

THE LICENSING SYSTEM.

THE LAW IS NOT CARRIED OUT NOW COMPLETELY.

Places Licensed Which Should Not Be—The Increase in the Number of Licenses Not Warranted by the Increase in the Population—A Very Significant Statement.

In his sermon last evening Rev. Mr. Carey touched upon the licensing question. In the course of his remarks he said: A petition was placed in his hands by a gentleman, who asked him to get signatures for it and sign it himself. He told the person who gave him the petition that he would have to wait until he inquired into the statements which the document contained. He found the petition correct in every particular.

One of the points of the petition was that the persons who have authority have licensed taverns that should not have been licensed as such. They have also issued a larger number of licenses than the law admits of. He went to the office of the inspector of licenses to ascertain information regarding the matter, and he had to acknowledge the courtesy which he received. In 1881 the census of the city was taken. The population was reported then to be 14,091. Four licenses are allowed by law to the first 1,000, and one license to every 400 of the population after that. This would entitle license holders to the number of 36, while there were 43 taverns and saloons, and 15 licensed shops in addition.

The second point of the petition is that persons are licensed as tavern keepers who are not entitled by the law of the land to be licensed as such. Last year the inspector reported against eight places that were licensed. The law gave the commissioners permission to license three of these places. Therefore, there have been five places improperly licensed. He was sorry, for the sake of the city, that such a state of things exist.

It was a curious fact that from the taking of the census until 1885 the licenses were gradually reduced in number. Since 1885 the number has been increased. It is true that the shop and tavern licenses have, in this period, been decreased by three, but the number of tavern licenses has been increased by one.

In 1884, when the dominion government thought it had power to issue licenses instead of the Ontario government, the commissioners issued only the maximum number of 36. The dominion board then issued eleven licenses over the number stated. In this year, 1884, we find that instead of 36 licenses being issued there were 47. The peculiarity of this order of things is that the number of licenses granted has been increased year after year up to the present time, and the number of arrests for drunkenness has also increased. For drunkenness the number of arrests last year was 195 against 337. In the last four years the increase in the number of arrests for drunkenness has been no less than 158, while the number of tavern licenses have been increased from 34 to 42.

He spoke on this subject because he did not want it to be said that the Church of England was winking at the sin of drunkenness. The Church of England looks upon drunkenness as one of the most heinous sins of the nineteenth century. He was sorry that the license business was not taken up in a different manner, but nevertheless he was glad to cast in what weight and influence he had in order to have the law better observed and the temptations placed in the way of young men lessened.

He was not one of those people who undertook to prove that wine was the invention of the devil, in the face of the fact that one of the first miracles which Christ performed was to turn water into wine. One of the highest ordinances, the very greatest means which the Lord used in the healing of men's souls was effected by Him through wine. But the wine mentioned in the New Testament was very different from the wine used in the present day.

Then there was an economic view of the subject. It might be stated that the people of England consume yearly \$9,000,000 worth of spirits. In Canada for every dollar raised for religious affairs \$7 were raised for liquor. Across the line in that country to which they got such strong invitations to go, for every dollar raised for religious purposes, \$14 is spent in liquor. When they thought of the moral view of the case and of the results of drunkenness they should get rid of the idea that they are not their brother's keepers and use every means to do away with the traffic.

A VERY HANDSOME MODEL.

It took Three Months to Make It—Very Delicate Work Upon It.

Arthur Bernier, of Quebec, now living in the city, has completed the model of a ship similar to those which trade between the East Indies and England. The model is a piece of workmanship rarely seen in this section of the country. The ship is thoroughly equipped. Hundreds of lines are visible and without any crossing. Six hundred pulleys, the necessary number for a ship of the size represented, are in position. Twenty-five figures, representing sailors, are fixed among the rigging. Lifeboats, anchors, chains, etc., which go to make a ship complete for sea, are in their proper places. The deck of the ship is made of pine, polished and oiled. The outside of the ship is painted in bright colors, and flags fly from the masts. The glass which contains the model is 3 1/2 ft. by 4 1/2 ft. in size. Mr. Bernier, who has sailed the ocean for fifteen years, was three months making the model. Most of the work was done with a pen-knife. The ship is a credit to him.

