

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Power to Prohibit.

"AN IGNORAMUS" has managed to ask an important question—one to which it is difficult to give a definite answer. Speaking generally, the principle established by the Privy Council is that the provincial authorities may "license" and "regulate," but may not "prohibit." But the extent of their power to "regulate" the liquor traffic has not yet been clearly defined. It is, indeed, if we mistake not, doubtful whether they have the power to absolutely prohibit the sale of liquor within any limit. We believe that there is now pending before the Privy Council an appeal against a decision of the Provincial courts of Nova Scotia by which it was held that the local authorities could not, under the provisions of the local option license law of that Province, prevent a man from selling liquor. When the final judgment of the Privy Council in this case has been rendered, there will probably be more light upon the subject than is now available. THE EXAMINER does not profess to be fully informed upon this point. The question is, indeed, one about which even the lawyers differ and are in the dark. But perhaps some of the lawyers here will, for the benefit of "An Ignoramus" and other citizens who want to make up their minds how to vote in the coming election, afford more enlightenment in respect to it than THE EXAMINER is able to give.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree.

THE Patriot's efforts to explain away the good prices which our farmers have lately received for their farm produce are very funny. If the Patriot had been a true prophet this Island ought now to be in a state bordering upon financial ruin, as a result of the operation of the McKinley Bill. But things go on as usual. Farmers and men of business who are thrifty, industrious and prudent, are, as a rule, prospering. Indeed, if it had not been for a partial failure of the oat crop, and a scarcity of fodder caused by a drought in the early part of last summer, the farmers would be better off this season than they have been for years past. The prices of oats to supply the home market at our doors are above the average this fall, and the Americans have been compelled to come here and pay us as much as we generally get—though not as much as we think we ought to get—for our potatoes. Horses and cattle are down, partly because the shortage of fodder has forced numbers of our farmers to reduce their stocks, and partly because there has been a drop in horseflesh in the States. But the prices of other things are as good as they usually are at this season of the year. Altogether, we have cause to be thankful. The chagrin of the Patriot is, however, ill-concealed. It contends that "no thanks are due the Dominion Government." Let us see about that. Take a single instance. The demand for oats in the neighboring Provinces results from the presence there of factories and mines which would either not be opened at all or making a much smaller output than they are,—if it were not for the operation of the National Policy; and the National Policy is the policy of the Dominion Government. Have we not, then, something to thank the Dominion Government for? But, says the Patriot, "They did nothing to ward off the McKinley Bill." What had the Dominion Government to do about the McKinley Bill? What business have the Dominion Government to meddle with the legislation of the States? McKinley, Hitt, Butterworth, Sherman, and other friends and partners of the Give away Party of Canada are responsible for the passage of the McKinley Bill. It may be true, as the Patriot avers, that had it not been for recent legislation at Washington, our farmers would now be receiving from 30 to 40 cents per bushel for their potatoes. But the Dominion Government could not prevent "recent legislation at Washington." It has no right whatever to interfere with the legislation of the United States Congress.

Notes and Comments.

—Harper's Weekly remarks that it is treason to a great cause when its leader does not serve it by his private character as well as by his public efforts.

—It is reported that the crops of wheat and oats in Ontario are not turning out as well as was anticipated. The yield of spring wheat is now put at 2,000,000 bushels less than the former estimate, and of oats at 4,000,000 bushels less. This reduces the total estimate from 9,600,000 bushels to 7,600,000 bushels in spring wheat, and of oats from 58,000,000 bushels to 52,000,000 bushels. Both of these are under the average for nine years past, though in each of them the acreage was considerably in excess of the average.

—Our correspondent "Citizen" seems to have perfect faith in the Legislature. He evidently thinks that all the legislators will do their duty—even when there is a prospect of making political capital or losing their seats. We have a shrewd suspicion that his opinion regarding the members of Her Majesty's Opposition, at least, is too high. At any rate, if there should be any loss of popular favor on account of the passage of a license law, the party compelled to take the initiative will certainly have to suffer it. But the point is, perhaps, hardly worth contending about; and we care not to disturb the serene confidence of our esteemed correspondent.

Building Improvements.

