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Wm. R. Robinson and Enos Kennedy of Chatham have each been fined \$50 and costs for Scott Act violation.

Reports from different places show that the recent Anti Scott Act victories were celebrated by the usual orgies, chiefly burning, etc.

At St. Thomas, last week, Edward Smith of Rodney was fined \$100 and costs for Scott Act violation, and Thomas Morgan of St. Thomas city was fined \$50 and costs.

An Alton despatch of last week states that a quarryman named Richard Patterson had lain down on the railway track while drunk, and was killed by a passing C.P.R. freight train.

Last week, in the Toronto Bay, nearly opposite the Union Station, there was found floating the body of a young man, who afterwards turned out to be Joseph Graham, and was last seen in this city on April 16th in the company of a young man with whom he had been drinking freely.

Rosemont, Dufferin county, has organized a Union Christian Temperance Society, on a Total Abstinence basis. The following is the list of officers:—President, Rev. Mr. Daniel, Vice Presidents, Rev. Messrs. Thornley, Smith Booth and G. S. Martyn; Secretary, Wm. Ewing, Treasurer, R. Healey, Committee, Misses Brett, Cumberland and Morrison, and Messrs. Abram and W. B. Dickey.

Under License. An exchange informs us that Thomas McCleary was taken from the Owen Sound jail recently on a conviction of larceny, courted a girl on Sunday, married her on Monday, got drunk on Tuesday, took up residence in the lock-up on Wednesday, was ushered into the magistrate's presence on Thursday, and spent Friday in jail. He was discharged on Saturday at the earnest request of his wife, so that they might again spend a happy Sunday together.

Another Victim. An inquiry into the death of Joseph Rooney, who expired suddenly in the Ottawa police station, was held by Coroner Dr. Stephen Wright on Saturday evening. It seemed from the evidence, was found shortly before noon in the Grand Opera House seemingly affected by delirium tremens. When brought to the police station he raved about invisible things, and at 12 30 had a fit, from which he died in about an hour. The jury found a verdict that the deceased died from natural causes superinduced by liquor and not from any hurt or injury.—Renfrew Mercury.

Repeal at Work. Halton is already suffering from the effects of Scott Act repeal. Although the law is still nominally in operation, there is a good deal of drinking. The following little clipping from the Palmero correspondent of the Milton Reformer shows how even in the little village named, whisky is already doing its work. "The quottos which has reigned over our little town of late years, was broken on Arbor Day, 7th inst., by the appearance of a number of drunks who were creating quite a disturbance, one of whom, however, collapsed with the proprietor of the Adams House, where a lively scene ensued, and the wailing of women which was heard coming from the 'Hotel Revere' was beyond description, and quottos was only restored by the appearance on the scene of the guardian of the Crooks Act."

Arresting an Anti. The Renfrew Mercury tells of the arrest of Joseph Loyst, of Kinnecob, Frontenac county, by two constables. He had eluded all attempts at capture for some time by secreting himself in a bush. They found him in a cellar, the only entrance to which was through a small trap door. He was armed with a double barrell shot gun which he said he should use should they meddle with him, and that he would be taken out only as a dead man. One of the constables started to descend to the cellar, when Loyst struck him on the legs a severe blow with a club. An axe was secured by the officers, who proceeded to cut away the floor around the trap. Loyst consented then to allow himself to be arrested. He was taken in charge by the officers, and has since been tried and sentenced to gaol for four months for violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

A Middle in Bruce. Some of the Bruce county municipalities have got themselves into a little

bother, by their anxiety to get rid of the Scott Act, and bring in the License Law. Without noticing the changes made a short time ago in the License Act (by which the Provincial Government receives a good round sum, in addition to the one fixed by the Municipal Council), the different Municipal Councils fixed the amount to be paid at a figure which they considered fair. It is now too late to amend the by-law, and the licensees will all have for the present year to pay the fees fixed by the Councils, and the extra amount charged by the Government as well. The Commissioners in Centre Bruce have issued no licenses yet.

As the Scott Act is not yet repealed in the county of Bruce it is just possible that some of the men who have paid their fees and taken out licenses will find themselves still liable for prosecution for violating the law.

A Great Good Work. Mr Robert Hall, the active city agent of the Toronto Christian Temperance Mission, recently laid before the society which he represents his thirty-ninth monthly report, in which he stated that "the work of the winter season had practically ceased. Doors that are open during the winter months are now closed, and the inmates gone, but other and wider fields of labor we opened up. On April 1st 151 men and 9 women 'casuals' were in the House of Industry, and we hold gospel services in every ward. On the 7th the Haven was closed to all traps, excepting those coming from a distance. On the 8th we held our closing service for the season, there being only 11 men and about the same number of women present. The Industrial Refugio and the General hospital have been twice visited, special cases dealt with, tracts distributed and words of tenderness and cheer spoken. The work at the jail was increasing in interest. The 'library' had assisted largely in gaining him the confidence of the prisoners. In all of his meetings he could see evidences of God's blessing on his work. Several open air meetings had been held and 1,600 gospel and gospel temperance tracts carefully distributed, but he felt very much the need of more help, especially for the open air meetings. In addition to all this he had 134 families on his visiting list, being mostly cases that had been reported to him by others. He found it was impossible along with his other duties to visit these as often as they should be visited. There was great need for another missionary in this field.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION. A White Ribbon Rally at Streetsville—The Women of Halton and Peel, and their work.

