

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

MANTLES, a specialty—Beer Bros. There will be no foreign mail to-night. HOLY LAND—Tonight in Philharmonic Hall. B. I. S.—Regular meeting to-morrow evening. THE STABLEY did not leave Georgetown this morning. I. O. F.—Meeting of Court Avondale this evening at 8 o'clock. There will be some good music and singing at the Baptist church temperance meeting to-night. Remember the temperance meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in the Baptist church to-night. SCOTTSFERRY—The Eliza began plying to-day. She is not able to get up to wharf on the other side, however. Y. W. C. A.—The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held at Fifteen Point on July 3rd. The site overlooking the entrance to Summerside Harbor and commanding a beautiful view of the Strait, is the finest in the Province. AFTER THE FRANCHISE—A petition asking for the political enfranchisement of the women of this province is being circulated at present by the W. C. T. U. It will be presented at the present session of the provincial parliament.—Pioneer. THE MOCK PARLIAMENT—The adjourned debate on the question, "The Canada Temperance Act versus License," will be resumed this evening, and the vote of the House taken on this important subject which will be decided at the polls on the 19th inst. TO-MORROW—Remember the grand concert in Philharmonic Hall to-night by J. M. and P. J. S. Lomon, natives of Mt. Lebanon. Messrs. Solomon will appear in native costume, and give a representation of the Holy Land with illustrations. GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS—A famous Methodist divine who has been laid to rest, on an occasion of addressing a meeting of young men, said: "When I enumerate the means of saving grace I feel like mentioning the bicycle as one of them. My Columbia was a means to my health, good digestion, sound sleep and well-filled lungs. It means active circulation and a firmness of heart."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE SCOTT ACT. Sir,—There are one or two points which should be carefully considered by the electors of Charlottetown in view of the approaching temperance contest. No one can deny that the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in 1891 has proved an unmitigated curse to the country districts in the neighborhood of the city. While that Act was in force it was difficult and well-nigh impossible for a countryman to obtain a glass of liquor. Not that we claim that there was no liquor to be had, but as a rule when a countryman was subpoenaed as a witness in a Scott Act case, he told the truth and a conviction was secured. This fact made our illicit sellers very careful about giving liquor to countrymen. What is the case to-day? Let anyone watch our streets on the afternoon of a market day, let him drive along any of the roads leading to the country, and he will be able to judge for himself as to the effects of the repeal of the Act upon many of the country people who attend market. Nor is the harm confined to that day alone. Many of these people carry home a stock of liquor, and it is not till their next visit to town. Testimony comes from all quarters in the country confirming the result of our own observations. I have a series of diaries kept by P. E. I last year such statements as "Drunkness so greatly increased since the repeal of the Act in Charlottetown," "Do not see how we can hope for improvement till we can erect an impassable barrier between our people and the open liquor-shop of Charlottetown," and so on. While the Scott Act was in force, it was a rare thing to meet a farmer going home drunk from Charlottetown; now it is scarcely safe to drive into town in the evening of a market day, and the Government, soon after the Act was repealed, had to get a telephone placed in the Ferry Wharf waiting room, so that the police could be called to stop drunken rowdiness. Even were the weight of testimony in Charlottetown strongly in favor of the present system (which it certainly is not) we would be bound to take into our serious consideration the unobscured effect of our action upon the country around us. We are responsible individually and collectively for the results of our line of conduct, and we dare not attempt in the spirit of Cain of old to deny that we are our brother's keepers. But even within the limits of the city, how do the two systems compare? The strongest point in favor of the Scott Act is its educative influence. It is useless to deny the fact that so long as the law is important to make a man of liquor, it allowed its abuse to continue to a greater or less extent. Given the presence of liquor on the one hand and groceries and liquors combined on the other, and the result will follow which we see every day around us, and this in spite of any law which may be passed. The only security is the complete suppression of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. But in the meantime, while we may be forced to admit that the Scott Act will not prevent our old toppers from drinking, it certainly has had a good effect upon our young people. There are very few young men who in order to take their first glass will sneak into an illicit den at the risk of being brought before the Police Court. To the educative influence of the Scott Act is to be ascribed the fact that for a considerable time after its repeal very little change for the worse was observable. But the leaves were working. Liquor was soon exposed for sale on all handi- shops were open and people could go boldly in and out as they saw fit, and not only so, but before the passage of the Regulation Act, there were groceries and liquors combined in the one shop and back rooms in abundance, where, secure from observation, the appetite might be gratified. What was the result? Before we were aware of it, the drink crime was again strongly entrenched and the number of places where to-day it is exposed for sale are a sad testimony to its extent and power. The Scott Act, even in the days when its enforcement was most ineffective, made the liquor traffic illegal, and by outlawing it, rendered it a disgrace alike to those who sold and those who bought. That this effect was keenly felt was shown by the frantic efforts which the liquor sellers made to overthrow the act, and by the cry raised by many of them, that they would vote for Prohibition not for the Scott Act. Once you have made a traffic desirable, you have advanced a long way towards its overthrow, and this we claim the Scott Act did. OBSERVER.

THE SCOTT ACT.