THE new Baptist church, on the corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets, is rapidly approaching completion, and it is expected, will be ready for occupation about Christmas. It is being built by Mr. J. W. Cox from plans drawn by Messrs. Phillips and Chappell. The church proper will be 40x65 feet, with vestry rooms, choir and baptistry at the east end. The main entrance to the church will be from Prince Street through two doorways. On the south side of the church is the main vestry or school building, which has been in occupation for some months past. This wing measures 38x50 feet, and is one story high. The classrooms for school purposes are arranged on two sides, and the ceiling is twelve feet high. On the street corner of the church is a tower, with slated spire, which rises to a height of eighty-five feet. The structure is built throughout of brick with stone trimming and slated roofs, and will be heated by steam. The total cost will be about \$11,000.

Councillor Morris is having the gap between the Cameron and Newson blocks filled up by the erection of a brick and stone fronted building thereon, which, when finished, will be a credit alike to himself and to the city. The first floor will contain two stories, 14 and 20 feet wide respectively, and 65 feet long. The second floor will be laid off into four suites of offices and a large warehouse which will be let with the largest store. The third floor will be in one large room which may be fitted up for use as a hall or meeting room for societies at a small expense. The plans for this building were drawn by Phillips & Chappell. Charles McGregor is the contractor for the woodwork; Philip Coyle the brickwork; Howard Ramsay for the stone work.

Mr. John McPhail's new building on Prince Street measures 84 feet, and is 36 feet wide, with kitchens built on. It comprises four houses of ten rooms each. The plans were prepared by Phillips & Chappell. Henry Rackham was the contractor, and the cost complete was about \$5,300.

The new dwelling house erected on Kent Street by Dr. James Warburton, and into which he moved recently, is a substantial structure, and it presents a splendid appearance. It contains in all about fifteen rooms, two of which are occupied as offices by the Doctor. The floors are of polished oak. The building throughout is fitted with all the modern conveniences, and is heated by hot water. The total cost was about \$3,500. The plans were drawn by Phillips & Chappell, and the building was erected by Joseph Fennell.

Mrs. J. W. Mitchell's new double dwelling house on Euston Street, will be ready for occupation in a few days. The building measures 44x35 feet, with kitchen built on. The front rooms have bay windows which continue up to the second story and terminate against a gable. All the rooms are conveniently arranged. Architects: Phillips & Chappell; contractor, Walter Lowe.

Mr. Arthur Gates has well nigh completed the work of erecting a cottage on St. Peter's Road, the plans for which were drawn by Phillips & Chappell. In size the cottage is 32x24 feet, with kitchen built on, and will contain eight rooms. The cost will be about \$1,400. The contractors were Parkman & Crabbe.

Captain Andrew Doyle is rushing work on his new house on Grafton Street, opposite the Law Courts building. The building will be finished throughout in good style, and will contain about 20 rooms. Architects, Phillips & Chappell; contractor, James H. Auld.

The new Methodist Mission Chapel, on Edward Street, cost \$700, and was built from plans made by Phillips & Chappell. The building is 40x26 feet, with two classrooms, and will seat 250 persons. The building is nicely finished inside and has an open-timbered roof. J. W. Cox was the contractor.

The Cold Snap.

The weather to-day is fair but cold, with the prospect of higher temperature and some snow to-morrow. At nine o'clock last night the mercury in the thermometer in charge of the agent of the Meteorological Department here recorded two degrees above zero, falling during the night to 6½ below. This morning at nine the same thermometer marked 4 below, and at one o'clock this afternoon 6 above. Last night at ten o'clock the thermometer at Johnson's drug store registered 4 degrees below zero, and three quarters of an hour later it stood at 6 degrees below. Between seven and eight o'clock this morning other thermometers indicated 6 and 10 degrees below zero, according to location.

Ice is forming rapidly in Charlottetown harbor. However, the Elin is still plying between here and Southport, doing her best to accommodate the travelling public.

West River is frozen over. The ice is between two and three inches thick and the slush about eighteen inches. Mr. Shaw took a schooner from that place last night, but he was obliged to break a path for her with oars and poles.

Personal.

Alexander Martin, E. q. of Valleyfield, is in the city to-day on his way to Springton to attend the funeral of his father, who passed away yesterday at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

—Messrs. Shakespeare and Baker, of British Columbia, who were accused in the Trito exposures of being a brace of pirates, deny that they ever received or demanded money, as was asserted, in connection with anything they did for the contractors of the Esquimaux graving dock. Mr. Perley, engineer of the Public Works Department, also formally denies that in the discharge of his duties he gave any information calculated to benefit the alleged conspirators. Sir Hector Langevin's denial of guilt has already been noted. The Montreal Gazette remarks that until a parliamentary enquiry brings out the truth, it seems more reasonable to accept the statements of those gentlemen than the allegations of parties who, by the fact of their making them acknowledge their own corruptness.

