

The "Patriot" and the Provincial Government.

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Amendments to the Scott Act.

We learn that petitions are in circulation asking the Dominion Parliament to amend the Scott Act as to provide that, before it can be applied to any district, it shall be necessary that a larger majority of votes be cast in its favour than at present is required.

The utter folly of attempting to enforce a law which has received the endorsement of less than one-half, or, at the most, a large majority of the people who it affects, must be apparent by this time. The case of Charlottetown is one in point. Before the late election we warned the people that unless the Act was sustained by a very large majority, it would be vain to attempt its enforcement, and our words have come true.

Canadian Free Thinkers in Council.

The Free Thinkers' Convention held an annual meeting recently in Toronto, when resolutions were adopted changing the name of the association to the Canadian Secular Union."

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Invincible Ignorance.

The ignorance of the average Englishman as to everything Canadian is notorious, and we are anxious to show him that he is not still held by those who call themselves intelligent that he can himself be intelligent in that respect.

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Pictureque Canada.

We are in receipt of the last two numbers of Pictureque Canada. We have given but little attention to the work as it was issued, but as the numbers now before us contain the chapter upon Prince Edward Island, we have examined them with more interest.

Summeride Notes.

Our town has just emerged from a season of semi-severe weather, and we are now enjoying the sun and air of a beautiful day. The winter has been a very successful one, and we are all well.

Our Savings Banks.

NOTWITHSTANDING the cry of "hard times" which we hear so often just now, the people seem to have money, not only enough to supply their wants, but a considerable surplus to put by for the future.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Items include Deposits to December 31st, Balance on credit of deposits, etc.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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