

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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SCOTT ACT IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

The Government of this Province having demanded a Plebiscite on Prohibition, and the people of Charlottetown having voted "For Prohibition" by a very large majority, the clear, reasonable and logical course to pursue would be to enact forthwith such a measure of Prohibition as the constitution will admit of.

We have the highest constitutional authority in Canada for the statement that the Provincial Government has absolute power to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors by retail. Premier Mowat, says Boninot, has power to shut up every liquor shop in the Province. If Premier Mowat has power to do so, so has Premier Peters. This conclusion is supported, as we have already shown, by judicial decisions delivered in both Ontario and Quebec.

But Premier Peters will not attempt to enact Prohibition. Judging by the tenor of his conduct, he never had the most distant intention to attempt to act in accordance with the vote of the people in the plebiscite which was held upon his authority. Prohibition so far as the Provincial Government is concerned may be put aside as out of the question.

But it is hoped by many persons that he will have enacted a license law. This hope has been, it is said, held out to certain liquor dealers and others by Messrs. Rogers and Prowse, the result being an enlargement of their majority. All the same, this hope is vain. The Peters party will not enact a license law for Charlottetown. Why do we say so? We say so, because Mr. Peters, having courted Prohibition, cannot consistently yield himself to license—the finger of the Lord's scorn and derision would be pointed at him if he, having asked for Prohibition and received an affirmative answer, should dare to unite himself to the liquor license party; (2) because there are among his followers in the Legislature a sufficient number of sincere temperance men to prevent him from doing so; (3) because public opinion in town and country alike is, whether right or wrong, decidedly and emphatically opposed to license. A license law is, therefore, also, out of the question.

The choice of the people of Charlottetown is, consequently, narrowed down to Scott Act or Free Rum under the present, or perhaps somewhat more stringent, regulations. We can see no alternative; and a choice must be made on the 19th of April—only a day more than fortnight hence.

Scott Act or Free Rum—which ought the electors of Charlottetown to choose? That is the question to be discussed in the next two weeks.

In respect to Charlottetown proper, the observation of intelligent and unprejudiced men will, we think, confirm the statement that there is not much if any more drunkenness now than there was when the Scott Act was a law to be openly and flagrantly violated day after day and night after night. Indeed the record of the Police Court, if it be worth anything as a basis of comparison, points to a decrease rather than an increase of drunkenness in this city; for it shows that there were fifty convictions for drunkenness in the first three months of 1890 and but forty-two in the same period of 1894. But the people of the country who visit Charlottetown, have not so firmly resisted the temptations offered by Free Rum. There is more drunkenness upon market days. It is discreditable to Charlottetown to see an increasing number of drunken men going out of the city. Judging by the statistics an increasing quantity of liquor is being consumed. Several countrymen in the prime of life have lately been hurried before their Maker with all their sins upon their heads as a result of the drinking of intoxicating liquors in our free rum shops. Others have narrowly escaped the knife of the assassin and the hangman's noose. These things ought not to be.

Will the Scott Act affect an improvement? If enforced, it will. We think that almost everyone will not be ready to admit that enforcement is essential. We think that almost everyone will be ready to admit now that if, instead of antagonizing THE EXAMINER and those sincere and consistent temperance advocates who contended for vigorous measures of Scott Act enforcement, the Temperance Party had taken their advice, the condition of the town in respect to drunkenness would today be much better than it is. In that case the Scott Act in Charlottetown would not have been revoked, and it would have been enforced. The fact that there has been a change of opinion in this regard points to a better enforcement in the future. The change that has been made in the constitution and personnel of the City Council also affords ground for a belief that the operation of the Scott Act will be supported by the City Councilors in their official and individual capacities, and that violators of the Act will not receive aid, either directly or indirectly, from them. Indeed, there need be no doubt that Mayor Dawson and the present Councilors will fulfill to the letter their pledges to assist as much as they may in the enforcement of all laws for the good government of the corporation. That which still seems to be needed, in view of the experience of the past, is an organization of active, determined men to work together with the W. C. T. U. for the enforcement of the Scott Act, should it again be voted in. It is well known that the men of the town, as well as the women, were prepared to take part in a strong fight against those who are responsible for the liquor evil, we believe that the chances of carrying the Scott Act on the 19th inst. would be distinctly improved.