A Very Fine Magazine.

The February Magazine of American History anticipates Washington's birthday and appears as a "Washington Number." The frontispiece represents in a group, Washington, his wife, and her two grandchildren. The copy of Huntington's great painting of "Lady Washington's Reception" fills two pages of much interest. The house New York was building for President Washington also occupies a page. The sensational feature of the issue is the De Vries portrait of Washington, discovered in Holland the past summer by the Holland society of New York, while on its pilgrimage there. "A Canadian American Liaison," a paper which at this crisis of affairs will command wide attention, by Watson Griffin, of Montreal; "An Oriental Account of the Discovery of America," by Alfred J. Hill, of St. Paul; "The Mound Builders and North American Indians, whence came they?" an elaborate study by Jacob Harris Patton, and "Slavery in New York and Massachusetts," by John Carick, of Chatham, Ont., makes up a valuable number.

Frontenac Farmers' Institute.

The executive committee of the Frontenac farmers' institute has decided to have a convention, under the auspices of the institute, at Sydenham in the early part of March. They hope that the farmers of the county will turn out in full force. A number of good papers will be read, including one on "Ensilage," one of the important subjects of the day to the farmers of this county. The election of officers will take place the same day.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Miss Nettie Conklin, of Watertown; is the guest of Mrs. R. H. Elmer. Lieut. Col. Von Straubenzie, D.A.C., left to day for Ottawa to inspect stores, etc. there. Sir W. A. White, British ambassador to Turkey, will shortly retire and then he will be succeeded by Lord Sackville. Mr. J. Pillar, wife and family, of Nebraska, are visiting Mr. Pillar, Princess street. Mr. Pillar has been absent from the city for 10 years. Rev. C. E. Bland, Clayton, was on Wednesday last presented by an address accompanied by a purse of \$95. The presentation was made by the members of his congregation as a token of appreciation of his services. Miss Annie Fralick left this morning for Rochester, where she intends pursuing her musical studies under Prof. N. N. D'Enver, of that place. It is understood that when she returns she will resume her position in Chalmers' church choir. Mr. H. Bawden, lately appointed a provincial deputy of the high chief ranger, is having great success in presenting the claims of the Independent Order of Foresters upon the people of Brockville. This week a very large court will be instituted by him.

A CONCERT IN PRISON.

The Convicts Enjoying Themselves on Saturday Afternoon. On Saturday afternoon the convicts at the penitentiary enjoyed a holiday, and for several hours there was relaxation from that rigid discipline that must ever be exercised in prison. After dinner the men were marched out to the workshops, while the hall was being cleared and staged and made ready for concert purposes. Then the prisoners were marched back again and had two hours and a half of solid enjoyment. Music of an interesting character was presented, while the best vocalists of the institution—and they are quite a few—rendered selections in such a way as to call forth hearty applause. The dancing—clogs and other fancy steps—was first class. There was an exhibition of jugglery, winding up with a side splitting farce, "The Coon's Convention." The convicts were on their best behavior, were delighted with the entertainment and appreciated the kindness of Warden Lavell for relieving the monotony of prison life even for a little while.

The Temperance Meeting

At the gospel temperance meeting yesterday afternoon in mission hall, Mr. Healy, of Elginburgh, was the principal speaker. He advocated teetotalism, as the safest course to pursue. He remarked that there was a stigma attached to drunkenness that was felt by the children. He hurled the workings of the Scott act in the county, and dwelt on the peculiarity of men, who in olden times pulled up at every tavern on the way to the city to warm up with whiskey while the women were left outside in the cold. This looked like a satire on the alleged weakness of womankind. He was opposed to so many saloons and drinking places about the market square. They were sources of temptation to many farmers who spent money in them that should have been used to purchase necessities for the family. There were addresses also by Messrs. Cameron and Fraser.

