Acton Free Bress.

TREESDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1884;

Notes and Comments.

The U. S. House Committee of Foreign affairs have reported a recolution asking the President to negotiate for the renewal of the Cauadian reciprocity treaty.

The anti-prohibitionists of the Western States have offered E. King Dodds, of Toronto, twenty thousand dollars for one huadred lectures on the liquor question. This poor doomed traffic has very few public advocates, and these few seem to have their hands full at their own wages.

The first election on the Scott Act in Quebec took place last Friday, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Act. Arthabasks, the county referred to, adopted the Act by a majority of over 1200 votes. Campaigns are in progress in the counties of Brome, Stanstead and Sheffield, in the same Province.

position to the Scott Act. . There are scores of men in this County ready to speak for and work for the passage of the Act, without even the dream of pecuniary reward. Can the same be said of the other side? That there are some good citizens and sincere Christians who conscientionaly think the present system of license better than prohibition, we have no doubt. We your homes and in your community be on give them full credit for honesty and a de- the side of right. By all that you hold abated. sire for the public welfare. We note, however, that the soul of the active opposition to the movement, in this and in other counties, is the "trade." It is thoroughly alarmed The "silver shrine" business is in danger -Вгатром Венист.

The Boundary Question. ONTARIOS CLAIMS SUSTAINED

The argument in the Ontario Boundary case before the judicial committee of the Privy Council closed on Tuesday. Before their retirement the committee stated that they would present a report to the Queen in-Council on the whole case, at the same time intimating that they would recommend a boundary practically the same as that awarded by the arbitrators. This is the

Doctoring the Repeal Petition.

fifth constitutional case settled before the

Privy Council in favor of Ontario within

few months.

Referring to the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton, presented to the Governor in Council, last week, the Ottawa Free Press says: - "The repeal pe- | Georgetown, July 22nd, 1884. tition was deposited in the Sheriff's office at Milton, on June 27, and remained there till July 12. The petition is declared to contain many errors, the names of present non-residents and deceased voters, and with its procuring have been committed. other irregularities. The Scott Act people believe the petition is illegal, because the sheriff after the time for filing had expired, allowed it to be mutilated, added to, and radically changed. It appears that after the petition was filed, the repealers found that the provisions of the order in council passed on January 31, 1881; providing certain forms whereby the names of voters could be easily traced had not been complied with. They then took the petition, although filed and beyond their control, and changed its form, backed and mutilated it so that it did not resemble the original petition. They even added printed the fees charged by the registar of the Surmatter. The fight to get the Bominion | rogate Court at Stratford, and as it would Government to reject the petition for repeal will be long and bitter; and a strong de- the tariff fixed by law are also charged by putation of representative temperance men from Halton is to come here in a few days to urge the government to refuse the prayer asking for the taking of a repeal vote."

An Important Question.

To the Editor of the Free Preu. DEAR SIR,-There is perhaps no question, whether it be moral, political or religious. that is taking such a hold upon the public mind at the present time as the question of Temperance. The truly thoughtful dollars in a similar case transmitted by me, people of our country are opening their eyes to the fact that it is not sale to drink intoxicating liquors even moderately; that intemperance is slowly, yet, nevertheless, surely, winding its deadly meshes around many of the noblest men of our land; that -our sons and daughters are not safe from the tempting allurements of the wine cup; in short, that at the present stage of the history of our country, Prohibition has become a necessity. And although the country may not be altogether ready for it, yet it is ripening fast, and the harbinger that will usher it in, is the noble Scott Act, one of the best laws ever recorded in our statute

books. I am glad that I live in the county of Halton. It is the banner county of the Province that has come nobly too the front and said let us have temperance. May she never trail her colors in the dust. And now after two years of fairly successful working of the 'no license system,' the antitemperance party are petitioning Parliament for a repeal of the Act. The question now stares us in the face : Shall we return to the license system, or shall we not? A thousand times no, say L What! return to a system that is so fraught with fearful consequences; return to a system that is sapping the very life blood of the nation. Enough of this in the past. It is high time that we should retrace our steps and get right on this question. Enough guilt already lies at the door of the nation without legalizing the traffic any longer. It behooves the people of our noble county to renew the efforts begun three years ago, to

drive this evil from our midst. In conversing with different persons this question we find some epposed to the universal. They say bring is a measure to | for the benefit of the testator's widow dun-

for Prohivition if it should be submitted but they would then have some other excurse. The devil is always ready to suggest some way out of the difficulty. It has been so in all great moral reforms in the past, and I suppose will be to the end of the

chapter. It cannot but be apparent to every think ng person, that much is depending, just now, upon the action of the people of Halton as to whether the Scott Act shall successful in a large number of counties that are at present agitating the question with the view to voting upon it, providing the reneal vote is taken soon. Numerous letters are being received by parties throughout the county from persons in other counties, asking for information as to the work

ing of the Scott Act, stating that reports had been circulated that it was a failurethat business was ruined, and other kindred assertions, none of which we believe. No man that is possessed of a reasonable amount of common sense, can but admit that the less he spends for liquor the more he will have for the necessaries and luxuries of life; and hence, all kinds of legitimate business will be, more or less, benefitted by it. If he abstains altogether, he is a better man morally, mentally and physic-

ally. He is better qualified for business,a better citizen every way. Fathers, of Halton, will you not thoughtfully and prayerfully consider this question? Doubtless the sin of intemperance is one of the sins mentioned in Holy Writ that are visited upon the children, &c., &c. Then, first: ly, touch not! taste not! handle not, that which withers, blights and destroys. Secondly, throw a safe-guard around your sons and daughters by voting down the repeai. Let the influence exerted by you in

sacred and dear, remember that in the coming contest a terrible responsibility rests upon us as a people for weal or woe, as to how we exercise our right of franchise. If the act is sustained, as we trust it will be, then the influence which we throw around us will help other counties to carry the Act, and soon, very soon, we will be in a position to ask for and successfully carry a measure to prohibit the manufacture and sale all over the Dominion.

