

THE ELECTIONS.

We can afford to look upon the result of last week's appeal to the electorate of Ontario with the calm complacency that is born of a knowledge that the interest in which we are especially concerned is safe. The general result, so far as the trade is concerned, is eminently satisfactory. Whether the other side is satisfied is quite another question.

For instance our good friend *The Temperer* must be suffering the pangs of remorse. It howled, and it shrieked, yea, its frenzied yell, hurled up and down the town line of Barton township proclaiming that Mowat was a traitor, and that Gibson must be defeated in Hamilton. And Gibson had somewhere about 500 majority.

In South Wentworth Mr. Awrey was as dead as a gnat until the temperance people proved that as Ontario Commissioner at the World's Fair he had spent money for liquors in entertaining in his official capacity. Then he polled the biggest majority of his political career.

Up in North Grey Mr. Cleland spoke against Prohibition from the hustings. All temperance resounded with the appeal for Mr. Cleland's defeat, but Mr. Cleland spread the remains of his opponents over the rocks of Sullivan.

Even our own John Armstrong made himself solid with the Prohibitionists, and now John is under the barn along with Joe Tait.

The fact is that in very few constituencies was Prohibition heard of as an issue at all. The prohibitionists did tremendous execution with their mighty jaws before the campaign commenced. Once the fight opened they were only heard of at odd intervals in places widely separated.

Throughout the whole battle where was the Dominion Alliance, where were the R. T. of T. and the S. O. T., and the A. P. S.? Where was McLaren? Where was Spence? Where were the whole kit and parcel of the wide mouthed, windy-lunged, intemperate worded busy-bodies? *The Temperer* stood on its hind legs and fought for what it thought was right and got the worst of it, but where were the rest?

How many candidates found there was such a thing as a temperance vote at all in their constituencies?

Meanwhile the trade said nothing but sawed wood, and the result is that Prohibition will never be passed by this legislature. Mark what we say. We speak whereof we know, and we don't care whether the coalition with the Patrons is made by Sir Oliver or Mr. Meredith either.

Of course funny things are said in a campaign. One of the funniest was the story of the *London Free Press*, that Mr. Dick's the Secretary of the L. H. P. A. had collected \$19,000 to aid the Liberal candidates. Our friend in London had better put ten cents into his pants pockets and go and ask David Sars about that—or he can depute Archie Brenner of the staff to do it for him.

The Empire did its best to uphold the cause of Prohibition in the late unpleasantness, and even went so far as to stigmatize the liquor vote as an adjunct of the Mowat machine. Was this quite wise? The Conservative party in the Dominion are not pledged to Prohibition, they are opposed to it. In the Dominion elections the trade will be with the Conservatives, generally speaking. *The Empire* will be singing a different tune a year from now.

What caused that tremendous anti-Mowat vote in Toronto? Archbishop Cleary and Sam Blake?

What caused the defeat of Hartly in Kingston? Archbishop Cleary and Principal Grant?

But then what caused the wiping out of the P. P. A. and the tremendous success—relatively considered—of the P. I.?

And if Archbishop Cleary and Principal Grant, and Sam Blake could and did become living political issues, why could and will not the Prohibition question? Why should everything have been discussed except this "great moral issue"? Why should the cough of a calf take precedence of the fifty-million drink bill? Why should the aged bull overshadow the "hellish iniquity"?

Simply because the people have had their fill of cant and humbug; they may amuse themselves with the fad in an off year, but when it comes down to the straight business of an election they turn to anything else in preference.

There will be, we repeat, no Prohibition from this Legislature.

THE HATCH ANTI-OPTION LAW.

The statement is made that, the anti-Bucket Shop bill to the contrary notwithstanding, as much gambling in wheat goes on in Canada as ever, with the difference that whereas in the old times the profit on each transaction stayed in the country, now it goes out, and it is needless to say, stays out. While ours was a straight prohibitive measure and failed to prohibit, the anti-option bill recently passed by the House of Representatives at Ottawa is of a different character. It adopts the protective tariff principle rather than the prohibitive. It does not absolutely forbid speculations in futures, but it seeks to impose a tax in such a way as to make them unprofitable.

The bill is directed particularly toward the suppression of short selling and its principle is that no one shall be permitted to sell products named in the bill unless he has the ability to deliver at the expiration of the contract. In order to regulate short selling it was found necessary to impose a mere nominal tax upon all sales. The bill includes raw or unmanufactured cotton, hops, flour, wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, pork, lard, bacon, dry and salted meat or pickled meat. A tax of 1 cent upon every thousand bushels of wheat, corn, rye, oats and barley is imposed, and upon every thousand of raw unmanufactured cotton, hops, pork, lard, bacon, dry or salted meat and pickled meat; a tax of 3 cents upon every bushel

of wheat, and of 2 cents upon every bushel of corn, rye, oats and barley. Provision is made in the bill exempting the dealer from the payment of the tax provided the property may be destroyed in transit by fire or by any unavoidable means. If, however, the party is detected in the act of evading the law by any fraudulent means he is made subject not only to the payment of the tax, but is also liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or punishment by imprisonment and confinement at hard labor not exceeding five years, or both in discretion of the court. The same provisions as to the cancellation of stamps are mentioned as those in force generally in the internal revenue service. The measure appears to us to be at once cunningly and well devised.