To Old Lands.

What promises to be a very enjoyable evening will be that spent at Convocation hall next Friday evening. Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A., Perth, will take his audience on a trip "To London, through Norway to Stockholm, and back by Copenhagen to Canada." The trip embraces seven countries and three seas. Mr. Scott will tell something of the three great world conferences that met last year. Pan Presbyterian council, Pan-Anglian alliance and World's conference of Y.M.C.A. at Stockholm. Prof. Watson will take the chair at 8 o'clock. Queen's college Y.M.C.A. will welcome all citizens who desire to be present. There will be no admission, but a collection to defray expenses.

Inverary Farmers' Club.

By invitation of George Perry, the Inverary farmers' club met at his house on Tuesday afternoon and re-elected the old officers: William Ferguson, president; Jno. Quail, vice president; Alex. Ritchie, secretary; W. Duff and A. Ritchie, who attended the creamery convention at Pictou, and visited a silo in that part of the country, gave their views on "ensilage" and silos. Both speakers being convinced that they are good have concluded to build silos this year. The president gave an interesting address. The club meets at A. Ritchie's on Wednesday, 6th Feb.

The Meeting on Saturday.

At a meeting of the Midland agricultural association on Saturday afternoon, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick was elected to the presidency. Mr. W. C. Martin was made general manager of the fair this year, the directors having great faith in his judgment and being unanimous in electing him to the position. The president, the treasurer, and Ald. Gildersleeve were appointed a committee to press the claims of the association upon the city before the council. Next Friday the various committees, named at a late meeting, will meet to revise the prize list and settle the date of the fair.

The Search Was Unsuccessful.

In October a parcel containing dress goods was sent to the city by express from Gananogue. The owner of the parcel did not receive it, and it is supposed to have been stolen. A man and woman belonging to the city, and on the train, carrying a parcel, were suspected of having the bundle. On Saturday, Mr. Peters, of Gananogue, got out a search warrant, and with Officer Aiken examined the premises of the people. A thorough search was made, but the missing goods were not found.

An Interesting Address.

Mr. Williams, the new secretary for the Young Men's Christian association, gave the members an interesting account of his visit to the world's Young Men's Christian association convention held at Stockholm. Mr. Pratt, the late secretary of the local association, arrived from Hamilton to-day en route to Ottawa to attend the convention to begin Jan. 31st.

Property Changing Hands.

Mr. Polson has sold his double tenement brick house on Gordon street to Messrs. Wilson & Renton for \$4,200. By this sale Mr. Polson cleared \$600. He held the property a little over a year. Mr. McDowall purchased a double tenement stone house, three stories high, on Princess street from J. Breden.

Very Valuable.

"Having used B.B.B. for biliousness and torpid liver, with the very best results I would recommend it to all thus troubled. The medicine is worth its weight in gold." Tillie White, Manitowaning, Ont.

