

Thursday, March 30, 1899.

Manufacturers will hesitate about guaranteeing a safe to be burglar proof, when, as we notice in an exchange Editor Arthur Gravelle, Renfrew, the safe expert, recently tackled Budd Bros.' safe at Kingston, which has become unmanageable. In less than two minutes the lock, a three-wheeler, was opened. More than this it was opened on a different combination from the one known to the proprietor, and Mr. Gravelle has opened it on two numbers.

PLEBISCITE RESULTS.

The action of the Premier in announcing the vote in favor of prohibition secured by the plebiscite too small to warrant founding legislation upon, has been subjected to a great deal of criticism, some of it of a very harsh nature. It should not be forgotten by prohibitionists that they never made the demand for a plebiscite. The matter was taken up by the Liberal party in its great Convention of 1893, and, as the premier pointed out, the pledge was made to the Liberal party, composed of members holding opposite views on the question yet actuated by a desire to adapt legislation to a growing moral demand if the vote of the people should warrant them.

This promise or pledge to the Liberal party to take a national plebiscite was very gratifying to temperance men. It was by far the best offer in sight and nothing approaching to it was even remotely looked for from the opposite party, even with the Hon. Geo. E. Foster as one of its leaders. As a consequence temperance men everywhere seemed to regard the situation in so hopeful a light that the assumption was made that the promise was to them and so awaited its fulfillment with an easy confidence. (A confidence it must be said never disturbed by the politicians if they saw the mistaken attitude.)

As has been pointed out before, the mistake has been in asking for a "for" and "against" vote, but, such a vote having been taken, it is difficult to see why the majority should not rule. If the vote had asked for only those in favor to record their opinion, then 23 per cent, or twice 23 p c would have been out of the question, but, on principle, where a yea and nay vote is taken, a dangerous precedent is created when the wishes of the expressed majority are not carried out.

It is regrettable that a stain attaches to Quebec province. Not that its majority was adverse, for men have a right to their opinion, but that a suspicion exists that thousands of votes were added long after the polls closed, with plainly only one object in view.

While we believe the Plebiscite has had an educative value and that prohibition, properly enforced, would be a national gain, yet the indifference of the rural districts and the opposition of the cities force us to the opinion that the people are not yet ripe for prohibition and therefore the politicians are not ready to grant it.

There must be more education, more bitter experience of the fruits of the traffic before public opinion will rise in its might and demand the suppression of the liquor traffic.

We quote, as pertinent, the closing sentences of an able editorial in the Witness, entitled "Was it a Fraud?" referring to charges that Sir Wilfrid had a tacit agreement with the Anti-prohibitionists of his party that 50 p. c. of the enrolled vote would be exacted:

"We have always said, and we see no reason to change our mind on the question, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself was honest in the whole proceeding. He told the country plainly that he was not a prohibitionist, but was willing to be governed on the question by the will of the people. He always refused, no matter how strongly pressed, to commit himself to any statement of how he would value the result of the vote, taking the ground that no one could foresee what conditions might arise. By so refusing he precluded the deduction that would otherwise have been a fair one, almost a necessary one, from many of his utterances, that a plurality vote would determine the result. Now that he has declared a substantial plurality to be insignificant, those who accepted those utterances and failed to note his warning declare themselves deceived. There are others who, while they did not regard a simple majority as a pledged guarantee of victory, still regard the result as a substantial victory, and are bitterly disappointed and displeased that it should be ignored altogether. Such listened to Mr. Foster for any offer, however small, that would give them an excuse for voting against the party that has disappointed them, but he offered none."

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL AND EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

Co-Operative Experiments in Agriculture.

Co-operative experiments in Agriculture have been conducted throughout Ontario in each of the past thirteen years. In 1886 the work was carried on by 12 farmers, and 60 plots were used for this purpose. The number has been steadily increasing since that date, until in 1898 these co-operative experiments were conducted by 3,088 farmers, and upwards of 12,000 plots were used for the work. Object lessons in practical agriculture were thus located on fully 3000 Ontario farms in the past year. Those who make these tests in their own fields with varieties of farm crops, methods of cultivation, ways of increasing soil fertility, etc., obtain valuable information which they cannot possibly get in any other way. Upwards of 1,000 varieties of farm crops have been tested in the Experimental Department of the Ontario Agricultural College for at least five years in succession. Pure seed of the very best varieties are used for the co-operative experiments.

LIST OF EXPERIMENTS FOR 1899.

1. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Corn.
2. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Mangels.
3. Growing Grass Peas and two varieties of Vetches for Green Fodder.
4. Growing three mixtures of grain for Green Fodder.
5. Testing six varieties of Corn for Grain, Fodder, or Silage.
6. Testing four varieties of Millet.
7. Testing four varieties of Grasses.
8. Testing four varieties of Clover.
9. Testing three varieties of Buckwheat.
10. Testing three varieties of Spring Wheat and one of Spring Rye.
11. Testing four varieties of Barley.
12. Testing four varieties of Oats.
13. Testing four varieties of Field Peas.
14. Testing three varieties of Field Beans.
15. Testing three varieties of Japanese Beans.
16. Testing four varieties of Carrots.
17. Testing three varieties of Mangels and one of Sugar Beets.
18. Testing two varieties of Swedish and two of Fall Turnips.
19. Sowing Peas at different dates to determine the amount of injury done by the pea weevil.
20. Planting Potatoes the same day and five days after being cut.
21. Planting Corn in rows and in squares.

Interested persons in Ontario who wish to join in the work may select any one of the experiments for 1899 and inform the Director at once of the choice made. All material will be furnished entirely free of charge to each applicant, but he will be expected to conduct the test according to the instructions sent with the seeds, and to report the results of his test as soon as possible after harvest.

Material for either No. 1 or No. 2 experiment will be sent by express, and for each of the others by mail. The supply of material being limited, those who apply first will be surest of obtaining the desired outfit. It might be well for each applicant to make a second choice for fear the first could not be granted.

Particular varieties need not be mentioned as to the kinds to be distributed are those which have done exceptionally well on the trial plots in the Experimental Department at the College.

C. A. ZAVITZ, Director,
Ontario Agricultural College,
Guelph, March 13th, 1899.

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Dornoch.

Miss Jessie Scott of Leath is for the last couple of weeks enlivening the homes of the Smith and Hay families.

Mr. John Duncan of Berkley was over Sunday a guest with relatives in the village.

Mr. Donald Stewart leaves to-day, Tuesday, for Dauphin Manitoba on a prospecting trip taking with him a few valuable horses and implements. To our lifelong friend and neighbor we wish health and prosperity.

We regret to learn that it is the intention of Mr. Jas. D. Ledingham to leave next week for a trip through the much talked of grain fields of Manitoba, intending if prospects are good to settle there.

Mr. Jos. Boyle leaves next Wednesday for Manitoba. Mrs. Boyle and family will in the meantime make their home in Holland Centre.

Miss Adelaide Boice is this week the guest of her sister Mrs. R. H. Ledingham.

Mrs. W. Smith left last week for Valletta on a visit of month's duration to her daughter Mrs. R. Mills of that place. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mills on the birth of twin sons.

Mr. Jas. Watt's sale despite the inclement weather was a success. Auctioneer McKay was in a jolly mood and everything, particularly the live stock, sold very well, prices being equal to the times of ten years ago.

Mr. and Miss McLean and Miss McDonald all of Walkerton spent a couple of days last week visiting their relatives the Smith families.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt of Edge Hill are moving this week out to the Bray homestead which they have leased for a term of five years.

Mrs. Hill and family last week moved onto Mr. R. McFarlane's farm, south west of here having leased it for a term of years.

The Kinetoscope and gramophone concert held last Saturday evening under the auspices of court Bannockburn I. O. F. was financially and otherwise a success, the views being excellent and well worth driving a score of miles to see. The pie social after was an enjoyable affair and a nice sum was realized. Mr. J. Corlett very affably filled the position of chairman.

North East Normanby.

A week ago Thursday night quite a number of the members of Knox church C. E. paid a friendly visit to the Varney League. It is indeed a pleasure to note the good will existing between the two societies, and such visits cannot but result in good to both.

David Marshall took a load of our young people to Durham one night last week to spend the evening with Mrs. Gadd and family.

We would advise J. and W. next time they undertake to deliver a stallion to borrow a shot-gun.

On the 15th inst. A. Blasing called in his neighbors to help move his family and household goods to their new home. The beer and cider flowed freely and the lads had a jovial time.

Mr. Geo. Moore lost a valuable cow last week.

Mr. Wm. Marshall Sr., took a trip to Craighurst lately to visit his daughter Mrs. Wm. McIlvride.

Jos. Moore left for Brandon last Thursday morning and will likely spend the summer in that vicinity.

On Wednesday the 22nd Miss Grace McIlvride, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McIlvride was united in marriage to Mr. R. Noble of Gourack. The ceremony took place at the residence of the brides parents, at 5 p. m. the Rev. D. L. Campbell, Dromore, being the officiating clergyman. The bride who was becomingly attired was assisted through the ceremony by Miss Noble, a sister of the groom, while a brother of the bride, Donald, performed the same service for the groom. The ceremony over and the sumptuous dinner discussed an evening of games and musical attractions was entered upon, and of course, "all went merry as a marriage bell." The presents were described as numerous, and if they were up to the measure of the respect in which the bride is held, they were valuable also. The happy couple left for their new home on Friday morning. Mrs. Ross (Flora) was over from Kinloss.

John Marshall Sr., disposed of a fine lot of cattle last week for a handsome sum.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Watson in her accustomed place at church after a siege of the grip.

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