

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

The introduction by Mr. Hardy's government of the license bill, long looked for with interest on account of the pledges given by Sir Oliver Mowat and assumed by his successor, has set the heather on fire throughout the province in the ranks of the prohibitionists and liquor men as well.

It may seem a justification of the government's course to find that both parties feel aggrieved at the terms of the bill, the temperance people because it does not go far enough and the liquor party because it goes too far, but sober second thought is compelled to notice a great difference in the quality of the objections. The objections of the temperance party are prompted by disinterested motives: they are aiming for a moral reform which brings no grist to their mill, and though every move they may not be the wisest, no one can accuse them of selfishness.

On the other hand the liquor trade is fighting for its existence, an existence legalized it is true by the people through their government, but by coming to those who will read the signs of the times more and more precarious. For these reasons the objections can not be measured by the same rule as to number, or quality.

This temperance question will not down, the signs of the times point to ultimate victory for the movement whose aim is to restrict and restrict until the use of alcoholic liquor as a beverage is, like slavery, a thing of the past.

Moral suasion was long relied on, but in every English speaking Legislative Hall in the world, the question of restrictive liquor legislation has been up for discussion and in most of them progressive action has been taken in that direction.

Two causes are continually hindering the success of the movement: the opposition of opponents and the mistakes of friends. The character of these mistakes varies, of course, and we cannot but refer to one which is too much in evidence.

An indignation meeting was held when the bill was announced; nothing wrong in that. But when the proposal was made to ask Hon G. W. Ross or Mr. Davies to explain the provisions of the bill, the two strongest temperance ministers in the cabinet, the suggestion was hooted. We worship no man nor minister but it was a hot headed mistake to give such an insult to men with a life record behind them, and who were active workers in the cause before some of the hooters it may be were into their teens.

While deprecating such like conduct we believe the complaint is just that the government have not gone as far on the restrictive road as they might have done with the light of the Plebiscite to guide them. A majority of 83 000 recorded on behalf of prohibition should have been warrant enough to go further than they have done in this case.

It was pointed out by the mover of the bill raising the age at which liquor could be supplied from 18 to 21, about one half of the population were under prohibition, but it should be remembered it was not this half that voted for it. The adult half it was who rolled up 83 000 majority and the purpose of many in helping to do so was, that the younger half should not step out of the safety of minority into the dangers which even a regulated liquor traffic presents.

The change from 11 to 10 p.m. as the closing hour is another chief improvement, but these two out of 23 changes asked for indicates that the government is relying on its excellent record in all other matters for support. We hope, however, that when the bill comes to be considered a better understanding may be arrived at.

A hastily summoned Alliance convention meets this week in Toronto, and the liquor men are also moving, so that on members of the legislature great pressure will be brought to bear, and great will be their responsibility while the bill is becoming law.

MULOCK.

Mr. John Forester has rented the Henry farm and intends doing a rushing business in speculating on cattle next summer, and will likely be shipping a load to the old country, as he made so well on the trip last summer.

Mrs. John Cameron leaves this week for her home in Bottineau N. Dakota also her mother in her old age has decided to take a trip to the Prairie land.

Mr. McLarty and family moved this week to Owen Sound where they intend to stay for some time, as they have rented their farm. Cornish's loss will be Owen Sound's gain.

Mr. Tom O'Neill returned to his home in Manitoba last week.

Miss Jessie McDougal of Dornoch was engaged sewing at Dan McDougal's last week.

Miss Sarah McDonald was the guest of Miss Maggie Foster on Sunday.

James Redford and Jack Ellis are gone to the old settlement to secure a job for next summer.

Mr. Heugan of Walkerton was the guest of Robert Currie last Sunday.

The many friends of Miss Kate McKinnon will be glad to see her back amongst us again.

Miss Addie Currie is enlivening the old home at present.

Mrs. John Forester has been on the sick list for the past week.

FAIRWELL CORNERS.

Mr. M. McDonald, (political) of Priceville, Sundayed at the Corners recently. Keep an eye on him boys.

A couple of gold watch men passed through here lately making the pockets of purchasers lighter and around the region of their hearts a little heavier.

Mr. Wm. Seatter left for his home in the West a week ago.

The eggs are beginning to pile up in the mill yard in great shape.

