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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Reply to Mr. DesBrisay.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. DesBrisay's letter, which appeared in your issue of Saturday, I may say that I pass by the very many complimentary things he has to say of myself personally and of the profession to which I belong, especially as to their adaptability to deal intelligently with any public question. It may have come to Mr. DesBrisay's knowledge that there is a class of men whose education has unfitted them to take an intelligent part in anything concerning the public welfare. Personally I have not made their acquaintance, and I hope, if they exist, that something may be done to correct their educational disadvantages. I do not wish, at this stage, to fill up your columns with figures for the purpose of defending the ground I take. Briefly the point at issue is this: Was there more liquor consumed under the license system, with a decreased population, than under the Scott Act, with an increased population? Both of us give figures, and from these we draw very different conclusions. The question, then, becomes one as to the correctness of the conclusions drawn from the figures. Mr. DesBrisay assumes that the large importation was for the purpose of exporting to the other provinces. I hold that it was not such thing. He holds that the consumption under the Scott Act is greater than under License. I maintain that it is not. He has nothing to support his arguments but assumptions. I hold that I can substantiate mine from documents which form part of our public records. For Mr. DesBrisay's benefit I will put it this way: Does he think that it was owing to increased consumption that the Local Legislature, at and after the dates mentioned, had to enact and amend Acts again and again up to the time of the Scott Act, all with the intent of regulating the traffic. Was it an increasing or a decreasing traffic that called for these acts and amendments? Was it owing to the decrease in the consumption and consequent decrease in drunkenness that the Stipendiary, in 1875, had to ask that the police force be increased to 12, and in 1876 that it be further increased to 16; and that in 1877 the number of drunks and disorders and assaults appearing before him had reached that year the high figure of 864? Was it owing to a decrease in the consumption of liquor that he was compelled to report that the number of drunks was appalling? Does Mr. DesBrisay think that it was owing to a decrease in the consumption of liquor that the Local Government, in 1880, after having dismissed the inspector, were forced (owing to the large increase of illicit places) to appoint not one but three inspectors? These are not assumptions, and they tell against Mr. DesBrisay every time. No such thing ever occurred in the history of the world as a decrease of consumption of liquor and at the same time an increase in drunkenness. Everywhere and always the increase of the one and the decrease of the other goes side by side. I did not rely solely upon the figures, but upon the figures as explained by our official documents.

On the other hand, as to decreased consumption under the Scott Act, I may tell him that the answer to that—the best answer that can be given—is the earnest and unceasing activity of the trade to repeal the Act. Does he think that the determination on their part is because they sell more liquor to-day than under the license system? For the trade to raise the cry of increased consumption, and work in dead earnest to repeal the Act under which their business increases, is to suppose that they are the most stupid class of men under the sun. Mr. DesBrisay may be very good at figures but his logic is very poor, as is shown by what I may call his coal and flour argument. He knows that in the customs returns these articles do not stand on the same basis, and therefore are not useful either for the purpose of contrast or comparison. Not one barrel of Canadian flour comes to the Island in bond, but Canadian whiskey does. We have no bonded warehouse for Nova Scotian coal, but we have for beer and spirits. Mr. DesBrisay knows as well as I do what things will bear contrast and comparison, and when he uses such an argument he is guilty of what he has often said of others, "the grossest absurdity."

JAS. CARRUTHERS,
January 6th, 1891.

"Candor" Speaks.

SIR,—Now that another Canada Temperance Act election is just upon us the question naturally arises in the mind of every honest and upright man that believes in the majesty of the law being maintained, "What guarantee have we that the law will be better enforced in the future than in the past?" Such a question at the present juncture is quite legitimate and proper. We confess that the ardour of many a valiant "Scott Act" supporter has very sensibly waned by reason of its non-enforcement. A thousand times better every candid and sensible individual will allow that a law should have never been enacted at all—matters not how wise its provisions; how good in itself, than it should remain a dead letter on the statute book.

I am not one of those, Sir, who denounce you in unmeasured terms for your apparent indifference now in the heat of the battle. To my mind, the language used against you as "championing the cause of the rum party" is nothing short of slander. When we reflect on the many times the Act has been "strung up" by reason of legal technicalities, the lack of a public prosecutor for months other than one in name, but especially the coolness and supineness of the warmest and most active temperance workers, after the din of battle has ceased and reverberate through the low sheens and groggeries, it is almost sufficient to render any one discouraged and disheartened who himself has fully done his duty.

