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A TEMPERANCE VICTORY.

Sir Oliver Mowat gladdened the hearts of 1500 delegates and five times as many thousand people throughout Ontario, on Tuesday of last week in the pavilion at Toronto, by making the following emphatic statement:

"If the decision of the Privy Council should be that the province has the jurisdiction to pass a prohibitory liquor law as respects the sale of intoxicating liquors, I will introduce such a bill in the following session if I am at the head of the Government. If the decision of the privy Council is that the province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory law, I will introduce such a prohibitory bill as the decision will warrant, unless the partial prohibitory power is so limited as to be ineffective from a temperance standpoint."

There are few people throughout the province who would impute insincerity on the part of Premier Mowat in making this promise, but there are many who think he might have read quite clearly the signs of the times and made a plain statement like the above long before he did, and without going to the expense of taking a plebiscite. We give him credit for only so much of his resolve as has not been forced upon him by the temperance party, which, when analyzed, will be found summed up in a O. Any party arriving at power under present circumstances would exert themselves to satisfy the demand made upon the present administration.

A decision was given last week in case of the Manitoba school act, which has been under adjudication so long. The government has decided that it has no power to interfere in the matter and that vexed question is solved for good and all.

The Ontario Legislature convened in Toronto yesterday.

Ontario Fees.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR.—To continue the topic of the last two weeks, we find that a similar state of affairs permeates the whole province. There is only one sheriff for the counties of Durham and Northumberland, and two registrars, in other words the business of one sheriff extends over the same area as four registrars. Is it not very strange that four registrars are necessary for two of the smallest counties in the province? It is doubtful if there is another country on the globe where there is such a multiplication of officers. There would be no ground for complaint if it could be established that this large number of officials are necessary to the public weal, and the enormous emolument they collect in salary and fees was at all compatible with their duties. In fees alone 63 registrars and 43 sheriffs collect nearly \$140,000. About half of this immense sum is the perquisite of the sheriff or registrar.

Besides these officials others exact fees as local registrars, county court clerks, clerks of common and surrogate courts, all of which further augment the already large amount collected. Thus legal procedure is made such a costly thing that no one can touch it without being subjected to a long schedule of fees and enormous expenses. A summons for a debt of \$5 in England costs 25 cents, in Ontario \$2.50; a judgment summons there 18 cents, here \$2.50. Does not this simple contrast throw a bright light upon the kind of government we are getting in this province? The system in vogue here is unjust and extortionate. Why retain this phalanx of officeholders to

be a prey upon less fortunate freemen? In my next I will try to give reasons for the existence of this indefensible system.

EUGENIA.

Killing a Bear.

A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE.

Rev. S. D. Gaudin, of Nelson House, who is at present visiting relatives in Ontario, relates many interesting incidents of life in the North. Among others he gives the following thrilling narrative which he has kindly placed on paper for our readers:

Edward Hart was once one of the most stalwart Indian hunters about Nelson House, and no man could beat him on lake or portage. With his one powerful arm he has been known to lift at one time 500 pounds. Edward is now a man of some 45 years of age, still strong in body, though compelled to go on crutches on account of a stiff leg, bent almost at right angles, caused by a cut on the knee from an axe.

It was since Edward met with the accident that crippled his leg, that he had the narrow escape from Mr. Bruin's clutches which I am about to relate.

The Indian was returning home from a hunting expedition accompanied by his squaw and son, a boy of some twelve years. Paddling their canoe noiselessly along the shore of the lake, the practiced eye of the hunter suddenly caught sight of a large black bear carelessly walking among the bushes that skirted the shore.

The Indian's gun was soon at his shoulder and a savage growl, as the bear made off among the bushes, told that the ball had taken effect. Quickly landing, and without waiting to reload the emptied barrel, the hunter took the gun and made off to intercept the escape of the bear. Soon a second report was heard. After waiting some time for her husband's return, the woman, who had remained in the canoe with her little son, becoming uneasy, sent the boy in the direction from which they had heard the shot. Very few minutes elapsed before he returned saying that the bear was killing his father. The Indian woman was soon at the scene of the struggle. Her husband had the bear under him, its throat held firmly in his powerful grip, but his hands were already badly bitten in the struggle and the blood was pouring freely from wounds in his face, almost blinding him. There is little doubt how the struggle would have ended, had it not been for the wife's brave and ready assistance.

Drawing an old clasp-knife, such as might be found among the hoarded treasures of a school boy's pocket, she began a vigorous, but almost useless onslaught on the tough skin of Mr. Bruin's throat. Then seizing the gun near the lock, so as not to break it, she laid on the enemy's head a fierce shower of blows. Nor did the brave woman escape uninjured, her arms and face were torn and bleeding from the bear's sharp claws, but yet she did not desist. The fight for life and death thus continued for some time till at length the wounds of the bear took effect and death ended the struggle. It seems that soon after our hero lauded he met the bear face to face. Of course he fled, mortally wounding the animal, but not killing him outright. Bruin made straight for the Indian, who had left his ammunition in the canoe, and as he could not escape, with his crippled leg, from the fierce attack of the infuriated animal, there was nothing left for him to do but to grapple with his enemy, and so the struggle took place as I have already related. When asked, "Were you not afraid?" the brave woman answered, "No, when I saw the blood running down my husband's face, I became very angry and thought only of saving him, but when the bear was dead, I just sat down and cried." So you see an Indian woman, in the latter particular especially, is very much like her own highly favored white sister. Edward Hart is now one of our most consistent christian Indians at Nelson House. He has almost abandoned the chase but he has not forgot his here; battle for life, and often says in the language of the Psalmist: "The Lord delivered me from the paws of the bear."

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