

The Temperance Worker

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WAR NOTES.

THE LEEDS campaigners have adopted a uniform,—a bit of the noble blue ribbon on the breast.

SHEFFORD COUNTY, Province of Quebec, has fallen into line, and is beginning a grand fight to clear itself from the liquor curse.

IN PERTH, the arrangements for submitting the Scott Act are progressing, and it has been decided that each district will pay its share of a fund of \$1,500 or \$1,600 for the work's expenses.

THE SCOTT ACT campaigns in the city and county of Brantford and Brant are being carried on separately. The committees are going the right way to work by circulating plenty of good campaign literature in their districts. They recommend the Rev. Mr. McKay's pamphlet, the Dominion Alliance tracts, the *Canada Citizen*, and *War Notes*, a lively sheet issued by the *Witness* house at less than cost price.

ENTHUSIASM is steadily rising for the grand fight now beginning against drink and immorality. County after county in Ontario is falling into line. All timidity is fast vanishing: what soldier can be afraid when he has brave comrades on every side? Even in the Province of Quebec the infection of the patriotic war spirit is spreading, and once a good example is set there is no knowing what good result may follow. A correspondent writes very hopefully from Huntingdon, where a few meetings might show that the men of that county, and the women too, are quite ready to march with the conquering host.

MANITOBA IS AROUSED.—The greatest temperance meeting ever held in the province has just taken place at Winnipeg, and resolutions were unanimously passed in favor of having a vote on this Scott Act all over Manitoba at the same time. There is the greatest enthusiasm among the inhabitants who wish to keep themselves and their friends off the track that runs through the saloon door to ruin. In Lisgar and Marquette, where the Scott Act is already adopted but is being opposed in its enforcement, liquor dealers are going to be prosecuted under the provincial law for selling without a license. Of course, they cannot get licenses where the Scott Act is law, and it is to be hoped the people of Lisgar and Marquette will find some means of protecting themselves from that public nuisance the rum seller.

THE SPECIAL PLEADERS who are trying to convince Ontario that the liquor traffic is a blessing and not a curse find that their glib tongues have undertaken a hard task. Mr. King Dodds is of course the generalissimo of the army of defence—the army, that is, which has done its best to enslave the country and is now trying to prevent an end being put to its usurpation. The weapons of Mr. Dodds and his imitators are very old, and sadly blunted by the hard invincible facts with which they have come in contact. Still, the armory of the liquor dealers is very limited, and the old worn-out lies and scarecrows have to be dragged out once more for want of better. For instance, that undying fiction about the inefficiency of the Prohibitory Law in Maine has made its appearance from Mr. Dodds' mouth at Cornwall, Ontario. But there happen to be a number of natives of that

State now working in Cornwall, and they are coming forward denying the slanderous statements of Mr. Dodds about their country and their countrymen. We give on another page of this number an interesting description of the sneaking, hole-and-corner business into which the Maine liquor trade has shrivelled under the reign of Prohibition.

THE WEEK.

THREE MEMBERS of the Canadian Cabinet left for England by the same steamer last week: Mr. D. L. Macpherson, Sir Leonard Tilley, and Sir Charles Tupper.

A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE in the Peninsula of Izzicus, Asia Minor, on May 21st, destroyed several villages, killing twenty human beings.

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY, who have been conducting wonderfully successful missions in Great Britain, will set sail, on their return to America, on July 5th.

THE KING OF SPAIN is suffering from a wasting away of the arteries, which makes those blood vessels liable to rupture.

IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED to have veterinary surgeons placed on steamers that carry cattle to England.

THERE HAS BEEN A terrible cyclone at Akyah, in British Burmah, destroying a lighthouse, driving several ships ashore, and wrecking the whole town.

THE CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR of Halifax, N.S., Mr. John Naylor, must have been doing the duty for which he was appointed, for he has just received a threatening letter consigning him to perdition.

THE NATIONAL MILLER'S ASSOCIATION'S report, just issued, says that the prospects of this year's grain crops are very good in nearly all the States.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Canada has been inspecting the Cadets in the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario, and was much pleased with their drill.

THE DEATH OF CETEWAYO has left his Zulu Kingdom in a very disturbed state, and it is said that British troops are to be sent there once more. Mr. Osborn, the British Resident in Zululand, has been prevented from collecting the taxes in Inkandhla by a number of women armed with sticks, and has had to beat a hasty retreat. He has since been attacked in his own house by twenty of King Cetewayo's late wives, and but for timely assistance would have been in some danger. He escaped on a horse which fortunately was standing near. The Zulus in Inkandhla now refuse to pay any taxes.

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN Church, at its Synod in Pittsburg, has formally condemned the liquor traffic, excommunicating all who engage in it or who lease their property to tavern keepers.

TWO LIQUOR SELLERS at Halifax, N. S., have just been fined \$25 each for selling without a license under last year's Act of the Dominion Parliament—the Act that some people are saying is not to be enforced.

THE KING OF THE MAORIS, the brave natives of New Zealand, is about to visit England to ask the Imperial Government to stop the wrongs inflicted on him by the white colonists. His Majesty is not a very reputable character, being rather too fond of liquor, but it is said that the treatment of his people by the settlers has really been very bad.

