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MILTON, DEC. 1, 1887.

PROHIBITION continues to get in its work in Kansas. On Saturday night Frank Burkett, of Kingman, in that State, after a long spree, committed suicide by shooting himself.

The people of Oregon showed their common sense in the vote on the proposed prohibitory amendment to the constitution of that State by defeating it by a majority of about 8,000.

The Toronto News, which has frequently gained the approbation of the so-called temperance party by advocating prohibitory laws in general, and the Scott Act in particular, appears to have had its eyes opened to the fact that doing away with liquor licenses does not stop the sale and consumption of intoxicants. It now says that the police records show "that there has been more drunkenness, more debauchery, and more crime on the Island (the one opposite Toronto) without licenses than ever was with them."

Last Saturday's vote in Atlanta, Georgia, the home of Sam Jones, and the county in which it is situated, finished a tremendously hot campaign on the question of prohibition's, high license. Business was fairly pararlysed, and the city and county were overun with agitators. Atlanta has been under prohibition for some time, the results have been disastrous in the increase of drunkenness and lawlessness. The result of the vote was the discomfiture of the fauatics and their hired agitators by a majority of 1,100, and now high license will receive a trial.

WHEN ex-License Inspector Frazer held office and looked after the enforcement of the Scott Act it was the practice, whenever anyone was charged with violating that law, to search his premises under a warrant, seize any liquors found there, and hold them, pending the decision of the court. In case of a conviction they were destroyed. This practice has now fallen into disuse, owing to the contemptible cowardice of Mr. Frazer's didn't-knowit-was-loaded successor. This young man has several times managed to work himself up to tackle women, several of whom he has brutally abused, and on one of whom he drew his 38 cal. gun, but whenever dangerous arrests have to be made he leaves the work, as he did in the Dewar and Zimmerman cases, to Toronto detectives and local constables. The idea of risking his skininside a whiskey dive to search for liquor is something quite as much out of the question with him as making dangerous arrests, and he never ventures to do it, though it is notorious that most of the illicit liquor sellers of Halton carry large stocks and make little attempt to conceal them, while at least one who was, "pulled" recently had a beer pump in operation on his premises which could easily have been found had there been a search.

R. H. Robinson, M. D., of Toronto, is a clioice specimen of a prohibition crank. The following is an extract from a letter written by him and published in the Mail, attacking Rev. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church, for having dared, in a sermon, to speak the truth about temperance as taught in the Bible:

I am utterly amazed at a rev. gentleman who is held in the high estimation that the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell is by this sympathetic community, to so far forget his dnty in this degenerate age as to say before his congregation. "I do not advise you to drink in moderation; but I grant you liberty in this matter, only forbidding you committing abuse." In this age of scepticism, when so many know so little of the true teaching of the Word and care less, he might as well say a young woman could go into a house of ill-fame and live that kind of life in moderation. The insidiousness of both evils is debasing. I do not know of a solitary example of a man or woman in either relation who has remained moderate without doing harm to others by his or her example. Then why temporize with these two gigantic twin-sister evils that are robbing us of more of our loved ones than all other evils put together.?

# Prohibition Defeated in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Nov. 26.—After the most heated contest on record in the State of Georgia, Atlanta to day voted against Prohibition. The fight has been a peculiarly bitter one. For over a month the citizens have been engaged in the contest. Meetings have been held almost every night and local speakers and foreign statesman have stumped the country from almost every curbstone in the city and every crossroad in the country. The returns show the anti-Prohibitionists to have 800 majority in the city and 300 in the country, or a total of 1100.

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WM. BEWS.

A business deserving of prominence in our sketches is Milton's popular merchant tailoring business, conducted by Mr. Wm. Bews. This gentleman is thoroughly practical, and enjoys the advantages of a long and successful experience. He turns out work which, for style of workmanship and durability, has acquired for him an enviable reputation. He keeps a fine stock of cloths to select from, as foreign and domestic tweeds, French worsteds, &c., to suit the taste and means of all. J will pay to call on Mr. Bews if in want of a suit of clothes, overcoat, or garment of any kind.