The Canada Farmer's Sun protests against the Patron members of the Legislature being allotted to the parties. You can call a party man Patron, Prohibitionist, P. P. A., or anything you like, but he will remain a party man still. The local opposition may have dreams of a combine that will really burst the government, but it seems to us it would be wise not to indulge in such hopes, for they are bound to prove ill-founded.

MR. E. DICKIE, Secretary of the Ontario License Holders' Protective Association, purposes starting through the Province next week, organizing local Associations in those ridings in which no associations have as yet been formed. If it is hoped that every license holder throughout the Province will assist him in every way possible in his work. The Association cannot help but feel very gratified at the result of the late elections, and this has only been gained through organization.

Our good friend, W. W. Buchanan, of *The Temperer*, is reported to be contemplating the establishment of a daily newspaper. He is even said to have secured the promise of six subscriptions of \$1000 each to start with. His scheme, it is further stated, include the erection of a building which shall contain not only the offices of the greatest temperance paper on record but also be a lasting monument to the cause. If Brother Buchanan is wise he will let well enough alone. While we do not look for fair judgment even from him on the cause we advocate, we yet regard him as one of the fairest and ablest of our opponents, and, therefore, honestly give him the benefit of our observations. If we are not mistaken the *Hamilton Tribune* was founded on the same basis as the one herewith outlined. It came to grief. *The Irish Canadian* of this city, made money as a weekly, and tempted by its success went into the daily field. The result was failure. To put the thing in brief, we have never known a sectional weekly paper to be turned into a daily that it has not come to grief. As a daily producer Brother Buchanan would be an easier mark, but it is doubtful if his ammunition would be equal to the strain.

FLAGRANT ABUSE OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

We have received from a citizen of Toronto some literature of the Dominion Alliance in reference to the Prohibition convention now being held in Montreal. This printed matter was sent bound over the country in Dominion Government envelopes, and franked by Prohibition members of the House of Commons. The envelopes have the imprint of the House of Commons, and they were sent through the House of Commons post office. The one sent us is franked by "J. C.," apparently the initials of John Charlton, the celebrated reformer and moralist. It reflects no credit either on the temperance people or on Mr. Charlton to thus abuse the franking privilege. What a howl would be raised if the *Liquor Trade* were to adopt the same method for distributing their literature, and were to use thousands of the envelopes of the House of Commons for doing it—*The Toronto World*.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS.

Spirits Entered for Consumption during the Month of May.

Statement showing the quantity of spirits taken for consumption, in each Province of the Dominion of Canada, during the month of May, 1894:

Provinces.	Pure Spirits, Gallons.
Ontario	49,041.0
Quebec	57,063.2
New Brunswick	4,135.3
Nova Scotia	3,004.3
Prince Edward Island	152.6
Manitoba	4,793.26
British Columbia	1,006.0
Total	114,645.3

Malt taken for Consumption.

Statement showing the quantity of malt ex-warhouse for consumption in each province of the Dominion during the month of May, 1894:

Provinces.	Lbs.
Ontario	3,349,276
Quebec	261,754
Nova Scotia	175,148
New Brunswick	30,270
Prince Edward Island	1,000
Manitoba	136,000
British Columbia	187,423
Total	3,950,922

HARNESS RECORDS OF THE YEAR.

THIS is destined to be a record-breaking year for the trotters and paces, says the *Chicago Inter Ocean*. Of this there can be no question, for never before have so many sensational performers appeared at the early meetings. At the close of 1893 there had been 56 hampsters in 2.10 or better against time, and 131 in races during all the history of American harness racing. Only one of all the number had been during the first six months of the year. The one exception was when Mascot paced an exhibition mile in 2.09 over the Finkler track at Belmont Park, June 21, 1893. The performance of Saladin, therefore, in defeating Mascot at Belmont Park, June 21, 1893, is doubly meritorious, in that it is a faster performance than that of Mascot last year, and is the only mile over trotted or paced in a race in 2.10 or better since that July. The report of the match between Saladin and Mascot indicated that Gen. Turner might have landed the gelding a winner had he so desired. The time of the race would render such an assumption improbable, but, be that as it may, the performance of Saladin stamps the brown son of Sultan as a truly great

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