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THE MAIL'S INDEPENDENCE

The attacks of the Mail on the Roman Catholic Church having failed to produce the desired effect in Halton, Sir John A. Macdonald in a speech delivered by him last week at London, repudiated all responsibility. "This was followed on Monday by the remarkable announcement from the Mail that it was 'a thoroughly independent journal,' that it had been for nine years 'an absolutely independent of all governments and politicians'—'so much so that it owed nothing to them directly or indirectly.' In other words, it would continue its anti-Roman tactics, and that it would take a hand in the fight for prohibition and join in the agitation for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

The Mail's declaration of independence has created little excitement, but has caused considerably more among the anti-slavery party of it being altogether too much of a good thing. The assumption of responsibility for the anti-Roman cry is generally looked upon as the first step in the movement to make the Christians and to dodge to the right. Were they prepared to do so? (Voices: No! no!) Dr. Carry introduced his motion in all his readings discovered, except in one solitary instance in the east, where the importance of wine had been forgotten by the authority which recognized fermentation as a sin. Such was the case with Bishop in his house Mr. Gould. Since building his house Mr. Gould has lived in more than one place. He has been very active in all benevolent and religious undertakings. He was a prime mover in the work of bringing the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions to Portland, one of the most active men of Moody's assistants while that evangelist came here to hold a series of meetings. He was appointed by Governor Blaisted one of the commissioners to look into the management of the State Reform School, and later was identified with the civil service reform movement. In the civil service reform movement he was a leader, and did not only his duty, but it would not have been possible for any more difficult task to have been given him. He was a man of great energy and enthusiasm, and was a preacher and writer he was very bright and effective, and as a preacher especially remarkable for his great power in prayer.

Convictions Under Prohibition.

According to the return of the Clerk of the Province of Ontario for the County of Halton for the month just ended, during that month 39 persons were convicted in the county of various offences, as follows: threatening, insulting and abusive language, 6; vagrancy, 8; assault, 7; breaking & entering, 1; throwing stones, 1; breaking & dog, 1; violating the Canada Temperance Act, 7; threatening, 1; violation of by-law, 1; and drunk and disorderly, no less than 7.

What a record for the Scott Act! The law that was to put an end to all drunkenness and crime! Had as it is, however, it is easily seen, failed to do so, the shade left for reform in the same quarter of the County of Bruce, where there were 95 convictions, including 18 under the head of "drunk and disorderly," 13 for violation of the Canada Temperance Act, 22 for assault, 1 for breaking liquor to an Indian, and 1 for vagrancy. So much for the Scott Act, the law that received such a hearty reception and was continually published in reports of meetings of prohibitionists, had done so much and is still doing so much to regenerate this once whisky-soaked Canada of ours. Now, for example, let us look at the record for the County of Peel, adjoining Halton, where two years ago the Scott Act was rejected by the growing farmers and others who preferred their demoralizing licensing law. In unregenerate Peel, according to the return published last week in the Brampton Conservator, there were during the last six months 25 convictions, including 8 assaults, 5 violations of license act, 1 vagrant, and not a single drunk!

Protection From Fire.

It is pleasing to know that the people of Milton are at last alive to the necessity of providing some efficient system of fire protection for the town, and are taking steps toward that end. What is apparent is that a favored bill to establish water works, the money to be derived from the mounting about two miles away, and main to be laid so that all parts of the town may be commanded by hose.

The may be an excellent scheme, and though the expense of purchasing so heavy, the cost obtained might warrant it. These results would be better protection from fires, a large reduction in rates of insurance, which would be something of a set-off against the necessary increase in taxation, and an abundance of good water for household and other purposes. But, last, however we may sincerely, wells with plenty of good water being necessary.

Until a survey has been made and estimates have been furnished by a competent engineer, it will not be known what the proposed water works will be likely to cost, and there is no doubt that to establish them a large outlay will be required, necessitating the use of substantial funds, and that it is monstrous to suppose that the use of water in the manufacture of the article would be imposed by the law.

The Rev. Mr. Crawford said that he was a warm friend of total abstinence, and gave his hearty support to the resolution. The only reason he could give for the use of fermented wine was that pure water could not be obtained. He denied that this was the case, and was, therefore, in favor of the motion.

Mr. Campbell, of Toronto, said that his only objection to the motion was that it stated that the use of fermented wine would affect the reality of the sacrament. This was a question of doctrine which as a layman he could not decide.

Mr. Macklem, of Niagara, replied that according to the teachings of the church he believed that they changed the outward sign of the reality of the sacrament when he said, "Signed would oppose the motion." (Heart! hear!)

There were cries of "Carried, carried, and Archdeacon Lindsay rose to speak,

THE OTHER SIDE.

Archdeacon Lindsay said he was not prepared to accept the dictum that wine could not be wine unless it was fermenting. Thus great subject was stirring the minds of the people to-day, and he said that the action proposed by Dr. Carry would be satisfactory to them. There were many people who would not partake of fermented wine in the Lord's Supper, and he believed that they could be reached if Dr. Carry would be satisfied to them.

The recent earthquake has been tried to make any comparisons between the results obtained from water works and fire engines. But of this there is no doubt: an engine would be far more efficient, than a steam fire engine. We recommend any particular engine or to those who have not yet made up their minds to come to us.

It will be well, therefore, for the ratepayers of our town, before saddling themselves with another heavy debt, to ascertain whether they cannot get the required protection, equally efficient, from a steam fire engine.

It is to be hoped that the manufacturers of steam fire engines will be recommended, and the manufacturers of which may be willing to put it to use.

It should be born in mind that the purchase of a steam fire engine would secure reduced insurance rates, as any other system of protection from fire, and that, as a comparatively small sum would pay for such an engine, manufacturers would pay for it in due time, and leave the ratepayers just a little.

By all means let the comparative advantages and expense of different modes of protection from fire be fully weighed before the ratepayers of our town are called upon to act on any by-law for the issue of debentures.

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