There will not be a meeting of the city council this evening.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes. Keep Feb. 11th open for the most attractive concert of season. Seymour, the bigamist and horse-thief, has reached the penitentiary. Grand skating on the Big Royal to-night. Rink flooded Saturday night. The funeral of the late Mrs. Harwood occurred this (Monday) morning. A real estate agent sold 100 lots in the upper part of the city in six weeks. Special meeting of the Y.I.C.B.A. to-night at 7:30 sharp. Important business. On Thursday the members of the Kingston snow shoe club will tramp into the country. Manitowaning bran, the cheapest and most popular feed on the market, at W. F. Baker's. Dr. Hickey presented the police force with a large collection of newspaper literature. The treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul society acknowledges the receipt of \$25 from the mayor. Oat straw, in bundles for beds, flail thrashed dry, clean, and no thistles, at W. F. Baker's, 12 Market Square. The last issue of the Canadian Sportsman contains an excellent cut of Dr. Carver, the horse owned by F. A. Folger. For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street. Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard. Snow-white canned corn, beautiful canned tomatoes, string beans, green peas, evaporated sweet corn, cooked corn beef. James Crawford. Students who need clothing will do well to patronize Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They can give you style, quality, and economy. During January and February we will close our store at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 10 C. Livingston & Bro., merchant tailors, 75 and 77 Brock St. The American opera company will appear here on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. This is the largest opera company on the road, having seventy-five persons in it. There has just arrived at J. Campbell's wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood. The White's carnival number is very attractive. It is full of interesting reading and striking illustrations. Its full page illustrations are especially pretty. Just think of this, stair carpet for five cents; ladies' black wool hose for 15 cents, at R. McFaul's. Hosiery, gloves, mitts, hoods, caps, mufflers, &c., less than cost at R. McFaul's. Beautiful and white—Our \$2.70 flour makes white and light bread. Fine cooking apples 20c. peck, fresh roll butter, tub butter. Preserved green peas 25c. can, 3 lbs egg plums 25c. James Crawford. Jackson's cheese factory, four miles west of Gananogue, was burned on Monday night, 21st, with a loss of \$800; no insurance. The origin of this fire is, like that of a great many others nowadays, a mystery. At this time of the year many gentlemen find that they need a new pair of trousers to put them on until spring. We advise them to try Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They always give satisfaction. Ladies' half, whole and quarter wigs, bangs, switches, hair chains, rings, made to order. Dress and mantle making. Cannif corset, best ever made, over Walsh & Steacy's, 107 Princess street, Kingston. When the electric lights are most needed they are not in service. At six o'clock this disagreeable morning working girls had to trudge through the deep snow in the darkness. But the municipal elections are over. The city commissioner had the walks well clear of snow from the fall of Sunday, Jan. 20th, but this morning he had to resume the active duties of inspection and to stop in many doors with the summons, "Shovel your sidewalk."

This morning about 4 o'clock a fire occurred in Fred Carlton's grocery store, corner of Yonge and Division streets. The blaze was fortunately put down without the aid of the firemen. Some of the goods in the store were damaged. The annual meeting of the Catarqui bridge company occurred this afternoon. The year's receipts were \$4,816.54 and disbursements \$2,849.52. A dividend of 3 1/2 per cent was declared, and the present year is begun with a cash balance of \$277.52 on hand, besides \$300 worth of material. The bridge is in very good shape. The Canada Stained Glass Works, of Toronto, have again increased their staff in every department. The Church and House Ornamental Glass turned out by this firm can be relied on both for durability and excellence of design. Persons requiring glass in every style or quantity whatever should address the makers, McCausland & Son, Toronto. James Campbell, wood merchant, paid on Saturday his 46th year's subscription to the W.R.O., being the oldest subscriber but two left in the city, these two being Sheriff Ferguson and Augustus Fribado, each for over 54 years. Mr. Campbell relates that his first year's subscription gained him \$1,000 through an advertisement of a contract, upon which he tendered successfully. He is a firm believer in advertising, having begun it last year and found it to pay well.

Independent Order of Foresters. A circular issued by the executive committee shows that on Jan. 1st, 1888, the order numbered 7,811 strong, and on Jan. 1st, 1889, 11,517 members, a net gain of 3,706, making an increase of 47 per cent. A year ago \$86,102.42 was the amount of surplus funds, and on Jan. 1st, 1889, this had increased to the magnificent sum of \$117,821.96. During the year the sum of \$81,000 has been paid to the widows and orphans or other beneficiaries of 62 deceased foresters for endowment benefits alone.

Alteration of Date.

