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A \$5,000,000 Strike.

The enthusiastic fanatics who are advocating the passage of the Dunkin Act, probably, have never given a thought to the amount of the property they are seeking to depreciate in value, and the immense vacuum in the public chest which will be made by the shrinkage in value of the amount of real and personal property held by the classes they are seeking to injure.

A Warning Note.

Hard times in Canada. Such is the daily cry, yet with employment scarce and wages almost at starvation point, some of the well paid professional temperance agitators, assisted by a few clergymen of the sensation loving order, are seeking to foist a law upon Toronto that will throw hundreds of men and women out of employment, and by such misfortune still farther reduce wages.

Table with 3 columns: Name, No. employed, Pay out in wages as usually. Lists various businesses like Gooderham & Werts, O'Keefe & Co., etc.

The above are only a few names culled from the hundreds who are engaged in the trade, either in one way or another. Yet the amount of money paid out each year by these men in the shape of wages foot up, to a formidable amount.

stock in five and ten gallon lots to private families, therefore the leading men in the trade have declared that if the Dunkin Act becomes law in this city, they will at once withdraw from business.

Ask the proprietors of our large hotels what will be the result, and they will tell you that it means partial ruin to their houses. A guest arrives at his hotel weary after a long journey, asks for a glass of ale or wine to be sent to his room, and is told that by order of the "pharisees" his mouth is muzzled during his stay in Toronto.

Pharisees Pure and Simple.

The Dunkinite orators claim that all the respectability and morality is on their side. They refuse to admit that Archbishop Lynch is sincere in his determined opposition to the Dunkin Act.

The Reverend Mr. Livingstone, speaking the other night in favor of the Dunkin Act, recommended fathers to vote for that Act, that they could buy liquor at wholesale price in the wholesale quantity of five gallons and share the same with their wives and children.

Stinging Comparison.

The County of Bruce—a territory three times the size of Prince Edward County enjoys the Crooks Act—and under its working they only had three recorded cases of drunkenness in six months, from June to December, 1826.

"You have as much right to dictate to me how I shall sleep or what I shall eat as to what hotel I shall stop at" Extract from Mr. Rine's speech at the Amphitheatre on Thursday evening.

Patiotic Russian Women.

Through out Russia the war-feeling is exceedingly strong. The Russian women, especially display a warm interest in the welfare of the army. "Two days ago," writes the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Manchester Examiner, "at the invitation of Baroness Radnab, I spent an hour in going over the building near Fort Nichols in which the Red Cross Society is installed, and anything so perfect in its arrangements can scarcely be imaginable."

Why the Train was Delayed.

The Boston Courier tells the following: While traveling over a branch railroad through the rural districts into the edge of New Hampshire, the train drew up at a small station. The passengers gazed out of the car windows to take in anything of interest that might be seen.

Swallowing a Diamond.

It is no unusual thing for a valuable diamond to pass from one family to another, and gain notoriety with such change; but it is seldom one is found so valuable as to be issued by governments as security upon which money is advanced to pay off an army; and yet such is history.

The diamond was found on the field after the battle by a Swiss, who sold it to a priest for a trifle, and it afterwards became the property of a French nobleman named De Sancy. The treasure remained in the possession of the family for more than a century, when one of his descendants, who was captain of the Swiss Guard under Henry III. of France, was commissioned by the new king to raise a new force from the same nation.

The Count entrusted the diamond to one of his most faithful followers for conveyance to the king; but the messenger and the treasure disappeared, to the great consternation of Henry and DeSancy. The most diligent search was made, but without furnishing any clue to the mystery.

DeSancy ascertained the locality and instituted a careful search, which resulted in the discovery of his servant's remains. He next gave directions to have the body opened; when, to the astonishment of all but De Sancy himself, the treasure was discovered. It was now clear that the poor fellow, on finding himself beset beyond the possibility of escape, had swallowed the diamond rather than it should fall into the hands of the robbers.

The diamond was purchased for the Crown of England; but James II. carried it with him in his flight to France in 1688. Louis XV. is said to have worn it at his coronation. In 1835 it was sold to its present owner for £30,000 sterling.

There is no doubt that the man who swallowed it for safety did a very wise thing for his master; but we are inclined to the opinion it was the most costly, and at the same time the hardest morsel ever swallowed by mortal man.

Look not upon the wine cup when it is red, but smile upon the fire-gallon demijohn, now, so lovingly held to the rich man's lips by the leaders of the Dunkinite camp.

There are now on file in the State Department at Washington seven hundred applications for appointments as Consul. There is but one vacancy, and that is St. Paul de Loande, an unhealthy post on the coast of Africa.

These are the days when a man comes along to the cool and shaded spring by the roadside, and, stooping down, shoves his nose into the water and sucks up a drink while one knee gets wet and his hand slips off the stone and splashes mud all over his shirt front just at that moment his hat falls off into the water.

A MAN on the Hamilton Road has brought peace into his family-circle forever. Last week he moved into a new house, containing a bay window and a twenty-three closets, and he bought his wife nine miles of clothes-lines, a cord of clothes-line props, and 124 dozen clothespins. And the angels just came down and sit around on the side-fence, and envy that woman's perfect happiness.

A young son of Mr. Mitchell, a well-to-do butcher of London, bids fair to become a formidable rival of the celebrated Blind Tom, so well known in Toronto. He is totally blind, seven years of age, and plays on numerous instruments. Should he once hear a tune, no matter how difficult, he will in a short time afterwards repeat it with scarcely an error. He became blind through disease when an infant, and it was while recovering that he showed a strong predilection for all kinds of musical instruments.