

ALL TEMPERANCE TALK.

OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Combating the Views of a Recent Writer - More Light on the Subject Needed - A Farmer Views the Scott Act - The Saloons Under Consideration.

KINGSTON, Feb. 22.-(To the Editor): I have read with considerable care the correspondence of "Z" in your issue of the 16th inst., and would say I like a man willing to put before the public his views where they may be open to criticism.

As to your correspondent's opinion of Scott act supporters, they are, no doubt, in keeping with his own views, and we are quite content that he should revel in them. If I believed with "Z" as to the general great benefit of the use of stimulants I should go further than he does and advocate its more general use of them.

And then, would it not be the very best thing to introduce to the Indians and other savages, in order to civilize them and make them as wise and intelligent as the boasted Scotchmen. May not the Scotchman's love of his bible, his kirk, his respect for his Sabbath, have had much to do with his elevation? Aye, more than his Scotch whiskey.

Our bible says: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a curse to any people." Perhaps "Z" is able, under the light-giving energies of his noted beverages, to convince himself that our bible, which should be the guide of our lives, and the director of our daily practices, encourages a system of licensed schools to produce very many of a class whom the dear Saviour said could never enter heaven.

As to the array of noted men, wise or unwise, who have recognized approvingly the drink custom (in prose or poetry), we think it would be difficult to convince even "Z" that it has made more fools than wise men, and so we would have the best of that argument.

I am sure, with your correspondent, that there is a universal desire on the part of our sin-cursed humanity for an unnatural and debasing stimulant, but is that any reason why we should encourage and assist these evil appetites, and utilize them to extract from their votaries, and often from their needy dependants, the necessities of life? I feel like crying "Shame" on the public, or public men, who so desire. I read, "Wo unto him that giveth his neighbor drink."

Your correspondent complains that the Scott act has been fruitful of law breakers, hypocrites, liars and perjurers. We claim that the accursed traffic is chargeable with this. He might as well say because the law of God and man forbid crime, murder, theft, etc., and men, committing these things, make every shift, using hypocrisy, lying and perjury to evade the consequences of their misdoings, then the laws of God or man are to blame.

"Z" claims that the drink question cannot be settled by legislative nostrums. Perhaps not, but the law of self protection is a pretty generally recognized one, and we claim the undoubted right to interfere with anything detrimental to the public well-being. We compel parents to educate their children. We forbid people selling unhealthy food. We suppress houses of bad repute.

As to the dangers of Iowa and Kansas, we fancy only an imagination promoted by a "little of everything" would be likely to see the dangers he refers to. But if men must needs get drunk I prefer they do it with opium, go to sleep, and let other people alone.

This is the position taken by us without reference to what poets or scribes tists of this or any other time or place may say. We have a generally acknowledged aim among us, and although we have from such as "Z" but little encouragement, although we have to contend with men bent on revenue and gain, although we are liable by our effort to be accused of having a "lull," etc., etc., and although we may on an ordinary farm lose our share (amounting to twenty-five or fifty cents per annum) of a revenue, the "price of blood," yet we feel it our duty to use whatever power or influence we possess to abate if we cannot abolish that evil, and we earnestly ask every lover of his kind to help us.

What In Place of the Saloon?

KINGSTON, Feb. 26.-(To the Editor): In our haste to shut the door of the saloon, do we ever ask ourselves where those who are shut out will go, or what will they do next? Does it follow, as a matter of course, that they will rush into the open doors of the church and Sunday school? Those who think they will have read the fable of Hercules and the Hydra without comprehending the moral.

