

The Temperance Worker

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THE WAR OF THE CROSS.

The prohibition crusade in our Dominion goes bravely on. We have two more glorious victories to report this week. The County of Stanstead, where the Scott Act was defeated four years ago by a majority of 180, last Thursday adopted the Act by a majority of 247. In spite of the most unlimited misrepresentations and lies, both as to the effect of prohibition and as to the Act itself, the people looked the question straight in the face—"Is the liquor traffic good or is it evil?"—and came to the only possible honest conclusion. Compton will probably soon take the same position, and the campaign is being unexpectedly successful in Missisquoi. Drummond is being most effectively aroused, and, with Arthabaska and Richmond, will make a solid block of three no-license counties in the heart of Quebec Province.

The other battle was in Simcoe, including a large part of Muskoka, and has resulted in a victory for the Scott Act by a majority of more than eleven hundred! Nearly every voting district, towns included, gave majorities against the curse-breeding liquor traffic. The wholesale rum-sellers in Toronto are thoroughly cast into the dumps, and think of giving up the fight altogether, letting the whole Dominion go in for prohibition if it likes. Though they are perfectly sincere in regarding the prospect as a very gloomy one for their trade, what they chiefly want is to make the temperance people over-confident, and so defeat them. Remember,—“Eternal vigilance is the price of safety.” The victories in Halton, Simcoe and Stanstead have been secured, first, by the blessing of God upon an energetic agitation and exposition of the whole matter, in canvassing and in public meetings; and then by PERFECT ORGANIZATION, by which no supporter of the temperance cause was allowed to remain at home on voting day. Go and do likewise!

The united counties of Dundas, Stormont and Glangarry are voting on this present Thursday, the 16th. Charlottetown, P.E.I., votes at the same time. Other polling dates fixed are:

Peel, Ont., 23rd October.
Bruce, Ont., 30th October.
Prince Edward, Ont., 30th October.
Huron, Ont., 30th October.
Dufferin, Ont., 30th October.

York, N.B., (on question of repeal) 30th October.

Renfrew, Ont., 7th November.

A large part of the Northumberland and Durham Scott Act petition has been stolen from the Sheriff's office; but it is hoped this will not necessitate a new canvass. Lanark's petition has already been deposited with the sheriff. The cities of Kingston and Belleville, Ont., and St. John, N.B., are all preparing for contests. The outlook is getting brighter and brighter in Toronto, but it is as well to leave most of the large cities alone till the counties are won. The Middlesex petitions already contain 700 more signatures than are necessary to bring on a vote. The success met with in Manitoba is more than was expected; the liquor curse should never have been introduced to defile our North-West, and the deeper the curse is allowed to thrust its roots, the harder it will be to pull them out.

At a meeting of Methodist ministers in Montreal, the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting has heard with unmingled satisfaction of the result of voting on the Scott Act in the counties of Stanstead and Simcoe, and also desires to express its sympathy with this movement, and devoutly prays that the contest now going on in other counties may result in a similar victory for the friends of temperance."

The Rev. Dr. Potts, of Montreal, in an interview, said that he believed within ten years the whole of Canada would be under prohibition. He looked upon the result as obtained through a long course of education and agitation, both in the pulpit, on the platform, and in such papers of the public press as the *Witness*. He regarded everyone of the counties of Canada as at present ripe for action in this matter; the cities were not so ripe, because in them the concentrated power of the liquor interest existed. When the counties were won, however, the citadel of the liquor traffic could be stormed and taken.

THE HON NEAL DOW, writing to the *Voice*, says: "Now that the Prohibitory Amendment has been adopted, we have another work to accomplish, not for ourselves only, but for the entire country; that is, to annihilate the remnant of the liquor traffic which lingers here on a small scale with more or less secrecy. To accomplish this, we must have some additions to the penalties and the processes of our law, for which we will go to the next Legislature. The fact that the Maine law has not yet accomplished this, is to-day the greatest hindrance to the adoption of the policy of Prohibition speedily throughout the Union. We earnestly desire and strive to remove that obstacle, which we can easily do with such additions to our law as we have already blocked out. The temperance men and women of Maine are fully aware of the fact that their State holds the key of the field on which the battle of the homes against the grog-shops is now being fought. They understand something of the responsibility which rests upon them and mean to be true to their duty."

AT THE W. C. T. U. Convention of Vermont, at Middlebury, Mrs. Middleton, president of the Province of Quebec, made the meetings memorable with her presence, and the grand womanhood she represented by her silvered hair and devoted purpose, and will live long in our memories. "We mourned with you when Lincoln fell, we watched and prayed those weeks while Garfield fought for his life; our flags went down half-mast when the struggle was over, and now we stand with you in your war against this greatest foe of mankind." This she said as illustrative of the unity of purpose moving all nations alike, to strike down their common foe.—*Union Signal*.

"THE FOUNDATION OF DEATH."—A troopship from Queenstown to Portsmouth was recently delayed at starting owing to the death of an able seaman from falling over the quay when drunk. His own life was lost, and interruption to the public service occurred, by an extra drop. The verdict was one of accidental death. What a farce! When will juries distinguish between formal and actual causes? "Died for want of the Maine law"—a verdict once given in America—would have been much nearer the truth. The jury exculpated these in authority on shipboard, but how about those licensed to sell alcoholic poison on land?—*Alliance News, England*.

THE WEEK.

