the Atlantic ocean and attack thirty-five million Englishmen and do them to death. It was plain that if war was to be averted prompt action was necessary, and we decidedly objected to killing Englishmen, especially in job lots. Besides if we all went away across the ocean Ernest Albert Macdonald might take possession of the city hall and pass his aqueduct scheme. In fact we were just making arrangements to have Col. G. T. Denison proclaim military law and display the Body Guards in an advantageous position in rear of Hags' Hollow when we were filled with comfort and our fears banished by the thought.

When Rev. W. F. Wilson descended from the platform he would return to that meekness of disposition which is his nature and which would prevent him hurting a fly let alone shedding human blood. Thus is this dreadful war averted.

It is good that it is so; because the constitution of Canada will not be changed simply by reason of the fact that some persons think Ontario should possess a power which she does not and never did possess.

THEY ARE GOOD MEN.

IS a case which was being tried before him the other day, Chief Justice Armour remarked to a witness, who had said that he had not bought ale over the bar to secure an order for liquors, "It does not matter whether you did or not. Just as good men as you have bought drinks over the bar, so you need not trouble yourself about that." And the learned judge was right. Because a man is occasionally seen taking a drink over the bar, he is not the hard hearted, scheming scoundrel that the Teetotalers would have us believe. We venture to say that there are to-day in Toronto as many good, solid, whole-souled citizens, people who are true to their families, their friends, their employes or employers, and their country, who are not Teetotalers as will be found in the Teetotal ranks. And we might go point further and say there are more. The truly good man does not parade his virtue to the public gaze; but lets not his right hand know what his left hand doeth. And it is a noticeable fact, that the Teetotalers always let the world know it; not that he wants to put the other fellow to shame, but that like the Pharisee of old, he is thankful that he is not as other men are. All honor to Chief Justice Armour, in that he is not to be biased by the Temperance or any other