

# ANOTHER BATCH OF GLORIOUS VICTORIES. 



## HURRAH!

The old ballot bor stenling trick has been tried again. In Elgin county, when the ballotloses were being carried to St. Thomas, one of them was stolen. The thief has not yet been detected.

On account of the holiday this week we go to press too enrly to give reports of the voting in Wellington County. We have a strong force of workers there. Our men are carnest and energetic, and we trust that by the time this paper is in the hands of most of our readers, they will have learned through telegraphic reports that another county is added to the gloriou honor roll of Scott Act territory.

When our brave Toronto soldiers were gathered in the drillshed, ready for their march, Col. Otter delivered to them a brief address characterized by much sound commun sense. Auong other things he specially warned them to deware of drink. He sad that perhaps some of them had provided thecuselves with hiyuur, it so, he charged them for their own good and comfort to throw it away at once. They would do thcir work betfer without it. It would only weaken then, unfit them for service, and probably cause them to be left behind as useless on the way. With renewed emphasis he repeated, if they had strong drink he wanted them to throw it away. The gallant colouel's carnest remarks were grectel by the men with prolonged and enthusiastic checers.

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We are waiting.
It has for a long time been deemed absolutely necessary for tho well-being of the community that the liguor traffic should be controlled by specially stringentlaws. In days gone by, the administration of these laws and the whole regulation of the traffic were in the hands of our municipal councils. These councils fixed the number of lieenses, and appointed the officers who were charged with the enfurcement of the law. Later un, the Pruvincial Gur raments took charge of the licensing system, and appointed con:...nissioners and inspectors. This was the plan in operation when the Scott Act lecame law, and the Provincial authorities were therefore looked upon as responsille for its enforeement. The McCarthy Aet changed this, and now, although it seems that the regulation of the traffic under the license system will still be in the hands of the Provincial Governments, the Dominion Government claims the right to say who shall be the officers whe are charged with the carrying out of the provisions of the Scott Act. This being the case, it will be at once seen that a thorough and elfiective enforcement of the law will be attained only when there is in power at Ottawn a government in sympathy with the law, or else a govermment that feels compelled to act so as to secure the nupport of thuse whe are anaiuls for the enforcenent of the law. The administration of the Scutt Act will be imperfect if officers are appointed solely because they are Conservatives or Reformers. Men must le selected tu cnfurce the law who are in sympathy with the law.

We must then, if temperanec legislation is to be made ffectise, have a government in harmony with, and whose suppurters are in harmony with, the policy of suppression of the diank tuafic. Temperance electors are rapidly coming to recugniac this. They are anxiously waiting for some official avowal of such a policy. If both of the existing political partics make such an nvowal, thero will be no nevd for any disruption of the csisting party organiantions. The approval of both fritnds and fues will make it easy fur a government to shape and carry utt a thurumgh suity pulicy and temperance emen will retain thicir prount reppective pultucn allegiances, unless une vi these partics bitrays the trust repusted an it. If only onc of the wid partion puts the phank of prulibition in its plationin, then the other party must le jerepared to do without the suppurt of the thaperance ciecturate-a large, intelligent and rapidy growing party of. mun that will nut sulurdianto praceple to mere party prejudice.

If no action is takin un cither of the lises indicatad, then thero is only one course left us to pursuc. To this contingency we havo before referred, to the seriousness of it we must again call the attention of our puiblie men. The situation is forced upon us by the urgeney of the need ior immediate decisive netion, and we must not, and will not, shirk the responsibility. We must have total prohibition; we must have practical and effective legislation on this lino;

We must have immediate, thorough enforcement of existing lawHow are we to get it? Will Reformers and Conservatives unite to s-nure it? Will either party make it a fundamental plank of policy? If neither of these yuestions is affirmatively answered, we must rise to the importance of the situation. A convention of earn. est, thoughtful men, bound by no traditions or legacies or̈ prejudice or blunder, can frame a patriotic platform having as a main plank a sound and definite policy in reference to the most mmportant public question of the day. Such a movement, such a platform, and such a party would secure the confidence and approval of a majority of the thoughtful electors of this growingly intelligent and moral community.

The situation is grave, but it is full of promise and hope. In one way or another our cause will triumph. Meanwhile, we are waiting, but we will not wait long.

## MISREPRESENTATION.

We do not expect much in the line of fair play from the whiskey party, but we are sometimes surprised to find our opponents making, in reference to our position, statements so plainly contrary to fact that the palpable misrepresentation must totally destroy all confidence in the candour and honcesty of the source from which it emanates. Such a statement so frequently made, that temperance workers are endeavoring to substitute law for moral principle, and restrain from doing wrong by legal force instead of by lofty motives. It is worthy of notice that the Scott Act advo. catus are the same men that have been for many years inculcating and exemplifying these moral motives, often in the face of the sneers of the men who now so strongly commend the methods that they have so long ignored or ridiculed. They point to the good done through our efforts in the past, and urge that as reason for restraining us from doing more. Temperance reformers do not seek to supplant but to supplement existing agencies for good. We are earnest workers on the line of moratsuasion, but we find our work sadly interfered with and its results often wholly destroyed by the counter-working of the licensed traffic in strong drink. If our moral suasion work is right and good what is to be said of the legal system that antagonizes and defeats it? Where is the consistency of the men who say it is grand and noble to spend time and wealth, to sacritice comfort and health in philanthropic efforts to save our fellowmen from the devouring flames of intemperahce, but it is wicked to legislate against the incendiary who kindles the fires.

Law is the sequence, the result and the embodiment of moral sentiment. In nearly every community some people will not be restrained by right motives alone, hence the need for law, which is the coercion of the mulevolent few by the benevolent many, for the protection of those who would otherwise be injured by a selfishness that will not be controlled by moral principle. The doctrine that law should not suppress the cause of intenperance because public sentiment favors temperance, would find a fitting parallel in a proposal to license thieves because public opinion was very stiongly opposed to stealing.

Right law not only embodies right sentiment, it also strengthens and develo $\mathrm{p}^{\prime}$ s that sentiment. In a law-abiding community, having confidence in its legislators, the mere fact of a law is taken as prima facie evidence of the soundness of the principle that it emborlies. It not unfrequently happens that a man's e. es are opencd to the wrongness of ecreain lines of conduct by the lap's condemination of that conduct. He reads therein the well-weighed opinion of men who have studied the whole matter; he asks for the reasons on Which these opinions re founded and he carns of the principles



Moral suasion and sound law are hârmonious and matually helpful. The friends of the one are the champions of the other. The inconsistency is on the part of those who profess to believe: in moral sunsion while they sneer at its advocates and condemen the legislation that is its actual embodiment, and which gives it both assistance and strength.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS.

During the past week our whole country has been thrilled:to its very centre wish an excitement such as never stirred it befor:. In the North-West, bands of lawless men have murdered some-of our citizens, and the whole nation is up in arms to suppress the socalled rebellion, and protect the interests of our fellow-countrymen in that great teritory. There is hardly a family circle in Canada that has not some tie of relationship to the great new country so recently cpened up, and the peril of the settlers there is the peril of those who are near and dear to our own hearts and homes. Our brave soldier boys have set out for the front with an enthusiasn that has rarely been paralleled, and never surpassed; and warm heart-wishes and prayers are going out and up from manyhomes, that they may be strengthened and protected in the dangerous:task that they have so manfully undertaken.

One of the most pleasing features of the situation is the manifestation of a most unbounded and deep-seated patriotism, showing that our Canadian citizens possess in an unusual degree that virtue which may well he called the heart and soul of national life, and the ensurer of national progress and success. No page of history records any response to a martial call inore prompt and more cheerful than that of our Canadian volunteers, when the tidings came that their country needed their services. It is this strong, true devotion seldom appreciated or cven realized, that is the secret of the great success of our Canadian national life, and it manifests itwelf in a thousand ways. Our people love their country with.a deep and undying love. They are determined to make it great and grand, and to keep its name unsullied in the world's great record. It is this spirit that gives us a positive assurance that no matter what may be the magnitude of this outbreak it will be speedily and effectively terminated. It is the same spirit that is manifest all over our Dominion in the uprising of our people to-day against the tyranny of strong drink, and the determination to uproot and destroy, this apwful national curse. Specially is it worthy of notice that the young men of our Dowinion are so true to their country and their homes. It is mainly to their efforts that we must attribute the recent and rapid progress of moral reforn; it is they who are now going to fight our battle, against the rebels in the North-West. God wess our noble boys, and give them a prosperous journey, and a speedy and triumphant return:

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Kingston and Frontenac.-The petitions for the city, deposited in the Registrar's office, contains 750 names, 140 more than the actual number requir. $d$ by law. The county petition contuins 1,311 names, a number also much larger than that absolutely necessary.

