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Prohibition Battle Song. I have heard Truth's silver clarion In the watches of the night; I can see her purple summits Flush with morning's golden light. I have seen the bow of promise Over human doubts and fears, And I hear the tramp of Progress Sound the battle-march of years. Of a nation's wakened conscience I have caught the accents sweet, Thrilling through the din of traffic And the clamor of the street. I have heard the clang of armor Being furnished for the fight, And have read the startling challenge Of the champions of right. I have heard the ringing anvils Where the Master's will is wrought, And the harrow-song of reapers In the higher fields of thought. I can see dark storm-clouds gather Over Error's devious path, And have caught the low, deep warning Of the thunder of God's wrath. Let no man henceforth hold poison To his brother's lips for gold, Or a nation's shameless sanction Of iniquity be sold. Never more let want and famine All the land with mourning fill, While the blessings of the harvest Turn to curses in the still. Never woman's wail of anguish, And childhood's cry of pain Hush to silence in the tumult Of the strife of greed for gain. For the olden voice is crying In the wilderness of wrong, "Make ye straight Jehovah's pathway, Vengeance waits not over long." -W. H. Mellen, in the Voice.

Vote it Down. Vote the curse of liquor down, Vote it down! Curse of country, curse of town; Vote it down! When unto the polls you go, Freeman, strike one mighty blow, Lay the fiery dragon low, Vote it down! vote it down! Hydra-headed shape of sin, Vote it down! Lure that lures the young man in, Vote it down! Trap for careless human feet Thronging thick the city's street, Death is sure, and doom is fleet, Vote it down! voter king! thy scepter sway, Vote it down! Ere 'tis nightfall, while 'tis day, Vote it down! Rum yields ruin, shame and crime; Rule it from the realm of time By your ballot power sublime, Vote it down! vote it down! Vote for righteousness and peace, Vote the traffic down! Vote the drunk slave's swift release, Vote the traffic down! Vote against the licensed still, Licensed dramshop and ginmill. Slay 't save, and strike to kill, Vote the traffic down! -Edward Vincent.

How St. Patrick Banished the Snakes. When Patrick, sainted by decree, First stopped his foot on Erin's shore, A cry went up from all the land That snakes existed by the score. At first he thought, and thought in vain, Of how this grievous plague to end, But soon he saw the reptile's course To liquor stores did surely tend. 'Twas then the thought occurred to him That some men now on earth retail, Of how—in order to be good— One must from spirits all abstain. So, throughout Ireland went forth The mandate, cruel for a while, That naught of liquors should be drunk By people of the Emerald Isle. Then soon the drunkards disappeared; Likewise the "tremens" and the "shakes"; And that's the way St. Patrick used To banish and expel the "snakes." -The Judge

Clippings and Comments.

When? When will we have a strong and wise public opinion, so decided and so permanent, that we will be able both to secure right legislation and enforce it? -Evangelical Churchman. Just as soon as right-thinking electors are willing to make their miserable partizanship subordinate to principle, and unitedly insist upon the legislation and enforcement.

A Hint Worth Heeding. Had Mr. Blake hoisted the flag of total prohibition he might have united the best part of the community together, and cert. In'y he would not have suffered a worse defeat than he did. -Correspondent, Montreal Witness. The opinion here forcibly expressed is shared in, we might say, almost generally by the best informed section of the Reform Party. Will the knowledge of the fact be utterly thrown away, or will Mr. Blake's successor be yet equal to the emergency?

Supply and Demand. "The demand being there, will the sudden removal of three-fourths of the bar rooms make an equivalent reduction in the consumption?" Clearly the proposition is an absurdity. The demand is still there, practically unaltered in character and volume, and it will simply begin to adjust itself to the changed conditions of the supply. -Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular. This is an incorrect view of the case. Over and over again it has been demonstrated that as far as the liquor traffic is concerned the supply creates the demand. The fewer the liquor shops, the less will be the liquor drinking.

