

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

NOVEMBER 18, 1893.

A SHORT TEST.

The Provincial election will be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, not on Wednesday, the 20th, as reported yesterday. The Returning Officers will have some time to prepare for the nomination, which will take place on Wednesday, the 13th, and of which they have, under the law, to give at least ten days' notice. The contest will be short, and we believe it will be decisive. In most of the districts the Opposition candidates are ready, and the electors are awaiting the opportunity to vote them in.

Both parties are yet without candidates for Charlottetown and Summerside. We hope that the Liberal-Conservative party will take instant action.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.

Electors will, on the 13th December, give three separate and distinct votes. First, they will vote for Councilmen, only those who own real estate being eligible; then, they will vote for Assemblymen, the electors including franchise voters as well as property-holders; last of all, they will all vote by ballot for or against Prohibition.

If it were clear that the Provincial Legislature had the right to enact and enforce Prohibition, the latter would be, intrinsically, and by all odds, the most important vote of the three. But it is not clear that the Provincial Legislature has anything whatever to do with the question of Prohibition. The matter is in dispute, and has been submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada for an authoritative decision which will set forth the limits of Dominion and Provincial jurisdiction in respect to the liquor traffic. Everyone who is in earnest about the national evil of drunkenness must regret that the Government had not awaited this judicial decision. The action of the Government in authorizing a plebiscite before ascertaining the rights and duties of the Province in respect to the liquor traffic is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the plebiscite in Manitoba resulted in nothing but a gush of temperance enthusiasm followed by a collapse.

In a few months electors may be able to vote upon the question of Prohibition with a knowledge that their will, as expressed by their vote, can be carried into effect. A vote in favor of Prohibition would, under such circumstances be worth something; but under the present circumstances it can be nothing more than a mere, bald expression of opinion. Indeed, it is even doubtful if men will take the trouble to express their opinion in a secret vote to which responsibility is not attached. The plebiscite will, however, be of some value if it be made the occasion for a full and frank and free discussion of the Prohibition question—though this will be all but impossible in the midst of a political contest.

Let us, however, try, before the contest departs, to call to mind some of the considerations which ought to influence electors in the determination of the question which they are called upon to answer. That the Liquor Evil is one which affects the whole body politic will readily be admitted. There is scarcely a man, woman or child in the Province whose condition and position have not been spoiled, to a greater or a lesser extent, and that for the worse, on account of the liquor evil. Consequently the liquor evil is an evil which the State may deal with, and, if possible, suppress.

But, unfortunately, it is not as one of the speakers at the prohibition meeting implied—"a tiger" or any other kind of bloodthirsty animal to be destroyed. If it were but that, it would have been disposed of long before Isaiah launched his thunderbolts against it. The Liquor Evil is as old as civilization; and it has its roots deeply imbedded in the weakness and folly of mankind. Then, is it possible, in this free country, to enforce a prohibition which was omitted from the decalogue? If prohibition cannot be enforced it is not worth striving after. Better drunkenness without a prohibitory law than drunkenness with a prohibitory law. Better Charlottetown, where there is too much drinking under "Free Rum," than Summerside where—if it be not misinformed—there is relatively more drinking under the Scott Act.

It is to be remembered that the British Constitution and the Christian Religion, alike, make prohibitions exceptional to the cardinal principle of Liberty underlying both. British law admits of restrictions upon individual liberty only when such liberty results in injury to others or is a menace to others; and the law of Christianity, as stated by St. Paul, commands to "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free." British and Christian civilization is leavened with this principle of individual liberty. The ablest minds in Church and State are full of it. Norman McLeod, the great Presbyterian divine, whose wisdom the mayor commended at the Prohibition meeting, and whose opinion as to the evil of intemperance is to be respected, wrote: "If men won't do right because it is right, what is the good of it? Give me freedom with all its risks; and again, in dealing with the liquor question, 'My conviction is becoming every day more profound, that the Gospel, as revealing God's will through His Son, is the only true and safe reform; for it does not ignore nor any man's complex nature, but equally and beautifully develops the whole.' The importance of individual liberty is recognized not alone by the ablest men: the idea of it is grafted upon the minds and hearts, and incorporated into the very nature of the people at large. After observing the working of the Scott Act in Charlottetown for upwards of eleven years, one of the most active temperance workers in this city, said:

"The majority of citizens will stand a pretty large amount of legislation on temperance matters; but restrain them to firmly, and they openly rebel or quietly evade the law, just as you may compress steam in a cylinder up to a certain point, but go beyond that and something gives way and the steam escapes. It is against human nature, patiently to submit to coercion, where before there has been liberty, and therefore such a method is rarely successful."

There is another consideration, viz., the usefulness of alcohol as a medicine. A powerful, poisonous, drug, it is for that reason, a specific for some cases, and a help in many cases of illness. We have seen a valuable life saved by its prompt use, when a doctor was not within ten miles.

Upon these considerations, we conclude that a prohibitory law, such as that which failed in the Northwest Territories, would fail in this Province and throughout Canada. Such a law might be enforced upon Indians; but not upon British freemen.

