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FRIDAY, AUG. 20TH, 1886.

### THE IRISH TIMES

A loyalist organ, announces the fact that Charles Stewart Parnell is about to become a Roman Catholic. Of course, Parnell has given special information on this point, to the loyalist organ.

### GODERICH AIR

means health for some. A gentleman from Toronto, now sojourning in Goderich, put on 7 1/2 pounds of flesh in five days last week. His physician had ordered him to "eat fat," but he will hardly go there this year.

### TEMPERANCE OPINIONS

from the United States who spoke at Lansdowne Park called it "Pro-Hi-ition" every time. Some of them were also on the line of pro-Hi-ition, where the other principle could not prevail. They were all unit against the Hi-ition of alcohol drinking.

### JURORS BY THE WAY

of the North of Ireland majority are treating the majority, we should think that Ulster is not at all Home Rule. "The conduct of the majority of the south of Ireland is most commendable, and stands out in marked contrast with the dilatory and turbidness of the men of Ulster."

### ONE OF THE MOST PLEASANT

of the results of the temperance cause is the fact that it has induced on many good judges of liquor, who take the witness stand, kind words and strong testimonies against the whisky whiskey from ginger beer, soda water, or crank.—(Chatham Banner)

### IT HAS THE SAME EFFECT

upon the public follows here. And the fun of the thing is they are fighting and if you sympathize with them because of their dire affliction.

### SCOTT ACT ADMINISTRATION

The Ontario Government is being hailed over the coals by a number of fervid local prohibitionists because of its alleged slackness in the matter of Scott Act enforcement. There is a danger of placing too much responsibility at the door of the local Government. The administration has never been charged with laxity in the matter of administering the Scott Act. Yet the same inspectors have been appointed to enforce the Scott Act; and in this riding, at least, a most vigorous and effective line of action has been entered upon by the Government inspector. Although the Dominion Government has impudently and greedily claimed the revenue accruing from the fines, the Provincial administration has still permitted its officials to set with freedom and energy in enforcing the law. Where the inspectors have failed to prosecute, the Government is not to blame. Let the temperance people petition and complain against defaulting inspectors, and thus notify the Government of the recalcancy of any of its officials before condemning the administration.

### IN WEST HURON

considering the manner in which the McCarthy Act fraud handicapped the temperance workers, the Scott Act is, now, doing excellent service. If the temperance folks gave more assistance to the inspector, there would be a still better record. Considering the way in which the Ontario Government has been crowded by the Dominion authorities in the matter of jurisdiction, funds, etc., the former Government deserves the support rather than the condemnation of temperance men.

### THE TEMPERANCE MEN

who really desire to try the effect of the ballot in the direction of a still more rigid and satisfactory enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act should vote only for such returns at the forthcoming municipal election as will vote a salaried police magistrate to try Scott Act cases, from whose decisions there shall be no appeal and no writ of habeas corpus.

### THE MOWAT GOVERNMENT

will appoint a police magistrate with a fit salary just as soon as the temperance men of Huron make their representatives in the county council ask for one.

### NOTWITHSTANDING THE

poor showing of the Tory journals every indication points to an early general election. In Quebec the government has no hope for an improvement in its direction; in the maritime provinces the electors are urging their wrath to keep it warm; in the Northwestern provinces the government policy has proved to be no boon to the people; and in Ontario the broken promises and the rascalities of the "Boodie Brigade" are day by day becoming more repugnant to the electors. Mr. Tasse, Tory M. P. for Ottawa, has admitted that a general election will be held "in a few months," and we believe he is telling the truth for once in his life. Let our Liberal friends all over the province clear the decks for action.

### INSPECTOR YATES

deserves the thanks of the law-abiding citizens of the West riding of Huron. He has, within the past month, successfully prosecuted six persons for violating the Scott Act. He has gone about the prosecution in a way that has not given offence, even to the opponents of the temperance law; and in every case he has secured a conviction. During the past fortnight two have acknowledged the offence. The boast that liquor can be had in Goderich in any hotel, at any hour, by any person, is a fiction. The Scott Act is enforced in Goderich, and if the temperance people of the other municipalities in the riding render the inspector due assistance, the success of the law is assured.

### LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

went to Ulster some months ago and sowed the seeds of discord and revenge. The consequence is that the streets of Belfast are being daily crimsoned with the blood of Irishmen. Michael Davitt, who has tasted British cruelty in British jails because of his faithfulness to Ireland; is now in America, and is speaking words of forbearance, charity and hopefulness in the name of the Irish Nationalists. Davitt today stands higher in the estimation of good men than does the late Lord Randolph.

VERY bad taste—that of anti-Scott witnesses in liquor cases.

### WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

More Park Preachers.—About second and third Scott Act offences.—The one time only of "Bummer's" witnesses.—Remarks on Temperance Men.

There was another court-house square session on last Saturday afternoon. There's a good crop of these specimens to the gentiles this season, and every one of them "blinks" he knows all about it, and the other fellows don't. I see there is an attempt being made to argue out that a conviction under the Scott Act is not a conviction until it has been so decided on appeal. In other words, John McBride, of the Algonquin hotel, has now been convicted, before justice of the peace on three different occasions for selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act. The other day the public prosecutor, feeling satisfied that McBride would not be deterred from violating the law, so long as he could carry convictions to appeal, broached the question of making one of the cases against the liquor-seller a second offence, so that, if another case were brought up afterward and a conviction followed, the law-breaker would not get off with a fine, but would be sent to jail. The case was argued strongly by the counsel for the defence, but no definite understanding has been arrived at. To my unphilosophical mind, there is no doubt about the matter; and if I were the prosecutor, McBride would either stop selling or go to jail. It's about time that this placing the law at defiance was done away with, and the only way to do away with it is by making an example of some of the "Bummer's."

At matters of this kind, our public house keepers who want to do a square business are handicapped. Two of them contend that in order to do their share of the travelling trade, they were compelled by an unscrupulous opposition to contravene the Act. This information was laid against each of them, (and it is an open secret) who the informant was; they acknowledged having violated the law; and were fined. Now, if another man is allowed to go on for months, selling and getting convicted, and then appealing the case, the time between now and the determining of the appeals will work against the trade of the other houses.

The idea that a conviction under appeal doesn't count, won't work when the "schedule of convictions" is published, and if the county publishes that a man has been guilty of a criminal act, the magistrates who would ought to have convictions in their own decisions. I hope McBride will close up his bar, and keep within the letter of the Act. If he doesn't, I want to see Stephen Yates put him behind other bars than those kept in tap-rooms. The only safety for society is in having the law strictly enforced.

I recollect that once, away back before the Scott Act, of Crooks' Act was heard of, I lived in a town where the ginmills were regulated by the old municipal system. There was a number of good public houses in the town that paid licenses, but there was one grogger, who had a proprietor who would not pay license, shut up the bar, or pull down the blinds. The regular authorities could do nothing with the Boniface of the "Bummer's Root," for he made it a point to drill his witnesses, load them up with "buds," and make them sweat him through. At last the men who were running the licensed houses awoke to the fact that the more custom the legal trade, the less money flowed into their own tills; so they combined with the authorities for the upholding of the majesty of the law. The coalition of the authorities and the licensed victuallers soon put an end to the reign of the proprietor of the "Root," and in a short time he was placed in durance, to be supported by the county, instead of at the expense of the other hotel men.

The moral that I wish to inculcate is that if you wish to sell whisky by the license system or under the Canada Temperance Act, you must pay for doing it, either by license or fine, as the case may be. If not, if you persist in selling, the county will kindly support you, if the officers of the law do their duty.

I observe another peculiarity about these liquor cases, and that is, that certain persons who have been summoned to give testimony in some of the cases, failed to attend, and the prosecution

didn't insist upon having them up on bench warrants. This is wrong; and I hope the inspector will hereafter take an old friend's advice, and rattle the "bummers" who thus seek to put the law at defiance. There is no man in this town superior to the laws of his country, and the next time any witness is subpoenaed and fails to connect I want Dr. Ruber Yates to jump on him with both feet and a bench warrant, and put him where the dog would bark at him until the adjourned court again meets. One night in the "cooler" would take the high and mighty airs out of these chaps. There's one thing certain: None of them would play "hide-and-seek" if he thought his testimony wouldn't insture a conviction. Lookways, that's how it looks to me.

### BERLIN SANGERFEST

A Canadian Town Becomes a Couple of Days to Music and Lager.

From Our Own Correspondent.