Ontario.-All over the county is heard the din of preparation for the coming contest. The overwhelming victorics in the neighboring counties of Northumberland and Durhum has put new zeal into the workers here, and now the ambition is to keep fully abreast of the other countics in its majority for the Act. The central committce for North Ontario will meet for the present every Mondny, at 3 oclock p.m.. in the room over Mr. Watt's dry goods store. Mr.
 Wibititid, who is leaving Uxirilge-Uxbridye Juurnuh.
 Renfrew this week, finishang his tour of inspection of the premions of applients for licenses under the seote Act. Sinace his appmint. ment last year, ho has proseca ed in about io ence, und mand securng at conviction in only one case, and in this, the e.motedde. served the wrong person with a summons. Parties who swish hy mid in the enforcement of either the License Act or the Sentt Act +f: reminded that the Inspector kreps all sources of informathom vereren; and it will not be known who ate the "informers." Mr. Mekinam thinks the Scott Act wial be a much easier Act to enturee dhap tis Licenso Act, and with the assistance which the County slliounce widr give him, expects to be able to $r$ duce the amount of illicit sulifis under the Scott Aet to a ininimum.-Renfrew Afercury.

Victoria.-The petition movement is being pushed throk ap with vigor and success. The Executive Committee has mpike arrangements for the circulation of the Scom Act Heralis in every part of tho County:

A correspondent from Glenarin writes us as follows:-"貼: Scott Act canvassers have been around in this village, and have mat with great success. Every man qualitied to vote has put duspr his name, and I an happy to inform you that nearly all in the rurul dis: tricts are also signing the petitions. I have been told that mpe yif the anti-Scott men has been on the war path in this neighiborpory but is not meeting with much success, as he only secured sisk: signature, and that was his own. He thinks the Scont set perphe are a bad lot, and that the canvassers are the worst of them. if im: lieve we can carry the Scott Act in this county with a respectualke majority. The temperance people are working harmoniously fur its adoption."

St. Catharines and Lincone.-A letter from the secectaty under date March 26th, says: "Our Scott Act work in the City if St. Catharines and Coun'y of Lincoln is moving on in a most sifis: factory man..er. The county petition was sent to Ottawa juat opps month ago, and the city petition was deposited with the Lhegistar:4 here, on Snturday last.

We are sure of success. This is not disputerd for the coupty, and in the city evidence is accumulating day by day that wiff strength is increasing. There is no reason in the world why we should not win by a grood majority. Meetings are being inelid it every locality, which are proving eininently successful. Phese intis only skirmishes; not until the voting day is announced will we wivance our regiments, and get out our Gatling guns and Kidiky cannons. There is one good thing here. There is no wercentiodence; no false security. We know our foe and are determined th overwhelm him with disaster. The " Mahdi" must be sma-hed.

I send you herewith a petition against mutilation of the Scoty Act with 763 names attached."

Wextworth. - A correspondent from Millgrove writes on ind. lows:-As $n$ temperance community we are sound on the Scot Act Should it be subuitted to the people in the near future, we will $1 /$. able to give a good account of ourselves as a township, althought w: have nine hotels in the township. The majority of the Council ute in favor of the Scott Act. I am one of the councillers furt tide township, and our hotels have only been paying $\$ 60$ license widh Sl2 added by the Government. We raised these licensis $t$, Sint) after a hard struggle in the Council. One of car board cuntendemt that it was not fair to make nine ratepayers pay so much reverise to the township. namely $\$ 252$, but I contend that as they wefe the cause of so much revenue being spent to keep up paupers munke in by strong drink sold by these men, they had a perfect right hop $\ddagger$ y sone portion of it back to the township. lie ariked mex to paint eyit a case in question, and I then referred him to one man, whe lym surd the township $\$ 75^{\circ}$ per year for four yenrs, directly caused by strums drink. It was a clear calise and he gave in. I could pipint ky it score of cases similar to that cited."

 tions up to the present date is 2091 which is nearly son mun. It its absolutely necessury and spuaks well for a good majonity; cumplof: returns are not jet an and when the total is acached the obovemphpt. ber will be doubtless incrensed. It is the popular opinion of all
einosioy that Inaldimand will carry the Seott Act but consiblembic boptitug is herng done as to the minjuity which is gencrally experete 1 tor hie medium. One thiner cortan the counmigh so fir has bee.a proy theroweh and if the effults to induce people to cast theit
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The change in public sentiment on this question is simpl. Watelerfal and many who were expected use all their inthene-
 hat have pledged themselves to wote fur the Aet. The date for filitug the petituons has been set for the 20th of April next an 1 pmrifes concerned have been notilied to take notice Everythin.: liofles well for the cause.-Hagers ille I'imes.

Hitrox:-At a recent meeting of the County Good Templar fertye, the following resolations were unanimously adopted :-

1. Resolved that in view of the Gmada Temperance Act ceryitigy into effect on May lst, eneh subordinate Lodge in the Distrise, shall, before May 1st, notify each hotel-keeper nud other derilets in liguor at present engngeil m the traffic, or who may take persission of places of public entertaimment in their respective firimhiorhood, that the Lorlge has resolved itself into a committee or thie whole to see that the sni:' Act is duly observed and enforced 1. Hesolveil that each church organization and all temperance strefeties be requested to co-operate with us in enforcing the observHfice of the Scott Act. III. Resolved that each Lodge in the Disfriet pledge itself to assist the Huron Scott Act Association in any Wiay bliat may be required, and if funds are needed to furnish the sivitio Fiy means of public entertaimments or by direct contribution If. Kesolverl that this District Lodge work in harmony with the fyethinioni Alliance and other tomperance organizations. V. Restilved that the Secretary cortespond with the Huron Scott Act Arseriation, acking their co-operation in holding a temperance picthe fort the C'ounty abont June next.

The excitement that prevailed on the first Monday of Novempry last, when it was leurned that three ballot-boxes had been Stolitr from the court house, was renewed on Saturday; when Providetal Detective J. E. Rogers arrested James Bailey, hotel-keeper, \#dod dohn Curry, liquor dealer, wa charge of breaking int, the coniure honse a d stealing the boxes.

The evidence was not strong enough against Curry to warraut ation prosicention in proceeding further agninst him, and at an carl sthest of the proceedings he was acquitted. Jut a strong case was Himhe oint agninst Bailey.

After the evidence had been heard the pisumer was askel if ha find atrithing to sas for himself, but declined cither by himself on fittr il to make any statement.

His Worship said he would have to commit him for trial at the first coort oí competent jurisdiction.

Gall was accepted the same as on Saturday, except that Thos. Melentr took the plac of James Mcle enn.

She case cance up hufune Chicf Justice Cameron on Wednes ingy and was travered until next asizes. Owing to the scriounness iffecharge, the Chief Justice raised the bail to $\mathcal{S}, 000$.-Huron signal.

Minmotesex.-The Weat Middesex Scott Act Committee met in Mement Fryilges, on Wednesday aiternoon last, Mr. D. L. Leitch, of Strathroy, President, in the chair. The organization of the differarib tinnicipalities was carefully considered, and found to be in a vety eomplete and satisiactury condition. Arrangements were thatie for a thorough system of public meetings to discuss the merits of the: Aet, as soon as the day of woting is fixed.