But we think that, in view of the public evils resulting from intemperance, a law might be framed and operated to the abatement of the Liquor Evil—a law which would yet afford means by which respectable men and women, the heads of families and others who may require alcoholic liquor for medicinal purposes could obtain it quickly and easily; a law which would be perfectly consistent with the civil liberty under which the freedom of the individual can be curtailed only so far as it is "necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public." This law would provide against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and it would permit their importation by none but druggists. It would provide that all druggists be duly qualified, registered and certified as able to dispense medicines; and that anyone not possessed of these qualifications and not holding a certificate who should dare to sell liquors or other drugs, be subject to the penalties and disabilities of the law. It would provide that all such certified druggists be sworn and bound, under penalties, not to sell liquor to drunks unless directed to do so by the prescription of a physician in good standing, and it would provide that to persons of known temperate habits liquors may at all times be sold on their own requisition, setting forth the kind and quality of liquor required, and the reason why required. We believe that a law like this would be supported by public opinion. If so, it would break down the liquor traffic which is baneful and restrict the sale of the liquor drug to the drug stores. For such a prohibitory law, the electors ought, we think, to vote.

But as the vote to be given on the 13th of December must necessarily be without result, and as much time must necessarily pass before "Prohibition" can be operated, in any form, there will be ample opportunity to pursue the more excellent way indicated by Dr. Norman McLeod. It was admitted by one of the speakers at the Prohibition meeting that "the churches have the matter in their own hands." We hope that the clergymen will at once and in any case begin to preach the liquor evil out of existence. The principle to be elaborated and instilled into the people, old and young, is contained in the following, among other similar texts from Holy Writ:

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

"Take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak."

"Drink" makes brothers to offend; therefore, Christians should abstain from "drink" and should banish it from their social boards, where it is a "stumbling block to them that are weak."

This is the highest and best form of Prohibition, and the worthiest to be preached and enforced.

**WANTS A WIFE WITHOUT DELAY.**  
"Blue Ribbon" Thomas Offers to Settle \$15,000 on the Girl Who Will Marry Him.  
One of the characters of Rochester, N. Y., is "Blue Ribbon Joe." He is about 45 years old, of stalwart form and great vivacity. He is a prohibitionist and always wears three bows of blue ribbon on his coat.

He is a member of the Asbury Methodist Church. Joseph Thomas is his real name. He has got a pile of money and has given ample proof of this by offering a premium to young ladies looking for husbands. He lives modestly in one room of a commodious boarding house on Ea't avenue, but his aspirations are in his habit, but liberal to loose in need.

The other day Mr. Thomas went to the pastor of a blue y church, and, like Clara McCadden, contracted in song, state he was a widower and would like to marry a wife, a nice young one, and would be well accommodated without delay. He is a well-to-do, and would make a good object for any girl to marry him. Then he mentioned the amount he was willing to settle upon a wife. The clergyman gasped when he heard it. To show that he was acting in good faith Mr. Thomas produced a bank book in which he had credited with \$15,000.

"You may take this book to the bank and ask if these figures are not all right," said Mr. Thomas.

The clergyman did this, and learned that the money was correct. Mr. Thomas said that he was willing to settle half this sum upon his bride. But "Blue Ribbon Joe" is still a bachelor.

THE JENOLAN CAVES.

These are perhaps the largest and most interesting of the various cave systems in New South Wales. They are easily reached from Sydney, the greater part of the journey being performed by rail, and are of vast extent and singularly attractive, being remarkable principally for their stalactitic and stalagmitic formations. Among other things may be cited the New Cave, which, when illuminated by the magnesium light, has been described as a scene of surpassing loveliness, the appearance of a heavy fall of snow being produced, with rocks in the background presenting to the imagination a black, frowning sky, the Bell Cave, whence the Bellfry, as it is called, is reached, where are six singular stalactites hanging close together, which, when struck, give out sonorous musical tones resembling a chime of bells; the Lucas, a series of large chambers connected by narrow passages, whose principal features consist in stalagmitic formations of very massive form, a pool of exceeding clearness, a large white marble beautifully folded, fine sheets of semi-transparent stalactite, and some very pretty pillars; the Imperial Cave, 500 feet high, with its swiftly-running underground river, one of the most sensational of cave sights; the Eastern Cave, the most beautiful and grandest of them all; and numerous others—a whole group, in fact, of magnificent subterranean halls and bewildering galleries, forming under illumination a gorgeous spectacle, and with delicate pendant and drooping sprays, gigantic columns and shadowy arches, all resplendent with dazzling, illusive gems. Without the caves are a host of other attractions, the most noted being the Pinnacle Rock, the Archway, 450ft. long, 35ft. to 180ft. wide, and from 40ft. to 60ft. high; the Carriotta Arch, a beautiful natural archway about 60ft. high and 40ft. wide, with its span ornamented with stalactites; the Pinnacle of the Creeks, the Pinnacle Rock, the outside entrance, the waterfall and adjacent woodland scenes.

