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"FREEDOM FOR THE RIGHT MEANS SUPPRESSION OF THE WRONG."

More From Peterboro'

LAW-BREAKING & INCENDIARISM.

The Bar-Renting Dodge—Covering Crime with Bogus Leases—Legislation Needed—Burning the Homes of Scott Act Men—Fighting with Red Pepper

This condition of affairs in the town of Peterborough constitutes an imperative demand for an amendment to the Scott Act at the earliest possible day. The law-dodging plan there in vogue is the granting of a bogus lease by the hotel-keeper to some man, who thereupon becomes for the time being the proprietor of the hotel-bar and nominally responsible for what there goes on. When the bar-tender is fined the proprietor of the hotel pays the fine and puts in another bar-tender. Under this system no one is convicted for a third offence and the hotels run the whisky business, paying fines which simply amount to an extraordinary

HIGH LICENCE

The record of Peterborough fines for the week before last was as follows: Mitchell, \$100; Bowman, \$50; Conner, \$100; May, \$50; Lyell, \$50; Welsh, \$50; Boyd, \$50; Dunn, \$100. The parties whose names are in italics were bar-tenders for hotel-keepers who have before been fined. In addition to these names the following parties outside the town were up and fined: Evans, \$50; Fancher, \$50; Greer, \$50; O'Brien, \$50; Beckett, \$50; Glyn, \$50; McGuire, \$50; Costello, \$100; Mowry, \$50; Walton, \$50.

Now the whole difficulty would be got over by the insertion in the Scott Act of the following clause:—

The occupant of any hotel, house, shop or other building or premises in which any sale, barter or traffic of liquors, or any matter, act or thing in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act, has taken place, shall be personally liable to the penalty and punishment prescribed in this Act notwithstanding such sale, barter or traffic be made by some other person, who cannot be proved to have so acted under or by the directions of such occupant; and proof of the fact of such sale, barter or traffic, or of the fact of any such matter or thing, in the employ of such occupant, or who is suffered to be or remain in or upon the premises of such occupant, or to act in any way for such occupant, shall be conclusive evidence that such sale, barter or traffic, or other act, matter or thing, took place with the authority and by the direction of such occupant.

This would, we think, completely meet the case and kill off the present fraudulent system. The liquor men of the town of Peterborough are, however, much restricted in their nefarious business. They are running their traffic at very high expense, and under serious embarrassment; their fines are high; their sales are small; their business is outlawed; they are recognized criminals and sneaks. They feel the position they occupy and are full of spite and hard feeling towards the temperance workers who have helped to place them in it. Their malice found vent on the evening of the 25 inst. in

A DIABOLICAL ATTEMPT

to burn down the residence of a number of Scott Act workers. Mr. H. Rosseter is the officer employed by the Scott Act association to secure the prosecution of illicit liquor sellers. On the evening named he was absent from his home for some time, no one being in the house but two children, the eldest only nine years of age. Two bottles of coal oil each containing a pint and a half were emptied on the verandah of the house close to the wall, and fired. The early discovery of the fire by the children, and their remarkable presence of mind, only saved Mr. Rosseter's home from destruction. One of the little ones poured water on the fire while the other ran to rouse the neighbors. Later in the same evening

A SIMILAR ATTEMPT

was made by the very same method to burn Mr. Wm. Yelland's house. Two empty bottles that had contained coal oil precisely similar to those found at Mr. Rosseter's were found by the spot in which the fire broke out, immediately after it was extinguished.

An attempt was also made at the same time and in the same way

TO BURN OUT REV. I. TOVELL,

the popular pastor of the George street Methodist church, an earnest worker and enthusiastic prohibitionist. There is no clue to the perpetrators of these outrages but it is generally believed that they were the work of the whisky traffic. Not long ago

A VILLAINOUS ASSAULT

was made upon Mr. Rosseter. On one of the town streets he was suddenly attacked by two men one of whom dashed a quantity of cayenne pepper into his eyes. He succeeded in driving off his assailants with the aid of his baton and revolver, but he suffered seriously from their desecrating assault.

ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The Fastest Time on Record All the Strathroy Hotel-keepers up Lots of Money for Middlesex.