But, at the same time, is this altogether

true of you? Have you altogether fulfilled your duty? Is it not an obligatory on you to enforce the law as on any other man, yea is it not even more so owing to your more responsible position? Have you done more? Have you done as much as many? Are you not a leader, not one of the led? And is not courage and manliness two of the chief characteristics of a leader? Why then do you now show the white feather and letter in the fight, inasmuch as you are a strict and conscientious teetotaler and a watchman on the wall of sobriety. Your position is so exalted that it bears the same relation to the common people as does that of the general to the rank and file. Now what is pardonable in the private or subaltern is traitorous in the general or commander. Please, consider—there is yet time—and act manly, and act manly and righteously. Let loose immediately the dogs of war and hurl a few tremendous broadsides square into the camp of the immoral and insidious enemy. Do "cry aloud and spare not" and tell the people their sins, and thus wash your hands in innocence. Yea, roar and thunder with your old time vigor, for the occasion demands it, the high position which you hold in the community a leader of men—requires it, even claims it by sacred and inviolable right, claims it most imperatively, absolutely and unconditionally.

"But what guarantee," etc. Yes, the guarantee. Well, we have a guarantee. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. have been prosecuting this work lately—the work beyond controversy of the sterner sex if they would only do it—with tact, ability and efficiency, and also with energy and perseverance worthy of even their pledged guardians, defenders and supporters, the men. And those good results which have already crowned their efforts, they solemnly affirm is but an earnest of what they will yet accomplish in the future if the Act is again sustained on the coming 8th. The lessons, experience and mistakes—they admit they are not infallible—will be utilized and avoided in the time to come if the occasion is again presented for more energetic and faithful action.

Mr. Editor, you are a lady's man—you have spoken out time and again in their behalf. If for no other reason, then, arise and assist the ladies. But come "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty," and thus escape the curse of the lukeworm, the selfish and inactive.

CANDOR.

"Doctors differ."

SIR,—M. R. C. S., in your Saturday's issue, under the above heading, has entirely missed the point of my letter in the Guardian. In fact, it looks as if it were done intentionally as an excuse for using Billingsgate against a medical rival. He has so perverted the sense of my letter that it would be beneath contempt and undeserving of reply, if it were not that he has tried to make your readers believe that I intended to convey the idea that it were only the ladies of P. E. I. I referred to. This I never said, or never in the remotest manner insinuated. The reference to babies of the present generation was that the babies of mothers who used stimulants were never sober until they had been weaned. This statement does not require the endorsement of such a wisacre as "M. R. C. S.," as it is amply verified by scientific men on both continents.

Then comes the "raison d'être" for his letter. A whole paragraph of gratuitous insults and falsehoods against his medical rival. I am authorized to state that every line in the paragraph is untrue, except the poor man's death, and this latter his friends and relations attribute to the treatment he received the last year or more from "M. R. C. S." and others.

I should strongly advise him to follow his own advice as to temperance, but not confine it to temperance in liquor; add to it temperance in language. Also, let him refresh his memory (after his two-score years of absence from college) on the fundamental principles of his profession, and he will not make such mistakes as diagnosing consumption to be the only form of tuberculosis, and thus assist in depriving six little children and their mother of their natural support. I will now close by quoting his own words:

"Men of this class bring disgrace upon a noble profession, just as ignorant, intolerant fanatics whose misguided zeal is greatly in excess of their love of truth, reflect discredit upon and seriously injure the sacred cause of temperance."

M. D. C. M.

Prof. Shuttleworth at Marshfield.

Prof. Shuttleworth's lecture at Marshfield on Monday evening, on "Plant Food and Soil Exhaustion," was greatly enjoyed by all present. The plant food furnished by the atmosphere and the soil, the way in which the plant obtains its food, the part which man has in feeding or starving the plant, and what it costs him to do so, were discussed in a most interesting way, and were illustrated by means of charts and chemical experiments. He would be incorrigibly dull person who could listen to such a lecture as this and not learn something of value about the cultivation of the soil and not feel a more intelligent interest in the work of the farm. It was a move in the right direction when a chair in Agricultural Chemistry was added to the Prince of Wales College, and the powers that be were exceedingly happy in their choice of a man to fill that chair. Prof. Shuttleworth may always count on a warm welcome from the people of Marshfield and Dunstaffuse when it is possible for him to pay them a visit.

SOURIS RINK.—This rink was opened for the season on Friday evening last. A large number of the beauty and the chivalry of Souris East and Souris West was in attendance. The ice was in good condition and so were the skaters, one and all. The bard, however, was not quite up to time, consequently there was no music until after nine o'clock. Notwithstanding this, everything went on pleasantly, and the opening was pronounced a success. We hope the Sourisians may spend many a pleasant evening in gliding around on the ringing steel.

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