PERSONAL.

W. T. Stead, the well-known English journalist, arrived in Ottawa on Thursday, and is the guest of Lord Aberdeen.

Hon. Thomas W. D'Elde leaves next week for Southern California, where he will remain until during the winter for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Dominick J. Kane, recently appointed consul for the United States at Charlottetown, is expected here with his wife and family early next month.

There were registered at the Eureka Hotel: D. B. Jackson, Amherst, N. S.; John McDonald, St. John's, N. B.; T. K. Woods, Lot 49, D. McDonald, Vernon River, P. E. I.; McDonald, Miss M. Donald, Orwell; Capt. A. Benoit, Arichot.

NEWS NOTES.

The Victoria, mines Cape Breton is said to have passed into the hands of the Whitney syndicate.

Members of the new "Know-Nothing Society," the A. P. A., will be prosecuted in New York on charges of conspiracy against the peace.

Miss Nelson, teacher in a school at Somerville, Mass., has been obliged to resign because she whipped twenty-five scholars in one afternoon.

The old Sydney mines, which have not yet been taken over by the Whitney syndicate, is still being worked with activity with a week's tonnage waiting turn, which is unusual at this late season of the year.

What's the use of being a millionaire and a madman at the same time? The Toronto crank who is to boom all \$20,000,000 from Sir Oliver Mowat the other day turns out to be a New Yorker, the only heir of an old woman who has more money than she knows what to do with or can possibly have any use for.

Alexander Hockaday, living in Harrison County, Ind., expects to celebrate his 114th birthday in a few days. He has lived on his farm there for seventy years. Mr. Hockaday has voted at every presidential election since 1806. He is 6'6" high, and retains all his mental faculties and to suffer no loss of strength, and his friends think him good for many more years.

Advices from Hammerfest discredit the report that Dr. Nansen and the Fram have been lost in attempting to reach the North Pole. The advices state that there has been an Arctic expedition had such fine chances for penetrating north, owing to absence of ice. The Kara sea, where Nansen was reported to have come to grief, was in particular, very clear.

The Plenary Committee on Organization of the World's Fair, to be held in Paris in 1900, met on Wednesday and confirmed the sub-committee's selection of the site. This site will include the Champs de Mars, the grounds of the Palais du Trocadero, the Quai d'Orsay, the Esplanade de Invalides, the Quai de la Conference, the Cours de la Reine and the Palais de l'Industrie.

It is stated at Washington that the American government does not expect to pay more than \$300,000 damages for the seizure of Canadian sealers' boats to 1891; that these claims, amounting to \$1,000,000, will be dealt with by Secretary Greer and Sir Julian Pauncefote, and that some arrangements will have to be made to keep the ships of other nations besides those of Uncle Sam and Great Britain out of Behring Sea next season.

How to Get a Slight Picture.  
Send 25 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers (wrappers bearing the words "Why Does a Woman Look Old Sooner Than a Man") to Leves Bros., Ltd., 43 Scott St., Toronto, and you will receive by post a pretty picture, free from advertising and well worth framing. This is an easy way to decorate your home. The soap is the best in the market and it will only cost 1c. postage sent in the wrapper if you leave the ends open. Write your address carefully.

It will pay those requiring boots to visit J. M. McLeod's store to-night, as they have a wonderful lot displayed at prices hardly credible.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Church.—Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock. Evening Prayer at 7 o'clock. Sunday School at 2.30.

St. Peter's Cathedral.—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 a. m. Matins at 10.15 o'clock. Children's Service at 2.30. Evensong and Sermon at 7 o'clock.

St. Dunstan's Cathedral.—First Mass at 7.30 a. m. Children's Mass at 8.30 a. m. High Mass and Sermon at 10 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7 p. m.

First Methodist Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. L. P. Palmer. Sunday School and Bible classes at 2.30.

Second Methodist Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. W. Brewer, and at 7 p. m. by Rev. G. C. P. Palmer. Sunday School and Bible classes at 2.30.

St. James' Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. T. F. Fullerton. Communion at morning service.

Zion Church.—Morning prayer meeting at 10.15. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. D. Sutherland. Sabbath School and Bible Class at 2.30.

Rapists Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. C. W. Corey. Sunday School and pastor's Bible Class at 2.30.

Meeting House, Upper Great George Street.—Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Bible Class and Sunday School at 2.30.

Kensington Hall.—Sunday School will meet with First Methodist. Evangelistic Service conducted by Mr. D. W. Scott, opening with a song service from 7 to 7.15 p. m.

Gospel Meeting.—Remember the Gospel Meeting in the Atheneum on Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Railway men. Strangers always welcome. Lesson: 2 Kings 10, 20—"Jehu destroys the worshippers of Baal."

Dr. Chalmers, Veterinary Surgeon, M. R. C. V. S., says: "I used Dr. Manning's German Remedy for neuralgia. It cured me on first application. I have never used anything to equal it. Have made other uses of it and find it a most reliable remedy for neuralgia." P. V. M. S. R. V. S., Traro, N. S., April 9, 1892.

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