### Scott Act Trials.

On Friday last a session of the "court of truth and righteousness" was held at Burlington, when Albert E. Dalton, hotel-keeper of that village, was fined \$150, being convicted on three charges of violation of the Scott Act. A charge against John Campbell, butcher, was dismissed, and judgment reserved in the case of Peter Zimmerman, hotel-keeper.

Tuesday was another field day with Scott Act trials at the Court House. Milton, before the police magistrate. No less than thirty-two witnesses were summoned to appear before the court to testify that the Scott Act was violated in the "banner" county temperance. County where no liquor is sold and the ing system is abolished.

The first charge called was against Neil McDougall, landlord of the "Pemperance House," Milton, who was arrested on a warrant in the first instance without a summons on Friday last, by Constable Bradley, and on that day taken before Mayor Hannant, who accepted bail for his appearance at court on Tuesday. He failed to answer when his name was called, and Constable Bradley was dispatched after him, but returned without his man. The court then proceeded by calling William May, who did not answer. John Irwin called, and was present.

Mr. McGibbon to P. M.—The information

The P. M. then read the information, charging the defendant with violation of the Act between the 3rd and 23rd of November last.

Mr. McGibbon made the following objections to the hearing of the case:—(1) That the defendant has not been served with any process. (2) That the court has no jurisdiction to hear and try the case, the presiding magistrate being disqualified from sitting to hear and adjudicate on the case, on the ground of being interested and concerned in this prosecution for a conviction, and of prosecution of cases under the Canada Temperance Act of 1878.

The court remarked that he was concerned in the convictions, or that there could be no doubt of that, and refused to allow the objections. He then estreated the bond, but afterwards said he would allow the matter to stand for the present.

JOHN IRWIN, sworn.—Know the defendant; had something to drink in his house with John Kelly, of Woodstock, in his bedroom, he was stopping at the Temperance House; Kelly said he brought the liquor that he had from Woodstock; I did not pay for any liquor; Kelly had a good large flask with him. WILLIAM KENNEY.—Know defendant; am in his house nearly every evening; never had any liquor

Moses Clark.—Know McDougall: got whiskey from him about the 5th of November, and paid for it; got some beer and paid for it.

Cross-examined —This is not the first time that I have been a witness at this court; I know the court said that if ever I came back that I would not be believed.

The court said that if he said it he meant it.

By the court.—The evidence that you have given
to the court is true between you and your Maker?

Witness.—Yes.

James Campbell, James Bowman and David Scott were severally called and failed to answer.

Mr. McGibbon informed the court that the original summons did not have the date of the court filled in, the year being omitted.

Case Adjourned

The next charge was against Mrs. Wattie, of the Farmers' Hotel, for selling liquor in contravention of the Canada Temperance Act, between the 3rd and 24th of November.

Mr. McGibbon put in same objections as in the

McDougall case.

Mis. Wattie.—I live at the Farmers' Hotel and have control of the house when I am there; have not sold any liquor in my house between the 3rd and 24th of November; I attend to my own business; did not employ any person to sell for me; may have been there for about six months; do not remember being in the house in July, August, September, or November; do not remember being in the house yesterday; keep liquor in the house; naver gave any laptor away.

The witness refused to answer the question what

her business was.

THOMAS CONWAY called. Absent.

JOHN MILLS.—Know Mrs. Wattle: never had anything to drink from her; am in the house two or
three times a week.

HENRY ROBINSON.—Live in Milton; know Mrs. Wattie; have been in her house; never had anything to drink from her.

JAMES MORLEY.—Am acquainted with Mrs. Wattie; have had something to drink there; got it from the friend, a chum named Billy; do not know his sur-

tie; have had something to drink there; got it from a friend, a chum named Billy; do not know his surname; he is a tinsmith: Mrs. Wattie was not there; I think that I drank whiskey with the same chum about two weeks ago; it was my own whiskey; ilid not get it from any person in Mrs. Wattie's house.

Peter Colf. called. Absent.

JOHN WHITE -Know Mrs. Wattle: have been in her house several times; did not have any liquor from Mrs. Wattie within the time mentioned in the information.

Court adjourned to 2 o'clock.

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Court resumed at 2 p. m.

Prosecution asked for an adjournment, as they were not ready to proceed on account of non-attend-

Adjourned for one week. Bail was accepted for the appearance of the defendant.