The saloons being closed something as bad would take their place, and some kindred preparation would be substituted for strong drink. The complete question at issue is not only how shall we tear down the saloon, but what shall we build in its place? It may be doubted whether the substitution of anything has ever been seriously taken into consideration by the advocates of the Scott act.

never drew young men to the tavern in the first place, but love of company. The hotel is just as necessary in the country as in the city, for agents and travellers do not wish to be intruders in private houses. They are the only places where the homeless and the wayfarers can find rest, shelter from the storm, good cheer and genial companions. Were the temperance party to meet the saloon at this point and offer something that would supply the wants of our social system more satisfactorily, drawing the line at strong drink, a long march would have been made towards the goal of prohibition. It is such a thing as possible to overcome evil with good should be the principle of action and not the amount they can collect in fines from illicit dealers, or the number of unfortunate offenders they can send to gaol or drive out of the country.

A Farmer's View of the Scott Act.

SYDENHAM, Feb. 25.-(To the Editor): I beg leave to submit a few points on the question of the hour, viz., the Scott act, to my fellow farmers of Frontenac. The short crops and hard times make it necessary for us to devise some means to reduce taxation. The greatest burden we have is the Scott act, and it is for the farmers to say whether to continue it or not. To continue it means to shoulder the burden for three years longer.

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Make Hay While the Sun Shines.

KINGSTON, Feb. 27.-(To the Editor): Alder Creegan is preparing his beer. His defence of beer will be the death of him. The "boys" of Frontenac ward will be at the funeral in January next. The declaration that staunch temperance people should help to pay the whiskey bills of his cronies leaves no plank for him to stand on.

THE STREET RAILWAY.

It Must Be Disposed of During the Next Ten Days - Stockholders Talking.

R. J. Carson, one of the stockholders in the Kingston street railway, said last evening that the present tenders for the plant were too low. Before he would see the railway sold for the suggested sum he would buy it himself at higher figures than has yet been offered, and either run it or sell it to parties living outside of the city. Enquiries have been made by strangers as to what they could buy for the material. One man offered \$20 per ton for the iron. Mr. Carson thinks it would be a very foolish thing for the directors to sell out. The railway if run properly would pay at the lapse of two years. Then it would be a grand investment for the owners.

Be Sure and Hear Him.

Mr. Villiers, the war artist of the London Graphic, is known through his sketches to every one familiar with that publication, and everybody who cares to spend an intensely interesting evening should take advantage of his appearance here on Friday night next. Military men everywhere pass the word that he is as great on the platform as he is in the pages of his journal.

Looking After An Estate.

The heirs to the Edwards estate held a meeting at Carleton Place yesterday. The estate is worth over \$200,000, and there are over 200 heirs. Messrs. T. L. Snook, Kingston, and James Steel, Carleton Place, were retained to proceed as deemed expedient. It seems that in 1768 a crown grant was made to Robert Edwards of 34 acres on Broadway, New York city, and in 1771 Robert Edwards leased this land to the British government for a term of 99 years. The heirs are quite sanguine that they have a good claim.

Treated to Deafness.

A person cured of deafness and noises in the head of 25 years' standing by a simple remedy. Will send a description of it FREE, to any person who applies to NICHOLSON, 177 McDougall street, New York.

The Collinsby rafting company will handle this season twice as much timber as it did last year.

THE GROCERS' GUILD.

TOMMY GREEN AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS IN DISGUISE.

He Dilates in a Happy Way Upon the Events of the Night-The Address of the President-(The Gagging of a Member and the Chucking of Tommy Green.

PART FIRST. Men, my brothers, men the workers Ever reaping something new. -Tennyson.

Stay friend, spare half an hour, despoiled from times well filled And I'll tell you of the gay at "At Home" of the Kingston grocers, which caused such fun at mechanics' institute. Where met the tea and sugar knights, great knights of high repute.

For too much work and little play makes Jack a sad dull boy. And grocers though their cares are great, (so sometimes are their prices) Are highly prized for fun as we, and should be, selling spices. They like to run, to race, to ride, and to evening parties go, 'Tis good to see them skip upon "the light fantastic."

The treasurer, Jim Redden, being honest, was "all there" Adding up some mighty columns, and wishing he was mayor. The tyler, Bobby Allen, had his back against the door To keep out Golden Lion who should have joined them long before.