A Convention of Scott Act workers in the tuwnship of Carethe was held at the same time, when satisfactory reports were given, irnt the proppect of a goved majority indicated. In the evening : pethite mecting was held to diseluns the question on both sides. The Athiners in favor of the set were Rev. Messrs. W. M. Pomeroy, 'T,道sealam, and Mr. D. L. Leitch. In opposition there appeired its bomifild, of Glencoe After Mr. Poneroy had spoken in favor of thr. Act, Mr. Buaslield touk the platform. He enteavored to sirew that prohalition does not prohilit; that it would lewsen the Fowhore anl injure besiness; that it incrensed drunkenness, crime Mitsin inanity.

The Rev. T. Macadam then replied. His points were well put tind enthasiastically responded to by the audience.

Mr. Bousfield got another opportunity to reply, and was in turn effectively answered by Mr. Leitch. Mir. Boustield was heartily cheered by the Scott Act people, who evidentiy regarded him as a valuable help to their cause. A few more such meetings would aid the Scott Act immensely.-Strallhroy Dispatch.

Bruce.-On Friday afternoon of last week a Convention of prominent temperance workers from this neighborhood was held in the lecture room of the Methodist Church, Kincardine. Rev. J. L. Murray occupied the chair, and James Warren was appointed Secretary. Rev. Mr. Smyth, President of the County Association, gave a detailed statement of the finances connected with the recent campaign in Bruce. The same gentleman also reported the result of an interview with the Mowat Government by the delegation appointed to urge the appointment of a police magistrate for the county. Such an official was appointed for Halton at a salary of $\$ 600$, but at that time a portion of the fines went to the Provincial treasury, and this paid the salary and all expenses. Hereafter the Dominion treasury will receive the benefit, and for that reason, no salary would be paid out of the funds of the Province. The deputation have reason to hope that a police magistrate will be appointed, but it will be without salary. A resolution was passed approving of the netion of the County Convention in urging the appointment of a police magistrate, and recommending Joseph Barker for the position. It was decided to be imperatively necessary to take steps to have the Scott Act rigidly enforced commencing on the morning of the first day of May. This will be done by persons acting under authority of and for the exceutive. Other business was transacted all of which had for the main object the enforcement of the Act. The temperance people have an idea that the real hard work will commence on the expiration of the present license year, and they are early clearing their decks for action. In the evening a public meeting was held, Joseph Barker was moved to the chair. Interesting addresses were made by the Chairman and Rev. Mr. Smyth.-Bruce Reporter:

Elgin.-The following is the official count of the voting on the Scott Act in the different municipalities of this county last Thursday:-


While the ballot boxes for the eastern section of the county were being taken to St . Thomas, one box was stolen. It was taken from a room in the Mansion house, Aylmer, or from the 'bus while en route to the station. The box is supposed to be the one from polling station No. 3, South Dorchester.-Ex.

Durhiny asd Northumberland.-A convention of the temperance workers of the township of Ciarke, was recently held in the Sons Hall, Orono. The meeting was thoroughly representative, every polling sub-division being well represented. R. Knox, Esq., our painstaking representative to the Central Committee presided. After opening by prayer and congratulating all present on the success attending our efforts under God in the late contest, he stated thic objects in view in calling them together, which will appear in the action taken by the mecting. It was resolved to raise $\Omega$ township fund of not less than $\$ 500$ for the purpose of securing the better enforcement of the "Scott Act", when it comes into operation by procuring the services of a private prosecutor in addition to whom the Government may appoint for that purpese. Bicasures were taken also for the providing of houses of accommodation for the travelling public in caso those now used be not arailable, when the "Act" comes in force.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously :-
Resolved-"That we regret that statements have been mado that are fitted to leave the impression on the public mind that the headquarters were not wisely located at Cobourg, and that the Central Committee had not done their work in a careful, conomical and efficient manner, but had been guilty of indiscretion and blundering. And that after having the report of our delegates we believe that Cobourg was the best centre to work from, that the campaign has been economically conducted, and that the Central Committee is worthy of the greatest praise.
"That our efficient Chairman, R. Knox, Esq., deserves and wo hereby tender our sincere thanks to him for the painstaking and efficient manner in which the local work has been conducted under his supervision. The meeting closed after benediction to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

Oxford.-On Tuesday, 24th ult., a large and enthusiastic meeting the temperance workers of this county, met in Chalmer's Church, Woodstock. Almost every municipality was represented. The convention opened at 10 a.m. with Rev. W. A. McKay as chairman, when the following officers were appointed.-President, Rev. W.A. McKay, M.A.; Ist vice-president, Rev. T. Trotter; 2nd vice-president, Rev. Mr. Munro. Rev. C. R. Morrow was reappointed corresponding secretary, and C. R. Oliver, solicitor, minute secretary of the association. Mr. M. Cody was again appointed treasurer, and an able plan of finance, which he submitted was heartily adopted. The report of the Business Committee was a very important one, and led to a good deal of discussion. The finances were reported as in a good state. Arrangements for enforcing the Scott Act, when it comes into operation in May next, were discussed, and several important measures were adopted. The following resolution was heartily carried:-"That a strong Executive Committec be appointed, consisting of the ministers of Woodstock and the following laymen: Joseph Rippon, M. McPherson, H. Dickenson, D. W. Karn, E. L. Dawson, W. H. Eakins and J. M. Grant, in connection with the county executive, to carry out the purposes of the association." The next resolution, which is as follows, was carried by a rising vote: "That while we rejoice in the measure of success achieved, we pledge ourselves not to cease our efforts till total prohibition is reached." The following chairman of municipalities, members of the executive, were appointed: East Nissouri, Samuel Towle; West Zorra, Rev. R. Scott; North, Mervin Cody; South Embro, H. Macaulay; East Zorra, Anthony Miller; Glanford, Abram Bean; Blenheim, Thos. Passmore; East Oxford, Nicholus Smith; Ingersoll, Geo. Williams; North Oxford, John McKay ; Dereham, Richard Butler; Tilsonburg, E. D. Tilson; South Norwich, R. C. Coole; North Norwich, Samuel Stevens. The convention then adjourned, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, on April 28, at 1 p.m.-Tilsonburg Liberal.

Kent.-A quarterly meeting of the County of Kent Temperance Association was held in the W.C.T.U. rooms on Thursday of last week, President, H. F. Cumming in the chair. Meeting opened with reading of chapter from the Bible, prayer and praise. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

It was thought wise that a sum of money should be kept continually on hand in the treasury in order to retain and maintain an interest in the objects of the association.

It was suggested, and the idea carried into effict, to send telegrams to those counties in which voting was taking place that day -Lambton, Elgin, and a county in Quebec. The telegrams were to this effect: "The Kent Temperance Association sends greeting. See Joshua I.9."

Mr. Gardiner, treasurer, reported the condition of finances as follows:-Receipts, $\$ 763.28$; disbursements, $\$ 649.20$; balance, on hand, \$132; linbilitics, \$170.

The idea of setting apart a day for a general praise meeting and thanks offering was suggested, and very generally endorsed.

Upon motion, Easter Sunday was named. Each minister in the county will be asked to hold a praise meeting, preach a suitable discourse, and take up a special collection towards the funds of the association.

The next general conference of the Methodist Church being appointed to mect in Chatham this year, opening on the first Wednesday in June, the President suggested holding a grand monster temperance picnic during its session, which shall take place in Kent,

Lambton, Essex and Elgin, and to which a number of the most prominent temperance celebrities of the continent should be invited.

This met with the approval of all present and tho details of arrangement were delegated to the central executive committee with power to add to its number.

Rev. R. Walker said there was still a great deal for the association to do. The rising generation was to be looked after. An effiort had been made to introduco into school the teaching of scientific temperance from temperance text-books in school. The law permitted it, and with permission of the trustees it could be carried out. He urged tho matter very strongly, remarking that if the youth were safe the future of our country was safe, and concluded by making a motion looking towards the adoption of the suggestion throughout the county.

This motion provoked considerable discussion, mostly favorable, and was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. B. Rankin, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the legal part of the programme. A number of flattering references were made to his work.-Ex.

Beaumarnois, Que.-Upward of six hundred French-Canadians met in the "Hotel de Ville," Valleyfield, on Tuesday, 24 th inst., to consider the possibility of adopting the Scott Act in the County of Beauharnois. The warden of the county, J. B. Myre, Esq., of St. Louis de Gonzague, was elected to preside.