The second charge against Mrs. Wattle was also adjourned for one week.

The next charge was against Mrs. Robert Armstrong, of "The Canada Pacific Hotel," for violation.

strong, of The Canada Pacific Hotelesses, being of the Act between 3rd and 24th of November, being the second offence.

Information was read, and Mr. McGibbon made the same objections as in the McDougall case, the same objections as in the McDougall case.

Mrs. Armstrono.—I do not follow any particular business; do washing for a living; give meals and

Pitcher's Castoria.

hot tea to any person that calls; have not sold any intoxicating liquor within three months, neither do I keep any for sale; am the defendant, and reside in Milton: I sell pop and cigars; do not give any liquor away; have no money to buy it with.

GEO. MURRAY.—I did not know Mrs. Armstrong

GEO. MURRAY.—I did not know Mrs. Armstrong until I got the subporns: I went up to see her on Monday evening and asked her how I got the subporns, and she said I must have been there: if I was there I must have been intoxicated; have no recollection of ever being at Mrs. Armstrong's except as stated; got no liquor here that I am aware of.

CHARLES SMITH.—Do not know Mrs. Armstrong; have had nothing to drink there within one month; was there within two months; cannot fix the date; got a drink; cannot say what it was; did not pay for it, neither did I see any other person pay; got some cigars and paid for them; I saw Mrs. Armstrong in the front room: she was not in the room where I got the cigars; what I had to drink was in a quart bottle: I cannot say if I drank enough of it whether it would intoxicate or the same country of the cigars.

whether it would intoxicate or not.

James Lindsay.—Am acquainted with Mrs. Armstrong; have had something to drink there, but not within two months; was there about two weeks ago; I sold her a stove and went up for the money, which she paid.

John Cochrane — Know Mrs. Armstrong: have been at her house within the last two or three weeks: got some pop and cigars; got nothing else to drink there that I can recollect of; got a bottle of pop: cannot say whether there was any liquor in it or not, as I was drunk when I went there: I cannot say if a man drank enough of it that it would intoxicate, as I did not drink enough of it.

By the court. — Now, witness, we have had enough of this. Just say whether to the best of your know-

ledge and be lief you had intoxicating liquor?
Witness (in a loud tone).—No!
George Coulter and Edward Newcombe were called,
but did not answer.

Adjourned, bail being accepted.

The second charge against Mrs. Armstrong was also adjourned. No evidence offered.

The second charge against Neil McDougall was then called. Defendant did not answer. Mr. Mcs. Gibbon put in former objections.

STINSON BRADLEY.—Am a county constable; had a warrant placed in my hands for the arrest of Mc-Dougall; arrested him on Friday, the 25th: I did not serve him with a copy of warrant; he did not ask for it; he went with me before the Mayor; gave bail and deposited \$75.00 with me on behalf of his security.

Cross-examined.—I saw McDougall; was in his own house; tapped him on the shoulder; called him to one side and told him what the trouble was; took him to the town hall; the Mayor was there and refused to accept the first bail offered; McDougall and I went back to his own house and got \$75, which he handed me to secure Lavery for going his bail for \$100; this is all that took place between McDougall and myself; I asked Lavery to go his bail; the reason that I did not show the warrant was that McDougall did not ask for it: so far as I know he has never seen the warrant; I did not serve any copy; I did not serve any paper or summons on McDougall in this charge.

The cour tagain estreated the bond.

The court then adjourned the two charges against Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Wattle and Neil McDougall to Tuesday next.

## Prohibition Repeated.

Hamilton Times.

A despatch from Atlanta, Ga., announces that the city has gone "wet" by over 1,000 majority. That is the Southern way of announcing that the mrjority of the people in Atlanta, after a trial of four years of prohibition, have resolved to go back to high license as a more effective method of combatting the evils of intemperance. The principal fight made on prohibition during the campaign was that it did not prohibit and that intoxicating drinks could be openly purchased in a number of places which paid taxes to the United States Government for the sale of whiskey. Thousands of gallons were sent in each month from cities around Atlanta, from which it was almost as easy to get a jug as it was at bars in the city. The antis claim that prohibition injured the city, which was yielding \$50,000 a year in whiskey licenses, without decreasing in the slightest to amount of whiskey sold in the city. A feature of the campaign was the advocacy of prohibition by Henry Grady and of license by Captain Howell. Both are editorial writers on the Constitution newspaper, and each was retained to fight for the side he championed, their contentions being printed side-by-side in the columns of their journal.