About ten thousand of us started off to Berlin last week to "take in" the truly Teutonic institution, the Sangerfest. Some of us came from Toronto, some from Buffalo, some from Rochester, some from Hamilton, and some from the remainder of the civilized world, including, of course, Goderich. We all wore medals, many of us badges, and we laid ourselves out in an earnest, though unostentatious manner, to do justice to those two products for which Berlin is so truly celebrated, namely, music and lager beer.

Like its namesake in Europe, Berlin might be truly said to be on the spree. We were not drinking lager or feasting to the music, we whiled away the time eating Bologna sausage, and talking sometimes German and sometimes English. By a merciful dispensation of an all-kind Providence whatever naughty talk (if any) that took place was directed in Dutch, so numbers of us could not understand it, and were not offended.

The town was prettily decorated for the occasion, with arches, evergreens, festoons of high-colored bunting, and the German, English and American flags. The utmost good humor and politeness prevailed.

The grand event of the fest was, of course, the production of "Haydn's Creation," and the greatest credit is due to the conductor, soloists, orchestra and chorus for the really fine rendering given that magnificent oratorio. From beginning to end not one hitch occurred, which was truly wonderful when it is remembered that not one of the soloists had ever sung a note of the oratorio before.

The soloists were Mrs. Caldwell, who sang in her usual finished style, but did not seem able to sing D on the fourth line in tune; Mr. Warrington, who took the bass solos both easily and effectively; and Mr. Jenkins, tenor, whose rendering of the solos allotted to him was much appreciated. The chorus, consisting of about 150 voices, being augmented by several players from "Buffalo" and the "Ish" Bath Baud, of Hamilton. Amongst its numbers we were pleased to notice several ladies, principally violinists.

The "Zollner" hall under control, and gave a most intelligent rendering of the oratorio, though to some ears it was a little slow; but this was amply compensated for by the fervent tone and breadth of interpretation.

We all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, and with ten thousand voices and twenty thousand hands applauded the successful efforts of the performers.

A noticeable feature of the Festival was the absence of anything approaching rowdiness.

### Harmful Prohibition Camp

Wednesday and Thursday were interesting days at the camp. Whitefield and Miss Armstrong spoke ably in the afternoon; after which there was a Scott Act "experience" meeting. Then McGillivuddy in the chair. Addresses were given by the chairman, by Police Magistrate Munro, who was dynamited at Orangeville, and by Rev. Mr. Brethour, formerly of Halton.

In the evening Prof. Dickey, prohibition candidate for Governor of Michigan, delivered an eloquent and logical lecture on "The Traffic," and he was followed by Miss Armstrong and Rev. Dr. Griffin in stirring speeches.

On Thursday afternoon about 4,000 persons assembled. It was "Children's Day," and young and old alike took in the proceedings with interest. The children sang hymns and temperance choruses with enthusiasm, and Edward Cartwright, in one of his humorous and instructive addresses, held the immense audience captive for an hour. Owing to a death in the family of F. S. Spence, he was unable to be present, and Thos. McGillivuddy, of Goderich, was sent for by the manager to take the place of the Toronto man, when he delivered an "impromptu address on the temperance question."

In the evening J. W. Benough, Canada's accomplished caricaturist, delivered an illustrated lecture to an immense audience, only a small number of whom could see or hear. It is said that from 7,000 to 10,000 people were present. The sketches and accompanying remarks made much amusement for those who could get near enough to the platform to see and hear.

On Friday an excursion took place from Lansdowne camp to Grimsby camp, and was largely patronized. Rev. J. W. Bell, of Manitoba, and others, delivered rousing temperance speeches. The Whyte Bros. sang at every session.

Upon the whole, the camp was the most successful effort in the line of a temperance gathering yet made in Canada. It was a credit to the management.

At a convention of East Huron temperance workers, held at Wroxeter this week, it was resolved to ask the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate for Goderich, and Mr. Andrew Gougeon, of Wintrop, was unanimously nominated for the position.

### STRATFORD'S BIG BONUS CARRIED

A \$120,000 by-law was carried in Stratford Friday last for the Grand Trunk locomotive works and carshops by 868 majority, only 12 votes being polled against the by-law. There is great rejoicing there over the result, as this secures to Stratford all the above works west of Toronto. The vote was a very heavy one, but few allowed votes being left unrecorded.

EVERYBODY on the excursion to Berlin last Tuesday must have noticed how few instances of drinking there were in that town. Even if all we heard of the unblushing violation of the law be true, the traffic has become less obstructive, and sober people may go about with a safety and comfort not always attainable in licensed liquor times.—(Orillia Packet)

Prof. Vallance, the elocutionist, will pay a visit to Canada next month.

