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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 12, 1886.

The more closely the Scott act is enamined, and the more practical experience that its proper enforcement is impossible. Had any other law proved such a source of annoyance and loss to the people, and such an embarrassment to the people's representatives, it would before now have been amended out of existence. It may be safely stated as approximately true that our laws generally enforce themselves, inasmuch as they possess inherent virtues that command the respect of law-abiding citizens, who are prepared to evince their respect by giving their moral and—If need be—material support to the officers of the law. We take it for granted—and the assumption will not be

the Scott act affords the one evil exception to this rule. It is the most difficult of all statutes to enforce, although it has been invested with internal and external machinery of a special and invidious character. It does not respect the marital relation as other criminal laws do. It compels the wife to testify against her husband, and gives her the choice of either sending him to jail or herself to—where perjurers go. Every county that has the Scots act ought to have a divorce court also. It compels a man to testify against himself, or also to perjure himself, under himself, or also to perjure himself, under cortain circumstances. It does not require the informer to even to the gharacter of the informer to swear to the character of the liquor sold, but leaves it to the magis-trate to infer from "appearances" whether the accused is guilty or not. It deprives accused of the right to appeal on sters of evidence—a right freely acof every type except the man charged with having sold a glass of beer. In short, the Scott act deprives the accused of rights

Mr. Mowat should aid in such an attempt at the expense of the counties which have adopted it. The task is morally a delicate one, and full of danger from a party point to enforce the law. It alleges that the amount fulling due has been so light as hardly to serve as a true index.—Winnipeg tory delegates were inspired by a man ene, and full of danger from a party point of view, but it is one which we are willing to see undertaken, as a step towards repeal. Let Mr. Mowat appoint fair minded magistrates and inspectors—no partizans or informers—in the Scott act counties, and let

doubt that this is producing its due effect, and we hear, indeed, that such is the case. In matters immediately! under the con-

And we have, indeed, that such its the case.

In matters immediately under the control of the local government undoubted progress has been made. An after day has been appointed for the schools, and will here easy for competitive tendile by the end of June. The Canada Pacific is to its first courrence. Another more important step has been taken.

The great danger to the pine forests of Ontario, from whence, through isomber sales, so much of her income is drawn, existed in the large number of yearly recurring forces first which, sgnised by the careful great first which, sgnised for the careful great first which, sgnised by the careful great first which and the careful great first which are careful gre

age, so much indeed that many took no pains to out comomically or with a due regard to the preservation of the forest, doubting frequently that, if the spared a tree to grow to proper size, the fire might take it ere maturity arrived

An arrangement has however been arrived at which will probably make matters much better in the future.

In Mr. Phipps' last report he gives a detailed account of a journey made the fall previous through our principal lumbering regions, and suggests that, as the unant-mous opinion of those locally bestsequainted with such matters, a number of men should be employed during those months in which fires are most likely to occur, in enforcing the fire act, the provisions of which had previously been far too much a dead letter. Since then government has carried out this idea, and an agreement having been arrived at with many lumbermen to go halves in the expense, about forty men have been employed in this sermen to go halves in the expense, about forty men have been employed in this service during the most dangerous months of last summer. This is undoubtedly a real movement towards preserving our forests, which should obtain the approval of all.

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economized will be sent to Ireland. It is a Brown wonder that such parades should so long have withstood the influence of an eminently practical age. Why a man should consider it patriotic, or loyal, to wade around through the slush of spring or the dust of summer, with bands, and banners, and sashes, and other gawgaws that cost him money which he can often ill afford, ranses our comprehension. There is rances our comprehension. There is nothing positively wrong in it, but it involves a waste of time, money and energy that might be profitably expended in some other way for the benefit of the and privileges as ancient as magna charta and (heretofore) as sacred as British freedom of opinion. Notwithstanding all these tyrannical departures from constitutional usages and practices the act has been a failure. To remedy that the control of failure the Ontario government is asked to tax the people of the counties which have rejected the act for the payment of a swarm of magistrates, inspectors and informers, whose duty it shall be to enforce the act in the counties which laws adopted

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