—We are indebted to Mr. Nash, of the Inland Revenue, for the following statement of Inland revenue Department at Charlottetown for one quarter and three quarters ending March 31, 1894 and 1891:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Revenue. Rows include 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and quarterly data for 1894.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Miss Martha Dingwell Lost Near Morell.

From Morell comes the news of the disappearance of Miss Martha Dingwell, school teacher at that place, under circumstances that leave room for only the saddest conjectures as to her fate. The missing girl is a daughter of Mr. Joseph Dingwell, of Bay Fortune, and during her stay at Morell had won many friends and was held in high esteem. On Monday evening last she was seen alone, walking on the railway track in the direction of the railway bridge crossing the river. She did not return that night to her boarding house, and it was thought that probably she had spent the night at some other house. On Tuesday morning the section foreman while going over the track found on a sleeper near the bridge, the girl's watch, hat, mitts, and a wooden pill box with a piece of pencil near it. Those articles were put under a stone to keep them together. On the pill box were written the following words: "I have no paper. Give this watch to little Olive. I promised it to her. Send for my father. God help me." The supposition is that the girl walked down to the railway bridge on Monday night, and, after taking off her hat and mitts and writing her message, jumped into the river. This, of course, may not be so, but no trace of her has been found anywhere round about Morell. A number of men were at work dragging the river yesterday, and about a hundred are engaged in the same sad work. Miss Dingwell has never, we are informed, shown any signs of melancholy, and those who knew her cannot understand her disappearance. She has been in her usual health lately, and on Sunday last drove to Church with Mr. R. N. Cox's family and was in the best of spirits.

INCREASE IN INSANITY.

Starting Report Laid Before the Ontario Legislature.

The most alarming report laid before the Ontario Legislature this week is the Toronto News, that containing statistics relative to the insane asylums in the province. This report shows that in ten years the average daily number of patients confined in the insane asylums has jumped from 2,580 to 3,674. In other words, the insane population has increased by forty per cent. during a period within which the total population has only been added to by about ten per cent. The causes and means of controlling this gigantic mental epidemic is a matter of momentous personal importance to every thinking person. The mad rush and whirl of business competition, inducing men to concentrate all their powers, in the struggle for wealth and position, reckless of the fact that they are risking not only health, but reason, and even life itself in the struggle. This is the true source of the increase in insanity. The constant strain of the mental faculties, irregularity of meals and sleep to which so many business men subject themselves, will break down even constitutions of iron. Be warned in time or you, too, pay the penalty of these excesses. If you are run down and exhausted, sleepless weary and depressed, take a course of that great nerve restorer and invigorator, Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic. This great remedy is a certain cure when faithfully used for all diseases arising from nerve exhaustion, weakened or impaired digestion, or an impoverished or impure condition of the blood, such as nervousness, weakness, nervous headache, sleeplessness, neuralgia, loss of appetite, dyspepsia, hysteria, and the prostrating effects of a gripe, or any nerve weakness of heart or brain arising from worry, overstrain of mind or body, or exposure of any nature. Hawker's nerve and stomach tonic can be obtained from all druggists and dealers. Price fifty cents a bottle or six bottles for \$2.50.

NEWS NOTES.

The Canadian postal authorities are being blamed for refusing to transport copies of Henry George's works franked from Washington. These books were printed in a curious manner. Three congressmen got up in the House of Representatives, one after the other, each submitting in his speech a section of the work in question. Then, under the rules of the House, the whole was ordered to be printed as a public document, and as such it is being distributed free through the mails. The wisdom or usefulness of refusing to carry it in the mails, the same as legitimate free matter, may be in question; but the action of the men who are distributing it is not. They are contemptible dolgers that straightforward free traders are ashamed of.

