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## Mercantile Summary.

WINNIPEG is likely soon to be the possessor of a new suburban park.

THE receipts of the Ontario Government under the succession duties, up to the end of October last, amounted to about \$30,000. The total for the whole of last year was \$226,676.

THE Robb Engineering Company, Amherst, N.S., has received an order, through Ahearn & Soper, Ottawa, for a 100 horse-power engine for the Government Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle, Quebec.

THE new telephone line between St. John and St. Stephen is completed as far as St. Andrews. Arrangements have been made already for public offices to be opened up at Musquash, Lepreaux, St. Andrews and St. Stephen, but later on several others will be announced.

## EATING AND DRINKING.

*Editor Monetary Times:*

SIR,—Give me leave to state in your columns a phase of the Prohibition question which our friends the teetotalers appear to have ignored or else over-ridden. Suppose we allow the radical view of Smith to prevail that Jones shall not make whiskey, or beer, or wine, because Brown will get drunk on either the one or the other. Smith contends that he has done a power of good to Brown by the prohibition. And he further boasts that he has saved Jones from obloquy here and probably everlasting condemnation hereafter by forcibly turning him from wine-making to say vinegar-making. Has it ever occurred to Smith that there are many persons who do not get drunk but who do find benefit to themselves in malt or spirituous drinks?

There is involved in prohibition what comes more home to each citizen than any question of the right to trade in liquor: the question if, when the citizens, by their representatives, agree upon a constitution, each man does not reserve to himself some share of natural liberty which belongs to men in a state of nature. That some such reservations are understood is beyond doubt. The first of these is the right to lead innocent lives; this is a right which no individual would think of alienating; the right to life implies the right to exercise the means of preserving life; without the right to eat and drink the right to live would be only a name. If the right to eat and drink be one of the most elementary of all rights, does every individual part with some portion of that right, when he agrees to a new political constitution? And, if so, how much of that right does he intend to part with when he consents to a new constitution which merely provides for commercial legislation? These reservations have been so silent, so indispensable, that no one thought of giving them written form. Perhaps in future it will be better not to take for granted even the essential right to eat and drink, without expressing it, since one of them has come to be questioned. Drunkenness has, in the past, been one of the worst evils with which humanity has been afflicted; but we have reason to be thankful that it has so greatly decreased that at the present rate of improvement we may hope to see it banished utterly by the improved moral habits which are now taking a strong hold upon our species, especially upon man as he is found in this country. If wine is not a necessary evil, but only made so by abuse, a prohibitory law calls for an immense deal of vicarious penalty. T. D.

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