There is no slacking up in Middlesex county in either the energy or efficiency of the officials charged with the enforcement of the Scott Act. As a specimen of expeditious work we may cite the court held by Police Magistrate Noble in Strathroy on Friday last. The energetic inspector, W. C. Robinson, of West Middlesex, was on hand with 15 cases. The County Crown Attorney Hutchinson, lent his aid and it took exactly one hour and twenty minutes to go through the batch. Twelve convictions were obtained aggregating \$1,100. One case was dismissed and two held over \$1,100 in 80 minutes is a pretty fast record and at this rate of going Middlesex whisky sellers won't be able to stand the drain very long. All the offenders represented the town of Strathroy which has thus given a very liberal contribution towards its own purification; this county, Middlesex, being one in which the county council has voted that all the fines shall be paid over to the inspector for enforcement purposes. The list of these unwilling subscribers to the enforcement fund includes the following: M. Bixell was fined on two charges \$100 each, Wm. Bishop on one charge \$100, Isaac Moore on two charges \$100 each, John Barry on two charges \$50 each, James Alexander on one charge \$100, R. F. Early, on one charge \$100, and P. Fitzpatrick on two charges \$100.

BRUCE COUNTY.

\$1,250 in Fines.

We learn from the Bruce Reporter details of one week's work of Police Magistrate Vanstone. If enforcement is pushed as energetically in other counties as in Bruce it will not be long before the Scott Act is universally respected. The amount of fines imposed in the time named was \$1,250. Decisions were reserved in eight cases. If convictions are made in these eight the total fines will be over \$1,600. The costs will amount to \$150. The following is the list of cases tried: Turo—E. Guy, M. McClusky, Silas Rogers, William Campbell, \$50 each and costs. Harton—Geo. Berchc, and S. Shaw \$100 each, W. H. Hoover, and M. Ely \$50 each. Chaley—Mary R. Maxwell, \$50, John S. McDonald and J. Adams, reserved. Port Elgin—Mary A. Fritzingor, H. Heller, John Johns, H. Kennedy, \$50 each, and a second charge against each reserved; D. Campbell, reserved; J. Vanwyck, C. Hartlieb, Wm. Mitchell and J. C. Miller, dismissed. Walkerton—W. A. Green, J. Klemp, John Georgan, John Eberth, R. Mid-daugh and Jacob Greyerbehl, \$50; G. G. Bobier, reserved; Wm. Clark, Samuel Schell, Matt Egger, H. Burnham and Matt Georgan, dismissed. Paisley—G. S. Wilson, Jonas Kaske, Donald McClure, John Decker, Alex Campbell, James Ross, \$50 each; D. J. Bain, reserved.

IN WEST WELLINGTON.

Work is being pushed on in this riding. A convention was recently held in Fergus of which the Advocate says:—A large number of delegates were present from Mt. Forest, Dryton, Rothsay, Fergus, Erin, Erinosa, and West Garafraxa. From all the different places the cause was reported progressing satisfactorily, and although difficulties do arise that greatly retard the advancement still considerable headway has been made notwithstanding, and the temperance people have no reason whatever to feel discouraged. Solid work is being done nearly all over the county and gradually the places that have been defiant are being compelled to give in and it is only a matter of time with the strongest.

In the evening Dr. Fairfield, of Michigan gave a really entertaining lecture in the drill shed to a fairly large audience. In the course of the lecture the doctor gave chalk illustrations of the different organs and arteries of the human body, showing the effects alcohol has on them. He drew the picture of a man in perfect health and before alcohol had been used at all, and gradually changed the appearance of his subject to correspond with the different stages of a debauched life until the last scene of delirium tremens. The lecturer also gave some excellent statistics showing the length of life after commencing the use of liquor at various periods all the way from 20 to 80 years of age. The lecture was highly entertaining throughout. In the afternoon the Dr. gave a very interesting address to the scholars of the High and Public Schools, in the Town Hall, and a large number attended.

WATERLOO!

A GRAND ROUSING CONVENTION.

The German Farmers Waking Up And Determined to Down the Drink Traffic.

The Waterloo County Temperance Association held its fourth annual convention in Berlin Town Hall on Thursday of last week. After routine business a very practical and interesting address was delivered by Dr. W. J. Passmore on "The Chemical and Physiological Effects of Alcohol." Rev. A. W. Bowers followed with a dissertation on "The Mental and Moral Effects of Alcoholic Beverages." In the afternoon Rev. J. A. Dickson, B.D. delivered an address on "The New Temperance Text Book for Public Schools, and Rev. R. W. Williams followed in a rousing address on "Temperance work in this country."