The Rev. D. V. Lucas being called upon, seeing that his audience was almost entirely French, seemed to feel like Mark Twain that unless he spoke a few words, at least, in la belle langue he would be ruled out of court entirely, so he began by saying "Pardonnez moi sil vous plait, mes amis, si jeparle en Anglais; je ne parle pas Francais tres bien." He then proceeded to explain the Act and the necessary steps to be taken to secure its adoption, and asked M. Zepherin Boyer, mayor of Valleyfield, to kindly interpret his explanations. The mayor, after repeating in substance Mr. Lucas' words, added some very forcible words of his own on behalf of the Act.

Eustache Bergevin, Esq., a wealthy farmer of St. Timothy, once a hotel keeper, being introduced, spoke strongly in favor of the present movement. He said that in looking back years ago, when, for a short time, he was in the liquor business, he remembered seeing many little children starved and bare-footed whose fathers were drinking up what should have gone to clothe and feed them, and he advised any present who might be in the business to do any kind of work, no matter how humble, rather then sell whiskey.

Antoine Lefebvre, Esq., Mayor of the town of Beauharnois, said that he was in favor of the Scott Act, and that he believed his town would give a good vote.
J. B. Laframboise, member of the Council of the parish of St. Stanislaus, also spoke in favor of the Act.
Di. Lussier, of Valleyfield, who is a first-class speaker, anid some very strong things against the use of liquor as a beverage, and spoke for the Act. He was directed by Mr. Lucas to explain that the Act made provision for their getting liquor for medical purposes on the certificate of a physician.

The speaker was here interrupted by a man who cried out:"Oh, then we'll get five gallons." The doctor replied, "Non, non, messicurs, you cannot get any doctor to give you a prescription for five gallons." There was loud laughter. Two or three hotel-keepers in the rear tried to get up a little opposition.

The Chairman called "Silence, silence, messieurs s'il vous plait," and order was restored. The French are very respectful to the chair.

It was moved by M. Boyer that they take the necessary steps to secure the adoption of the Scott Act.

About twenty shouted "Seconde, seconde."
The motion was carricd, with great enthusinsm, the gallant six hundred being almost all in favor.

A general conmittee was formed for the county, and sub-committees to look after the work in the parishes, cach parish to be responsible for its proper portion of the gencral expense.

Mr. Lucas was again appealed to respecting the probable erpanse. He explained the necessary items of expense, and added, "In some of the English-speaking counties we have to bring speakers from a distance, but in French counties there is so much eloquence there is no necessity for that." (Shouts of "c'est bon," "c'est bon," "good, good," laughter and appliuse.)

Messrs. S. B. Broderr and G. M. Loy were appointed general secretaries for the county orgnization, anil a inearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr: Lucas.-Witness.

Huntinadon, Que.-Pursunat to call of the select committeo proviously appointed, the friends of temperance in the County of Huntingdon assembled in convention in the Comnty Building in the village of Huntingdon, on Friday, 20th March, 1885.

There was a very large attendance and the whole of the proceedings were characterized by great carnestness and enthusinsm.

The convention being called to order at 10.30 a.m., Wm. S. Maclaren, Esq., of Funtingdon, was appointed chnirman, and Rev. Andrew Rownt, B.A., of Athelstan, requested to act as secretary.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the convention, and requested Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, to explain to the meeting tho proper modu to be pursued in bringing forward the Srolt Art for adoption or rejection by the legal voters of the county Aftar a few explanatory remarks by that gentleman, the chaimmn called upon gendemen present for information regarding the feeling in the irrespective localities throughout the county. Ihe following resolution was moved by $\mathrm{l}_{1}$. Ferguson, of Hinchinbrook, sec mided by D. MI. Parham, of Franklin-"In view of the terrible avils m. sulting from the traffic in intoxicating liqume, and liolieving that the Canada Temperance Act of 187 S to be the lest legislativo measure within our reach to stem this tide of evil he it therefore resolved that this Convention take immediate ateps for the cubmission of the Scott Act to the electors of this county of Huntingdon.

The resolution was declared by a unanimons vote amid great applause.

The following resolution was moved by P. MeGinnis, seconded by W. W. Dalglicsh, and adopted:
"Recognizing with pleasure the great influener of women in the mighty battle with alcoholic liquors and the good work acemplished hy the temperance associations throughout the country, be it thereture resolved that this Convention carnestly asks the hearty co-operation of the W. C. 'T. U. and all othre tempremee organizations in this county in our good work."

The following gentlemen were now named by the Chairman as a committec to name or appoint local committees in each municipality : Jas. Curran, W. Furquhar, A. Wilson, P. Gardner, D. Boyd, P. MacFarlane, J. Tannahill, F. S. Proper; which committee then withdrew for deliberation.

Mr. Lucas thought about $\$ 300$ would be required for the campaign, as there would be considerable expense, owing to the necessity of printing, advertising, and of obtaining copies of the Act, etc, and thought each representative of the different municipalities should become responsible to the central committee for the amount levied on such following ratio amounced by the chairman.

The sums levied upon the several municipalities wern as fol-
 ford, $\$ 20$; Havelock, $\$ 30$; Iranklin, $\$ 30$; Hinchinbrook, $\$ 35$; Elgin, $\$ 25$; Dundee, $\$ 25$; Gormanchester, $\$ 30$; St. Anicet, $\$ 20$.

The following parties became responsible for the sums levied upon their respective muncipalities, viz:-Mr. Tees, Hemmingford; Mr. W. S. MeLaren, Huntingdon; Mr. Ren, Village of Hemmingford; James Curran, Havelock; D. Parham, Franklin ; A. Wilson and James Cameron, Hinchinbrook; Pete: McFarlane, Elgin; N. Farlinger, Dundee; A. Somerville, Godmanchester.

The nominating committec came into the room and through its secretary, P. Macfarlane, Esq., reported the following list of officers and committees, which, after discussion, was umanimously adopted: Permament President, W. S. Maclaren; Per. Secretary, Rev. 1. Rowat; Per. Treasurer, A Somerville. Advisory, Finance and Literary Committec. D. Boyd, W. W. Dalgleish, Win. A. Dunsmore, Peter Macfarlane, and IF. Henderson.

The Permament President, Secretary and Treasure are ce officio members of said Advisory Cummittee.

That the following named gentlemen be Executive Committee: Hemmingford Township, Wm. Toes, D. McPlee, Wm. B. Johnson, J. E. Corbin.

Hemmingford Village-Win. Reny, John McNaughton, C. W. Shriver, and F. S. Proper.

Havelock-Jas. Curran, J. W. Stuart and Adam Reay.
Franklin-Wm. Gentle, D. M. Parham and Leonard ifall.

Hinchinbrook-Jus. Cameron, Jno. Coulter, R. Gardiner, M. McNaughton (Hill), and Dr. Ferguson.

Elgin-C. Brown, J. I'. Gillies and H. Seely.
Godmanchester-John Tannahill, John White, W. W. Walker and A. W. Cameron.

St. Anicet-F. S. Bourgeault, P. W. Higgins, J. D. Macdonald and Jos. Black.

Dundee-P. Gardiner, J. J. Fraser, F. McLennan and S. Farlinger.

Huntingdon-Angus McNaughton, J. W. Saunders and J. S. Cowan.

The commoitt ? further suggested that each municipal commit tee be empowered to add to their number, and that the first name on each committec be temporary sccretary, and that the General Secretary inform such person of his duty in that respect.

Mr. Lucas made a few closing remarks, urging the people to work with a will, and to assist the secretary in his work, as he was the man on whom devolved the sum of the labor, and to not forget that it was a hand to hand and house to house canvass that counted.

The question as to the proper time to bring the Act before the people was left to the committees, but it is expected to take place in June.-Athelstan Sun.

## 6ood Trmplars.

The quarterly meeting of West Huron District Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held recently in the Temperance Hall, Auburn. The meeting was largely; attended, every lodge in the District being represented. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:-District Chief, Bro. R. Adams, Londesboro'; District Vice Sister, Mary Sturdy, Aubum ; Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. Frank Metcalf, Blyth.