The date of the informal talk on "Astro-nomy," by Major Mayne, R. M. C., in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, has been changed from Friday to Thursday 31st of January, at 8 p.m. The change is made on account of the lecture by Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A., in convocation hall. All men are invited to Major Mayne's talk, free of charge.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel—D. H. Rogers and lady, Gananogue; C. W. Chadwick, J. A. Morton, J. H. Morely, F. F. Barr, Toronto; O. Kinghorn, R. Mills, Montreal; J. A. McAvity, St. John, N. B.; W. Johnston, New York; R. W. Leonard, Miss Leonard, Branford; A. Malone, Garden Island.

Everybody Must Have Some.

Nice clear strained honey in bottles, fine rolled bacon 12c., cooking apples 20c. peck, lemons and oranges 20c. dozen, tomatoes 10c. can, galled cans blue plums 40c., galled cans apples 25c. James Crawford.

10c. You Can Buy For 10c.

I can fresh string beans 10c., 3 lb. can tomatoes 10c., 3 lb. dried green peas 10c., 1 can nice pork 10c., 3 lb. can apples 10c., 1 lb. nice pork 10c., 1 lb. evaporated sweet corn 10c. James Crawford.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Subject of Missions Aply Discussed by Rev. Mr. Whiting.

Missionary services were held in the Third Methodist church yesterday. In the morning Rev. Mr. Timberlake preached and from Matthew XXVIII, 18, 21. He called attention to the assertion of Christ that He had all power in heaven and in earth, therefore, able to use the resources of both; that this authority was already possessed; that Christ now had might as well right, therefore, missions were both right and reasonable. The preacher called attention to the query in some minds, why so few comparatively were saved if Christ wanted all men to be saved and possessed all power. He dwelt upon the command to disciple all nations, not merely to make disciples in all nations, to baptize into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and to teach in such a way as to lead to perfect obedience and to observe all things whatsoever the Master had commanded. Lastly he spoke of the promise, "Lo I am with you always," therefore there was no cause to fear either failure or discouragement. In the evening a large audience was present notwithstanding the unpleasant weather. Rev. W. Timberlake presided and read portions of the missionary report, showing that the society's sphere of operations extended over the whole of the dominion, Newfoundland, Bermuda and to Japan. The report showed the society to be in a very prosperous condition; 555 agents are employed with a membership 46,799. The increase in Japan the last year has been more than 60 per cent, in membership and over 100 per cent, in financial income. The income of the society last year was \$219,480, an increase over last year of nearly \$18,000. Of this amount the Third Methodist church contributed the sum of \$95.87. Rev. Mr. Whiting gave a most forcible, interesting and masterly address. He very beautifully described the nature and design of the gospel, and gave a graphic description of the work of a missionary. The need of man as a fallen creature, and his capacities, intellectual and moral, were clearly set forth as reasons for fidelity in the cause of missions. While feeling an interest in every branch of the society's operations the speaker said he felt a special interest in the domestic work. In an instructive manner he referred to his experience forty years ago as a domestic missionary in the neighbourhood of Windsor. At that time there was no Methodist service in Windsor and only one Methodist living there. Now Windsor is the head of a district comprising fifteen or sixteen circuits and missions. "That," said the speaker, "is a specimen of our domestic work."

At the close Rev. Mr. Timberlake said he was sorry Rev. W. G. Henderson, of Pittsburg, had not arrived. At the same time the meeting could not have been a better one. The choir did its part well and added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening.

DISTRICT DASHES.

The Spice of the Articles Culled From the Newspapers of the Vicinity.

