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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

We hope all our subscribers, whose terms end with the year will be prompt in renewing, as thereby trouble and mistakes will be avoided.

Try, when renewing, to send one or more new subscriptions with your own. It will be easy under our clubbing terms of five copies for two dollars, for very many to save the cost of their own papers.

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DOMINION ALLIANCE.

An address has been issued by the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance, defining the position of temperance legislation at this moment and summarizing the chief points of the new License Act of the Dominion for the information of the people. This law comes into force on the first of January next, but it does not interfere with the Canada Temperance Act or with the Dunkin Act by-laws where they are in force. It is still an open question whether or how far it interferes with any existing statutes of Provincial Legislatures for the regulation of the liquor traffic. Under the Dominion License Act all licenses for the sale of liquor in any district shall be granted by a board of three Commissioners, who in February will meet and appoint license inspectors to report upon applications for licenses and be responsible for preventing the unlicensed sale of liquor. Hotel and saloon licenses in cities, towns and incorporated villages can only be granted in the proportion of one for every 250 of the first 1,000 of the population and one for each 500 over the first thousand, two being allowed for incorporated villages of less than 500 inhabitants. Shop licenses are restricted to one for each 400 up to 1,200 of the population, and one each additional for 1,000. These limits may be further reduced by the Commissioners, or by the council of any city, town or village. A petition to the Board, signed by two-thirds of the electors in a polling division, prevents the granting of a license therein. Three-fifths of the electors in any municipality, except counties or cities, may—by the system of voting provided under the Canada Temperance Act, except that the voting shall be at one place and continue two days—pass a local by-law making the liquor traffic illegal in such municipality. Applicants for licenses must apply by petition before the first of March; present a certificate of character signed by one-third of the electors in the polling division, and furnish security of \$500, with two sureties for \$150 each for payment of all fines and penalties under the Act. Applicants are disqualified from having been refused a license within two years; from having been three times con-

victed of violation of the law, and from having opposed by a petition of two-thirds of the electors. The Commissioners are bound to carefully enquire into the substance of a petition signed by ten electors, opposing the granting of any license on the grounds of the bad character of the applicant, conviction of selling without a license within three years, the neighborhood of a place of worship, hospital or school, or the probability of disturbing the quiet of the locality. Under the new law tavern, hotel and saloon licenses in Montreal will be reduced from 350 to 253, and grocery licenses from 458 to 143. The closing paragraph of the address of the Quebec Branch reads:—"To secure the restriction of the liquor traffic which the new Act is calculated to afford if vigorously enforced, we call upon all good citizens throughout the Dominion to prepare themselves for a grand effort with the beginning of the new year."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Two letters from Trout River, Eastern Townships, give accounts of recent interesting proceedings among the Divisions of that district. We regret our space will not permit their printing in full. Here we would remind our contributors that this paper being circulated all over the Dominion we cannot undertake to give in its columns minute accounts of the doings of local organizations, except lists of officers of new ones and matter that may be deemed useful to temperance workers.

The members of "Trout River" Division, Sons of Temperance, held their first debate of the season on the evening of the 12th inst. The subject was, "Resolved that the steam engine has been and is of more benefit to mankind than the printing press." After two hours' lively discussion, it was decided by the judges—the Rev. E. Crummev, G.W.P., Bro. Manard of "Phoenix" division, and Bro. Jos. Laukner of "Kelso"—in favor of the negative. Bro. W. F. Stephen led the affirmative and Bro. H. Tannahill the negative. It is intended to have debates every two weeks throughout the winter.

Allow us to say that while we believe friendly discussions upon such questions as the above may induce much useful reading and will undoubtedly sharpen the wits and train the faculties of all participants, yet we believe the same ends would be served, as much interest evoked in the audience and more good accomplished for the cause and its workers by the selection of subjects of practical moment in themselves and, as often as possible, bearing an intimate relation to the cause of total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation. One of the chief ends to be sought by temperance workers at this juncture is to teach young men and boys that the governing of Canada will soon be in their hands, when they will be responsible, as the present voters of the nation are now responsible, for whatever legal sanction the liquor traffic may have. This important fact should not be lost sight of under the head, "Good of the Order," in either Division or Lodge.