A majority of the Bishops of the disestablished Church of Ireland, have, it is stated, decided to consecrate two Bishops—one for Spain and one for Portugal—for some congregations which separated from the Roman Catholic Church some years ago. When this is accomplished the Irish Church will be in a strange position, for while remaining in full communion with the Church of England she will at the same time be in communion with a body of the Church of England has refused to recognize, for the Anglican Bishops throughout the world, assembled at Lambeth in 1888, refused to hold communion with or to consecrate Bishops for those congregations until they should adopt religious formularies "more sound and Catholic" than they possess.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Earle will be absent from the city for about a week. Rev. J. C. McLean is in the city, looking hale and hearty. Mr. Arthur W. Weeks, of the firm of W. A. Weeks & Co., has returned from his business trip to the Old Country. Rev. Father Phelan, of Georgetown, is visiting the city. Richard Hunt, Esq., of Summerside, is at the Hotel Davies. At the Hotel Davies yesterday there were registered: A. D. Johnson, Halifax; W. C. Adams, St. John's; Alfred Francoeur, Montreal; H. J. Farmer, Toronto; S. C. Clarke, Mount Stewart; Wm. Stewart, Summerside; C. Herbert McLean, Boston; Jos Taylor, Montreal. There were registered at the Queen Hotel yesterday: Park Kelly, Montague; Briggs, R. S. Crow, Truro; J. H. Bell, Summerside; Rev. D. B. McLeod, Orville. In the first three months of 1890, the convictions for drunkenness in Charlottetown numbered: January, 15; February, 12; March, 20; total, 50. In the first three months of 1894, the convictions numbered: January, 5; February, 16; March, 21; total, 42. Money lost, time lost, one of the biggest chances of your life thrown away, if you buy carpets, hats or clothing without first looking through our new book.—Prowse Bros, the Wonderful cheap men. ap3

PROHIBITION IS THE WORD.

Could we collect in one vast moat Or sea, the rum and kindred stuff That has run down the human throat Since Adam's day, 'twould be enough To float a large capacious bark, A ship as large as Noah's ark.

If we could really gather up One half of all the human race That have, through rum's delusive cup, Been brought to shame and deep disgrace, We could an army then enrol Would span the earth from pole to pole.

And, lamenting all the groans And lamentations caused by rum, The noise would drown the worst cyclone That ever on our earth did come, And, in the meantime, cause a shock Would make old earth and ocean rock.

Could the rum-slain be brought to life, And the rum-sellers brought to face Each starving child and weeping wife, That ruin to their door could trace; The scene, like a dread avalanche, Would make saloon men's faces blanch.

Why not at once enact a law Ignoring rum and all its brood, And make intoxicants withdraw To Hades' deep, dark solitude? For, otherwise, we'll never overcome The rude, despotic reign of rum.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3.

The House met at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and after the opening ceremonies the members proceeded to the old Legislative Council chamber where the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Speaker.

His Honor's reply was brief and to the point. Here it is:—"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—"I thank you for the address and the assurance that you will vote the necessary supplies for the Public Service.

"I am pleased to learn that in consequence of the change in the Constitution whereby the responsibility for the legislation of the Province devolves solely upon you, you will give additional attention thereto."

The members of the Legislature were then formally presented to His Honor by Mr. Speaker.

This function over the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Rogers (Alberton) said it was reported on the streets that the Government intended passing a Liquor License law in the event of the Scott Act being defeated, and asked the Leader of the Government, if there was any truth in the report.

Hon. Mr. Peters said the matter was not before the Government in any shape, and, so far as a leader, no promise had been made concerning it.

Hon. Mr. Gordon asked the Commissioner of Public Works if any arrangement had been made, or contract entered into for placing a Steamboat on the Canal.

Hon. Mr. McLean in reply stated that no arrangement had been made, or contract entered into.

House adjourned until 10 a. m. on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

House met at 12.30. Mr. Blanchard asked the Commissioner of Crown Lands to state a statement showing in detail the names of persons who paid their accounts in full in the Land Office for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the year 1893, the date of purchase, the original price, the nominal balance at settlement, date of last previous payment, and amount of reduction.

Hon. Mr. McMillan said the statement would be prepared and submitted in due time.

Mr. Blanchard asked the Commissioner of Public Works if it was the intention of the Government during the coming summer to finish the turning of the new road leading from O'Halloran Road to Pinville. Also the turning of the Graham Road; also to further extend the Duvar Road west of railway crossing.

