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NOTES OF NEWS OF THE GREAT REFORM

WHAT OUR FRIENDS AND FOES ARE DOING ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.

Dr. J. J. Maclaren has returned from arguing the provincial claim for prohibitory jurisdiction over the liquor traffic. Judgment will likely be given in November. Sir Oliver remained to contest before the Privy Council the claim of the Ontario brewers to be exempt from requirement to take out a provincial license.

The Scott Act is being enforced in Charlottetown, P. E. I. The *Island Guardian* gives a report of cases before the Police Magistrate on Friday, August 30th. George Prouse was fined \$100 and costs, or two months in jail. Angus Darrach got the same punishment. P. Gillis for a third offence was sentenced to two months in jail.

The dead body of David Martin was found on September 5th on the roadside near Listowel, close to a railway crossing. The head and shoulders were badly cut up. A whiskey bottle nearly empty was found in his pocket. Lately he had been drinking very heavily. He was a young man and leaves a wife and two little children.

The newspapers recorded a sad accident that happened at London on August 18th. Three men who had been drinking went out in a boat on the river. By accident one of them fell overboard, another jumped to his rescue and both were drowned. The other man fell asleep in the boat and remained so till nearly daylight on Monday morning.

The eighth annual session of the Maritime Council R. T. of T. was held at Amherst, beginning on August 13th. The attendance was large and the proceedings very enthusiastic. Among the prominent visitors were Rev. J. McLeod, D.D., Rev. D. V. Lucas, D.D., and W. W. Buchanan. The report showed that the Order had doubled its membership in the Maritime Provinces during the last twelve months.

Action has been taken to quash the local option by-law adopted some time ago by Nelson township in Halton county. It has been decided not to oppose the action. The *Milton Reformer* argues strongly that this quashing action is going to be useless to the liquor traffic. In face of the majority recorded for the by-law the License Commissioners will not attempt to issue any further licenses.

The *Hamilton Templar* announces a series of medal contests on the plan of those made practicable some time ago through the generosity of Mr. Jennings Demorest. A friend has offered to donate the medals through the *Templar* office. The selections to be used for competition will be published in the *Templar*. It is promised that the medals will be unusually fine and attractive. For full information concerning them address W. W. Buchanan.

The Supreme Council of the Catholic Benevolent League of the United States, the strongest and most influential fraternal organization of Catholics, has ostracized retail liquor dealers by excluding them in future from membership in the society.

A letter in the *London Times* gives some interesting information relating to the position of local option in Massachusetts. At the last election 70 towns voted in favor of licenses and 250 in favor of prohibition. Three towns had tie votes. Of the cities 19 voted for license and 12 for prohibition.

A society has been formed in London, England, for the promotion in Parliament of a measure prohibiting the employment of women in drink-bars. In case such a measure becomes law the society proposes to provide situations in other businesses for the barmaids dispossessed. America does not tolerate the employment of barmaids, and is thus more highly civilized than "the old country."

The Temperance party in Norway have moved in Parliament that a Royal Commission be appointed to arrange for bringing the retail trade in wines and beer under the same law as the traffic in spirits. About eighteen towns in Norway, by purchase or otherwise, have already a large share of the retail trade in beer, but legal powers are deemed necessary, and are likely to be obtained.

ALL ROUND THE WORLD.

The following countries now have branches of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union: The United States, Great Britain, Australia, Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania, Ceylon, Sweden, Turkey, Japan, China, Siam, the Straits Settlements, Burmah, India, Cape Colony, Mauritius, Madagascar, France, Denmark, Norway, Chile, Natal, the Orange Free State, Sierra Leone, Asia Minor, Corea, the Bahamas, Newfoundland, the Madeira Islands, Spain, Russia, Mexico, Italy, Egypt, Syria, Greece, the South Africa Republic, Brazil.

A COMING EVENT.

The Baltimore press is giving attention to the next great gathering in that city. The *News* says: "Baltimore has an established reputation as a place for great national gatherings. The Baptists have come and gone. Now the ladies of the W. C. T. U. are preparing for their national convention which will meet in this city Oct. 18. Committees have been appointed and the preliminaries are being looked after. Five hundred delegates are expected, including Frances Willard and several prominent English ladies."

