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TUESDAY

A comprehensive view of the movement toward prohibition shows that the Maritime Provinces have been the leaders of this reform in Canada and have proceeded along certain definite lines. More than fifty years ago, on the crest of the great temperance wave of that period, both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia passed prohibitory laws, but the action was premature and was followed by a sweeping reaction.

Then followed a period in both those Provinces in which the county authorities in certain strong temperance counties refused to grant licenses and so deluged the liquor traffic within their borders. In 1878 the Canada Temperance Act came in and within a few years it obtained a foothold in many counties of the three Provinces. This ground has been mainly held, with varying fortunes, it being the settled policy of the eastern temperance people to hold on to the Scott Act until prohibition could be brought in.

It will be remembered that nine years ago, when our prohibitory law was enacted, the entire area of Prince Edward Island, excepting the city of Charlottetown, was under the Scott Act. The new law was only operative in this city until the three counties repealed the Scott Act so that it could take effect within their borders, and our present status was obtained, making this the banner Province of prohibition. Meanwhile the Scott Act has been holding its territory in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Halifax and St. John have been in their several Provinces what Charlottetown formerly was in this Province, the principal strongholds of the liquor traffic. But for them the strong temperance sentiment of the rural districts would have forced the adoption of Provincial prohibition long ago. Now Nova Scotia bids fair to come under prohibition, with Halifax left out for the time, but liable to be brought in a year or two hence by a majority vote of its citizens, which will almost inevitably be brought about. The influence of the temperance sentiment of the entire Province concentrated upon one spot may be confidently expected to achieve this result.

Beyond question the action of Prince Edward Island in adopting and enforcing prohibition has considerably aided the movement in the two sister Provinces. With Nova Scotia in line under the prohibition banner, New Brunswick will follow. In fact that Province has been for some time ripe for prohibition, and one political party or the other, or both are pretty sure to take it up. We cannot confidently see the three Maritime Provinces under prohibition within the next few years.

The struggle has been a long and an arduous one. A generation of ardent temperance men arose, fought manfully for prohibition and yet were destined to die without its sight. The sons and daughters took up the struggle, gaining their ground in counties, one by one, and with steadfast effort holding the fields they won, until in this Province the full victory was achieved. Nova Scotia has now taken a great stride forward, following our lead; and, as we have said, New Brunswick may be expected soon to wheel into line. It will add to the lustre of our laurel when the two sister Provinces, following our lead, are ranked under the prohibition banner.

Halley's comet has been very extensively advertised. Some learned astronomers have hinted at danger from a whisk of its tail and, while as many more have assured the waiting world that the visitor is quite harmless. None of these great men know much more than what everybody knows in regard to that. Hundreds of comets have appeared in the past and scared some people, but otherwise did no harm, so far as the records show. It may be as well, however, for people to sleep indoors and with their eyes shut for the next few weeks.

Since the Australian States have been federated in one Commonwealth they have come to attract more attention in the Mother Country and the world in general than they enjoyed before. Professor J. W. Greg

WEDNESDAY

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ory, formerly geologist of the University of Melbourne and also an explorer of the interior of the island continent, in a paper recently read by himself before the Royal Geographical Society, paid a splendid tribute to the potentialities of the Commonwealth.

Among the points noted was that, that ninety-six per cent. of the population were either born in Australia or in the United Kingdom. He denied the common report that the birth-rate is low. In Australia and New Zealand together, he says, the natural increase is higher than in the British Isles, and is only exceeded in Europe by Holland, Belgium and Servia. It is higher than in Canada, but something lower than in the United States.

The growth of population in the far southern community has by many been regarded as disappointingly slow, and it certainly has not kept pace with some rapidly growing countries in the New World. Prof. Gregory claims that it has been fairly rapid and points out that it had taken Canada two and a half centuries to reach the population that Australia has attained in less than one.

What is not generally known here is that Australia is an extensive producer of cane sugar, that in this industry white labor has almost entirely taken the place of colored labor, and the Commonwealth not only supplies its home demand for sugar but is exporting a considerable surplus. The fact of white labor being now almost exclusively employed in the tropical sugar plantations of Queensland is held to afford conclusive proof that vast areas hitherto supposed to be too hot are quite suitable for white colonization.

Almost beyond question a great future, second only to that of Canada, awaits the great southern Commonwealth and we, even at this distance, can rejoice in it, because of Australia's patriotic devotion to our common Sovereign, and the great Empire of which we form a part. In advanced legislation, some of it rather experimental as yet, Australia and New Zealand are leading the world and the reflex influence of their progressive views and aspirations is helping forward the progress of other portions of the Empire.

THURSDAY

The fishermen gives vent to an oath when he hauls up his nets or his lines and finds them heavy with eel-grass. The sailor curses the rotten stuff when he finds his anchor rope covered with it, and the lobsterman vixen with disgust his crates covered with this slippery grass.

But not everyone curses eel-grass. True, the carman wishes such a grass never existed and the sport with the gasoline launch doesn't enjoy having it caught in his propeller, but there is a man who loves and lives from this eel-grass and that is "the Eel-Grass Man."

He is a Nova Scotian and generally has his centre of business in a town which has steamship connection with Boston. He has agents in all the salt water villages of the province. These men gather the green and slippery eel-grass generally in nets and by hand. They haul it ashore in dories and then to the fields in dump cart loads.

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By Guy C. Pelton in the Canadian Courier.

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