We would kindly ask that young man with the bay horse and double cutter not to call again at the house he called at last Sunday, as he was the cause of a fine grayish being broken, for in the confusion of the bird he was after escaping the poor mother bird was left to make excuses and let drop the dish in trying to keep the dog off the young man. Afterwards she said sorrowfully, "I would not have cared if I had broke the dish."

Mr. James Muir arrived home from Toronto last week in much better health and with every prospect of ultimate recovery.

Mr. W. Bothwell spent a few days in Toronto a week ago.

Mrs. Campbell is visiting at Mr. John McKinnon's these few days back.

Mr. Archie Currie visited at Mr. Neil Calder's one day recently.

CRAWFORD

The thaw of last week made the roads quite slippery which will make some more work for the blacksmith.

Messrs. James and Archie Brown left Monday morning for Bottineau, North Dakota, and will likely become citizens of that place. We wish you every success boys.

Mr. Edward and Miss Adeline Boice spent last Sunday in Glenelg.

Mr. Ike Supernault purchased a driver at Earl's sale and declares he can compete with any of the young fellows on the line.

Charlie Bailey who has been hauling logs for James Walker, finished last week and moved to the Earl's farm at Lamash which he has rented for a term of years. I wonder who will be the lucky bird.

Mr. Dice who has been sick for some time is very poorly at present.

Mrs. Donald McKechnie, of Glenelg, was visiting friends on the 8th last week.

Miss Alice Boice spent last Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. A. McKinnon and R. Brunst were away with a carload of stuff to Toronto last week.

Mr. John Nuhn, of Flesherton, was at home for a week weaving coverlids which he can dispose of at a good price out East.

Mr. James Brown was visiting friends in Glenelg last week.

Miss Lizzie Boyd has gone to Shallow Lake where she intends to stay for some time.

The Germans are always working their way into our neighborhood. Last week another advancement was made on the 8th at the west end.

Mr. Dan McLenn, of Shallow Lake, paid a visit to Bentinck Centre last week.

Mr. Alex. McDonald purchased a self-binder last week and expects to put in a large crop next spring to make up for the past.

Miss Kate McKinnon's hearty laugh is again heard around home after being in Toronto for some time.

DIED.

GRAY—In Normanby, on Friday, 5th inst., Mrs. John Gray, aged 78 yrs.

GILLIES.—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph Hooper, Glenelg, on Tuesday, 9th inst., Mrs. — Gillies, aged 80 years.

BROWN.—On Sunday, 7th March, Lulu Doon, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown.

McLEOD.—In Priceville, on Tuesday, 9th inst., the Rev. Donald McLeod, B. A., aged 51 years.

PARTING ADDRESS.—The members of Burns Church, Y. P. S. C. E. of Rocky Saugeen spent a very pleasant and sociable evening on March the 4th at the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ector at Edge Hill, where through the careful arrangements of Mrs. Millie Ector, President of the Society and the Social Committee, together with that delightful sociability peculiar to any C. E. gatherings an enjoyable evening was spent and the ties of society and friendship strengthened. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Little added much to the evening's enjoyment. After a sumptuous repast had been partaken of, which was prepared by the ladies of the Society, Mr. John Clark then called the meeting to order and all joined in singing that beautiful hymn "Ask the Saviour to help you" when Rev. Mr. Little tendered a farewell address to Mr. James McLarty and sisters, Charles Snyder and John Petherbough who are about to remove from our midst, conveying to them the affectionate respect of the society and their regret at losing from their small band such efficient workers. After feeling replies from Mr. McLarty, Mr. Petherbough and Mr. Snyder the

meeting was brought to a close by singing "God be with you till we meet again" and prayer by Rev. Mr. Little all went home feeling that a profitable evening had been spent. Mary E. Turnbull, Cassie McKechnie, Conveners of Social Committee.

