THE WEEKLY MAIL: TORONTO, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1876.

PROHIBITION.

Report of the Interview with the Premier at Montreal.

(*Montreal Gazette.*)

Following gentlemen formed the deputation:—

Alliance (Temperance)—Dean of Ottawa and Dr. Carpenter.

Prince Electoral Association—Mr. President, and Mr. Ouimet.

Canadian Council—Hon. James Ferrier, Hon. Childs, Vice-President, and Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer.

Nelson, Grenier, and Clen-

Health Committee—Messrs. Mercier, and H. Lyman.

were also present: Mr. T. Workman and Messrs. B. Lyman and L.

Premier was also upon the Health

Question dropped in during the con-

The gentlemen had been introduced Workman, Hon. James Fraser at the Dominion Government from the Supreme Court Canada opinion on the Dunkin Act, which had declared to be unconstitu-

Alexander Mackenzie replied by if in order to give some and effect to the decision of the Court it would be to submit a case, with able lawyers like to argue it. Judges, as we were fallible, and the only proper test their opinion was after argument not for the Government to a paper and submit it to the ing for its decision. He could not to pass an opinion upon Judge decision, as he was not, as Supreme Court, in the chair. There was a case now be- Supreme Court upon which its would be taken. The temperance was much larger than any mere for Judge or Court of Appeal to it was one for the general syn- the public, and, until the public to it and so overwhelming public was brought to bear in favour of it, not much hope of its being set- be best thing that could be done work the machinery they had—to the law as it stood. It was diffi- make on more questions such as they had taken firm hold of public and impressed people with their importance. His whole sympathies in the temperance cause. In On- or six districts in all had carried Prohibition Act into effect, whilst or nine more districts, by law to be was being prepared. It, there- tained with the people themselves to It had been suggested by a- ternal for the Government to ap- inspectors, but it had forgotten Dominion Government ought to do so. In Ontario the Provin- ernment had appointed Licence In- which must have a beneficial effect, in a year's trial they would be better judge. He had pointed out to in a year as the difficulty of mak- temperance question a political one, right it much better to leave it to be by both political parties. As a of the present Administration, he duty to carry out what was legal- but did not intend to formulate any tion.

Lewis—Is it the Federal or Local ments we are to go to?

Mackenzie—I cannot

He concluded the business of the Tem- deputation, and many of the mem- withdrew.

Serious Accident in India.—The Calcutta correspondent of the London *Times* graphs that paper Oct. 8 as follows:—The River Hooghly was the scene of the accident on Wednesday. Last year ship British Viceroy sank at her moor- of the strand road, which is one of the crowded streets in the business quar- of the town. The wreck impeded the gation, and the Torpede Commission stook to blow it up. Two fruitless at- ts were made on Monday. On Wed- y a torpedo boat, containing 1,000 ds of gunpowder, was anchored on the preparing for a third attempt. Sergt. Royal Engineers, and thirteen es were on board. About two o'clock man was seen hammering a wooden with a fuse through it into an iron cy- containing 400 pounds of powder. shell for some melted wax to make the watertight. A native melted some in an iron ladle over a fire in the ship. alongside, and handed the ladle to Sergt. Mackie, who twice again called for more. the ladle was being handed to him for third time an explosion occurred. No ne had been found of Harrison and other crew. Four others, and some ns in neighboring boats and on shore injured, and one is since dead. ain with 200 pounds of powder blown ipped into the strand road, half a human was found, and a head, in Hare street. ments of flesh and limbs, and pieces were scattered along the strand. windows in the vicinity were broken, some walls were cracked, but no very ble damage was done to property. The ndo boat sank at once. Until it is raised impossible to say whether the whole up of powder in the hold exploded, but bably not, or the damage would have much more serious. The total killedists of Sergt. Harrison and eight ives. There were twelve natives in, one of whom has died in the hospital. explosion was heard all over Calcutta, a thick volume of smoke was seen from the distance. The coroner's inquest con- ses this week, but it probably will not it much information, as the only persons would explain the immediate cause of explosion were killed. There was clear- ligence somewhere, but it seems strange in a port where there is a strict rule ships shall not have more than five ds of powder on board, that a boat with pounds should be allowed to lie amid ping and close to the shore. It is strange, then the charge of a boat with such ght should be left to one non-com- ioned officer and native Lascars, and fully boat, with a fire on board, ld be kept alongside. All these mat- require explanation, and the public ve satisfied unless they are thoroughly ed.

all-lights are about to be introduced into capital of Japan.

CANADIAN.

The municipality of Drummond, County of Lanark, has under consideration the drinking of a big swamp.

Mr. Alex. Loghrin has sold his farm, east half of lot 26, 3rd concession Zorra, 100 acres, to Henry Bentley, for $4,700.

Messrs. Duff and Newbanks, apple dealers of Ottawa, have just returned from Western Canada with upwards of 1,000 barrels of apples.

A certain farmer in Metcalf township had a few potatoes left remaining in the field on the 25th Oct. "Is that because he is a bachelor?" asks the Strathroy *Dispatch*.

Cattle buyers are scouring Middlesex township and vicinity buying stores to ship to the Windsor distillery. They are paying at the rate of 2½ cents per pound, live weight.

At Sydney, Cape Breton, potatoes were retailing, near the end of October, for twenty-five cents per bushel. The Cape Breton *Times* says the yield is larger this season than it has been for many years in that county.