On a report from the Committee on Resolutions, the Lodge took a bold and commendable position in reference to the Scott Act, details of which will be found in our campaign news. Let it be copied by good Templars all over the Dominion.

The Secretary was instructed to send a report of the meeting to the local papers. Londesboro' was selected-as the next place of meeting. Next meeting will be held on Mny 20th.

New York reports over 31,000 members, the largest body of Good Templars in the world. Sweden is second on the list, and Maine third.

## Scits of Tumpetance.

Otrawa.-Cuaudiere Division, No. 833, the leading Division in Eastern Ontario, was honored with an official visit on the evening of the 20th inst., from Bro. J. W. Jlanning, G W. P. of Ontario, Bro. T. B. Smith, G. W. A., Bro. J. K.. Stewart, G. S., Bro. H. A exander, G. F., and Bro. C. Cainpbell, G. C., who were received with all the customary honors of the Order, after which two candidates were introduced and initiated; the beautiful words of the ritual being gone through with more than ordinary impressiveness. The Hall which was tastefully decorated with flags and banners was filled to overflowing, presenting an exceedingly bright and attractive appearance.

An intermission of 20 minutes having been declared, refreshments in the shape of coffee, cake, etc., were passed round. When ample justice had been done the good things so abundantly provided, Bro. Bryant favored the Division with a cornet solo, which fully sustained his ligh reputation. Sister Brooker sung a song which was highly appreciated by all prosent, Sister Rea playing the accompaniment; Bro. McCann having given a $r$ citation in his usual spirited stylle. The Grand Worthy Patriarch delivered an eloquent address urging upon his hearers the necessity of promoting the barmony; advancing the interests, and preserving unsullied on their part the reputation of the Sons of Icmperance, and in conclusion said, "That when the spotless flag of prohibition was waving triumphantly from one end of this vast Dominion to the other, when that glorious day arrived and the soldiers of temperance who had been engaged in the thickest of the fight would go forward to be decked with the laurels of victory, the Order of the Sons of Temperance would hold no menn position." The next picce was a song and chorus by Sisters Oliver and Bro. Skinner, which was rendered in a style that drew forth loud and continunus applause. The froceedings were then brought to a close by short addresses from each of the Grand Otficers, after which the Division aljourned.

Toronto.-Coldstheam Division Sons of Temperance, No. 212.-The final weekly meeting of this Division for the quarter ending March 31st, 1855, was held at their Hall, Brock street, on Wednesday evening of last weok. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing quarter:-P.W.P., Bro. I. J. Donogh; W.P., Bro. D. O. Ward ; W. A., Sister M. Heron ; R.S., Bro. R. Pcake; Assistant R.S., Sister C. Heron; F.S., Bro. F. C. Ward; Treasurer, Sistir M. Carlyle ; Chaplain, Bro. T.'C. Holmes ; Conductor, Bro. T. R. Young: Assistant Conductor, Sister E. Clements; I.S., Sister E. Kelly; O.S., Bro. James Jolliffe.' Before the meeting closed several members spoke in favor of the Scott Act.

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The D. V. C., W. W. Buchanan addressed the people of Highgate last Friday evening. At the close of the lecture he initiated tive candidntes into the first Degree, and instituted a Select Degree with over thirty new beneficiary members. The Highgate Council has now upuards of cighiy members.

A District Council for the county of Brant will be instituted in April. There are four vigorous Councils in the county.

A memorial service was held in Watford on Wednesday evening last, as a tribute to the memoly of the late John Swift, a prominent member of Ivy Council of that place. It was very largely attended and was addressed lyy the D. V. C., and by local speakers. A beuutiful address of condolence and the sum of $\$ 2,000$ were presented to Mrs. Swift.

Plattsville Council held a very successful public meeting last week, which was addressed by the D. V. C.

The difference of opinion as to jurisdiction between the Dominion Council and the Supreme Council has been plewsantly and satisfactorily settled. The Supreme Council at its session in Buffalo last week sustained the position of the Dominion Council as the head of the order in Briti. $h$ North Anerica, and call upon all Royal Templars in the jurisdiction to recognize it as such.

Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Winnipeg, Dominion Vice Councillor, who has so successfully managed the work of the order through the critical stage of transition to Canadian Independent jurisdiction has been presed to jemain permanently at the post and will take up his residence in Hamilton. The Grand Council of Ontario at its excecutive session on Wednesday last, endorsed the appointment ondplaced the whole orsanization work of the Province of Ontario under the management of Mr. Buchanan.

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Toronto Y.L.C.T.U.-This union resolved to try and extend their circle by means of an evening session whereby they might secure the co-operation of those young ladies who are occupied during the day. The invitations were issued fur Monday, the 16th March. The Chinese Parlor, at Shaftesbury Hall, was well filled and after addresses, reading, singing, and refreshments, twenty-four names were added to the roll. On Tuesday evening, the 24th, the Band of Hupe, under the control of the young ladies, gave an entertainment in Wolseley Hall, which was well filled. About seventy children took part, and accuitted theniselves very creditably. The Chairman, J. B. Boustead, Esq., comphmented them on account of their order and behaviour, which could not have been better.

Miss Bowes, organizer for the Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union, is loing a very good work. A letter received some time ago from Bro. Johnston, of Star Lodge, in Newmarket, gave a very interesting account of her succe ssful organization. Ever since then she has been working in the Enst, and has had unusual success in Peterboro' and Victoria Counties, in both of which she attended the Scott Act conventions. The W. C. I. U. is doing glorious vork for the Scott Act cause in ciery part of the Province, and Jught to have the sympathy of every friend of our glorious caus.

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## MEH, WOMEH, AHD THINGS IN GENERAL.

It is reported that Vice-President Hendricks and Senator Voorhees of Indiana, waited the other day on President Cleveland and urged him to dismiss Republican office-nolders and appoint Democrats in their stead. It is reported also that the President ueclined to do so, and that the refusal will cost him the support of many members of his own party. It is to be hoped that all these reports are true, for if they' are there is some hope for the political future of the United States. The great need of the time is civil service reform, and on that issue Cleveland was elected more than on any other.

There is a growing conviction amongst thoughtful observers in the Unted States that something like a social war is impending in that country, and if it breaks out it will involve Canada as well. The socialists are not merely organizing but drilling and arming. What may happen on a large scale was foreshadowed a few years ago by the labor riots which spread from Pittsburgh, and by the more recent and more local disturbance at Cincinnati. The whole power of the Federal Government may yet be required to suppress a revolt more widespread than the secession movement of I 860 , and infinitely more dangerous to the progress of civilization. A war between different orders of society would create industrial confusion such as no war based on geographical conditions could possibly do. The danger is due largely to the existence of gigantic monopolies like those controlled by Gould and Vanderielt, and to the importation of cheap labor from China and Europe to increase the gains of the monopolists.

To write a commentary on the proceedings of the Ontario Legislature which was prorogued on Monday last, would be to task exceeding alike my powers and my space. One point, however, is worthy of note-the part played in legislation by the private member. Under our system of responsible government the ministry of the day are held, and properly so, responsible for all the legislation of the session. This makes it necessary for an important public bill to be taken up as a Government measure if it is to be allowed to become law, and the effect of the theory is to greatly restrict in practice the sphere of the private member in legislation. There is no reason, however, for private members to become the ciphers they now are. They might formulate in resolutions such principles as they believe to be sound, give Parliament a chance to discuss them, and take part in the political education of the community by repeating year after year the assertion of the principles. There is far more independence in the British Parlia-
ment amongst the private members than there is with us, and this in spite of our youthtulness as a political community.

A good example of what a thoughtful private member may accomplish is afforded by the Sunday Observance Bill brought in by Mr. Wood of North Hastings, and carried on its final reading by an overwhelming majority. Another is the bill brought in last year by Mr. Waters of Middlesex, to confer the municipal franchise on unmarried women. This also was carried by a good majority, and at the last election a considerable number of women did vote for members of municipal councils. There is no reason why women voters in Toronto should not decide the composition of the council, at least to the extent of keeping out of it brewers, hotei-keepers, and others interested in the liquor traffic. 'There are always from three to halई a dozen alderman whose business is either to make or to sell alcoholic beverages, and this year the Mayor must be added to the list. The task of ascertaining what women have votes, and of securing that they shall be polled on the municipal election day, is no easy one, but if they can be induced to turn out they will soon revolutionize the city council.

