

New Advertisements.

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, Mar 11, '97

LICENSE BILL CONDEMNED.

The new license bill, introduced in the Legislature by the Hon. Mr. Harcourt, seems to have given great dissatisfaction to the Dominion Alliance and other extremists. Admitting that the new bill is not as radical as the temperance party would desire, it seems a pity that the government should be charged with working into the hands of hotel-keepers when such is not the case. It is true, the full programme of legislation asked for by a deputation which waited upon the Government last November was not granted, but any unprejudiced person who looks carefully over the new bill, will admit that it strongly favors the temperance party, and is far from being the monster that some enthusiasts would make it.

It is claimed that the new bill would cut off about 150 licenses in the province—not a very large number, but yet in the right direction.

The present law allows 4 tavern licenses for the first 1000 of population in any municipality. The new bill will only admit of 3. The present law allows bar-rooms in towns, villages and townships to be open until 11 p.m. The new bill changes the hour to 10. Another clause forbids hotel-keepers to sell liquor to any person apparently under 21 years of age, instead of 18 as formerly. At present druggists may sell intoxicating liquor in quantities not greater than 6 ounces without any certificate from a physician, and in larger quantities by getting a doctor's certificate. By the proposed law druggists will not be allowed to sell the smallest quantity except as a prescription from a doctor. Another good feature in the new bill is that half the saloons in the province must be closed in a year, and the remainder in two years.

Would it not be better for the friends of temperance to accept even small favors gracefully, and continue to work for greater reforms. No doubt the legislators will be glad to receive suggestions, but suggestions are not likely to be appreciated as much when they come from those with clubs in their hands.

Residents of suburban towns and villages, who have been in the habit of doing a good part of their shopping in Toronto will not be pleased to find their railway expenses increased on the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. Railways. It was generally thought by the public that the suburban business, even at greatly reduced rates on bargain days and Saturdays, paid the Railways, but the managers now tell us that such was not the case, that they have been actually losing money by the low rates. The railroad authorities must be sincere in their calculations, because they must know that they will henceforward have strong competitors in the different electric railways branching out from the city.

If the temperance party in this country are to exert an influence for good they must replace a good many of the present firebrands by cool headed men. Last week the Royal Templar in referring to the new license bill, came out in head lines such as the following: "The Judas Kiss" "The new license bill strongly favors the liquor party" &c. The following expressions which fell from the alliance officers also got a prominent place "An outrage", "A slap in the face", "A downright insult", "A perfect mockery" &c. &c.

The Alliance sent broadcast over the province, a "statement" which went to show that the new bill would permit 303 tavern licenses to be issued in Toronto. The bill distinctly states that the limit cannot be above 150, the present number.

Eldgely

The Rev. Mr. Chapman preached the educational sermon in the Methodist Church here last Sunday.

A small sleigh load of our young people attended the entertainment at Fisherville last Friday evening.

The Methodist Church here purpose having an Oyster Supper some time soon, probably next week. We are unable at present to give the date, but would advise everyone to be on the lookout for the bills. This will likely be the last one of the season, so be sure you don't miss it. It will be a good one.

The revival meetings closed last week. On account of there having been so many meetings lately, the regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was withdrawn last Friday evening. It will be held as usual this week.

The Methodist S. School had their annual sleigh ride on Saturday afternoon last. After a drive of about ten miles, in which they visited the neighboring village of Vellore, they returned and partook of the lunch provided for them. There was a large number present and all spent a pleasant afternoon.

Isn't it pretty near time that our football club was re-organized for the season?

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On Wednesday evening of last week, the members of Zion Epworth League entertained the Thornhill League. After a short programme by members of both Leagues, light refreshments were served, and, judging from the many bright faces, all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Mrs. A. Hosel of Toronto, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Vanhorn.

We are sorry for the removal of one of our esteemed neighbors, Mr. Ash.

Rev. J. Morgan preached an excellent sermon on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Wilkinson with his two sisters of Marsh Hill, are visiting with friends in the neighborhood.

Mr. J. Hunt, our general merchant, has rented the farm lately occupied by Mr. W. Ash.

Mr. O. B. Appleton was calling on friends last Saturday before returning to Nelson, B. C.

We are glad to report that Mr. Geo. Gohn who has been very ill for the last month, is slightly improved.

Our Sunday School has fallen considerably lately, owing to the grippe, mumps and sleepiness I presume.

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The Maple Football team are expecting a crowded house at their concert to be held in the Masonic Hall next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Gibson of Toronto, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. (Dr.) Sisley over Sunday.

The position of switchman which has been held by Mr. Owen Quinlan for a great many years, has been given to Mr. Geo. Wilson.

We are pleased to state that most of those who have been ill in the village are recovering.

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