Hon. Mr. McLean said that immediately after recess the matter would be investigated and if it was found desirable the roads would be turned.

Mr. Blanchard asked the Leader of the Government if any petition had been received by the Government from certain inhabitants of Duvar Road asking for a reduction in the price of their lands, and if so, what action the Government intend taking in answer to the prayer of said petition.

Hon. Mr. Peters said that a petition had been received from certain inhabitants of Duvar Road, but the Government had not yet come to a decision concerning it and therefore he would not say what action they intended to take.

Hon. Mr. Peters moved the House into committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the following resolution:

"That it is advisable to introduce a bill to amend the laws relating to the registering of deeds and instruments relating to the title of lands in this Province by increasing the fees now charged for such registration; so that hereafter the sum of sixteen cents shall be paid for every folio of one hundred words each, sixteen cents for every cath, forty cents for every certificate signed by the Registrar, and twenty-five cents for every search in the Registry Office; and in other ways to amend the said laws relating to the registering of deeds."

He explained that the Registry Office was now barely self-sustaining, and that as the Registry Office in Prince County would need the employing of one or two additional men, and therefore an additional outlay, it was deemed advisable to make the increased charges outlined in the resolution.

Mr. Blanchard thought it was a wrong principle to compel the poor farmers to contribute to the revenue of the country in this way. The imposition of these increased fees was a direct tax on the people. He had nothing to say against the Registry Office in Prince County. He thought, however, that two of the clerks from the office in Charlottetown might be appointed to the Prince County branch. There were too many high-salaried clerks in the Charlottetown office at the present time. The Government should economize in every way. The Leader had promised the people he would do so, but he (Mr. Blanchard) failed to see where the economy was in this case.

Hon. Mr. Gordon spoke in a similar strain. He agreed with the hon. member from Tignish that there were more than enough clerks in the Registry Office for the work to be performed, and said it was wrong to put up the fees as contemplated, as it was a direct tax on the poor farmers, who have to borrow money on their property.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Advertisements under this heading charged for at the rate of ten cents per line. New English goods opening at James Paton & Co's. New maple sugar (Island make) at S. B. Enman & Co. Having sold out their lower grades of flour Beer & Goff has reduced the price of EXCELIOR to \$4.00 per bush. Cotton duck for boat sails, 7 oz and 8 oz.—Harris & Stewart, London House, ap3 2w. Money lost, time lost, one of the biggest chances of your life thrown away, if you buy carpets, hats or clothing without first looking through our new book.—Prowse Bros, the Wonderful cheap men. ap3

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TELEGRAPHIC. SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. PARLIAMENT OF CANADA. House of Commons Proceedings.

OTTAWA, April 4. In answer to Mr. Fairbairn, Hon. Mr. Foster explained that the cattle disease in County Grey, spoken of in the House yesterday by Mr. Landarkin, was a piece of somewhat ancient history. The Minister of Agriculture having had his attention called to the matter some time ago, had caused an investigation to be made, and had ascertained that the disease was due to local causes, and was not contagious.

Dr. Sproule then resumed the tariff debate. After recess, Mr. McMillan, of Huron, spoke in reply to Mr. Sproule. He was followed by Smith of North Ontario, Renfrew of Frecheville, and Forbes of Queen's, N. S.

The Government has decided to introduce a bill shortly for the purpose of ratifying the French treaty. The Dominion Dairy Station at Sussex, N. B., is to be used as a dairy school in April. A course of practical instruction in cheese making and the testing of milk will be commenced on April 16 and is continued two weeks. A school for butter makers will be provided to begin early in May at the Nappan Dairy Station.

Newfoundland Politics. St. John's Nfld., March 4. The members of the Whiteway party called upon Governor Sir Terence O'Brien yesterday morning and asked for a dissolution of Parliament. It is said that representations were made to the Governor that the expected outcome of the election trials would be unfair and against them. After listening to their representations the Governor promised to give an answer in a day or two.

In the Assembly, the revenue or tariff bill or supplies bill have not yet been passed, owing to the state of affairs for re-assembling on a deadlock, and there is intense excitement and much speculation regarding the outcome of affairs.