Why should there be a session of the Provincial Parliament each year? If theie were one only in each alternate year a great saving would be effected in a variety of ways. A good deal of tinkering legislation would also be prevented. And what consequences would there be as an offset? Many of the States of the American Union have adopted the iiennial system, and others are following their example from time to time. It seems to work well over there; why not here? True, we have a different system of administration in Ontario, but is the difference of such a kind as to make it necessary to hold annual sessions here? If this cannot be shown, then sooner or later the biennial system will be introduced and the private member who identifies hir,self with the principle will win credit to hunself and confer a benefit $r_{.1}$ the whole community.

On more than one occasion during the late session the question of counsel fees came up, for discussion. When A goes to law with B and wins his case the costs of the suit are laid on $B$, and part of the costs is always a fee for A 's counsel. If B wins the case then :A must pay for the services of B's counsel. In other words, the unfortunate man who loses must pay for the services of the man who by his skill as a pleader procures his defeat. If the courts were infallible in their findings and the right man always won, the iniquity of this system would not be so great; with fallible judges and juries, who make frequent and palpable blunders it has become intolerable. The great majority of men go to lav in good faith, and the loser always feels sore over his defeat. His lacerated feelings are not soothed by the fact that he has to pay tor the services of the counsel on the other side as well as the services of the counsel employed in his defence. There are thousands of intelligent laymen all over the country, who have suffered this injustice, and who would welcome the abolition of this absurd infliction on the community. If some private member of the Ontario Legislature will only initiate a movement to abolish the taxing of counsel fees amongst the costs charged to defeated litigants, he will soon bring about a much needed reform.

I suggested recently that within a year the Queen of England and the Mahdi might be found in alliance with each other. Already this quasi-predicdiction seems in a fair way to be carried out. General Graham will apparently break the power of Osman Digma near Suakim without much fighting except what is of the most desultory kind. To reach Khartoum from Suakim would be a costly, formidable, and useless undertaking. To reach it from Wolseley's headquarters on the Nile would be equally so. The Mahdi has a very insecure throne and would probably be glad to make peace. It he proposes a convention on the basis of the abolition of the slave trade he may be listened to, and England may relieve herself of an absurd war in which she cannot gain even glory.

The defeat ot the French in China is ominous of trouble for the Ferry administration. Democracies are pruverbially exacting. They tolerate no faiiures in gencralship or administration. Any chain of events which produces chronic or wide-spread dissatisfaction soon saps a government's
popularity. The expense of the war in China would soon be a cause of serious trouble in France, but that trouble will be precipitated by defeat. What the war is about lew know either in France or out of it.

The threatened war between Great Britain and Russia is not likely to take place. Neither party is anxious for it, and when both are unwilling some means of settling the dispute is almost sure to be found. The trouble seems to have been caused by the actions and threats of Russian military men who are tar from headquarters and are moreover hard to restrain.

An Act has been passed by the Ontario Legislature extending the political franchise so far as to make it practically manhood suffrage. There are really few, who ought to have votes, who are onitted. The assessment roll is still the basis of the register of voters, but no man will hereafter be allowed to vote in more than one constituency. An important feature of the extension is the enfranchisement of an enormous number of young men. That they will generally abuse the trust reposed in them by the State I do not believe. On the contrary I think that our teachers, clerks, farmers' sons, and mechanics' sons are just the men to depend on whenever a crisis occurs. What they chiefly need to ballast them is just the sense of responsibility which the franchise is sure to carry with it. The proposal to confer it on women was withdrawn this year, but it will no doubt be renewed next session.

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## OANADIAN.

Diphtheria is still prevalent in Hamilton. Fresh cases are reported on Wellington Street South.

Mr. Judah, Q.C., of Montreal, has been found guilty of obtaining $\$ 25,000$ by false pretences.

Conrad Lutz, a farmer of New Hamburg, aged 40, was killed here by the cars, on the 25 th ult.

A petition is being circulated in Sandwich and Windsor asking the Dominion Government to aid the Canadian Pacific railway in building a branch from Ingersoll westward to Detroit river.

Celanie Heard, a servant girl, was tried at the assizes at Montreai, for murdering her new born infant, whose body was found, but after being locked up all night the jury could not agree, and they were discharged. Prisoner will be tried at the next assize.

A farmer named Tenbrneck, 45 years of age, living in the township of Grantham, two miles from St. Catharines, met with his death during a drunken quarrel with his young farmhand, Wm. Tuttle. Recurning from Dalhousie they quarrelled when a short distance from the house. Tenbroeck's son Alfred, saw his father strike at Tuttle with a piece of board. Tuttle wrested it from Tenbroeck and struck the latter a murderous blow, which felled him to the ground. After lingering in a halfstupified condition for some hours he expired. Tenbroeck was a prominent member of the Township Council.

The Half-breeds of the North-West Temitory under the leadership of Louis Riel, the notorious ringleader of the revolt some years ago in that territory, have again broken out in open rebellion and taken up arms against the Government. Major Crozier, Superintendent of Police in the North-West, was sent with roo men under his command to Duck Lake, to secure a large quantity of supplies there stored. They were met by some 200 rebels, who held an advantageous position at Beardy's reserve, and were taken so much by surprise that they were forced to retire on Carieton Fort in an orderly manner, suffering severely in killed and wounded. Ten civilians of Prince Albert and two policemen were killed, and frur civilians and seven policemen wounded. It is much feared that the Indians will side with the rebels. Some small tribes have already done so, and if the larger tribes join Riel, among whom he is trying to breed disaffection, the affair will assume a most formidable aspect. Great excitement reigns throughout the country and a general response has been made to the call for arms. The following troops have been ordered to the scene of action:200 men of " $A$ " and " $B$ " Batteries of Artillery; 585 men from Toronto, namely, 250 from the "Queen's Own," 250 from the roth Royal Grenadiers, and 85 men from the detachment of regulars at the Old Fort; all under the command of Licut. Col. Otter; a battalion of 340 men under Lieut. Col Williams, M.P.; the 35th Battalion, 360 men, under the command of Lieut. Col. O'Brien, M.P.; and a company of sharp-shooters from Ottawa, commanded by Capt. Alf. Todd. Large battalions are also being prepared in Manitoba and the North-west, and the Quebec voluntecrs are held in
readiness for the field. The Toronto contingent started on Monday in two trains by the C. P. Railway and was by last accounts wel! on the way to Port Arthur. The breaks in the road will delay then con" nably, but everything is being done by the Government and the raile ay empany to facilitate their journey, and the great enthusiasm of our :\% wiow not allow such ubstacles to deter them from punishing th. radels.

## UNITED STATES.

At Cadillac, Mich., the budies of six Indians have been tound on Pine River. They died from cold and starvation.

There is a smallpox epidemic among the hegroes at Mound city, Ill. There are fifty cases in the city, and eight deaths have occurred during the past week.

The Indians on the Winnebago reservation, Dakota, are in insurrection. Stock and buldings are being burned all along the Chappelle creek. The lives of settlers are threatened.

At a horse race at the Wichita agency, near Port Smith, Ark, Frank Copeland, a cowboy, and john Foster, a half.breed scout, quarreled and fought a duel at filteen paces. Both were killed at the first shot.

At Groton, Vt., on March 27, the boiler of the Groton Pond lumber company's mill exploded last night, killing two men and injuring several others, some fatally. The mill was nearly demolished.

The citizens of Mercer county, Pa., are in a state of excitement over the institution of legal proceedings by Catholic members of the community to prevent the use of the Bible in the public schools.

Dreadful tales of suffering among men, women and children in the drought-strucken district of Virginia have renched Charleston, and active measures are being taken to relieve the sufferes. Live stock are perishing by sccres.

## BRITISE AND FOREIGN.

The British steamer Orestes, Capt. Webster, from Liverpool for Penang, collided with and sunk a Chinese steamer. Seventy persons were drowned.

The French peasantry are clamoring loudly against the increased duties on gram, which has had the effect of raising the price of bread and other necessarics.