**Sale of Furniture postponed till Friday next, at half-past 11 o'clock. See advertisement - E. H. Norton & Co. 31-de 2**

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Last Night's Concert.

THERE was a large attendance at the concert in St. James' Hall last evening, notwithstanding the cold and disagreeable weather. The programme, as published, was faithfully carried out. The vocal solos, "Anchored," by Miss Lily Brown, and "The Bend of the River," by Miss Kate Hyndman, were very well given; but the choruses by the choir did not come up to expectation. The instrumental duet, "Scottish airs," was well played by Mrs. George Stanley and Miss Wilson; and Mr. Fred. E. Morris distinguished himself, as usual. The two instrumental duets by the popular performers, Messrs. Earle and Watson, were excellently given, and Master James Hyndman's violin solo was encored. Mr. Fletcher's cornet solo was, of course, good. Rev. Mr. Carruthers' two readings were, as anticipated, well given, but the first one was in bad taste. Lover's flippant references to the Mass, the Confessional, and the personal appearance of "Father Roche," should not have been selected as a literary dish for a mixed audience, such as was present at the concert last evening. Then, too, the place was insufficiently heated, and many persons complained greatly about the cold draughts that came from the rear of the building and swept through the hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Question.

SIR,—Can you inform me whether or not, in view of recent decisions by the Privy Council of Great Britain, the Provincial Legislature has the power to pass a license law in which the principle of Local Option is incorporated. Can the Provincial Legislature now authorize the people of a ward, or block or school district—as under the Hodgson-Shaw Act—to say whether or not there shall be a tavern in their neighborhood? I have received an impression somewhere that the Provincial Legislature cannot do anything to stop trade; and I should like to be clear about the matter before I cast my ballot in the Scott Act election. AN IGNORAMUS.

Irish Town Notes.

The name of this place is somewhat misleading. Although there are some noble sons of Erin in this vicinity the town is yet to be built. The town hall has, however, been erected, surrounded by the "forest primeval." It presents a very respectable appearance and is a credit to the community. The opening of the hall took place on Monday evening, the 17th inst. On that evening the Rev. J. M. McLeod delivered a very able lecture on "Alexander Duff, the first missionary of the Church of Scotland." The life and character of the man, the rise and progress of the great missionary movement were very vividly described. In the opinion of the lecturer Scotland's greatest son was Dr. Chalmers, the second was Dr. Duff. At the close of the lecture remarks were made by several persons complimenting the lecturer. The chairman, Mr. Wm. Campbell, in his enthusiasm, exclaimed, that it was the best lecture he had ever heard or ever expected to hear.

On Friday evening, of the same week, the people of Irish Town were favored with a lecture on "The Choice of a Profession," by Mr. Everett Stevenson, of New Glasgow. Mr. Stevenson is a very young man, and I presume that it was his first appearance upon a lecture platform. On the whole, the humorous element predominated in his lecture. It was profusely illustrated by humorous stories which he told very well. Some of those who spoke at the close of the lecture took exception to some of the opinions advanced by the lecturer. For example the lecturer compared the farmer and the mechanic with the professional man, greatly—in his opinion—to the disadvantage of the latter. The opinions of the lecturer were ably defended by Mr. Cann, who clearly proved that the learned professions are unscriptural, on the grounds that the professional man does earn his bread by the sweat of his brow.

SCHOPENHAUER.  
Dec. 2, 1890.

Odds and Ends.

Isn't it strange that the better a man gets on in this world the better he is off? A man no sooner gets old enough to know how to talk well than he also learns the value of not talking at all.

Without a moment's warning the train plunged into a tunnel. "Were you alarmed, dearest?" enquired Mr. Melone after the train had emerged into daylight again. "Not much, Eulet," answered the blushing bride. "If I had not been afraid this tunnel was a short one, Glycerine," he whispered, "I should have taken advantage of the darkness and kissed you, my love." "Didn't you kiss me, dear?" exclaimed the wondering bride. "Somebody did half a dozen times."

POSTPONED SALE.

THE AUCTION SALE of W. H. Buchanan, an, Lower Montague, is postponed until TUESDAY, 9th inst., at 10 o'clock.  
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