Growing Pretty Fast. The growth of the Prohibition party of the United States will be seen from the following table, giving the names of the Prohibition party presidential candidates at the last four elections with the aggregate votes obtained by each. The Prohibitionists expect in 1888 to poll at least 400,000 votes. 1872—James Black 5,698 1876—Green Clay Smith 9,523 1880—Neal Dow 12,305 1884—John P. St. John 151,809

A Notable Fact. Just notice how Prohibitionists are almost always selected nowadays for important and responsible public positions. A Finance Minister is needed for the Dominion and the clear-headed Prohibitionist of the Cabinet, Hon. G. E. Foster, is selected to fill the vacancy. A new Cabinet position is created in the Ontario Government, and Mr. Charles Drury, one of the soundest Prohibitionists in the Local Legislature gets the office. The important position of Assistant Treasurer is vacant, and Mr. D. E. Cameron, one of the most active and enthusiastic Prohibition platform workers of Western Ontario, is appointed. The constituency of North York loses its representative in the Local Legislature, and the Reform party gets together, picks out one of the soundest Temperance men of the county, Mr. J. E. Davis, and he goes into the Legislature without opposition.

Turn About. Fair Play. (Globe editorial columns.) It is beyond all reasonable question that the late shocking and deplorable murder by which Toronto has been disgraced was caused exclusively by intoxicating drink. The whole of the sad and sickening tragedy is out another commentary on the character and another illustration of the legitimate effects of the drink traffic. It is for the community to say how long such a state of things is to continue. (Globe advertising columns.) & CO., STREET TORONTO, SOLE DEALERS FOR BREWING CO'S FAMOUS MILWAUKEE BEER.

CANADIAN WORK Both Good and Bad.

Our Friends and Foes - Their Sayings and Doings - A Few Phases of the Fight. Petitions are in circulation in the county of Middlesex, praying for the submission to a vote of the question of Scott Act repeal.

The Huron Standard calls attention to the number of drunken men that are seen on the streets of Seaforth since the repeal of the Scott Act. Bracebridge Royal Templars are inaugurating a series of Gospel Temperance meetings. They will have the assistance of the Excelsior Duett, and their local clergymen. Henry A. Taylor of Halifax signed the pledge of total abstinence on May 4th, 1836, and the gentleman who induced him to do so, John Davis of Dunfermline, Scotland, is still an enthusiastic worker in the cause he has advocated so long.

A correspondent from Selkirk, Manitoba, tells us that temperance sentiment is going ahead there. A Division of the Sons of Temperance has been formed, and also a section of Cadets, the latter having a membership of about sixty. Last week in this city an hotel keeper named McGreevy was arrested and locked up for assaulting a sailor, who was drinking in his tavern. The hotel keeper struck the drunkard on the head with a hammer, and inflicted serious injuries.

We have received a letter from the veteran Prohibition worker, Mrs. L. Youmans, in which she says that the CANADA CITIZEN is a power for good, informs us that the W.C.T.U. of Picton have started a series of Sunday Gospel Temperance meetings. Temperance workers in Regina are pushing their Sunday Gospel Temperance meetings. They have recently had a visit from Messrs. Miller and Spencer, representatives of the Gospel Temperance Co-operation Commonwealth, who are on their way to form a branch of that organization in British Columbia.

Hon. Charles Drury was elected without a contest in East Simcoe. Our readers will remember that some time ago Mr. Drury carried this rather Conservative constituency, although he was a Liberal, by Scott Act votes, and now the people are so well pleased with their Prohibition representative, that they return him by acclamation.

In the Whitby correspondence of the Ottawa Indicator, it is stated that one night of last week a man, Dick Collins, got drunk, and forced his wife who had been confined that morning, from her bed and drove her out of the house, in her bare feet, to seek refuge in a neighbor's house. Constable Calverly arrived on the scene, prevented the bold Dick from cleaning out the town and marched him off to the lockup.

The Palmerston District meeting of the Methodist Church, which was held at Drayton a couple of weeks ago, adopted the following resolution by unanimous vote:—"That while we recognize the imperfections of the Canada Temperance Act and the difficulties in the way of its enforcement, yet, believing as we do that the Scott Act is the best local option law the country has yet received, and inasmuch as an effort is being made by the foes of Temperance to bring about a repeal of said Act, we call upon our people and all Temperance organizations to use every legitimate effort not only to retain the Scott Act, but to move on heartily and earnestly towards Prohibition.