Pictou merchants will organize a board of trade. John Connolly has been appointed clerk of Admaston township. Mrs. D. W. Fralick, Napanee fell down a church stairway and was seriously injured. Pictou harbour will be dredged next summer. The town also wants new public buildings. James Thompson, Napanee, has placed fourteen granite monuments in the county of Prince Edward within a year. Zachariah Herrington has purchased the farm at Concession from John Cameron for \$4,000. Mr. Cameron intends moving to Manitowaning. Warden Weese, Prince Edward county, entertained the councillors and others at a supper last Wednesday. Several happy hours were spent. The new McLaren house, Smith's Falls, to be completed before May, has been leased by J. Wardrobe, Mr. McLaren reserving the store, billiard rooms and the building now used as a hotel. Walter H. Stickney, Bloomfield, passed peacefully away on Jan. 21st, at the residence of his son-in-law, Isaac Wilson, aged 83 years. He was stricken with paralysis some five days before and gradually sank under the stroke. He was a brother of Mr. Caleb B. Stickney, of Pictou. Miss Josephine E. O'Brien of Perth was married last week to J. T. O'Conner, of Ottawa. The presents were unusually numerous and came from every quarter. A costly china dinner set, numbering many pieces, was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ryan, Toronto. The bridegroom, J. T. O'Conner, is a first class clerk in the civil service post office department. Marysville was excited when it was announced that Miss Mary A. Lyman had consented to join heart and hand with James Traynor, Chicago. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Father Mackey, Tyendinaga. The bride looked charming in a grey cloth travelling suit. Her bridesmaid, Miss Lizzie Sheehan, Westbrooke, was similarly attired. The groom was attended by Michael McGuiness, Marysville. After the ceremony the wedding party returned to Edmond Powers, where a grand spread awaited them. The bride was the recipient of many valuable and useful presents.

The Ice Bridge Formed.

Judging from present circumstances dealers in ice need not fear longer that there will be a famine in it. The ice bridge between the city and the islands formed since Saturday evening and is hourly growing stronger. Persons skated from the city to Garden Island yesterday. It was about four inches thick this morning and the steamer Pierrepont did not attempt to break through it. W. Card drove a horse across from Wolfe Island to-day, reaching the city at 11 o'clock. He carried in his sleigh some heavy goods. He says his horse broke through several times.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The annual provincial convention of the Young Men's Christian association meets at Ottawa on Thursday, Jan. 1st, closing the following Monday. The proceedings promise to be of unusual interest, and the attendance will probably be large. The following will be the Kingston delegation: Messrs. J. Strachan, W. J. Ovens, E. E. Horsey, Wm. Gill, A. E. Shannon, Geo. K. Hague, Dr. Anglin, George E. Williams. Delegates will also be sent from the Queen's college and Royal medical college associations.

Mr. Hay Speaks for Queen's.

At the annual dinner of McGill college, Montreal, A. G. Hay responded for Queen's. He coupled the names of McGill and Queen's as centres which aided in fostering the life of the young nation, to them and other colleges were entrusted its education. He made brief reference to the position of Queen's in regard to the university and gave some indication of its progress.

AT A PATRIARCHAL AGE.

THE OLDEST MASON IN AMERICA HAS PASSED AWAY.

Death of Richard Holmes—One Hundred and Two Years of Age—Arrested For Treason—He Organized the First Sunday School in Leeds—Demise of John Fraser.

On Friday afternoon Richard Holmes, of Plum Hollow, Leeds county, aged 102 years, died after a brief illness. Mr. Holmes was born in 1787 in Chatham, N.Y. His parents were Irish, and he was the youngest of a family of nine. In 1799 the family moved to Canada and the following year took up their residence in the Lake Florida neighborhood. Richard settled on the farm on which he died in 1827, and resided in the one house all his life. He was the father of twelve children, ten of whom are still alive, exhibiting a remarkable family record for vigor and longevity. Mr. Holmes was made a mason in 1813, and was consequently the oldest member of the craft in North America. He was an honorary member of the Farmersville lodge. He lived an active and useful life. Mr. Holmes, while alive, referred with pardonable pride to a trip made to Toronto on foot in the winter of 1819-20. This trip was taken in behalf of a number of his neighbors, who, on account of failure of their military duty during the war of 1812, had suffered a confiscation of their lands. He was successful in the object of his mission, which was to bid in for his neighbors the land offered at the government sale. In connection with the same matter he made a trip on horseback to Toronto the following spring. Mr. Holmes often referred to his arrest for treason during the troublesome times of 1812. He did not, as some believe he did, take an active part in the campaign, as he was opposed on principle to physical warfare, but his loyalty to the crown and country was never called in question. His arrest was brought about in this way. A preacher named Cooper was conducting a service in Lake Elzoida. At that time those who were not old country people were called Yankees, and on being told that the neighborhood was peopled with Yankees the preacher remarked that if he had known that such was the case he would not have preached to them, and that he would consider washing his hands in the blood of twenty of them as an appetizer for breakfast. Mr. Holmes remonstrated with the bloodthirsty cleric for his unchristian sentiments, and his remarks were construed into a treasonable meaning by the preacher, who had Mr. Holmes arrested on the charge, from which, of course, he cleared himself without much difficulty. Mr. Holmes was a consistent and honored member of the Methodist church for over half a century. In 1823 he instituted the first Sabbath school organized in the county of Leeds. His funeral occurred at Athens yesterday.