About fifty members of "Kelso," "Frontier" and "Trout River" Divisions were

entertained at an oyster supper on the evening of the 13th inst., by the members of "Phoenix" Division, Herdersonville. Under the chairmanship of Bro. Manard, W.P. of "Phoenix," a regular bill of loyal and other toasts was despatched, eliciting excellent speeches from members of the different Divisions, including the G. W. P., the Rev. E. Crummev, and the G. S., Bro. W. F. Stephen. Excellent vocal and instrumental music was given between speeches and previous to dispersing those present were fortified against the outer air by another service of warm oysters at the fair hands of the sisters of "Phoenix" Division, and all parted delighted with the evening's entertainment.

AT A PUBLIC MEETING in Toronto—described as one of the best ever held in the city—resolutions were unanimously passed, requesting the City Council of 1884 to separate the liquor traffic from the grocers' trade. This is one of the first things required to be done anywhere that the liquor traffic is legalized.

THE TEMPERANCE MEN of Toronto are working hard preparing for the civic elections. Besides nominating candidates of their own, they will try to pledge as many others as possible to the policy of separating liquor from the grocery business.

AT ROCKVILLE, INDIANA, John Bonner locked his wife out of doors because she refused him money for rum. She went to the woods with her children, and while she was building a fire her clothing caught and she was burned to death.

A LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP was read the other Sunday to the Roman Catholics of Quebec city, inviting their support to the Vigilance Association in its war upon the liquor traffic.

MR. E. KING DODDS, the champion of the liquor traffic in Ontario, has been fined \$20 and costs on one of the charges against him in connection with a lottery.

A DISGRACEFUL ROW occurred at a church bazaar, Kingston, Ontario. In a contest for a chair to be presented to the most popular gentleman, a Liberal and a Conservative were the candidates. Brisk voting and good humor prevailed until near the close of the poll, at ten o'clock, when the crowd became boisterous and the two factions behaved very roughly, each trying to get in all the votes possible and to keep the other from voting. At the moment the poll closed a grand rush was made, the polling booth was knocked over, one of the lady scrutineers was hit on the head with a flagstaff and fainted, and for half an hour a great uproar continued. Finally the chair was carried off by the Conservatives in triumph, and now the Liberals are bringing a lawsuit to recover it.

DAVID R. DILLON died in New York in October, leaving the bulk of an estate valued at over a million dollars to a second wife. His first wife—a colored woman whom he had deserted with several children some years ago—with her children and grandchildren will contest the will.

M. ANDRIEUX, the French Ambassador to Madrid, while returning there from France, behaved very insultingly to the officials at Iran who informed him he was trespassing on ground from which the public was excluded. The scene was ended by the ambassador's train starting, and on leaving he threatened to have the officials dismissed. He applied to the Spanish Minister of Public Works to have the men dismissed, but was very properly refused his impudent request. It is astonishing to see men in such a responsible position as this one who cannot behave better than lunatics.

THE LABEL SUIT of the Central News Agency in London against the comic paper *Judy*, for charging it with issuing bogus telegrams to the press, has been concluded. By direction of the judge, the jury found a verdict for the defendant, declaring its article fair criticism in the interests of the public of the plaintiff's extravagant method of padding news telegrams.

O'DONNELL, the murderer of Carey the informer, was hanged in London on Monday morning. He died easily after having borne himself with firmness to the fatal moment. On the previous Saturday it is said he admitted to his brother that he was an invincible, that he killed Carey and was not sorry for it.

FRANK JAMES, one of the last survivors of the James gang of murderers and robbers, was released from gaol at Kansas City, Missouri a few days ago, on \$3,000 bail, but was immediately re-arrested on a charge of killing Sheets at Gallatin in 1868.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY occurred at an election in New Orleans of delegates to the Democratic State Convention of Louisiana, and two prominent politicians and a constable were killed and about a dozen men wounded, some dangerously.

FIVE ROBBERIES in one night at the point of the pistol in St. Louis, Missouri, are a sample of a state of affairs which is causing the citizens to talk of organizing a vigilance committee.

THE ORANGEMEN are summoned to a mass meeting, at which Lord Rosmore will be present, to be held at Dromore the first of January, in opposition to a meeting called by the Parnellites.

DRUNKEN SOLDIERS provoked a riot with Jews at Garmolitz, Russia, resulting in the killing of a rabbi and the wounding of many Jews. The soldiers were arrested.

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE sailed from Barcelona, Spain, on the 15th inst., for Italy. A large crowd gathered and cheered him enthusiastically.

FIVE GAMBLING HOUSES were raided in Chicago the other day, and eighty keepers and inmates were arrested, and the apparatus seized.

A CARGO OF AMERICAN WHEAT, the first ever imported by Austria, was lately shipped from Hamburg to Laube in Bohemia.