"Hasten, Lord, the happy day, When, beneath Thy gentle ray, Temperance all the world shall sway,

And reign triumphantly." Had I a voice like thunder, that its tones might be heard through the length and breadth of the land, this would be th burden of my cry: Parents! Parents guard your children from the seductive in-

finences of ehe intoricating cup. If I were a voice, a persuasive voice, That could travel the wide world through I would fly on the wings of the morning

And tell-them to be true, be true, And tell them to be true." Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space,

And speak to men with a gentle might.

Yours faithfully,

Surrogate Court Overcharges.

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The following letter, embodying the sult of investigations by the inspector of Surrogate Courts, inta case where overcharging by a court official was suspected, appeared in last issue of the Waterloo Chroniele, and having reference to a subject of considerable interest to the general public,

we give a place in our columns. We are pleased to be able to say, however, that as far as the Surrogate Court of our own county is concerned complaints of any kind are very infrequent, and the officials in charge enjoy the full confidence of the people having business with them :-To the Editor of the Chronicle.

DELE SIE, -A case of more than ordinary appear from the result of a recent Governmental investigation that fees in excess of the Registrars of such Courts in other Counties, I deem it right that the result of the investigation in this case should be made public.

On the 17th of June last, I transmitted the Will papers (duly proved) of one Kessel, of Mornington, Co. Perth, lately deceased, to the Begistrar of the Surrogate Court at | Drug Store. Stratford, asking for a statement of the fees required to probate the same, and was informed by return mail that the sum of \$21 was required. As the personality in this case only amounted to the sum of \$600, my knowledge of the charges usually made, and tine fact that this same officer had some time ago made an overcharge of several I felt that the time had come when an inrestigation into his manner of making charges should be made. Before entering a formal complaint, I wrote the Registrar of another County, asking what his charges would be on a short will, where the personality was \$600, and got his reply to send \$13.25. I then entered a formal complaint with the Provincial Secretary who at once instructed the Inspector of such offices to enquire into and report upon the charges made by the Registrar of the S. C. at Stratford, and the Provincial Secretary has forwarded me the Inspector's Report, which

is as follows:-Toboxro, 9th July, 1884. Sin .- I have the honour to inform you that pursuant to instructions I have enquired into certain overcharges made by the Registrar of the Surrogate Court of the County of Perth in connection with his fees for proving the will of one Kessel, and

beg to report as follows: His fees as charged amount to the sum of \$21.15, and are made up as follows: Application..... Receiving and entering Certificate of Surrogate Clerk

Preparing papers..... 1.00 Postage forwarding same to Lin; wood.....boow Probate under seal of Court Notice of grant to Sur. Clerk ...

Drawing order for Judge..... Attending Judge for Order Postage on Returns Stamps..... 4.50

Judges Fees 7.50 Of these I allow items numbered 1, 2, 8, . 7. 8. 11 and \$1.50 for No 6, the Will being only 5 fols. long. Ldisallow items numberand 10 under the authority of Be Daliss 29, 2 & 482. The remaining items being those numbered 5, 12 and 18, depend upon

the value of the property devolving under the Will and varies apportingly. 'The personal estate devolving under the Will in question is valued at \$600. The prohibit the manufacture and sale alto- ing her widowhood and afterwards to sell gether, and we will vote for it. Now, I same and divide the proceeds as directed therein. It is valued at about \$5,500.

The Registrar, Mr. McFedden, in explan-

he had been accustomed to charging fees apon the value of such real estate the same as if it were personality. The Judge of the County Court of the County of Perth,

as also several of the other County Court Judges holding that such a devise converted the reality into personality, and that hey were therefore entitled to fees on it as such. This is as I informed the Registrar the Attorney General upon the subject, a copy of which I have forwarded to him. as also to the other Surrogate Registrars now under my jurisdiction with the intima-

ation of these charges informed me that

tion that I would require these fees to be charged in accordance with such opinion. These items numbered 5, 12, 18, although correct under the diction of some of the County Court Judges will therefore be reduced to \$1. \$1.50 and \$8 respectively. I have added 50c. for a certificate required under the Statue to be attached to the Will by the Registrar, to which he is cutitled. thus making the correct fees amount in all

to the sum of \$10.55. The registrar has signified his willingness

From this report it will be seen that this Officer in this case demanded fees 100 per cent over the legal tariff. It will also be seen that such overcharges were not confined to this case, similar charges having been systematically made and that too, it would pear, with the approbation of the County

If this system of overcharging was coufined to this one official, and to one county, the evil or grievance would not be so bad. but from the statements made by him to the Inspector, and from the fact that the \$13.25 instead of \$10.55, or an excess of \$2.70 over the proper fees from me to probate that this business of overcharging by the Registrars of our Surrogate Courts covers a much wider area than the County of Perth, and it is high time that the people should wake up and demand that an evil of such apparent magnitude should be at once

> Yours, dx., A. BOOMER.

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