Murdered by Drink. A man named William Love, of Boscawen, was found some time ago, dead in the rear of the Commercial Hotel of Fredericton, N. B. He had evidently been drinking some of the vile decoctions which the Anti-Scotts of that city are in the habit of dealing out to any poor sot, degraded enough to drink it, and who can be relied upon to keep secret the fact of the sale. Commenting on the case the Fredericton Temperance Journal says: "Some fiend in this city or vicinity sold him what purported to be liquor but which was nothing but poison, a decoction called rum, of the worst kind brought him to an untimely end. Here is a case of murder that there are no secrets about. The man was found dead, on his person was found a quantity of liquor that was made up of ingredients that no human being could take in any quantity without causing death; a coroner's jury viewed the remains, and in evidence it was shown that he died cursing

the rum that killed him persons gave evidence to hearing him shouting that the liquor was killing him, and a short time afterwards he was found dead. There is a murderer on the sight of God in this continent, and he should be given up to justice.

This is not too strong language. Wm. Love's murderer goes about the streets, possibly arrayed in good apparel, and continuing his deadly vocation—Wm. Love lies in a drunkard's grave. Hush it up, you say, keep it quiet, what good can it do, now the man is killed? Yes! but the murderers are killing others around us, and we are participating in a measure in the act by taking no action to discover the perpetrator of it. We are sick of this hushing it up business. Shame on a government or people that will make laws, and not carry them out. Shame on a people who will allow murder to go on without raising a hand to discover the perpetrators.

It is a question every one should quietly ask himself. How long is this thing going on as it is? It is true there has not been as much liquor by one half sold in Fredericton since the Scott Act became law, but yet there is liquor sold, and there is no doubt on the part of the authorities or the public as to who sells it, or where it is sold.

WILL FIGHT REPEAL.

A Rally of Scott Act Men at Woodstock. The meeting last week at Woodstock of Oxford Temperance Association was large and thoroughly representative in its character. Rev. T. Trotter presided. Reports were received from different parts of the county in reference to the state of Temperance feeling, and the working of the Scott Act. The tone of the convention was earnest and aggressive. There was no talk of going back, and a resolution was adopted formally committing the convention to organization and effort in opposition to the movement for Scott Act repeal. Rev. T. Moore was appointed organizer and will at once get to work. The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

That this Association after having witnessed the operation of the Canada Temperance Act for the past three years, feel called upon to express their gratification at the good accomplished, notwithstanding the acknowledged defects of the law and the inefficiency of its enforcement, and the Association further express its determination never to go back to the iniquitous system of licensing the liquor traffic, but will earnestly fight against the repeal of the present law, until we obtain the great end we have always sought, viz. the total prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the Dominion.

Rev. W. A. McKay, J. Gibson, Esq., and J. Lind, Esq., were appointed delegates to the Montreal convention. The meeting adopted a resolution strongly censuring the License Commissioners for dereliction of duty.

A ROW IN OXFORD

Scott Act Commissioners Called Upon to Resign.

In license counties, the Ontario Government appoints Commissioners to administer the License Law. In Scott Act counties, the Ontario Government appoints Commissioners to enforce the Scott Act. The will of the people to suppress the liquor traffic has been expressed at the polls, and the business of the officials is to see that suppression carried out. Commissioners opposed to the Scott Act are as much out of place in a Scott Act county as would be an active Conservative wire puller in the Ontario Government. Placing a Temperance law in the hands of whisky-favoring officials, is simply insulting the Temperance public. Anti-Scott Act Commissioners should have the decency to resign, if they are not in favor of the law which they are appointed to administer.