THE LATE DUNCAN CLARK.—The decease of this gentleman, a cousin to John D. and Neil Clark, Aberdeen, and well known in Priceville, Durham and Walkerton, took place on Friday, 20th February in London, Ont. He was born in Vaughan, and removed to Bentinck with his mother over 40 years ago. He was the youngest in a family of four sons and one daughter. His mother and sister, Mrs. D. Clark, Hilly Grove, Man., and two brothers survive him. The esteem in which he was held in London is shown by the following extracts from the "Free Press": "The end came peacefully, and a good man was gathered to his fathers. Mr. Clarke came to this neighborhood about 12 years ago, and for a time occupied the position of Superintendent of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. In 1888 he accepted a similar office with the Woodland Cemetery Trustees, and up to his recent illness filled the position as few men could have filled it. He was sympathetic to all—and it is at such a place that genuine sympathy is felt and appreciated by those whose troubles weigh heavily. Mr. Clarke was all that could be desired in such an office, and he will be much missed by all whose loved ones sleep in his last sleep in the city of the dead. He was punctual, attentive to detail, and ever ready to aid those who called upon him for advice or assistance. His accounts and methods of doing business were models of neatness and accuracy, and Messrs. W. J. Reid and J. S. Pearce, the church Wardens, feel that they have lost by his death, an experienced, dutiful and faithful officer in whom they reposed the greatest confidence, and it never was misplaced. Mr. Clarke was a sincere Christian gentleman, a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, and beloved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He came to this part of the country from Kinross, where he was equally highly respected for his many fine qualities of head and heart. He leaves a sorrowing wife and three young sons, who will have the sympathy of all in their great bereavement. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon."

Notice to Creditors
In the Estate of George Dowling late of the Township of Bentinck, in the County of Grey, Farmer, deceased. Pursuant to chapter 110 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, and Amending Acts: Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and others, having claims against the said George Dowling, who died on or about the 29th day of December 1896, including those having any general or specific lien or encumbrance upon his estate, or any part, or share thereof, or interest therein, are to send by post (prepaid) to Lydia Thompson of the Township of Bentinck (Durham Post Office,) the executrix of the last Will and Testament, of the said deceased, or to G. Lefroy McCaul of the Town of Durham, Solicitor for the said executrix, their christian and surname, addresses, and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts or claims, and the nature of securities (if any) held by them. And that on and after the said last mentioned date, the said executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto regard being had only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said executrix shall not be responsible for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice shall not have been received as aforesaid, at the time of such distribution.
LYDIA THOMPSON, Executrix, Durham, Ont.
G. LEFROY McCAUL, Durham Ont. Solicitor for the said Executrix.
Dated at Durham, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1897.

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DRESS GOODS STAPLES

- 10 pieces Fancy stripe Dress Goods, worth 40c at 25c.
- Fine French Twill Serge all wool, in black and colors, 45c.
- Fancy Wrapper cloths fast colors, 32 inches wide, 15c.
- Fine black Henrietta, all wool, silk finish, worth 75 for 55c.
- Fine black and navy Imported Serges, 56 inches wide worth \$1.00 for 75c.
- Fancy Figured Dress Goods, black only, worth \$1.00 for 75 and 85c.
- Fancy Novelties in silk and wool mixtures, the newest in the trade, in dress lengths only worth \$1.26 for 90c.
- Fancy Tweed effects in light and dark colorings, nice assortment and very stylish 55c.
- Heavy twill flannelette worth 8 cents for 6 cent yard.
- 36 inch fancy English flannelette, worth 13c. for 11c.
- Fancy Oxford Shirtings, fine assortment of patterns 10c.
- 72 inch Unbleached Twilled Sheetting, worth 20c. for 15c.
- 72 inch Bleached Sheetting, Twilled, worth 30c. for 22c.
- 72 inch Flannelette Sheetting, white, worth 40c. for 30c.
- 44 inch Circular Pillow Cotton, fine and heavy 18c. yard.
- Heavy Crash Towelling, worth 5c. for 4c.
- Fine Linen Towels, Huckaback, extra value, 25c. pair.
- Good Heavy Table Linen, unbleached, 20c. yard.
- Fancy Butter Towels 20x12 worth 4c. pair.
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- Ladies' Chocolate Tan Oxfords turn sole newest coloring \$1.75.
- Ladies' Russet Tan, nice finish, \$1.35
- Ladies' Fine Boot, button or laced worth \$1.50 for \$1.35.
- Ladies' Fine Oxford, turn sole, really worth \$2.00 for \$1.65
- Ladies' Fine Kid Buttoned Boot, turn sole, worth \$3.00 for 2.50.
- Men's Commonsense Boots, rivited soles, Marsh's make either pointed or square toe worth \$2.50 for \$2.00.
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