A special to the Maal says the trade depression in France is terribly severe, and that brend riots are feared in Lyons, Marseilles and Paris.

Fifty miners were imprisoned by a mine explosion at Troppau, Austrian Silesia, and it is believed all have perished. Fifty-six others were killed by an explosion in the Rothschilds mines at Austrian Moravia.

Advices from Tamatave state that a disastrous hurricane visited the east coast of Madagascar Feb. 25. The American bark Sarah Hobart and the French steamers Oise and Argo were wrecked and seventeen persons drowned. The damage was great.

The President of Nicaragua telegraphs that he is marching with the combined forces of Nicaragua and Costa Rica with the object of preventing the forces of Honduras joining those of Barrios in San Salvador. Aspinwall, the seaport of the Columbian Republic, has been captured by the re"olutionists, under General Aizpurn, after very slight resistance, only a fe:: being killed.

The Russian reply to Earl Granville's note has been recelved. It states a willingness to allow the Russian and English outposts to remain as at present, and to take immediate steps to hasten the work of the delimitating commission. This reply is not considered satisfactory.

The startling news of a heavy defeat sustained by the French troops operating against the Chinese in Tonquin, has caused great excitenient in Paris, the natural result of which has been the formal declaration of war by the French Government. The Government being defeated by an adverse vote in the Chamber of Deputies, the ministers have resigned, M. de Freycinet is spoken of as the new Prime Minister. The new Government will, it is expected, sustain a vigorous policy in the East, and send large reinforcements to Tonquin. Since the crushing defeat of the French under General Negrier, the Chinese have recaptured all ther former positions near Langson.

The interest in the Egyptian campaign has gone down a great deal as eversthing will now remain almost at a stand still until the autumn. The heat until that time, will be too deadly in its effect for murh active operations. Gen. Graham is engaged clearing the way for a railway to be laid towards Berber, and to secure the operatives from molestation.-It is reported that Osman Digma has sent a messenger with a flag of truce, sueing for peace. It is strongly rumored that his forces are deserting him in large quantuties.-The Mahdi's rival is named EI Maki. The number of his adherents is increasing. He has orcupied El Obeid. The followers of the Mahdi are alarmed.-The Nei South Wales contingent has arrived at Suakim. They were complimented by Gen. Graham on their fine appearance. They go immediately to the front with the other troops.

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## RAILNAYS AND THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

It is the destre of superintendents of every department on every rond of which we havenny knowledge, that employees should at all times be free from the effects of intuxicating liquor, and inost railway companies have rules to this effect. These rules, it is true, are not carried out to the letter, but the disasters that have resulted from this violation, are now making their observance imperative. For many years the skilled hand of an engineer was set over ngainst his intemperance habits, and a similar compromise was often made in other departments of the service. In the case of the former the travelling public did not, and never will appreciate such an arrangement. Although officials do not care to part with confessed ability, they have become aware of the necessity of keeping abreast of the temperance sentiment of the age; and from experience they are learning that the manarement of moving trains must be placed in the hands of men who will act with cool judgment, and not in the frenzy of drink.

When the railway system of this country was in its infancy, people were not disposed to criticise its efficiency; every leniency was shown to a work of such importance in developing the resources of the country, but times are now materially changed. Competition is keen, different roads traverse the country from end to end, patronage is now a matter at choice, rather than necessity. Other things being equal, the company that employs strict and courteous officiuls will distance those who are careless in this respect.

From a business point of view no one would care to risk his property with men where the chances of it $r$ aching its destination in safety, and being destroyed in a collision were about equal. We do not argue that all the mishaps that befall railway trains are traceable to the intemperance of employees, but we do know that work on the line, as well as in the office, is much retarded by the drinking habits of one or more of the staff. We would here say, however, that the travelling public are often to blame in this matter, and drinking is often the result of mistaken kindness on their part. Travellers or shippers may wish to manifest their appreciation of favors shown them, beyond what the official duties of the servant demanded. In such cises the social glass too often cancels the obligation, and level-minded people ought to sce that this method of expressing thanks is a fearful wrong.

Railway history tells us of men of commanding ability, men who have attained responsible positions in their several departments, but on escount of their drinking habits have been the objects of repeated caution and humilintion until they are reduced to the lowest grades in the service. In many cases it is only out of sympathy for their misfortune that they are retained in the employ at all.

The harmony and efficiency of an entire division may be scriously disturbed by the intemperate habits of some of its staff. Such is the nature of intemperance that its victims often obtain such sympathy and assistance from friends, as unk is detection extremely difficult. Far-seeing managers recognise that too much indulgence has been shown to offenders, and feel that more stringeni measures must be employed to suppress the first appearance of drinking anong their employees. It requires prompt and effective action inasmuch as the most moderate drinker will sooner or later be less capable of perfectly performing his duties. It cannot be too stron;ly urged that none but strictly temperate men should be cunployed. The work is such that it requires all the skill and ability possessed by ordinary men. In a mercartile establishment drinking would not for a moment be tolerated. There are grave reasons then why it should not be permitted at all, where life and property are at stake. We are glad to know that strenuous effiots are made by railwny managements in general to have the evil suppressed. Strictly temperance principl's are such essential feature points in the character of an applicant for the most humble position in the service. A strict adherence to this principle will have its own reward, ind we expeet that the next generation will spenk of drinking railway men os a thing of the prest.

There are few occupations in which $\pi$ person can display his ability to such mavantage ns in the manngement of railway aftairs, but temperance men, and those only ned hope to sucecel. Let us all gunrd nganst the apironch of lrinking habits, and assist in so monlding jublic opimon thant the traftic in strong drink will cevent ually be suppressed by entire prohibition.

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The Temperance Pmien, an Elementary Lesson Book on the Nature and Effects of Aleohol.-I'his is the title of a little volume prepared by G. D. Platt, Eisq., Public School Inspector for Prince Edward County, and published by W. J. Gage \& Co., Toronto. We are much pleased to see a Camadian book on this important subject, and specially so when the work is of such a character as that now before us. Phere is no other branch of temperance work so important and so far-reaching in its result as is the training, of our young people in habits of true temperance, and the inparting to them of just such information as this book contains. We have read many works on the physiological aspect of the temperance question, but Mr. Platt's primer surpasses all others that wo have met in concise statement of the results of a great deal of study and research. Temperance is now a subject in our programme of public school work, and we would recoinmend every teacher to carefully study this little book as a summary of exactly the facts with which ho ought to ain to make his pupils conversani. It ought also to be studied by every temperance advocate that he may be better posted on the fundamental facts which form the basis of the great prohibitory movement. It is published in a neat and convenient form and sold at the low price of 20 cents.

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The Scotr Act Heraly for April is out, and is a splendid number. It ought to be circalated thick and wide in every county in which the contest is likely to take place. For terms and specimens write to the Editor, Canada Citizes.

A very homely man, finding his little nephew erging one day, said to him: "Johnny, you shouldn't cry; it will make you look homely as you grow odder." The little fellow gazed carnestly at the speaker for a moment, and then said solemnly: "Uncle you must have cried a great deal when you were a little boy."

## Tales and Stactches.

## A LIQUOR DEALER'S VIEIVS.

Say, Mr. Legislature,
You make an awful fuss,
An' do a heap o' talkin'
Just on account of us;
You sometimes pass a liquor law
To please the cemprance cruli,
But allus leave a loop-hole
'Tier let us fellers' thro'.
You know we've got a host of votes, An' know we': got the cash;
'Ye've kind o' got you in ou: powerYer daren't be too rash.
Yer listen to them wimmen folks $\mathrm{An}^{\prime}$ meet ' cm with a smile,
But the've no votes for yer to gainYer know it all the while.

At times yer pass some pesky law, But soon 'tis done awsy,
For sich as bear too hard on us We allus disobey;
'Twould save a heap o' trouble If our advice were asked,
An' whether we'd obey sich laws, Before yer had 'em passed.

