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THE VOTE IN TORONTO.

The temperance workers in Toronto deserve the warmest congratulation upon the magnificent victory which they won on Monday. Defeat had been presaged in all directions. The whole liquor power of Toronto was thoroughly organized; distillery, brewery, warehouse, liquor shop, tavern and saloon united and did their utmost; dishonorable tactics of every available sort were resorted to by the whisky party; money was freely spent, absent and dead voters were personated to an extent happily unknown since the time of the same forces rallied against the adoption of the Dunkin Act; but all was in vain. The friends and advocates of the cause of purity and right never flinched; calmly and temperately, but with irresistible zeal and determination, they worked, holding meetings everywhere, keeping before the public the facts and the real issue, circulating literature, canvassing, praying. Women as well as men, heard and obeyed cheerfully and unhesitatingly the call for united effort to suppress the curse of the licensed grocery. Everyone is familiar with the result. The whole Dominion knows that the ratepayers of the Metropolitan City of Ontario—long looked upon as the stronghold of whiskydom—have asserted by an overwhelming majority of the largest vote they have ever polled, that liquor supremacy is for them a thing of the past. The vote was no scratch-conclusion. True, the time was short, but the whole subject was thoroughly discussed, every point of evidence was carefully examined and every plea was heard and considered. The verdict was given after the fullest deliberation; it is couched in unequivocal terms, and based on the soundest principles. It voices the feeling, the judgment and the determination of a true-hearted and intelligent community. It is an utter condemnation of the sale of strong drink, and an unmistakable announcement that **THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC MUST GO.**

Selected Articles.

FREEMASONRY AND TEMPERANCE.

With the advance of information on the temperance question it occurs that a large percentage of the Masonic body are now temperance men. Masonry, however, does not permit classification amongst its members of any kind whatever, in other words, no lodge can be established confined to any class of men. But lodges can choose as to when and where its members shall take refreshments, and as to what shall be included or excluded in connection with those refreshments. Acting upon that privilege a movement is progressing in the Order for lodge to decree that no intoxicating liquors shall at any time be permitted to be introduced at their refreshment boards; with a clause in their by-laws to this effect. Such a one, on a large scale, was opened at Manchester in the beginning of last year, and now the Three Towns are about to follow the same course. A suggestion was made a few months since among a few of the temperance brethren that it would be worth while to ascertain if such a lodge could not be established there, and on the question being put to the test they were astonished at the popularity of the movement. With scarce an effort over sixty Masons, nearly all of several years' standing, and embracing numerous P.M.'s and provincial officers, came forward at once as being desirous to become members of the new lodge. The proposition was then submitted to the heads of the Order in the Three Towns, when the whole of them, with, it is believed, only one exception, signed a recommendation that a warrant for the new lodge should be granted. The Provincial Grand Master added his recommendation, and now the information has been received that the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to grant a warrant for the holding of the said lodge under title of "The St. George, No. 2,025." The membership is not confined to pledged teetotalers, nor will any attempt be made to so limit it. At all its banquets and entertainments every endeavour will be made to make the social gatherings enjoyable, but without the aid of alcohol. The three principal officers named in the warrant will be provincial officers, who are total abstainers—the W. M. for twenty-eight years, the S. W. for eighteen years, and the J. W. a life-long abstainer. There were nearly fifty petitioners for the new lodge, and many of the brethren are active "blue ribbonists" and total abstainers. It is hoped that Lord Ebrington, M. P., the Prov. G. M. of Devon, will be able to consecrate the new lodge before leaving for London to enter on his Parliamentary duties.—*Western Morning News.*

A FATHER MATHEW DEMONSTRATION.

A large gathering of the members and friends of the London League of the Cross Catholic Total Abstinence Society was held recently in Shore-ditch Town Hall, to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birthday of Father Theobald Mathew, the Irish apostle of temperance.

Mr. A. M. Sullivan, who presided, said that he had been over in Ireland a short time ago, and he was rejoiced to tell them that the old country was more happy, more hopeful, and more prosperous than it had been for the last 500 years. God had this year blessed the land with a good harvest, and the Irish farmer was thankful, but in the midst of this rejoicing there came a shadow over the hearts of many a friend of Ireland, and it was this. Now that no confiscating hand can come and deprive the farmer of the