The evening meeting was a great success. After a number of ten minute addresses, Mayor Howland was introduced and received with great enthusiasm. Excitement ran high. The Mayor's address was unusually able and effective, and the general feeling was that the time for the submission of the Scott Act in Waterloo County is not far off.

One of the most pleasing features of the convention was the union of all denominations, or rather of all the people regardless of denomination.

The list of the Officers elected for the coming year is as follows:—President, R. C. Henderson, of Hespeler; First Vice-President, Jacob V. Shantz, Berlin; Second Vice-President, Rev. W. Tait, Berlin; Secretary, Henry A. Krubbs, Hespeler; Treasurer, D. J. O'Keefe Hespeler.

ANOTHER COUNTY IN LINE.

Wentworth to try the Scott Act.

We are very much pleased to learn of the remarkable success attending campaign work in Wentworth county. A very successful royal revival has been carried on recently in Dundas. One of the meetings in connection with which is reported in the Hamilton Spectator as follows:—The biggest temperance meeting that was ever held in Dundas took place there last night. It was held in connection with the gospel temperance revival which has been in progress there for two weeks under the management of Prof. Flowelling and W. F. Waldell; but this meeting was one of unusual interest and importance. It was held in the town hall which was so crowded that not even standing room could be attained, and three or four hundred persons were unable to get inside. Persons were present from Water-down, Lynden, Jerseyville, and other parts of the country. One of the great attractions of the programme was the remarkable angling of Cora Flowelling, a pretty little miss of ten or twelve summers, whose clear, sweet voice, engaging manner and apparent earnestness quite captivated the audience. She sang two temperance songs, both of which were rapturously encored. Two speeches were delivered. Rev. J. S. Ross spoke for about a quarter of an hour on the subject of temperance work. But the principal address was delivered by W. W. Buchanan, who held the close attention of the audience for more than an hour. The main theme of his address was the imperative necessity of thorough organization among temperance workers in order to achieve substantial results. Mr. Buchanan made an important announcement. He said that it had been decided to call a convention shortly for the purpose of considering the advisability of having a Scott Act campaign in Wentworth county.

This convention will probably be called within a month, and will be held in Hamilton.

All Along the Lines.

Jailed by the Crooks Act.

On Friday of last week Samuel Woods of King St., London, was sentenced to four weeks in jail for a second offence of selling liquor without license.

Some people grumble about what they call the severity of the Scott Act. What do they think of the Ontario license law which they commend by contrast?

An Alliance Branch.

The scandalism perpetrated by the liquor party in Renfrew is producing good results in increased activity and more thorough organization among temperance workers. A branch of the County Alliance was organized in Clarke's Hall, Pembroke, last week, the following officers being elected:—Walter Beatty, President; H. J. Church, Vice-President; H. R. Lloyd, Secretary; E. Clarke, Treasurer.

A Catholic Temperance Society.

A Temperance Society in connection with the R. C. Cathedral congregation was organized at Peterborough last week under the auspices of his Lordship, Bishop Dowling.

Pretty Sick

At Middleport, in the county of Brant, some days ago, W. J. Bradshaw was fined \$50 and costs for Scott Act violation and on Friday of last week he took a dose of the same medicine, the prescribing physician in each instance was Police Magistrate Grace.

A Good Paper.

The Leeds and Grenville Independent makes a strong appeal for support to local temperance workers. The appeal should meet with a cordial response. The Independent from its inception has been the outspoken and fearless advocate of temperance and prohibition. We have too few papers that take so manly a stand.

A Threatened Strike

It is said that the St. Thomas hotel-keepers are contemplating a strike, proposing to close up their hotels in revenge for the rigid Scott Act enforcement that is going on that city. All right, they can try it, and their movement will no doubt be just as successful as such movements have been generally in other places where the contemptible trick has been tried.

Paying Up.

ALL the hotel keepers of Prescott were brought before the Police Magistrate last week charged with selling liquor in defiance of the Scott Act. Seven of the offenders, namely, Daniels, Huntington, Sheridan, Miller, Brunning, Ryan and Trenholme, paid their fines of \$50 each and costs before the day fixed for the trial. The three others had their cases investigated; one was dismissed; another, named Flyn, secured an adjournment, and the remaining culprit, Driscoll, paid his \$50 and costs.

Peterborough Fines.

In Peterborough the usual course of action is still kept up. Offenders are persistently charged with second or first offences, they plead guilty or are proved guilty and fines are imposed. No third offence prosecution succeeds.