We've only jest two things ter do, Then rest our happy souls.
The first ter keep the wimmen folks From votin' at the polls;
We'll let 'em talk jest as they please On every public walk-
In politics the humblest vote Outweighs the biggest talk.
The other thing we've got ter do Now, jest 'twixt you an' I,
Is ter keep the iwo old parties up, Nor let old issucs die.
$A \mathrm{~A}^{\prime}$ thus divide the temp'rance vote An' make ' cm work again
Each other, while we hold the power An'make our own men win.
-Chistian at IJork.

## WHO IS THF CRIMINAL?

A ragged and shivering litie buy was brought before a magistrate for stealing at loas of bread from a grocer's window. The grocer himself was the informer. The Judge was about to pass sentence on the little wretch when a kind lawyer oflered the following considerations, in miugation of his offence: The child, he said, was the eldest of a poor miserable group. Therr mother is an incorngable sot; therr father lies low in the drunkard's grave. This morning, says the lawjer, when the act was committed, the nivilice lay drunk upor the fleor, and her children were crying around for brad. The clder boy, unable to bear such misery any longer, rushed frum the hovel, resolving to obey that jaramount law of natere, which teaches us the principle of self preservation, even in distegard of the law of the land. He seized the penny loai from the grocer's window and teturned io that wretched home, spread the unexpected morsel betore his hungry brothers, and bade them "eat and live." He did not cat, himself. No; a consciousness of the crime, and fear of detection, furnished a more engrossing fecling than that of hunger. The last morsel was scarcely swailowed, beiore the officer of justice entered the door. The little thief was pointed cut by the grocer, and he was conducted before the tribunal.

In the midst of such misery as this, says the kind-hearted lawyer, with the motive ot the little criminal before us, there as something to snften the heart of man, though I deny not that the act is a penal offence. But the tale is by no means told. This litle circle, now utierly fallen and forlorn, is a wreck of a family once prosperous, temperate, frugal, industrious and happy. The father, as strange is it may appear, was once a professor of religion. The vry first drop of that accursed tincture of destruction, which conducted him through the path of cormuption to the grave, was handed to him by this very geccer, who now pursucs the staning child of lis former vicum, for stealing a jenisy leaf. The farm became encum
bered; the community turned its back upon the miserable victim of intemperance ; the church expelled him trom their communion; the wife sought in the same tremendous remedy for all distracting care, an oblivion of her domestic troables. Home became a hell, whose onls outlet was the grave.

All this aggregate of human wretchedness, says the laweer, was produced by this very grocer. He has murdered the father; he has brutalazed the mother; he has beggured the chaldren; hic has taken possession of the farm, and now prosecutes the chatd for stealing a loaf to keep his brothers from starving!

Hut all thes is lawful and right ; that is, it is according to law. He has stood upun his license. The theft of a penny loat by a starving boy, where his lather laid down his last farthing for rum, is a penal offence. - Selected.

## ffor Girls and gous.

## NONKEYS AT THEIR TOILET.

In India, where the monkeys live among men, and are the playmates of their children, the Hindoos have grown fond of them, and the four-in-hand folk participate in all their simple household rites In the early morning, when the peasant goes out to yoke his oxen, and the cow wakes up, and the dog stretches himself and shakes off the dust in which he has slept last night, the nonkey creeps down the peepul tree, only half awake, and yawns and looks about him, puts a straw in his mouth, and scratches himself contemplatively. Then one by one the whole family come slipping down the tree trunk, and they all yawn and look about and scratch. But they are sleepy and peevish, and the youngsters get suffed for nothines, and begin to think life dull. Ye.t the toilet has to be performed, and whether they like it or not the young ones are sternly pulled, up, one by one, to their mother, to undergo the process.

The youngsters know their turn quite well. As ench feels the moment arrive it throws itself on its stomach as if overwhelmed with apprehension, the others meanwhile stifling their satisfaction at the "so and so is doing it," and the instant the maternal paw is extended to grasp the tail, the subject of the next experiment utters a piercing shriek, and, throwing its arms forward in the oust, allows itself to be dragged along a limp and helpless carcase, winking all the tinue, no duabt, at its brothers and sisiers at the wny it is inposing on the old lady. But the old lady will stand no nonsense, and, turning the child right sile up, proceeds to put it to rights, takes the kinks out of its tail and knots out of its fur, pokes its fingers into its carsand looks at each of its tocs, the irreptessible brat all the time wearing on his face an absurd expression or hopeless and incumble grief, those who have been already cleansed looking on with delight at the screaming face, and those who are waiting wearing a becoming aspect of cnormous gravity.

The old lady, however, has her joke, which is to cuff each youngstur before she lets it fo, and nimble ns her ofisprings are, she generally, to her credit be it said. manages to "fetch them one on the ears: before they are out of reach. The father, mememhile, sits fravely with his back to all the domestic matiers, waiting for Ereakfast. Presently tic mats lefure the h.t doors are pushed down, and women, with brass vessels in their hands, come vut, and while ther scour the pots with dust, exchange le: ween sengrs the compliments of the morning. The monkeys by this time have come closer to the preparations for food ai:d sit solemnly, household by household, watching every movement. Hinduos do not hurry themselves in anything they do, but the monkey has plenty of pantience. and the end, when the crowd has stolen a little, and the dog has had his morsel, and the children are all satisfi. d, the fragments of the menl are thrown out on the gromed for the "bluader orinn"," the monkey people, and it is soon discussed, the mother feeding the baby bufore she herself ents.-Iondon I'clegraph.

## TUE WICKED, CRUEL SPIDER.

I know a dingy corner, where a wicked spider clings;
Where he spins his web round bottles, of hasses, jugs, ind other ti.ings; And $I$ listened in the shadow as one day I passed along,
Avd I heard the wicked spidur, as he sung his crucl song.

[^0]"He is coming for his cider!" said the wicked, cruel spider;
"He is coming for his wine, and my cords shall round him twine; While he sits and sips his lager, I will whet my little dagger, And when he has drunk his wine, he will find that he is mine! Ha ! the little fool is coming, I can hear him buzeing, humming, He who comes to visit me, vainly struggles to be free.
"You are welcome to my parlor, I am glad to see you come, Do not stay outside the entrance, please to make yourself at home; Will you take a little lager, while I sharpen up ny dagger?
Wiil you take a drop of wine? then you surely shall be mine:
I will bind ydu, I will grind you, though you struggle, weep and pray,
I will tie your hands behind you, you shall never get away ;
I will fight you, I will smite you, I will stab you, I will bite you,
I will make you poor and needy, I will make you old and seedy,
I will make you bleared and bloated, and with rags and tatters coated,
And your hat will look so shocking, that the boys will all be mocking,
I will haunt you till you die, then I'll hang you up to dry."
0 my boy, beware of cider, and of lager and of wine, Then the wicked, cruel spider ne'er shall get a chiid of mine. Let us storm his ugly castle, let us tear his web away;
Let us drive away this spider, Heaven in mercy speed the day!

> -The Little Christian.

## LITTLE JOHNNY.

Little Johnny T——is just ten years old, a blue-eyed, wideawake, active littic fellow. and as earnest a worker in the temperance army as jou can find. Johnny is quite a writer for a boy of his years, and was invited to read an essay on tenperance at an open lodge meeting which was held in the church at S-. There was a tine poem first, next an essay, speaking, \&ce.; but Johnng's essay brought down the house His next attempt was at a school exhibition. The large hall was crowded almost to suffocation, but, nothing daunted, Johnny read his essay- in a clear, distiret voice, as if he wasn't at all ashamed of it. "The Three Giants-Intemperance, Profanity, and Tobacco," was his theme; and he proved conclusirely that the first oath, the first glass, and the first cigar were the things to be shunned if we wish to keep out of the grasp of the giants. Two years ago, Johnny got up a pledge against tobacco and liquor-drinking, and he has circulated it faithfully. A noble man, whose only fault is that tobacco has ensnared him, said that little Johnny's pledge "took him doun" the most effectually of anything he ever came across. The little fellow offers it to all he meets, very respectfully; and who can tell how much good he has already accomplished in his little life, and, if that life is spared, what a noble field of usefulness lies before him !-Sclected.

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    Said the wicked, crafiy spider, to the buzzing little fly:

    - Will you take a little hager ? Surely you will, not decline

    Just to take a drink for friendship; say, just sip a little wine."