A largely attended and a very enthusiastic convention of the W.C.T.U., of the counties of Halton and Peel was held in Streetsville, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. L. L. Bennett, of Georgetown, President of the Association of the united counties. Just now cleverly women can handle business was shown in the ability displayed by Mrs. Bennett in conducting the business of this gathering. After devotional exercises, and the appointing of committees, an interesting address, on the question of "Woman's work in the Field of Temperance," was delivered by the president. Following this came an exceedingly impressive paper on "Mother's Responsibility," by Mrs. Wm. McCroney, of Oakville, the wife of the well known war horse of the county of Halton, Wm. McCroney, Ex-M.P. In the afternoon session Mrs. Beynon, of Streetsville, presented the address to the visiting sisters, and this was responded to by Mrs. D. F. Smith, of Burlington. The questioner at both sessions of the convention was an interesting feature of the day. A profitable half hour was spent from 3 30 to 4 p.m. receiving reports of superintendents of various departments, presented respectively by Mrs. Grimshaw, of Brampton, Mrs. Gray, of Brampton, Mrs. S. M. Robinson, of Georgetown, and Miss Jennie Harrison, of Georgetown. From 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon was given up to the Band of Hope work, conducted by Miss Etta McKenzie, of Streetsville. This was perhaps the taking feature of the day's programme. The creditable manner in which the little ones went through their performances reflect most complete credit on their leader. A feature of the programme acceptable to everybody, was the bountiful repast, served both at noon and 6 o'clock, by the ladies, in the basement of the church. (All services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church of the town.) In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Rev. Mr. Barker, of Streetsville. There was a large attendance of residents both of the town and surrounding country. Some excellent music was rendered by the choir of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Andrews sang very beautifully, as a solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and little Master Rowe, a child of about five years of age, sang, to the delight of everybody. (He was dressed in tartan.) A rousing address on the Temperance situation was delivered by the chairman, followed by a vigorous plea for absolute Prohibition and Independent Political Action, by Mr. Wm. Munna, of Parkdale, and an unusually earnest and effective address on Individual Responsibility, by Mr. J. S. Robertson, of Toronto. The ladies of these two counties have every reason to feel gratified at the success of their first convention, and to be encouraged in the efforts they are putting forth in their particular sphere to spread total abstinence and Prohibition principles. To the local committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Beatty, of Streetsville, is due much credit for the perfection of the arrangements of the convention throughout.

A New Society. The Commercial Temperance League, a new form of an Anti-liquor organization,

is in operation in the United States. The New York Observer refers to it in the following terms—"A new temperance organization has been formed in this country recently which promises to be a powerful factor in the promotion of the great reform. It is intended to include commercial travellers, and is called the 'Commercial Temperance League.' The members are required to take two pledges, first, to drink no intoxicating liquors, and second, to get ten others to join the league. Branch societies have already been established in many of our principal cities. A system of correspondence has been started whereby each branch will report at least once a month to the Cabinet, located in New York, giving answer to the special subject of thought and work for the month. The Cabinet will send out a general letter to the various branches each month, and interest will thus be awakened, thought be given, and the boat of action devised for the overthrow of the power of alcohol, in the individual and in the nation.

I Know a Bank. [A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD SONG.]

There's a Bank that I hear about now and then, Which takes deposits from working-men; It has glaring mirrors and flaring gas, And its drafts are drawn in a jug or glass. The customer there for his savings shows— A shabby hand and a blazing nose Keep out of its books, for I've come to learn The Gin-Palace Bank is a queer concern.

There's a Bank that I hear about now and then, Which takes deposits from working-men; Its clerks are never too proud or fine To enter a trifle of yours or mine; And the pence mount up, as I hear folks say, To a nice little sum for a rainy day. Get one of its books, for I've come to learn The Post Office Bank is a safe concern.

There's a Bank that I hear about now and then, Which takes deposits from working-men. A shake of the hand, a smile, a look, Is entered fair in an angel's book, Good words are its silver, good deeds its gold, And its riches ne'er fail, nor its bags wax old. O think of that Bank, for I've come to learn To have treasure above is our chief concern.

Tobacco and Immorality. A prominent worker in the W. C. T. U., Annie M. Starr, of Richmond, Indiana, says, in a circular issued in the interests of the Department for the Suppression of Impure Literature, of which she is the State Superintendent, "The boys of the public schools are becoming demoralized through the obscene pictures which they find in packages of cigarettes." Obscene "boodle cards," a tobacco advertisement, are also being widely circulated.

Tobacco and vice, as well as liquor and vice, have always been close associates. The agents of immorality could find no more appropriate medium for the accomplishment of their infamous purpose, than tobacco.

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