The Late John Fraser.

Yesterday morning John Fraser, deputy clerk of the crown, died at his residence, corner William and Barrie streets. He was attacked with congestion of the lungs, and this was the immediate cause of death. For several years past he had been in failing health. He was seventy years of age, nearly fifty of which were spent in Kingston. He was born in Dingwall, Rosshire, Scotland, and at an early age removed to Montreal where he was engaged in the hardware business. He continued in the business in Kingston and was for years senior partner of the firm of Fraser & George. About eight years ago he was appointed deputy clerk of the crown, which office he held to the time of his death. The deceased gentleman was married in 1848 to Catharine, daughter of the late John Mowat, and sister of the Hon. Oliver Mowat and Rev. Dr. Mowat of Queen's university. Nine children survive, one of whom is Rev. John Fraser, of Cryslar. Another son is in the office of the minister of justice, Ottawa. Several sons are in the United States. Three unmarried daughters reside at home. Mr. Fraser was an elder of St. Andrew's church, a governor of the general hospital, and an Oddfellow. He was a quiet unostentatious citizen, esteemed by those who knew him, and much beloved by those immediately related with him. His end, as his life had ever been, was serene, yet bright.

The Late Mrs. Raft.

The body of Mrs. Raft, who died at Colton, California, from the effects of typhoid fever, arrived in the city this morning and was interred in Catarqui cemetery. Deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Thomas Scales, of this city. For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, JAN. 28-12 noon, ASK'D OFF D. Includes Bank of Montreal, Ontario Bank, Bank of People, etc.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

MONTREAL, JAN. 28. Flour—Receipts, 400 bbls. Sales 000 sacks. Market quiet as unchanged rates. Patents winter, 5.75 to 6.00; patent spring, 6.00 to 6.10; straight roller, 5.25 to 5.50; extra, 5.10 to 5.25; superfine, 4.90 to 4.75; Ontario Bags, 2.00 to 2.75; job bags, 5.80 to 5.85 for strong Grain. Wheat—nominal; red winter 0.00 to 0.00; white 0.00 to 0.00; spring 0.00 and 0.00 No. 1 Northern, 0.00 to 1.25. Corn—58 to 56c. Peas—73 to 75c. Oats—34 to 35c. Barley—65 to 70c. Rye—45 to 50c. Oatmeal—4.25 to 5.50. Cornmeal—2.75 to 2.85. Pork—164 to 17. Lard—94 to 11. Bacon—11 to 13. Beans—12 to 15. Cheese—\$1 to 1.21. Butter—Creamery 22 to 26; Townships, 19 to 22; Morrisburg 18 to 21; Western 16 to 18; Low Grades 00 to 06. Eggs—Lined 16 to 17; fresh, 20 to 21. Dead Hogs—Quits; \$6.50 to \$7.00.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, JAN. 28-5 p.m. Cheese—White and Colored 3s 6d.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, JAN. 28. Cotton, steady; American middlings 4.

Table with columns: WIND, CLEAR, GOLD. Includes weather probabilities.

Weather Probabilities. Strong winds and gales from the north-west, stationary or a little higher temperature.