MICHAEL DAVITT was going off on a two years' lecturing tour round the world. The Irish National League, however, has passed resolutions wanting him to stay at home, as their work cannot get on without him. We shall see.

CHINA has not only patched up her quarrel with France, but has conferred on the Admiral of the French navy the "Order of the Double Dragon" and the title of Mandarin.

THE ENGLISH custom of allowing a man to make laws for the nation because his father did so before him sometimes has disgraceful results. A young man whose grandfather rose to be Lord Chancellor inherited his ancestor's title of Lord St Leonards and his ancestor's seat in the House of Lords. He has been living a fast life, and has at last been convicted of a serious assault on a woman. And yet this young rascal's vote against any good measure brought up in Parliament has as much power as the vote of any statesman who has spent all his life in benefiting his country. Another lord, the heir of the Marquis of Ailesbury, has just distinguished himself by marrying an actress.

COMMERCIAL MEN in Germany are very indignant at a proposal to increase the taxes on financial operations. It is likely that Prince Bismarck will have to find some other screw by which to squeeze money from the Germans to pay for the huge military system of the Empire.

IT SEEMS as unlikely as ever that France would welcome another Napoleon, so the reported quarrel between Prince Victor Napoleon and his father Prince Jerome, as to which should be Bonaparte's successor, only excites amusement and pity. It is denied by some that there is any quarrel at all.

THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, who won such a black reputation for himself when Marquis of Blandford, is trying to raise more money by selling the pictures obtained by his ancestors. He has offered to sell eleven of the most valuable historical specimens to the British Government, for the National Gallery, for \$1,837,500.

THE SRUPTSCHINA, or Parliament, of Servia,—the youngest Kingdom in Europe,—has just been opened by King Milan, who promises freedom of the press and of public meetings. There was a rebellion in this little kingdom recently.

A CATTLE MAN of St. Louis says that probably half a million head will be sent from Texas this year, being more than in any season for ten years past.

THERE IS A GREAT and increasing excitement among the slaves of Brazil; they are determined to have freedom, and they will not now be prevented from obtaining it. The slavery question is also a very pressing one in Cuba; the abolitionists in that island, and their sympathizers in Spain, say that the blacks are not being emancipated as fast as they should be. And a petition is being sent to the Spanish government to stop the flogging of negroes.

FLOODS are causing great damage in the south-east of Spain. Crops are destroyed, families driven from their homes, and communication between towns cut off.

SOME SCOUNDRELS loosened a railway track in Russia the other day, and wrecked a Moscow express train. One person was killed and seven injured. This was probably the work of Nihilists, for the Grand Duke Sergius was travelling on the same line, and reached the spot soon after the accident.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT has invited the British artillery volunteers to Quebec, to compete in the contests next September. If the National Artillery Society can raise \$5,000, they mean to send out a team for this purpose.

THERE IS ALWAYS more of the trouble in the South American republics, and now a civil war is likely in Venezuela.

THE TEACHERS of London, Ontario, have decided in favor of having temperance taught in the schools.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Canada, and Lady Lansdowne, are in Quebec just now, living at the Citadel.

THE LACROSSE PLAYERS have begun their summer's work in earnest. The American team are having a very successful time over in England; they were thoroughly beaten by the North of England club at Manchester, however. No match for the championship of Canada has yet been played.

THERE IS NO END to the string of false prophets trying to deceive their foolish fellow-creatures just now. The latest is a negro, who is announcing himself to the people of Georgia, as the Messiah.

MR. DANIEL LOGAN, with whose writings the readers of the *Weekly Messenger* have been familiar since its foundation, has left Canada to take a position on the Honolulu *Daily Bulletin*, Sandwich Islands.

A GREAT TEMPERANCE CONVENTION, for the whole State of Minnesota, is to be held at Minneapolis on the 18th and 19th of June, under the auspices of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Church authorities at Oka, following up their plan of treating the Indians as the Irish and Highland landlords treat the crofters, are beginning to serve notices of eviction. As the Indians claim the land as their own on which the tribe has lived for many generations, they do not intend to move out without contesting the matter in the Courts.

A HUNDRED AND FIFTY Italians complain of a very cruel fraud on the part of a man named Leonard. This man found the Italians in Toronto, engaged them to work on some great contract at Cornwall, Ont., and sold them tickets to that place at a dollar a head more than the tickets really cost. On arriving at Cornwall the unfortunate men found that nothing was known of Leonard or his contracts. The townspeople charitably supplied the wants of the men, who are now seeking work in Montreal.

THE ENGLISH MISSIONARY, Mr. Shaw, who has received \$5,000 from the French Government as damages for his unjust imprisonment on a French war-ship at Madagascar, is claiming an additional sum as compensation for his harsh treatment by the Admiral, and for the destruction of his property by the bombardment.

TWELVE IRISHMEN have been sent for trial at the next Sligo assizes, on a charge of conspiracy to murder. One of the witnesses, Delaney, who had been an "Invincible," swore that Tynan, who is supposed to be the "Number One" who organized the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, was present in the Phoenix Park when that tragedy took place. Delaney also swore that he was one of the men sent by their murderous leaders to shoot Detective Sheridan.

THE PEACH CROP in Niagara district, the orchard of Canada, is expected not to be a success this year. Grapes may be a fair crop, and there is a good prospect for apples, pears, plums, cherries and strawberries.