

description of an effort in that direction made by the Earl of Meath :—

The Earl of Meath is possessed of the fear that love of country is growing cold in the breasts of the rising generation, and he has offered £50 to the London School Board as a nucleus of a fund for placing a Union Jack in each school. The best behaved boy or girl during the day is on the following morning to carry this symbol of Britain's glory round the school, the whole of the children singing meanwhile the moving strains of "Rule Britannia," and other spirit-stirring ballads. There are already a good many offers of assistance for this scheme ; but, on the other hand, there are at least two energetic protests against it. One is from the Peace Society, the other is from some social union, which embraces the opportunity for a few disloyal utterances, and urges that the children will be encouraged to worship "patriotic fetishes."

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THE law for prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the province caused considerable discussion in the local legislature on March 1st, '93. It was contended by the opposition that the government had it in their power to stop the *sale* of intoxicating liquors but not the manufacture of the same, while the government proclaimed that they did not feel certain that they had power to stop the sale, and they positively declared that power to stop the manufacture, they had not, and a motion was drawn up, to be forwarded to the Dominion parliament praying for them to have a stop put to the manufacture of all intoxicating liquors. When it came to the point of voting on the motion, 39 votes for it and 1 against;

the one against being Mr. Martin, the member for Morris.

That we shall see prohibition before long is an acknowledged fact, as the people of this province do not intend to let any government put them off on the subject and it is evident they will not be satisfied till the sale of the accursed stuff is stopped, which considering that two-thirds of the people voted for it, should certainly be granted them. We do not contend that the people were led to believe at the election the local legislature could grant or they could not, as we heard assertions made on both sides.

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THE poor reductions made by the Dominion Government on the Tariff has caused universal protestations by all parties, irrespective of politics. After all the talk about the sweeping reductions to be made, it is indeed a disappointing feature to only have the duty knocked off coal oil barrels, and 12½ per cent. off binding twine. The duty taken off coal oil barrels is not in any way going to benefit the retail consumer, only the manufacturer, who appears to be receiving most of the attention in the way of financial help and they are certainly to be pitied, as they generally are, by the Dominion government. For the information of our readers we will say that coal oil at the original cost is about 7c. per gallon, and we leave the reader to make wild speculations as to who gets the profit, when it is sold to us at 45 and 50 cents per gallon ; the retailer protests he does not get it ; and after the duty is paid it does not cost 12 cents per gallon.

That our farmers are all disappointed at the further profit given to the Combines of Twine Manufacturers, is positively asserted on all sides. It will not as in