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The above is clipped from an article by correspondent in the Morrispary Courier I August 22nd.

Look at the logic-" Many a valuable man and brave soldier was restored to life by giving braudy and spirits to the wounded,"-Therefore, license the liquor traffic in Cauada. "Some soldiers in the Battle of Waterloo, who were dead, or nearly so, law." were restored to life by spirits," therefore it is good for men, women and children, who are neither wounded, dving or dead. Therefore, license a drink that kills more than war, restilence or famine. As Mr. Gladstone says, because "whiskey is given to weak and fainting men on the battle field," therefore, open salogus in our countv. and put temptation before our boys and teach them to drink. Verily, what clear and logical reasoning it is; but it is the best they can do. Liquor saved one man life yesterday, therefore, let it kill ten to day. Give us facts, arguments and illustrations, gentlemen, that can command the respect of ordinary common sense.

"Prohibitory laws do not make men

It is certain none can say that license laws make men sober. It is certain, too. that the liquor traffic under license makes men drunk, and license is a grand success. Under its fostering power, in 1882, in this Province; it caused 3497 committals to the jails and prisons, and in 1883 there were 3895. Query: How long will it take license to stop drunkenness in Ontario, at the rate of 398 increase each year? The Scott Act in this county has made a great many men sober. Many who drank to great excess, now drink more moderately, and many who drank moderately before the Scott Act came are now total abstainers. This is a fact thar cannot be successfully contradict-

".The question is, is it better to regulate the liquor traffic by license or to prohibit by the Scott Act?".

This is a clean cut question. If you regulate by license you have no hope of improvement,-things will never be better. Drunkenness, prverty, crime, disesse and death will go on yearly. Every civilized nation on earth is grosning under its fearful burdens. It is cursing the nations today as they were never cursed in all the past by war, pestilence or famine. Prohibit the traffic in strong drink and you are sure that its evils will at once begin to grow less. "It is too much to expect, and ! Scott Act could in two years care all the evils of the liceused dram shop. This trade years. Give the Scott Act a chance. Whereever prohibition has been fairly tried it has

"The Scott Act; prevents a man from buving a glass of ale or wine, and is an unrighteous interference with the liberty of

You will rarely hear one of those lecturers speak of drinking whiskey, brandy, &c., but 'tis always a "glass of wine and ale." Our readers can easily see through this sophistry. But does not the Crooks Act evening, or Sunday, he cannot buy it; or, perhaps drinkers under a license law, never want liquor at such times. Why should the license law prevent a man from getting drunk on Saturday night, or Sanday? It is an interference with individual liberty just as real as the Scott Act. "The Crooks Act sims at regulating the

iquor traffic and keeping it under." Yes, it "aims at" it but never hits it. I 'regulated" the hotels in the city of Toron to the other day (see daily Globe of August

18th or 19th) so well that 60 "drunks" were before the police court at one session.

"We do not say anything against the re-strictions of the Crooks Act." They don't! Is not that magnanimous How long since it was true? We have some remembrance of the liquor sellers and their friends petitioning the legislature last winter, urging for the repeal of the 7 o' clock closing hour and asking that the time be put later. How very gracious it is of them to come now and tell the people of Halton that they do not say anything against those restrictions: , Wé remember too, not very long ogo, they were rebuked by one who seems to hold their destiny in his hands, that their proper attitude before the public was "Defence not Defiance. They are now wishing to take the Crooks Act just as it is, with all its faults, if the electors will only try them once more. The prohibition in the Crooks Act is a beautiful and admirable thing. The Crooks Act may prohibit as from buying liquor 30 hours i s week and on election days, and there is no "gag" about it. But when the Scott Act says you cannot buy it at any time it is a terrible thing. No man can logically accept the prohibition clauses in the Crooks Act and refuse to accept the prohibition of the Scott Act.

"If hotel-keepers do not keep the law, is not so much their fault as the fauit the officers whose duty it is to enforce it. This is a favorite statement with the Anti-Temperance lecturers of to-day. Is' it the duty of a constable to watch a man he suspects and prevent him from stealing or having stolen to bring him to justice? It is a new code of duty they are teaching. | blessing us with an abundant harvest. How can an Inspector prevent a man from | Let us not turn our blessings into a curse breaking the Crooks Act? Impossible and on the 9th, but sustain the right. Vote absurd. This statement is an apology for | against repeal. all law breakers and especially for the violaters of the liquor laws. It is a declara- | Esquesing, Ang. 26th 1884. tion that no liquor seller will keep the law,

Crooks Act or any other act. "Prohibitory laws were a failure

Michigan and Massachumetts and were repoaled."