To be, no not to be, that is the question. Sir,—Yes, that is the question that the highly favored ones whose names were registered three years ago on the Dominion electoral lists for this city have to decide for the rest of the community. All those who were registered at that time on the country lists, but who have since then become citizens of Charlottetown, together with all those who have removed hither from other parts, and also a great many young men who have come of age since the last revision of the lists, are all deprived of having any say on this momentous question, notwithstanding that they contribute largely to the revenue of the city. Is this just? Is it right? Taxation without representation is slavery, so says the old adage, and it appears to be high time for all to strike for their rights, and prove the truth of the old national song—"Britons never shall be slaves." The Scott Act received a fair trial in this city. It was in force ten years; after which the electors, with all the advantages and the faults of the Scott Act fresh in their memories, decided to repeal it. "It was tried in the balances and found wanting." Has it been improved since that time? No. Time has not improved it to receive it. It would be an unedifying novelty as it was three or four years ago. Recall for a moment the terrible predictions made by the Scott Act prophets during the last campaign. It was confidently asserted that if the Scott Act was repealed, our streets would become filled with rioters and drunkards; that crime would be rampant; that it would be impossible to walk the streets in safety or to lie down to sleep without quaking with fear lest some one in a wanton fit of drunkenness should burn down the house about one's head. After the act received its well-merited coup de grace, their lamentations and woeful predictions increased. Listen to their cry: "It was a sorry day for Charlottetown," etc.—(Guardian, Dec. 13, 1891.) "The glassy forebodings been fulfilled? By no means; even our enemies being the judges. Hear what the great Scott Act champions say concerning the present state of affairs:—"There have been no arrests for drunkenness at the police court since the 4th inst."—(Guardian, Feb. 13, 1892.) "As for liquor, we never saw fewer men intoxicated in the city during a Provincial election."—(Patriot, Dec. 15, 1893.) "New Year's Day was a lively one in this city, especially towards evening, when the streets were crowded with teams, and a carrier through it would be difficult to find."—(Patriot, Jan. 2, 1894.) "We must say that drunkenness is not as prevalent as we anticipated it would be after the repeal of the Scott Act."—(Guardian, Jan. 21, 1892.) "We doubt if there is in America another city of twelve thousand which can boast of only a baker's dozen of convictions for drunkenness during the month of January."—(Examiner, Feb. 1, 1892.) "And last, but by no means least,— "The defeat of the Scott Act has not resulted, as was feared by many persons, in a greatly increased consumption of liquors."—(The liquor evil is not on the increase in Charlottetown. The policy of "let it alone" seems to be, at this juncture, alike necessary and wise."—(Examiner, Jan. 9, 1892.) Here we have the great Scott Act champions, in a knowledge in a matter which they had been mistaken in their prognostications. And not only that, but we find them actually rejoicing because their fears had been proved groundless. And we all can rejoice with them that we have the privilege of residing in one of the most orderly and moral cities, if not the most orderly and moral city in the western hemisphere. Thus, while we rejoice in our present condition, let us by the way of warning take a glance at a very different and by far less pleasing picture. Let us look at Charlottetown when the Scott Act was in force. A picture drawn by an earnest minister of the Gospel, a likeness pronounced to be correct by the editor of the Patriot and endorsed by the editor of the Guardian. Behold it and weep:—"Drunkness, gross, persistent, habitual, is alarmingly prevalent in Charlottetown, I fear in all classes of the community, and, as a consequence, so also are those crimes which are born of intemperance. Reputations are being blasted, many hopelessly; pockets emptied, health ruined, fair promises blighted, hearts broken, noble manhood wallowing in the mire."—(Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd's letter, Dec. 10, 1890.) "We are much pleased with the tone of the Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd's letter, published in today's paper. . . . The facts of the case are patent to everyone, but those possessed of that worst of all blindness—do not want to see."—(Patriot.) "There are few cities, we believe, in the Dominion, that are so completely in the hands of the rum element as Charlottetown."—(Guardian.) "What a fearful picture! What a horrible state of affairs! Who can contemplate it without shuddering? Shall we allow our beautiful city ever again to become such a hell upon earth, as it is described by Mr. Lloyd? Perish the thought. The rescued shipwrecked mariner would never willingly leave his place of security and wretchedly cast himself into the boiling surf, neither will the thinking citizen of Charlottetown again, with their eyes now open, wretchedly fling away their present happy state of joy and felicity and allow their city to become such a swarming mass of iniquity, as is described by Mr. Lloyd as existing in Charlottetown under the Scott Act. FAIR PLAY.

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ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, Secretary Trustee. Marshfield P. O., April 3, 1894. dy 2w 2aw w 21

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PERSONAL.

Mr. M. Delaney, of North Tryon, is in town. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Jas. Paton & Co's grand opening will be on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, 17th and 18th inst.

DIED. At London, Ontario, on Saturday, the 7th April, Mary Fisher Fraser, sixth daughter of the late Captain Mayne, R. N.

At this city on Saturday, April 7, 1894, Mrs. John Hayden in the 90th year of her age. May her soul rest in peace.

HOT WATER BOTTLES. We have secured a few Rubber Hot Water Bottles at less than half price. They are slightly soiled, are a little out of season, and the manufacturers wanted money.

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BEER BROS. Weather Bulletin. Tomorrow, April 10, 10 a. m. Northerly to easterly wind; mostly fair, not much change in temperature.