Jack Henderson was one, but he'll come some other day. And the members sat, togged out in evening suit. Clawhammers, ties of white, and lovely varnished boots. And as they gazed the mischief at their gloves of snow-kid.

Put in of inoffensive grocers of unsuspecting mind. But to sum the matter up, the grocer's guild has got to stop these sinful persons selling every kind of rot. And show customers with money, who like to keep it tight. Running up big bills with grocers to the left and to the right.

Where are you going to my pretty maid? Where are you going to my pretty maid? For tomatoes and haddocks, sir, she said. For tomatoes and haddocks, sir, she said. Here the song was interrupted by the Golden Lion roaring through the keyhole that Jimmy was trying to get a gratuitous advertisement.

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INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newspaper Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard. Breck & Booth have purchased the fancy ship made by A. Bernier. The cheapest sheeting and pillow cotton in the city, at R. McFaul's.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street. Mr. Newlands, teacher of penmanship in the public schools, has asked for permission to teach in the schools after hours.

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. Capt. Donnelly is in Deseronto with his steam pump working on the steamer Ella Ross, which was sunk during the heavy gale last month.

A very pleasant time was spent at McLaren's hall, Wolfe Island, on Monday evening. There were over 100 guests, including many young people from the city. Manitoba bran, Manitoba shorts, Manitoba toba chop, Manitoba flour, Manitoba seed oats, Manitoba seed wheat, at 12 Market square. W. F. Baker, commission merchant.

The Cape Vincent bank is to be located in the vacant store across from Jerome's hotel, and the telegraph office is now in the R. W. & O. RR. ticket office. There is a rumor that the opera house is to be rebuilt. 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, 105 Princess street, Kingston.

Sad catastrophes, remarkable incidents, wonderful transactions occur every day, but it is only once in a while that you can get such extraordinary good value in clothing as now offered by Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. It is said that some persons in Cape Vincent, who are opposed to card playing, are talking of getting up a progressive prayer meeting to offset the attraction of the progressive euchre and whist parties that are being held this winter.

A LADY MISSIONARY.

THE WORK THAT IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN JAPAN.

Miss Cartmill Talks Entertainingly in the First Methodist Church-The Prosperous State of Schools in Japan For the Education of Girls.

A five o'clock tea, given by the missionary societies of the Methodist church in honour of Miss Cartmill, was held in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist church yesterday. About two hundred were present, including representatives from each missionary society in the city. Miss Cartmill gave a very interesting address concerning her work in Japan.

Not only did he give Miss Cartmill the desire for a girls' school but he suggested it to Rev. Dr. McDonald who spoke of it to Miss Cartmill. They decided that God's spirit was leading them, and put themselves in God's hand to follow where he led. Miss Cartmill wrote for authority to commence the school, but before her letter reached Canada she received one saying that God had strongly impressed it upon the writer that the Women's missionary society should have a girls' boarding school in Japan.

In a short time the school building had to be enlarged. In one year more a new building had to be erected. That was in 1886, and in 1888 it had to be improved. It has always been full, there being more applications for admission than there were vacancies. This school is in Tokio; another school in Shidzoka is prospering under Miss Cunningham. There are now 150 Christian girls in the Methodist schools in Japan.

Independent Order of Foresters. Tickets for the social on Tuesday, March 5th, to be obtained from A. E. Fine, fancy goods store, Princess street. Members for church parade on Sunday will meet at the business college. See card in society column.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, ASKED, OFFERED. Includes Montreal, Toronto, and various bank stocks.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Table listing various commodities such as Flour, Oats, Corn, and their prices.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

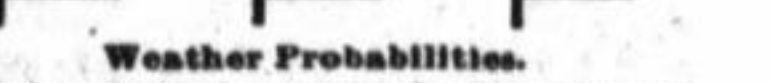
Table listing prices for various produce items like Flour, Butter, and Eggs.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Table listing cheese prices for White and Colored varieties.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Table listing cotton prices and American middling grades.



Moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild, with light snow or sleet in some localities.