This is another specimen of Anti-Scott Act logic,-therefore the Scott Act will be a failure in Canada. The law for the protection of life and property is a failure in Mexico, therefore it must be a failure i Canada. All this cry of prohibitory laws being a failure, implies that the laws are the same and the circumstances and education of the people are the same. It implies that the principle of prohibition wherever found and under the most favorable circuinstances must always fail. This is not true. The principle of prohibition inheres in all government and forms part of all law. It is not true that prohibition has always been a failure and must be. It

Still another specimen of logic. There fore drunkenness and crime must increase in Canada under the Scott Act. It is not true that drunkenness and crime have increased in the State of Maine under the Maine Law. There is verily much less drunkenness in Maine in proportion to the population than in Ontario. If the Maine law is such a curse to Maine as the Antitemperance men say, would they throw the whole question upon the people now, and seek to put it in the constitution of the State. Maine votes for the prohibitory atnendment on the 8th of September, one day before the vote in Halton. Maine will sustain the law by a large majority. Halton stand by the Scott Act and rebuke the hired advocates that are sent into this County to persuade the people to vote for

"Temperance Hotels have been a failure wherever tried."

What follows? Therefore, the sale liquor is necessary to make a hotel pay. Great effort is made to make the people believe this. Hotel keeping and whiskey selling are not the same. The one is not recessary to the other. Hotels can be conducted and are being made a success without the sale of liquor. It is entirely incorrost to say they cannot be.

"Give us a general prohibitory law for the Dominion or Province, and we will vote

Some say this, and so they will vote Committee. against the Scott Act. This is not consistent. Voting for the Scott Act is the only way we can show that we want the general prohibition. If a man will not vote for the Act we have, it is more than possible he would not vote to get one we have not.

The Question of Repeal. eventful time in our county. The attempt that is being made to reintroduce the licensed sale of intoxicating liquor, with all its demoralizing tendencies and influences, calls-loudly to all who desire the peace and that further argument is unuecessary. The latter is proven by the repeated conviction of so many of those, who formerly sold And now the great question is, "How are you going to vote on the 9th of september?" Are you going to vote for the repeal of the Scott Act and the opening of the bar-rooms | interests. with all their deadly influences -the places where above all others the name of God is demand our attention, of which you will Prevent a man from buying a glass of ale | Wasphemed; the day of God profaned; hear more anon. or whiskey when he wants it? If a man the word of God despised; The law of God wants it on election day, or on Saturday | defiled; The image of God defaced; and as a natural and necessary result, the creatures of God demoralized and ruined in Acton, Aug. 23rd, 1884. person, property and prospect-ruined in body and soul for time and eternity, and all because liquor was sold there. Can it be possible that any sane man with his eyes open to all the evils done in the past throughiliquor-sold under license will vote for the repeal of this Temperance Law. That man is in a deplorable state indeed who with the dreadful catalogue of murder, execution and death after death in our own county of which licensed liquor was the direct cause, before his mind, who will take the responsibility of voting for the repeal of the Scott Act and so legalize the fraffic in an article so evil in its effects and so terrible in its results. Do we consider or ar we conscious of the fact that all the crimes committed, and all the suffering endured. and all the losses sustained—yea! and all the souls lost through the effects of intoxicating drinks were, before the Scott Act came into force, the result of the legal sale of liquor licensed by the people of Halton Again, let us notice that for the past two ears and three months not one crime was committed, no suffering endured, no losse sustained, and, better still, no lives were were lost through liquor licensed by the people of Halton, and we confidently trust that there is in our county a sufficient amount of true christian principle, sound intelligence and fellow-feeling for suffering humanity to save us from returning like

the dog to his vomit, and like the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire Therefore, to this end, looking to and trust ing in God for success, let every man on the 9th of September vote against repeal and so save ourselves from the guilt of putting a stumblingblock in the way of the weak. We owe it to ourselves and our big majority against repeal. families, we owe it to our friends and foes, we owe it even to those engaged in the defiling traffic to do all in our power to main

tain the Temperance Law, and so save

ourselves from the guilt of licensing a

traffic dishonoring to God and ruinous to

the moral and spiritual interests of all com-

ing under its baneful influence. God is

principles and his prayers at the polls.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Reese and Council )

of the Village of Acton : j GENTLEMEN :-- While this season has been one of considerable depression in all busi-

ness departments, and while it is generally known that the financial condition of our village is not of the most encouraging nature at present, we find you carrying on the affairs of your office in such a manner that I feet called upon to ask the reasou of such a wasteful expenditure of our funds, especially at the hands of your Street and Sidewalk Committee. Referring to report of this Committee

showing estimated expenditure on streets and sidewalks for the present year-see not true that the Scott Act in this county | Fazz Pazzs April 17th-I find the following work recommended by the Committee "Druukenness and crime have increased | and agreed to by the whole Council, viz :in the state of Maine under the Maine 63 rods sidewalk on Yonge street from W. Ismond's residence eastward; 23 rods sidewalk on John street, from Church to Agues street; 78 rods sidewalk on Bower avenue, from Willow to Wilbur streets, besides other work, such as culverts, crossings and seven street lamps. The Committee saked for a grant of \$400 which sum was placed to their credit.