It was this view of the situation, coupled with actual infraction of their own regulations, that brought down a few days ago on the heads of the North Oxford Commissioners the following resolution of the County Alliance—

- (1) Whereas, the License Commissioners for the North Riding of Oxford in 1887 passed a resolution, which was published, affirming that in the event of the holders of wholesale licenses being proved guilty of the infringement of the Scott Act, they would not renew said licenses; and
(2) Whereas, both the holders of wholesale licenses were during the year convicted of infringement of the Scott Act; and
(3) Whereas, the License Commissioners, at a meeting held on the 18th April, emphasized the promise of the previous year by refusing to renew the wholesale licenses, but did at a recent meeting rescind their previous resolution, and violated their pledge by granting wholesale licenses to the persons convicted; and
(4) Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Association that the Chairman of the Board of License Commissioners is the owner of the building where one of the licensees stores his liquor; and

(1) Whereas, the Commissioners have further violated the spirit of their promise by giving a druggist a license to Dr. Adams of Embro, who has been convicted of a breach of the Scott Act. Be it therefore resolved that we, the convention assembled, representing the whole county of Oxford, do demand the summary dismissal of the said Board of License Commissioners of the N. R. of Oxford, and respectfully request the appointment in their places of men who will sustain and give effect to temperance legislation. It now remains to be seen what action will be taken by the Government. No doubt the Commissioners will defend their apparently inexcusable conduct, but they will hardly be able to satisfy the public and the Government that they are fit to retain office.

SOUTH OF THE LINE.

A young man named Burns was killed a few days ago by a railway train at Wallace, Va., while he was drunk.

There was a great rally of Prohibition notables at the Michigan State Convention at Grand Rapids, on May 16th. Rev. J. Russell, father of the Prohibition party, was present, also Mrs. Mary Lathrop, Rullo Kirk Bryan, Samuel Dickey and Michael J. Fanning.

The Philadelphia Liquor License Court judges have finished their work. They received 3,431 applications. Of these 2,033 were refused, 136 were withdrawn and 1,258 were granted. A few are still under consideration. This is a great improvement from last year, when there were 5,773 licenses issued.

The State of Maine is in the front of the Third Party fight. A big convention was held at Portland on Tuesday, May 16th, every county but one being represented. Great enthusiasm prevailed. The veteran Neal Dow is among the delegates to the National Convention.

The Temperance politicians of Tennessee have also held a convention, that was of unusual magnitude and interest. A remarkable feature of the gathering, was the decision in favor of the Third Party of Hon. E. W. East, a well known Republican politician and ex-judge of the Supreme Court.

Illinois Prohibitionists met in convention at Springfield on the 15th and 16th of May. They had an immense meeting, thirteen hundred regularly elected delegates being on hand. The delegates elected to the National Convention were instructed to support Fisk as candidate for president, and J. A. Brooks for vice-president. The convention also declared for Woman Suffrage.

The Michigan Local Option law, which has been adopted by so many counties is now no more. The Supreme Court of the State has declared the law unconstitutional. It seems that the Act was entitled "An Act to regulate the manufacture and sale of malt, brewed or fermented, spirituous and vinous liquors, etc." A provision of the State Constitution requires that the object of every law should be stated in its title, and the Court showed that the object of the law being Prohibition, the title does not fairly describe it, and the whole Act is therefore void.

The Christ an. Cinovure, published at Chicago, refers to the contest going on in that city in the following terms:—"The fight against the saloon is assuming respectable proportions in Chicago. The effort of the churches two weeks since, to put the breathing holes of the pit at least 200 feet away from churches and schools, was for the time beaten. Next week a petition was unrolled before the Council bearing the names of thousands of the best citizens. The saloon fortress was still impregnable. But when a few days later, the Roman Catholics began also to protest and call on their aldermen to resign, and priests read the same gentlemen a lecture, they began to surrender, and the once defeated ordinance is back again on its feet, and will probably carry. The saloon ring thus seems to have a master, before which it is humbled like a beast.

The last issue of the Christian Statesman just came to hand says:—"Two tragedies were reported in the daily papers on last Saturday morning, both of them good Temperance sermons. Thomas Jones shot his wife in the head, in Dunlap, Iowa, Thursday night, and then fatally wounded himself. The woman may recover. The couple separated a few weeks ago on account of Jones' worthlessness, and since then he has been following his wife about, abusing her. At Fountain Green, Illinois, Ida M., the six months' wife of Silas M. Wright, was found hanging in a smoke house by her husband on Friday evening, on his return from a four days' absence from home. On seeing the body the husband fainted and lay in a stupor for several hours. A letter written by her was found, in which she bade her husband good-bye, and said she would hang herself, because she believed she would be happier dead than to live with a drunkard. It appears that Wright had gone home intoxicated once or twice since their marriage.