On one day of last week, three men—Squires, Whalen and Lerton—each pleaded guilty to a first offence and paid \$50 and costs. John Boyd, who was tried at the same time, would not plead guilty, but the case was proved and he was fined \$100.

All of these parties were losers of the bars in which the drink was sold.

A Good Inspector.

Inspector BEATON, of West Elgin, had no less than 23 hotel keepers of St. Thomas summoned for Scott Act violation last week. He has also in hand cases against a number of offenders in West Elgin outside the city of St. Thomas. One of the parties summoned is a Justice of the Peace who has himself sat on Scott Act cases. Edward Meers and F. H. Queen, of St. Thomas, have been fined \$50 and \$100 respectively. At a recent public meeting St. Thomas temperance workers resolved to bring out candidates for the approaching municipal elections. They also adopted a resolution approving the course Inspector Beaton is taking in vigorously enforcing the Scott Act.

On Friday last eleven of the St. Thomas offenders owned their offences and paid their fines. All but two are charged with second offences. The aggregate amount collected from these cases will be about \$1,600.

A Presbyterian Synod Band.

The Synod of the maritime provinces of the Presbyterian Church has recently adopted a very thorough going report on temperance in which were embodied the following recommendations:

1. The Synod, firmly adhering to its former declaration, reasserts its conviction that the traffic in intoxicating drinks should be suppressed by law.

2. The Synod thankfully acknowledges the good accruing from the restrictions placed in various ways upon the liquor traffic, and enjoins our people to respect and observe such restrictions in their personal conduct and to lend their hearty support to their maintenance and enforcement.

3. The Synod regards all existing restrictive legislation as merely a tentative experiment, the results of which, however, justify our people in pressing, by every constitutional means, for the enactment and enforcement of a general prohibitory law.

4. While faithfully employing the best available preventative legal measures, it must not be forgotten that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is Heaven's sovereign remedy for intemperance as well as for all other vices.

IN MEMORIAM.

In Memory of Hon. John B. Finch.

Lo! he is dead!
This brilliant leader of our cause,
This brave defender of the right,
This advocate of purer laws,
Who charmed and filled us with delight,
Can he be dead?

Ah! who could know
That he we have loved and cherished so,
Would, in the brightest hour of life,
With intellect and soul aglow,
Amid the conflict and the strife,
Be stricken low?

We stand aghast!
To think his life is o'er and past
While yet his sun was at its noon;
Its brightest rays should be its last,
And midnight's chill and silent gloom,
O'er him be cast.

Illustrious dead!
Sleep well, of thee 'twill o'er be said,
He did what mortal man could do,
Mankind with truth to firmly wed,
Their souls with honour to unshrine,
In errors stand.

C. Wesley Kyle in *The Southern Journal*.

Our Fallen Leader.

PAUSE on the march! A leader has fallen!
To the farthest rank runs the disheartening thrill.
A needed voice silenced! A strong right arm powerless!
A station made vacant that no one can fill.

"Dropped dead" was the message,
He fell in his aragon.
With the echoes still ringing,
Charges at crime.

How deathlike the silence! But here is our comfort—
The words he has uttered shall ring for all time

Pause now for the requiem only, then onward!
The enemy gathers new strength from our woe.

Like the Swedes whom the riderless horse roused to fury,
We'll on with new vigor to vanquish our foe.

— E. L. Benedict in the Voice.

John B. Finch is Dead.

DEAD in his splendid prime—
The master of surging speech!
Silent the tongue that was strong for truth,

Touching and tender for Home and Youth,
Placing the cause of each.

Dead in his manly grace—
The leader we loved so well!
Silent this form at the battle's fore,
Still are the hands that our standard bore,
Bravely, 'till swift he fell!

Dead in his loyal faith—
The friend of our faithful trust!
Silent the heart that was true and real,
Tender the touches of love to feel—
Fading so soon to dust.

Dead at the conflict's front—
The Knight who could know no fear!
Silent the forces he led, to-day,
Hushed be our hearts as we pause to lay
Garlands upon his bier!

Orator, friend, farewell!
Knight of the Right, good-bye!
Willing to fall in thy splendid prime,
Fighting for God, and His cause, sublime—
Death, like a neighbor nigh!

Tears for the Right, bereft!
And tears for the Knight gone down
Smitten and sore in the battle's brunt,
He has but won, at the surging front,
Victory's fadeless crown!

—A. A. Hopkins.