THE CANADIAN CHAMPION.

MILTON, DEC. 17, 1885

A LAW-ABIDING COUNTY.

The Scott Act was defeated some time ago in the County of Prince Edward by a large majority, and yet, unaccountable as it may appear to prohibitionists, there were no criminal cases before the grand jury at the late assizes held at Picton.

REFORM CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Halton Reform Association was held here on Saturday, and was fairly well attended. Dr. Robertson, ex-M. P. P., was elected president in room of Geo. Smith, Esq., resigned; Mr. E. Dixon was re-elected secretary, and Mr. M. E. Mitchell was appointed solicitor to look after the revision of the assessment rolls. It was rumoured that there was a scheme on foot to oust the efficient secretary from his position and give it to the secretary of the Halton Temperance Alliance, with the object of boosting the local Scott Act organ. Whether this report was founded on fact or not we cannot say, but at any rate nothing came of it.

A FISHY APPOINTMENT.

The news of the appointment by Sir John Macdonald of "Prof." Foster as Minister of Marine and Fisheries was received with a good deal of astonishment and not a little disgust by many Halton supporters of the Government. Foster figured in Halton and Hamilton some years ago as heeler of the notorious D. B. Chisholm, and if the fact of his being a professional and hired Scott Act agitator entitled him to write "professor" before his name, he had the right to do so. He was never suspected of being a Conservative in politics, and his denunciation of the Hamilton Spectator and assumed solicitude lest the course of the Times in opposing the Scott Act should injure the Reform cause hardly justified such a suspicion. Neither did he profess to be a Conservative when elected in New Brunswick as member of Parliament; but won his seat as an Independent and in opposition to Mr. Domville, a Conservative. It is true that he has since developed into a pronounced Tory, willing to sacrifice even his so-called temperance to his professed political principles. Why, however, he should have been appointed to his present position in preference to old-time and tried supporters of the Government is a Chinese puzzle, and the only solution of it that we can offer is that his exceedingly fishy record may have been considered to qualify him for the particular portfolio which he has been given.

THE REACTION SPREADING.

There are probably few who have failed to notice how remarkably careful members of county councils always become as the time for the annual municipal elections draws near. They are reluctant to undertake any new business about which there may be difference of opinion among their constituents, and when anything of that kind does come before them, generally give it a kick until the first meeting of the newly elected council, the members of which, having a whole year before them, can afford to be comparatively independent. This being the case, the Anti-Scott Act resolution carried last week by the county council of Norfolk, is very significant. Norfolk has long been considered one of the strongholds of the so-called temperance party, and has proved to be such when about a year ago the Scott Act was carried by the large majority of 1,065. The seventeen members of the Norfolk council who, out of the nineteen present, voted for the resolution were doubtless sincere. At the same time it is more than doubtful whether they would have been so outspoken had they not known that a majority of their constituents were with them and that their condemnation of the Scott Act would be popular. The reaction against prohibition is no myth, and it is spreading.

VANDERBILT'S WILL.

The will of W. H. Vanderbilt bequeaths $10,000,000 to each of his eight children, $60,000,000 of which in each case is in trust. In addition, $2,000,000 is left to Cornelius Vanderbilt. The four sons of the dead man are made trustees, the property left to each son being committed to the trusteeship of his three brothers. He leaves to each of his daughters the homes they lived in absolutely. To his grandson W. H., son of Cornelius, he leaves $1,000,000, and his widow is left the house on 51st and Fifth Avenue, his paintings, library, stables, horses, etc., and an annuity of $200,000 per year, together with $50,000, which is left her absolutely. At her death the house, picture gallery, and stables are to go to his youngest son, George Vanderbilt, for his life and at his death to such a son of his as he may designate by will. If he shall die leaving no son, the property is to go to the eldest son of Cornelius Vanderbilt. Sundry bequests amounting to about $7,000,000 are set to charitable objects, and annuities amounting from $2,000 to $2,500 are left to distant relatives. The remainder of his fortune is divided equally between Cornelius and Wm. K. Vanderbilt. He directs that all the railroad stocks bequeathed to his children shall be held in bulk, and administered for the best interests of all, and that none of them shall be disposed of without the consent of all concerned. Chauncey M. Depew and Henry W. Anderson are appointed administrators of the will. Mr. Depew says all the heirs are satisfied.

French Canadian Politics.

According to a report, Mayor Beaugrand has given a new evidence of his customary candour by telling a Chicago reporter that the Riel movement was what the Americans would call a political trick to oust the present Government. The trick it was is so evident that it is hard to believe in the sincerity of those who have fallen in with it. The Rouges got up the hue and cry, which proved so successful that the Bleus found themselves forced to join in the ha'loo. That is the whole of it, but that is not the end of it. It has been found so easy to secure unity among the French people by a national cry that it looks as though politics with them must necessarily run on race lines in future. It is now the turn of the Conservatives to stir up bad blood between the French and the Grits, and so on, ad infinitum.—Montreal Witness (Reform).

Vaccinated With Croton Oil.

From the New York Sun, Dec. 14

"The meanest fraud recently brought to light in this town," said a Harlem physician yesterday, "is a fraud on physicians and their patients. There has been for some time a scarcity of vaccine virus hereabouts, owing to the great demand along the Canadian border. Taking advantage of this, unscrupulous druggists have prepared quills with croton oil instead of vaccine matter. The sore produced by croton oil is so much like that of the genuine virus that ordinary people would never know the difference. I have no doubt that there are a good many people in town who suppose they are safe from small-pox infection, when they have simply been vaccinated with an irritant.

A resolution is before the U. S. senate extending the presidential term to six years and prohibiting re-election.

