

Four-fifths of the inhabitants of Accrington, Eng., have voted against the renewal of grocers' licenses. At Henley five out of eight off-licenses were refused; at Reading County Sessions two were refused, whilst at the Town Sessions the magistrates adjourned the whole 28 licenses for future consideration.

### I. O. G. T.

There are eight hundred Good Templars in the Toronto District. Prospects are bright for an active and useful winter's work.

On Wednesday evening of this week Richmond Hill Lodge that had been dormant for some time was resuscitated. A public meeting was held and an address delivered by F. S. Spence, Toronto District Deputy, after which Bro. W. H. Rodden proceeded to reorganize the Lodge. A number of initiations took place, and about twenty of the former members re-united themselves with the Lodge. The revival promises well for strength and permanence.

A cheering letter from New Brunswick contains the following: "General Wolsley Lodge No. 75, I. O. G. T., was organized at Four Falls, Victoria County, N. B., on the 6th of September, inst. The outlook for this Lodge is very favourable. Among its ranks are to be seen some old Prohibition Veterans, such as C. W. S. Barker, P. G. Fraser and George N. Hartt. These men have for some years been denounced as fanatics, for their advocacy of *Total Prohibition*. We now see not far distant the time when all advocates of Temperance must be prohibitionists. No. 75 was organized by Deputy Grand Chief, Bro. Charles W. S. Barker. The following are the officers for the current quarter:

P. G. Fraser, W. C. T.; George N. Hartt, W. V. T.; Henry R. Fraser, Sec.; Miss F. Jennie Miller, T.; Lewis R. Rivers, F. S.; Reginald C. Hoyt, Chap; John McVity, M.; James Clarke, G.; William Downing, S.; Mary Downing, A. S.; Annie L. Fraser, D. M.; Thomas Clarke, R. H. S.; Clinton H. Fraser, L. H. S.

One hundred of the Lodge in New York State have an aggregate membership of 10,478. Forty-six Lodges have each over one hundred members. The membership of Schenectady Lodge is 479.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio recently held the largest session that it has had for many years. An increase was reported of seventy-six lodges and three thousand seventy-eight members.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois has also had a successful annual session, and reports the Order in its jurisdiction in a very flourishing condition.

We clip the following item from the *Canada Casket*:

"The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin held its annual session during the first week of September at Madison. The session was very largely attended and was most harmonious throughout. The legislation of the present session is described as the most radical ever passed by the body, and yet the session was one of the most harmonious ever held in that or any other state. The order is prospering in Wisconsin, and is recognized as a very powerful factor in the prohibition agitation now going on in that state."

A reception was given last month to Thomas Hardy by the Good Templars in New York City and Brooklyn. The meetings were largely attended in both places, and Mr. Hardy made two capital addresses.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars of the State of New York held its annual session in the city of Syracuse, commencing August 28 and continuing three days. Two hundred and one subordinate lodges were represented by 237 representatives, and 37 counties by one delegate each, besides nearly 200 past and honorary members. The session was one of the most harmonious held for many years. W. Martin Jones, Esq., G. W. C. Templar, presented his annual report, showing the progress of the order and the work of the year. He strongly commended the effort for constitutional prohibition, the circulation of a sound temperance literature, and urged that the order give sympathy and assistance to the prohibitionists of Ohio.

D. W. Hooker, Esq., G. W. Secretary, reported the total membership one year ago 25,530. Admitted and reinstated during the year, 16,266; loss during the year by suspension, withdrawal, expulsion, etc., 14,633; present membership, 27,163; net gain during the year, 1,633.

J. C. Andrews, Esq., G. W. Treasurer, reported the total receipts of the year, \$14,151 65; expenses, \$13,494 91.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

G. W. C. Templar—W. Martin Jones, Rochester.

G. W. Counsellor—Rev. R. D. Munger, Auburn.

G. W. V. Templar—Mrs. W. T. Logan, Rochester.

G. W. Secretary—D. W. Hooker, Syracuse.

G. W. Treasurer—J. C. Andrews, Ithaca.

Board of Managers—Richard Kennedy, Joseph A. Bogardus, Calvin McCarthy.

Representatives to R. W. Grand Lodge—A. S. Draper, W. M. Jones, M. A. Fowler, Dr. D. H. Mann, Mrs. Geo. H. Niver, R. M. Tinkham, Clinton L. Baxter.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Chautauqua Camp-Ground.

### General News.

#### CANADIAN.

The Provincial Exhibition at Guelph is proving very successful. The weather in the early part of the week was unfavorable, but it has changed. The Lieut.-Governor opened the Exhibition. The attendance is large, and the display of exhibits very fine.

The Southern Counties Fair at St. Thomas is attracting much attention, and is said to be unusually good.

A terrible accident occurred near Kingsmill, on the C. S. R. on Saturday. A man named Paaddon was instantly killed. Two freight trains passed over the unfortunate man, and when discovered he was mangled beyond recognition.

On Monday night occurred the most terrific gale that has swept over our lakes for many years. An unusually large number of vessels have been lost, and in some cases whole crews have perished. The loss to vessel owners is very great.

An old man named Davidson, aged seventy-five, was killed on the Credit Valley railroad near Dumfries station. He was walking on the track.

It is said that smallpox and typhoid fever have broken out among the navvies on section twenty of the C. P. Railway, on Georgian Bay.

Attorney-General Miller, Jas. Gillespie, and Patrick Enright were nominated at Rat Portage for Varennes.

A boy named Ledore, living near Flinton, was fooling with a dynamite cap on Monday, when it exploded, blowing off one of his fingers, tearing the flesh of another, and severely injuring the hand.

The body of a young man named Wm. Wright was found in the Rideau Canal, at Kingston. The deceased was twenty-four years old and resided with his parents in Archvilles. He has been missing from home since Sunday. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Parties around Mississippi and Eagle lake are earnestly working up a syndicate for the purpose of erecting a paper mill in that locality. Already they have control of \$40,000, and they have every confidence of securing the balance required.

A new Presbyterian church has been dedicated at Sharbot lake. It is a neat Gothic frame building, capable of seating two hundred.

A fire occurred in the warehouse of J. T. Claxton & Co., Montreal, on Monday. Loss to stock is estimated at \$15,000; fully covered by insurance in English offices.

The Hochelaga Cotton Factory Company has discharged about 100 hands, mostly single men and boys.

A large number of cotton operatives will be temporarily thrown out of work next week at Montreal in order to stop over-production.

The Gilchrist scholarship has been won by Mr. Creelman, of Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia. This is the third Dalhousie man who has taken this scholarship.

A strong company has been organized in Prince Edward Island to be known as the Canadian Rapid Telegraph Company, to construct and operate telegraph lines in competition with the Anglo-American Cable Company which has hitherto had a monopoly of the business.

#### UNITED STATES.

On the 21st inst. a serious fire occurred in New York. A planing mill and fifty piles of lumber were burned.

The principal business portion of Brownwood, Tex., consisting of nine substantial buildings and twelve wooden structures, was burned last week. Loss unknown. Mary Hall, aged 75, became so excited by the conflagration that she dropped dead.

Terrible forest fires are raging near Calais, Maine, and near Santa Cruz, Cal.

The jail at Ashville, Ohio, was burned on Monday. One prisoner was burned to death.

John and Nicholas State were killed on the railway track at Grand Rapids, Mich., on Tuesday.

Last week the battery boilers in the Iron mill at Lyon, Shorts & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., exploded with terrific force, killing and injuring a large number of persons. The explosion shook many buildings to the