TRAFFICKERS IN PARLIAMENT.

The liquor traffickers of Great Britain are boasting of their strength in the new Parliament. The *Brewer's Journal* says: "It is satisfactory to know that our trade is actually represented in the House by a larger number of members, for there are now twenty brewers and distillers returned instead of sixteen in the last Parliament. Amongst the new-comers are Mr. John Gretton, who has been returned for South Derbyshire; Sir Henry Bullard, who gained a seat for his party at Norwich; Mr. G. H. Morrell, who recaptured the Woodstock Division of Oxfordshire; and Mr. Fulford who beat a Unionist at Lichfield, but is, nevertheless, a determined opponent of Local Veto."

FRANCE IS ALARMED.

At the annual conference of the French Association for the advancement of science, held last month at Bordeaux, the liquor question received a good deal of attention. Papers were read showing the alarming evils that were resulting from the consumption of alcohol. A statistical review of the records of 200 cities, towns and villages showed a startling quality of infants and a falling off in the number of births. Excessive use of alcohol was charged as the cause of this. The number of conscripts rejected as unfit for military services was nearly one-half the whole number examined. One of the medical men present gave a graphic description of the evil results to the different organs of the body, and the effect on society generally, of the increasing use of strong drink.

Do not hesitate to take this paper from the Post Office. If you have not paid for it in advance, some one else has done so for you, or it is sent you free. Kindly read it carefully, and get your family and friends to read it also.

THE TRAFFIC SURRENDERS.

The campaign for law enforcement in New York is a success. The liquor sellers have practically surrendered and the Sunday Closing Law is fairly carried out. On Friday, August 23rd, fifty-five liquor dealers and bar tenders appeared before the recorder in the Court of General Sessions, pleaded guilty and were fined from \$50 to \$125 each, two went to jail, four who did not appear had their bail forfeited.

The lawyer who was acting for the liquor men rose in the court room and announced that the Executive Committee of the Wine and Beer Dealer's Association had adopted the following resolution which he proposed to submit to the Association for action:

"Resolved, That on and after Sunday, Sept. 1, 1895, all members of the Wine and Beer Dealer's Association of this city shall close their places of business on Sunday, and any member of the Association who shall thereafter keep his place open in violation of this resolution and of the law shall forfeit all his rights, privileges, and benefits as a member of the association."

A GREAT CONVENTION.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union celebrated its silver jubilee in the City of New York commencing on August 6th. There was a great attendance of delegates. Among the distinguished ecclesiastics taking part were Cardinal Satolli, Archbishop Corrigan, Archbishop Ryan, Bishop Keane, Father Cleary, and many others of wide celebrity. An effective sermon was preached in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Ryan. Father Cleary spoke in Columbus hall in the afternoon and was received with great enthusiasm. Among other things he said:—

"The best judgment of our people condemns the saloon as the uncompromising enemy of the people that scoffingly makes a mockery of universal suffrage."

"A man cannot be a good Catholic and continue in the unbecoming business of conducting a saloon."

A cordial telegram of greeting was received from Archbishop Ireland and suitably acknowledged. A great mass meeting was held at night presided over by Archbishop Corrigan and addressed by Mayor Strong, Senator O'Sullivan, Commissioner Roosevelt, Joseph Murray and Father Cleary.

Senator O'Sullivan spoke against the Sunday closing law and was greeted with a storm of hisses. With difficulty Archbishop Corrigan secured for him a hearing.

Commissioner Roosevelt was received with the wildest enthusiasm which continued long after he had concluded his vindication of the Sunday closing law and its vigorous enforcement.

Mr. Murray, President of the Excise Board, also stirred the audience to enthusiasm by declaring that if his political party nominated candidates opposed to Sunday closing, he would vote against his party.

The proceedings of the second day were fully as enthusiastic as that of the first. The reports showed a splendid increase in the membership which is now over 65,000. Last year New York City had only 200 members, now it has 2,300.

Resolutions were adopted, calling upon Catholics to get out of the saloon business, favoring the complete closing of saloons on Sunday and early Saturday night, and expressing a desire to co-operate with non-Catholic fellow citizens in every effort to restrict the evils of intemperance. This magnificent meeting marks a great advance in the temperance cause.