> Now, gentlemen, an analysis of this work shows us that the sidewalk on Yonge street extends from Councillor Ismond's residence nearly to Councillor Cameron's. The sidewalk on John street extends to ouncillor Ismond's preperty. The build ing of these sidewalks-so nicely placed for the convenience of the members of your Street and Sidewalk Committee-while so much other necessary work such as grading and draining our streets, has been leftundone, is, in my opinion, a base misuse of public money. Surely Councillors Ismond and Cameron, especially the former, must be contemplating an early retirement from municipal life, to so openly spend our money in such an extravagant manuer.

The sidewalk on Bower street is doubtless a necessity, although it is a fact that the property benefitted is principally owned by the other members of the Council. The culverts and most of the crossings were necessary, but where the necessity arises for putting three street lamps on Youge street is more than I can imagine. Perhaps this also is "pap" to your Street

Again, if reports of your proceedings are carefully published in the FREE PRESS, I ask where the Chairman of your Street and Sidewalk Committee obtained his authority to the shade wanted. Sold by J. E. Mcto build a new sidewalk from Church street | Garvin. to Col. Allap's property, as I see no instance where Mr. Ismond presented a supplementary report to the Council asking permission for the necessary expenditure. and this to benefit one man and he one Shall we or shall we not vote for the | who is always opposed to anything likely Repeal of the Scott Act? The present is an | to advance the interests of the Municipal-

ity you have the honor to serve. To sum up the whole, you have expended in sidewalks and lamps, which benefit scarcely anyone but yourselves and Col. Allan, according to your own estimate, prosperity of the county, to be up and do- about \$200. This will entail an extra auing. It is no longer a question as to | nual expenditure of over \$30 to keep sidewhether prohibition is a benefit, or as to walks in repair and lamps lighted. This whether the law can be inforced. The | does not include the work on Bower avenue no reasonable man will ask it, that the former is so clearly demonstrated in the with that I flud no fault as a large propordiminution of public drunkenness in and | tion of our citizens are benefitted by it. about bar-rooms and at all public gather. Had you spent this amount in properly has had its way of ruin in Canada for 70 | ings, and in the improved condition of grading and draining our streets you could many families whose means of support was, go to the polls next January feeling that formerly spent in the bar-room, paid over I you had done the village some service, adthe counter for liquor sold under license. | equate to the amount spent, but how your Street and Sidewalk Committee dare again ask the suffrage of the people of Acton, in the face of these extravagencies, is a problem under license, for violation of the law. I for one cannot solve. But perhaps these gentlemen think we have placed them in the Council to spend our money in such a manner as will best suit their own private

Other matters, as grave as these, also

Yours truly,

Scott Act News.

A special correspondent of the Toronto Years closes his communication as follows: "Before I close this correspondence ant to make a prophesy. When the vote s taken on Sept. 9th, the Scott Act will be sustained. Mind; now, I tell you. Just mark this, please.

Christian voter, the issue is squarely be fore you this year; you cannot possibly dodge it. You must vote with the supporters of the Scott Act against-the liquor traffic, or with the whiskey party in support of it. Which will you do? It is a question of conscience.

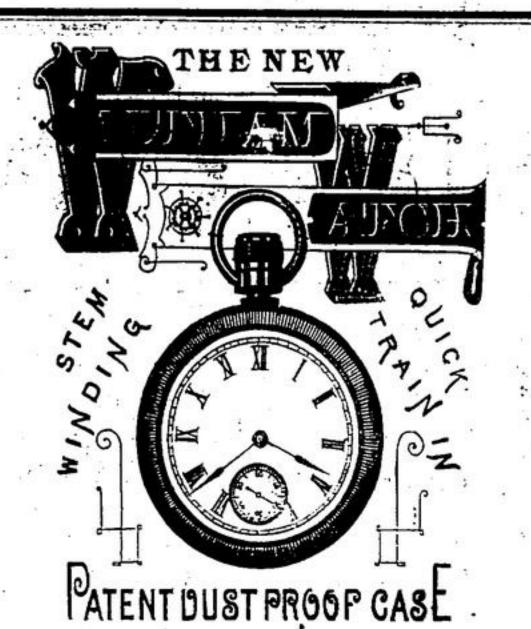
The Scott Act supporters in the county of Halton have the sympathy of the entire temperance party throughout the Dominion. They have already received substantial tokens of good will, and there are more of the same sort to follow. "God speed the right," say we, and let there be no reaxation of effort until the Act be re-affirmed by gallant little Halton-Brampton Banner.

'An attempt made to repeal the Scott Act Moncton, N. B., was defeated by a majority of 730. The Act was submitted to the people there in 1879, when the total vote polled was 1.082 for, and 299 against, The vote for repeal was 1,044, and against, 1,774. So the vote to retain the law is greater than the combined vote for and against it in 1879. The people of Moncton have apparently found what they have been seeking for. The Scott Act has never yet been repealed. Let Halton electors pull a

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