### COMMUNICATIONS

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributors to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

A Correspondent writes:

To the Editor of The Signal.

Sir,—I would like to prepose a problem for the ingenious among your readers. It is this: If the penalty is \$300 for selling a glass of beer, and nothing at all for stealing a keg of same; then, in the same ratio, what should a man receive for robbing Mr. Well's brewery of its entire stock? I will give a bottle of soda water as a prize for the best solution. Will some of our Scott Act friends kindly figure it out.

Yours truly,  
Geo. E. Cox.

To the Editor of The Signal.

Goderich, Aug. 19, '86.

Dear Sir,—Through you I wish to ask all who grow fruit to bring some of the best specimens for the transport, and I hope that we may make up a large collection to send to England. I have made all arrangements for the transport, and I hope the growers will respond nobly so that our county may be brought prominently before the people of the old world as a fruit growing district.

Yours,  
ALEX. MCD. ALLAN.

The charge of using abusive language to the senior editor of our local contemporary was laid by the detested plagiarist against the mayor imposing a fine of \$50, as the amount of damages to be paid for the insult to the journalist. We do not wish to ignore his worship as to his duty in this matter, but we believe that the amount of other assets is correct; the defendant ought to have been made about \$100. But should it not be possible to sue the defendant for the amount he has not paid? It is a question that we have heard of many times in our town who are not afraid of the law.

The above is a fair sample of the journalism indulged in by the plebeian editor of the "Star." He is a "rib-ticker" every time, and is cowardly on that point, and he is a failure to boot. We have no desire to dispute up a discussion of the recent police chief case, or the exhibition of blackguardism on the streets that led to this. The public is aware of the circumstances. All we have to say on the case is this, if the defendant could in any way have proved that his report published was incorrect, an excellent opportunity for proving it was false, when he pleaded guilty to the charge, the plaintiff was prepared to verify by credible witnesses under oath every word published; had the opportunity been afforded, the defendant would have been acquitted, and the plaintiff intimated to the mayor that in his opinion he had no desire to see a heavy fine imposed. As to the opinion of the mayor on the respective truthfulness of the "senior editor" of this journal and the humbug editor of the "Star," we are prepared to have an interview with his worship, or any leading business man of the section, and we are satisfied the former will not suffer by comparison. The editor of the "Star" tries to make up for his lack of journalistic ability, aptness and truthfulness by insinuating that other men are "rib-tickers" (who is a Sunday school superintendent and church elder) alluded to Mr. M. C. Cameron in his journal as being "rib-tickers" in all the same. It is not to be wondered at that under his superintendence some of the boys of his "Star" lose all regard for decency and good manners, and at places rob the community or even insolence, kick or insult to the worthy (I) superintendent. Mr. Mitchell should either change his style or resign his position of "guide, philosopher and friend" to the youth of one of the religious communities of the town. We have noticed of being established in the back by this "rib-ticker," and intend to let him know with his own weapons that his drive to cover. The expression "Poor Mitchell! he's a decent fellow and would like to do right, but he's under the thumb of a bad gang, and can't help himself," has shielded the humbug editor of the "Star" long enough. After this he will have to take his medicine when he needs it, for desperate cases require drastic remedies.

### Their trip to Canada.

Said Mr. M. Bencher to Mr. D. Faulter, "While sitting one evening, I said to myself, 'I see they are trying to get to alter. I think I shall skip the race.'"

"My purpose exactly," said Faulter, "but I have prepared to get off after tea; no treaty, you know, can be made retroactive. They never will extradite me."

So ever the border they skipped it together—these two with a treaty in hand, and with their song at their throats as they walked back there for such mortals as we.

(Columbus Despatch.)

Many years ago a man offered a prize for Canada thistle seed, so sure was he that the plant does not increase in that way. It was fortunate for him that no one accepted the challenge. It is certain, however, that all thistle flowers do not mature seed. The London Free Press says that when growing in rich soil the seed is not perfected, because the extra root growth suffices for the increase. It also says that while the red flowers are sterile, the white ones are fertile. This we believe to be a mistaken opinion, seeing that the two colours are not produced on the same plant, and the white and red are merely varieties, such as occur in asters, dahlias, hollyhocks, and many other flowers.

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