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The Weekly Review, the official organ of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, published at St. Thomas, referring to the liquor business in this country, in its issue of the 17th inst., says:—“There was a time prior to the passing of the Scott Act there, when the Trade, unfortunately, were too sympathetic in their movements, but experience has taught them, as well as the business community and farmers, the necessity of an active, energetic campaign against the prohibitory fraud, and we feel satisfied they will give a good account of themselves at the coming election, that the country will see that the inception of the Scott Act there was not in conformity with the wish and desire of the people, then the Trade, though its Association, can go to the government and demand, that for the future, a two-third majority of all the voters alone should constitute a valid local option law. We, however, feel satisfied, as we always have asserted, that on the very grounds which the Home Government (Privy Council) are now considering, the Act will be declared unconstitutional. Then Halton will be free, and the statutes purged of one of the vilest laws that ever disgraced our Dominion.”

Upon the above we feel that comment, on our part, is unnecessary, as a perusal of the above paragraph will certainly reveal to the reader the contemptible, lawless spirit of the liquor party organ, and the Association at those instances items of the above character are published. We would, however, like to ask the false prophet of the Review how nearly his predictions have proved correct! Is he satisfied with the result of the elections in Halton? Is he now so certain that the inception of the Scott Act here was “not in conformity with the wish and desire of the people”? Is his confidence in what the party he represents can do in an election, as strong as it was on the 17th inst.? Will the Trade, through its association, go to the government and demand that the Scott Act be amended to suit the selfish wishes of his association? Was his prediction that the Privy Council would declare the Scott Act unconstitutional, correct? Is he satisfied with the Privy Council’s declaration? Will he, and his adherents-of-its-own-name-and-business association, continue to come forward and assert that “the Scott Act is one of the vilest laws that ever disgraced our Dominion,” when the government chosen by the people of our fair land proclaim that Act as law by a large majority in 1878; when the Civil Court sustained the decision of its judges when that decision was questioned by the lawless organization he represents; when after being carried to the Supreme Court of our Dominion by his party, that body decided in favor of the Act; and after being before the highest tribunal to which mortal man has access—the Privy Council of England—and having been proclaimed perfectly constitutional and legal in every particular by that august company of legal luminaries after all that will this pigmy, this degraded worm of the earth, this representative of the soul destroying curse of our fair land, dare to come out and say that the Scott Act is one of the vilest laws of the land? For shame; go thou false prophet and hide thy polluted head from the gaze of civilized beings. Go and recall the spirit of the departed Darwin and tell that in you he has left one of his theoretical offspring. Begone, thou child of the evil one whose works ye do.

Editorial Notes.

We are pleased to learn that Prof. Foster, who entered the elections in King’s Co., N.B., as an Independent Prohibitionist, carried off the laurels of victory, and will occupy a seat in our Dominion Parliament.

Mr. J. G. Worts, of the great firm of distillers, Goderham & Worts, Toronto, died on Tuesday, at the age of 64. He had been sick from malarial fever for the last nine weeks, and his death was not unexpected. His leave of absence amounted to \$2,500,000. From whose pockets did this enormous sum come? We leave our readers to conclude.

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