Consistent in One Thing.

The Mail is amusing its readers with selections from the Globe's articles on Riel at the time the latter paper was under the impression that the Government would not allow the rebel leader to be hanged. The extracts go to show that the Opposition organ has at least been consistent in one thing: it has tried to be against the Government all the time. In March it is clamouring for the punishment of the rebels, in April denouncing the mercenary motives of Riel; in May demanding that a reward be offered for the body of Riel, and threatening to hold the Government responsible if there was a "failure of justice;" in August insisting upon Reil's sanity, and in September sneering at the possibility of the Government daring to hang Riel, and at the "unstable horde" of Quebec Tories who dominate the Government. In the language of Mr. Punch, the Globe doubtless now regards these utterances as "things that it would rather have left unsaid."—Montreal Star.

The Situation at Toronto.

We clip the following from the Toronto News formerly a strong supporter of the Scott Act.

All indications point to the utter impossibility of passing the act here—all experience to the impracticability of enforcing it even if it could be carried. The returns from the partial canvass made by the prohibitionists show that they cannot hope even to obtain the requisite number of signatures to the preliminary petition. Why, then, cannot the friends of the Scott act behave like sensible people and frankly admit that they are not in a position to enter upon the contest, and abandon their half-hearted, shilly-shallying movement, which has never risen to the dignity of an agitation? What is the use of keeping up uncertainty as to the future, which only exasperates their antagonists and harms themselves and their friends?

No Crime Under License.

(Toronto World).

It has sometimes happened that courts have been held in Scott act counties without affording work for the grand juries. Under these circumstances it has been claimed that the act deserved credit for the blank dockets, but when similar blanks occur in other counties the Crooks act is not given credit for them. There was not a solitary case for the grand jury at the Haldimand general sessions last week, and Judge Upper stated that that was the third successive court at which this had occurred. Haldimand voted down the Scott Act last July.

Rare Sport at Georgetown.

(Canadian Sportsman.)

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 7.—A great many horses have been shot in the country round about this town. Mr. Spears and his Toronto friends have been out a good deal, and have rare good sport. Partridge also have been numerous, and some good bags have been made.

A New Reform Organ.*

(Toronto World.)

Perhaps a perusal of the pro-pects of the proposed reform journal to be edited by the late editor of the Globe will have a soothing effect on the Deacon. Reformers disgusted with the Globe are to be the stockholders.

The Acton Bard's Latest.

Acton Free Press.

Bright beautiful snow flakes, filling the air, why do you come dancing from homes so fair, to fall and be trodden on everywhere?

NEWS ITEMS.

It is expected the Baltic canal will be finished in seven years.

Herr Emwald claims that he has discovered extensive gold mines in Zululand.

The belief is increasing in Calcutta that that Government does not intend to annex Burmah.

A Loyal Union has been formed in England to counteract the Liberal proscription of Irish labor.

Don Carlos says the reports referring to the marriage of his son to the Infanta Mercedes are premature.

Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, whose condition causes great alarm, has gone to Mentone for the winter months.

English farmers complain of the growing keenness of American competition in all kinds of agricultural products.

Russia intends raising a new loan to meet the withdrawal of paper roubles to the amount of fifty millions yearly.

Virulent smallpox is prevalent at Fort Davis, Marfa, Presidio and Murphyville, stations on the Southern Pacific railway in Texas.

The Cheyennes and Arapahoes, in Indian Territory, are becoming very restless, and it is feared that a general outbreak is imminent.

The Chinese government has remonstrated with Russia against the intrigues of Russian officers with the Kuloja Mohammedans.

Lord Tennyson believes disestablishment and disendowment would be a prelude to the downfall of much that is greatest and best in England.

Prince Alexander, replying to the powers, reiterates his declaration that the Servians must evacuate Widdin and indemnify him for losses sustained by the war.

The first Legislature of the State of Dakota assembled at Huron on Monday and organized. A resolution was adopted to meet in joint session on Tuesday at noon to elect Senators.

Pope Leo protests that the French minister of education, Goblet's, withdrawal of the stipends of 39 priests for alleged interference in the recent elections, is a violation of the Concordat.

Twenty persons were killed, three fatally injured, and ten others more or less seriously hurt by a terrible collision on Monday night between two passenger trains on a trestle bridge thirty feet high near Atlanta, Georgia.

The Mayor of Kingston has written to the Government enquiring whether they will recoup the city the cost of providing for the families of soldiers engaged in suppressing the North-West rebellion.

A petition has been presented to the Home Secretary praying for the immediate release from Holloway gaol of Mr. Stead, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, whose time will not expire till 19th of January next.

A bill is being prepared by Congressman Thomas, of Illinois, appropriating fifty million dollars for the construction of ten war vessels for the United States navy, to consist of two ironclads, three cruisers, and five light draught gunboats.

A special tells the story of a cruel wife desertion by Mr. Patrick Foley, the new Nationalist member for the Connemara division of Galway. The woman has been for a number of years a neglected pauper in a London workhouse.

The Empress Eugenie, whose health is in a very unsatisfactory state, has been ordered to pass the winter on the Riviera. She will leave England soon for Hyeres, where a villa has been engaged for her, and she will remain there till the middle of April.

Yesterday morning ten or twelve farmers who had put up at the Dominion hotel were swindled by some young men who had situated themselves in the hotel stables. The farmers entered into the game which the young men were playing, and did not complain till they lost their money. Then they considered themselves swindled and reported the matter to the police. They told chief Stewart that had they won they would have laughed at their victims, and in reply were told that they were now being laughed at.—Spectator.

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