BLOODY ELECTION RIOTS are taking place in Germany, the Socialist mob in one place tearing up the pavement and attacking the police with stones.

THE HAMILTON GUNPOWDER MILLS have been blown up,—for the fourth time,—and four men have been killed by the explosion.

SEAMEN always reckon their position from some one meridian or line of longitude, but different nations use different meridians. A conference has just been held at Washington to decide on one system for the whole world. As far more ships use the meridian of Greenwich—the British standard—than any other, it has been decided to adopt that meridian. There was much discussion, and the proposal was strongly opposed by the representative of France.

IT IS REPORTED in London that the Canadian Premier, who is over there just now, is arranging for the admission of the West Indies to the confederation. In an interview—it is said—Lord Derby, the Colonial Secretary, declared that the Imperial Government would agree to that proposal.

AN AUDACIOUS MAIL ROBBERY at Ismail, Turkey, after a desperate fight in which three of the mail men were killed by the brigands, has resulted in a loss of \$300,000 to the British Government, and \$10,000 to other parties. Troops are out after the robbers.

LEUTENANT GORDON has arrived in Newfoundland, having landed all the parties who are to take observations at Hudson's Bay during the winter. All were well except one, who returned.

IT IS SAID that Sir John Macdonald has gone to England because of some difference between him as Prime Minister, and the Governor-General, about the Canadian Pacific Railway.

MR. GEORGE ERRINGTON, the Irish member of Parliament who has several times gained the aid of the Pope for the cause of law and order in Ireland, has now gone over to the Papal satellites.

TWO DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS took place, one after the other, last Saturday, in the new Parliament Buildings at Quebec. Fortunately, the outrage was perpetrated in a part of the building not yet roofed over, but the damage will probably be about \$25,000. The shock was felt all over the city, and many windows were broken in other buildings. It is not thought at all likely that Irish Nationalists are concerned, but there seems to be as yet no clue. One theory is that some of the laborers on the building did the deed to spite the contractor, with whom they had a quarrel. Others think that it is a political dodge, to prevent parliament meeting as early as intended, so as to put off certain promised investigations into past management of the provincial property. The Government has offered \$4,000 for the arrest of the offenders, and the contractor offers an extra \$500.

MRS. HUNTINGTON, formerly Mrs. Shumway, of Cincinnati, has just died and left \$300,000 to establish a "Shumway Hall," for the education of boys and for the help of students at a theological college.

THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE has granted \$10,000 to help the unemployed workmen at Lyons.

THE IMPORTS INTO BRITAIN last month were \$290,000 less than in September of last year. The exports have increased by \$52,500.

TWO BELGIAN EDITORS have been settling a political quarrel by a duel; neither was hurt.

THE PAPER MAKERS are said to be badly off because of the stoppage of importation of rags. A meeting is to be held in Cleveland, and probably prices of paper will be put up.

CANADIAN bankers and merchants in New York are moving to send help to the starving inhabitants of Labrador.

A SHANTY on a pier in Lake Michigan, opposite Chicago, was blown over into the water by a storm; sixteen men were there, and eleven were drowned.

KIEFF UNIVERSITY has been closed and 168 students accused of Nihilism.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, who is not only Commander-in-Chief of the British forces but also a cousin of the Queen, has been inspecting the fortifications of Ireland, and has been very well received.

THE AMERICAN BOARD of Commissioners of Foreign Missions has been holding its meetings in Columbus, Ohio. This great society, during the year, has twenty million dollars entrusted to its care, and not a dollar has ever been lost by faults of the money management.

AN ESTIMATE is being made by the Canadian Government of the cost of making the Welland Canal fourteen feet deep, so as to accommodate American and Canadian vessels from the Upper Lakes.

A BARREL OF WHISKEY in a saloon at Canton, Massachusetts, exploded of its own accord. Dangerous stuff, whiskey! But it has done far less harm by going off all at once than if it had gone off by glassfuls.

A MASSACHUSETTS whale ship, the "Sun," has been wrecked at Cape Frio, in South Africa; two of the crew were drowned, and all suffered terribly.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT wants a vote of \$120,000 for fortifications on the Spanish frontier.

FORTY TINS of opium that were being smuggled into Cuba as lard have been seized. Let us hope the time will come when not only opium but its kindred poison, alcohol, will not be allowed into any country that cares for its own welfare.

A FRENCH NEWSPAPER published in Alexandria has been suspended for three months, for advocating the restoration of Ismail as Khedive of Egypt.

A FRENCH PRIEST, Abbe Lemesle, of Havre, has left his order and married a banker's daughter.

TWENTY LIVES were destroyed by an explosion of fire-damp in a Moravian mine.

A RUSSIAN who threw vitriol over a nobleman has been sentenced to 13 years in Siberia. It is to be hoped he would have got the same punishment for a similar outrage on a crossing-sweeper.

FOUR THOUSAND UNEMPLOYED men at Glasgow are asking the magistrates for assistance.

A VIOLENT GALE in the Adriatic Sea has wrecked large numbers of fishing boats in the Gulf of Trieste.

A NEW YORK physician, Dr. Spann, has got a jury to give him a verdict for \$3,253, for professional services rendered to Mr. G. G. Sickles. The doctor claimed \$6,000.

AN OFFICIAL ENQUIRY into the recent railway accident at Pickering is being held by the Grand Trunk authorities. The cause of the "accident" seems to be rather mysterious.

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