# LOCAL NEWS.

House to Rent.—8 rooms, woodshed, hard and soft water. Apply to Geo. Smith. 24-2t

St. Andrew's Church.—The Rev. C. Campbell will conduct service in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 4th December next, at 11 o'clock.

DROWNED.—Coll, son of John Anderson, late of Oakville, was drowned at Olympia, W. T., Nov. 10, aged 86 years and nine months.—Star.

Skates,—Extra good value in skates, also new stock of artists' brushes and supplies just arrived at W. H. Macnab's hardware.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.—An entertainment for the benefit of the poor, will be held in the town hall, Milton, tonight. A good programme will be rendered.

C. M. CLARK, of Georgetown, placed his arm around the captain (lady) of the Salvation Army there at a public meeting, and the magistrate inflicted a fine of \$2 and costs.

Rev. C. Morrow has been at Ottawa again on behalf of his prohibitionist friends, who profess to be ready and anxious for the vote on Scott Act repeal in Halton. His errand was to attempt to stave off the vote by technical objections to the petition filed with the Government.

Children Cry for

Messes. Ed. Saunders of Trafalgar, W. Swackhammer of Nelson, and W. Downs and W. Panton of Milton, returned last week from a hunting trip to Muskota. They brought back with them six deer.

Last week's issue of the Oakville Star contained a very cleverly written sketch of Milton and its sundoundings from the pen of one of the editors of our contemporary, who recently paid our town a visit.

THE Free Press says that in future any tramps who may favor Acton with a visit will be invited to perform with a long-handled hammer on a pile of stone which has been carted into the village for their special benefit.

CURLING RINK.—Tenders will be received by Mr. J. A. Frazer, Secretary of the Milton Curling Club, for the rental of the rink during the present season up to Saturday, the 10th of December.

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Christmas this year falls on Sunday, and the municipal nominations will be held on the following day, which will doubtless be observed as a public holiday. The polling will take place on January 2nd, 1888—also a public holiday.

In for a Legacy.—Enquiries are being made by Mrs. Thos. Craig, of Craighurst, to ascertain the whereabouts of her brother, Mr. John Moon, formerly of Halton, and supposed to have lived near Hornby. There is a legacy awaiting him in England.

The publishers of the Montreal Gazette are distributing among their subscriber a nicely printed almanac for 1888, which contains besides the calendar, a great deal of valuable information. The Champion acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy.

Our thanks are due to the publishers of the Toronto Weekly News for a copy of their premium picture, a fine historical photo-engraving. "The Fathers of Confederation." The picture is presented to every subscriber for the Weekly News. \$1 will secure the paper from now until the end of 1888 with the premium thrown in. Any person sending \$1.80 to the publishers of this journal will receive the News (with the premium picture) and the Champion until the end of 1888.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of the visit to Milton to day of the C. P. R. exhibition car. It will be found well worth a visit, and full information can be obtained from the officials in charge of it respecting the bush lands of Ontario, the prairie lands of Manitoba and the North-west, the stock ranches of Alberta, and the fruit and stock country of Britith Columbia—all along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Embezzlement Case.—This case comes up again to day. The accused, Amos Brothers, has agreed to deposit with the sheriff the books of the firm of Brothers, Brown and Downs and the notes and moneys which he is charged with misappropriating. If he does this it is likely that the prosecution will be dropped. The report started by the friends of Brothers that the case was dismissed was, a falsehood. The action of the mayor in accepting "straw bail" for the appearance of the accused causes some comment.

ENTERTAINMENTS — John R. Clarke will give two entertainments in the Town Hall, Milton, 8th and 9th Dec. Subjects—"Hits and Misses," "Among the Masses." The press throughout the entire Dominion has given Mr. Clarke the front rank among public speakers. His audiences never tire listening to his renditions of life and character, bold and graphic sketches of events, together with his sallies of wit and humor. Don't fail to hear this thrilling J. R. Clarke. 20c. one night, and 80c. two nights.

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