Says the Cobourg *Star*:—"Our young friend, Mr. J. P. Field, recently married a young lady from England, and notice of the event having been sent to her native parish in Cornwall, England, the ringers celebrated it in the most hearty manner."

The Paisley *Advocate* says:—"We under- stand that Mr. McPhail, of St. Catharines, has refused the position of Gaoler, master at Paisley. In the meantime Mr. Shirlock, of Southampton, has been appointed. He, however, having gone to fulfil his appointment at Kincardine."

"We understand," says the Ingersoll *Chronicle*, "that the Central Prison authori- ties now decline to admit vagrants sentenced for short periods of imprisonment, as six months. It may save magistrates some trouble to keep this in mind, and be sure and not send the vagrants to Central."

Mr. Arthur Martin, son of Joseph Martin, of the Township of Burford, returned to his home near Scotland, from Fort Carlton, where he has been for three years engaged with the Mounted Police. He looks robust, and speaks well of the North-West and of the officers of the force, and intends return- ing shortly.

The Whitby *Chronicle* says:—"A barn belonging to Mr. Matthew Murphy, back of Mr. Draper's residence, with contents—oats, peas, hay, and two stacks of straw—all valued at $800, were destroyed by fire on Sunday night, Oct. 29th. Insurance $200. The fire is charged to the work of an incendiary."

It is mentioned that in Hawtrey, County of Oxford, the diphtheria epidemic has abated somewhat, after having caused twelve deaths. As the same place, recently, a business wife dissolved partnership by mutual consent. It is said the wife got rather the best of it by the dissolution.

Mr. John Cameron, of Lochaber, town- ship of East Williams, was caught by his clothes in a threshing machine a few days since, and seriously hurt. The men at work with him had to cut his clothes in shreds with jack-knives in order to save him from a shocking death. He is now doing well.

The Victoria *Warder* has this mention:—"Our friend Mr. Thos. C. Bartholomew, editor of the Kincardine *Review*, and formerly foreman of this office, was married on the 25th of October to Evelyn Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Bailey, Kincardine, formerly of Kilworth Hall, London, Ont."

Says the Woodstock *Review*:—"Where, asks a contemporary, does all the 'change' go to? Notwithstanding the fact that our banking institutions are frequently called upon to cash quantities of silver for circulation, such importations only give but temporary relief, and in a week afterwards we are as badly off as ever. So scarce is change that merchants quite frequently 'book' small amounts, as they cannot give their customers change."

The other day, Damase Champagne, shoemaker, Montreal, was convicted before the Recorder of having pursued Dr. N. Robillard the previous day, while in the performance of his duty as a public vaccinator, and thrown him down several stairs. The prisoner had threatened to murder the vaccinator.

His Honour considered that but an aggravation of the offence, and condemned the prisoner to the payment of $40 or serve two months at hard labour.

Says the Newmarket *Era*, Nov. 3rd:—"Two weeks ago last Friday, Mr. P. Horan, of Queensville, was convicted of violating the Licence Law, and consequently had to pay twenty-five dollars fine. On his return last Tuesday evening he was met at the Newmarket depot by the Queensville band of "Whittington and his Cat" and I suppose that most men will smile at my generosity, and most ladies will disagree for my greediness, when I confess that the event afforded me extraordinary gratification. But, mind you, you are unjust; you have had nothing to do with my satisfaction, or gastronomical delight. Nothing, that is in any way, it was to an inappreciable extent. For that dinner marked an epoch in my life; it was an acknowledgment of professional success.

A certain guild had employed me on a work of considerable importance, and the invitation was a mark of its appreciation. It was given in a manner which jarred upon my nerves to such an extent that the mere remembrance of the affair is sufficient to at this distance of time, the shuddering feeling which one has on peering over a precipice. Not, mind you, that there was any danger, nor, was followed, or rather accompanied, by anything of a dangerous character. The parties which I can only seek to give an idea of by these somewhat incongruous epithets; for they were neither fish nor flesh, neither in earnest nor jesting, neither mocking and hysterical at the same time. But that was the impression it made upon me. I suppose I felt a little nervous, for in the abode of fiends, who were cavilling at every joy or sorrow, I was hovering over the occasion to their mirth as a lost soul.

"Do you hear that?" I cried, springing up, and rousing Peters.

"Hear what?" he asked, yawning.

"Why, that laughing, that jeering, and the more horrible laughter. The souls of the damned are suffering some one of their number, and mocking him for his sins. Do you not stop them. Oh, quickly! Stop them!"

"Oh, bother!" said Peters; "it is only the hyænas, man. For goodness' sake go to sleep, and do not rouse a fellow from a pleasant little ,forest noise. They are a nuisance, no doubt; and if there was any moonlight, and we were not so tired, I would go out and have a shot at them. Now, go to sleep, and I will do so."

"Delicious, indeed!" said I, after tossing about for an hour. "Delicious! Not a wink yet! I confess all the pain I have endured from the back of your clothes brush for directing my attention to the fact. But what in the name of goodness, I thought that you were going into the army."

"I did for a short time, a very short time, but I could not make it pay. My tastes required a liberal income, and I soon found that I was entroubled on my quarters. So, as I felt confident that I had a genius for finance, I sold out, and took chambers in the City."

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