OBITUARY. It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Sarah A. Kelly, daughter of John Kelly, Esq., St. John's, who departed this life on Thursday, 11th ult., at the early age of 26. She had been unwell for the past year, and in spite of all that could be done to relieve her of that dread disease, consumption, her spirit wings its flight to the realms above, to meet its God. She was always a great favorite with everybody, kindness being the fruit, courtesy the flower of her character. The one thought which seemed to dominate her life was that which forms the base of every true life—religion. Her life was a beautiful flower, blossomed, but cut off before its full bloom. Those who have had the pleasure of her acquaintance have lost a dear and trusted friend, and can only find consolation in the happy thought that their loss is a gain to Paradise. The esteem in which she was held was shown by the large funeral cortege which followed her remains to St. Malachi's Church, where Pontifical High Mass was sung by the pastor, Rev. J. J. McDonald, after which they were laid in their final resting place in the adjoining churchyard. To the sorrowing family we extend our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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AUSTRALIAN NUGGETS. Some big nuggets of gold have been found in New South Wales. Among the principal were a mass of gold found on the Turon River gold fields in July, 1851, and which weighed 106lb., or 1,272oz. In November, 1858, at Barramondy, near Orange, another nugget was found which, when melted at the Sydney mint, gave 1,182oz. 6dw. of pure gold, of the value of £4,389 8s. 16d. A third nugget, called the Brennan, was sold in Sydney in 1851 for £1,156. In 1880 and 1882, several nuggets which were unearthed at Temora weighed from 59 to 120oz., and in 1887 nuggets were found by fossickers in various parts of the country, four of which weighed respectively 357oz., 200oz., 47oz., and 32oz., were obtained at Hargraves; and another, weighing 30oz., at Limestone Creek. The Jubilee nugget, weighing 344oz., was also discovered in that year at Maitland Bar, in the Mudgee district, and was worth about £1,236.

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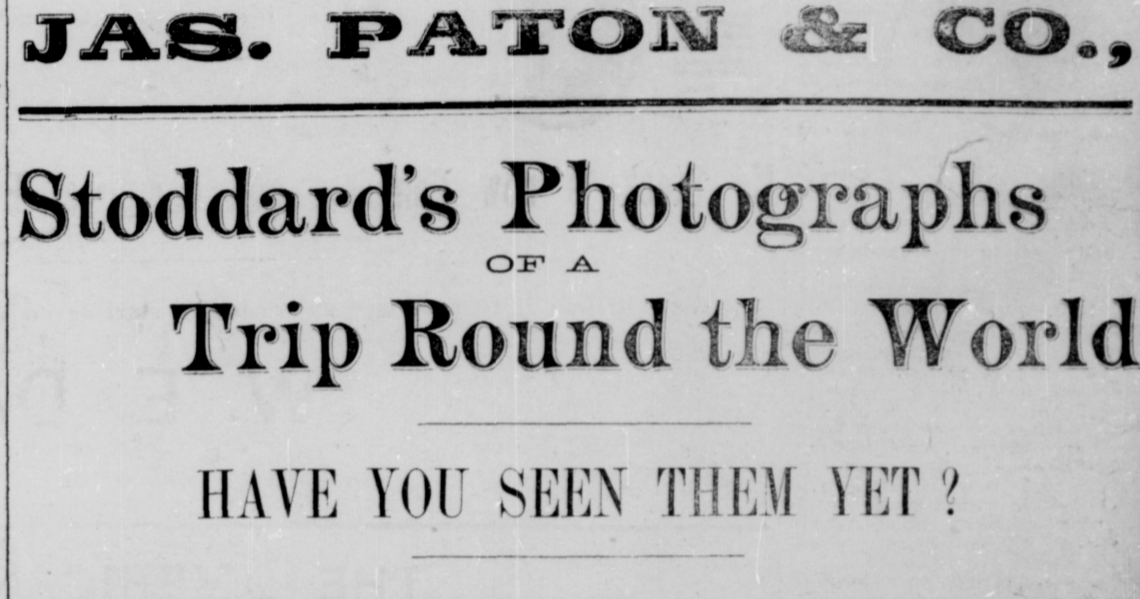
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