

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST THE SCOTT ACT REPEAL.

The Moral and Legal Aspects of the Liquor Question—Cases Requiring Attention—The Attention of the Correspondent Pretty Much Concentrated in One Quarter.

KINGSTON, March 19.—(To the Editor). In your issue of the 31st January appeared a communication on the temperance question, signed J. Robb. It is announced as a criticism on the position of the Scott act men. Were it a fair and just criticism, it might not call for the notice which it plainly demands.

The writer admits that the design of the Scott act is good, but that the execution is bad? This is a correct statement of facts. But when he says, "the legislature cannot be appealed to for something more effective," he expresses merely an opinion and one which is evidently unfounded.

Another erroneous opinion, in its application to the temperance question at least, is expressed in these words: "It is an unsafe principle to establish, that one class or sect may prescribe what the other classes shall or shall not eat or drink."

The writer further says: "The disuse of strong drink is plainly the work of the home and the church, notably of the latter." The home, no doubt, has a great work to do here. But the Scott act is just the result of the efforts of a number of homes faithfully endeavoring to do their duty.

It is maintained that the church is not free from blame. This is not denied. But why oppose and malign the church when she is putting forth efforts to be free from blame? Though England is called Christian the church of Christ cannot be held responsible for all that England does.

Starting from false promises, and taking a most perverted view of the church, the correspondent waxed bold and says the "churches are fashionable rival club houses."

LIFE IN FLORIDA.

A Fine Place for the Invalids—The Experience of a Friend.

Mr. R. M. Horsey received a letter from his nephew, who is located in Sanford, Orange county, Florida. He states that Florida proves a beneficial place to people afflicted with throat and lung diseases.

There is some fine scenery and many beautiful groves surrounding the city. The high pine lands are considered the most suitable for invalids, and especially those troubled with lung affections.

General Boulanger will visit London in June.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

A Fine Display.

Prevost has a fine display in his window of Scotch tweeds for suitings, and a large variety of patterns for paintings, also a line of worsted for overcoats, ranging from \$10. Made to order. A fit guaranteed.

He Was Nearly Caught Also.

J. B. Murphy has had the action, against the assumption of property by the Kingston and Pembroke railway company, confirmed by the supreme court. Yesterday he learned that in a bill (before parliament) of the K. & P. railway company there was a clause in regard to the very matter decided by the suit.

Changes in Property.

On Saturday the real estate business was boomed in certain quarters. W. Moore sold J. McLeod three lots on Pembroke and King streets; J. Fisher, three lots on King and Pembroke streets; and A. Simmonds, a lot on Livingston avenue.

Lost Because of the N.P.

John Herring, Napanee, is trying to form a joint stock company to conduct and enlarge the implement works conducted by himself. The business men of the town have discussed the matter and several have signified their willingness to take stock if the business can be placed on a safe basis.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel—H. R. Grant, J. Burns, W. J. Loughin, W. Davis, M. P. Davis, Ottawa; Dr. Cooke, Napanee; W. A. Clement, D. S. Booth, Brockville; A. F. White, T. J. Church, E. E. Brewster, J. Fraser, A. B. Handil, W. H. Cottingham, Montreal; L. M. Fass, Boston, Mass.; B. E. Parham, Smith's Falls; W. R. Wynn, W. Turner, Toronto; T. Webster, Paris, Ont.; W. Boulter, Picton; T. C. Lazier, A. W. Stickle, Belleville.

A Very Interesting Record.

Joseph Jefferson has been engaged for years upon his autobiography. No more interesting record of a life upon the stage could be laid before the public. He is fourth in a generation of actors, and, with his children and grandchildren upon the stage, there are six generations of actors among the Jeffersons.

A Grand Concert.

The grandest and most successful concert ever given in Picton was held last evening in honor of Ireland's patron saint. It was under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church. Half of those desirous of being present could not get admission to the hall.

A Work in Opera.

A new opera, "Leo, the Royal Cadet," written by the late George F. Cameron, and composed by O. F. Telgmann, is to be produced here about the second week in May, providing a sufficient number of names can be secured for tickets as a guarantee for the amount required to bring the work before the public.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Lime, just arrived; Pembroke lime, at P. Walsh's.

The best stock of clover and timothy seed at Manitoba feed store.

Big rush to Bowes & Bissette's for white and cold mulling at 5c., worth 10c.

Oats, 40c; hay \$14 and \$15; bran, 90c; chop, \$1.25, at Manitoba feed store, 12 Market Square.

A good, active boy, who can write and figure quickly, is wanted at J. S. Henderson's grocery house, Brock street.

See F. A. Folger's advertisement for cheap excursion to Washington, D.C., and return; fare only \$10.50 from Kingston.

The long looked for concert by St. Andrew's choir will be given on Tuesday evening next, March 26th, in Ontario hall. Concert at 8 p.m.

Manitoba seed wheat, Manitoba bran, Manitoba shorts, Manitoba chop, Manitoba flour and Manitoba land for sale, at the Manitoba store, 12 Market Square.

Carwell, the temperance lecturer, will lecture in the Orange hall, Portsmouth, on Friday evening, the 22nd. A silver collection will be taken to defray expenses.

A girl aged twelve years, an English emigrant, was yesterday admitted to the lying-in ward in the general hospital. Her betrayer, a young farmer, is said by the child to have left for the United States.

On Monday evening thieves broke into Mr. Voakes' barber shop on Princess street, and carried away a sum of money. Four robberies were committed, and an attempt at robbery is reported, all on Monday evening.

The stage from Picton to Deseronto went through the ice four times on Monday afternoon on the way over, and Mr. Sanford Johnson, proprietor of the Campbell house, Napanee, went through five times. They managed to get out each time, however, all right.

Venerable Archdeacon Bedford Jones, Napanee, in his discourse on Sunday evening styled prohibition and total abstinence quack remedies, and claimed that the grace of God should be relied upon, rather than the legislation of a parliament, to suppress the liquor traffic.

The new show room of the McCausland stained glass works, Toronto, have attracted considerable notice since they opened to the public. They are examples of ceiling and wall decorations in various materials, representing a wide range of prices, while their specimens of church and house glass are very superior and interesting. The firm send samples of wall paper and glass to any address.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERY.

RESOLUTION PASSED CONDEMNATING THE JESUIT BILL.

The Protestants of Various Speakers—The Presbyterians should consider the Question in a Practical Way—A Strong Resolution Passed—The Other Business of the Court.

At the session of the Kingston presbytery on Tuesday morning Rev. M. W. McLean submitted the report of the home mission committee. The valuable assistance rendered by the students of Queen's college in supplying mission stations was acknowledged. The request of the parish of Roslin and Thurlow for an ordained missionary was granted.

Rev. Mr. Gallagher read a resolution bearing upon the Jesuit bill. This subject should be approached calmly; it was not a matter for feeling. They could not fight the Jesuit bill by feeling, but they had to meet it with argument.

Rev. Mr. Coulthard seconded the resolution, and contended that it was not overly strong. It did not speak as strongly as it should about the subject of disallowance. He thought the Jesuits had a perfect right to be in the country, or in any other country.

Rev. Mr. Gracey said the presbyteries in the country should be specially interested in the Jesuit bill. It is a question which they should as Protestants consider wisely. It affected their relation to the Church of Rome, and it affected a prominent element in that church.

Rev. Mr. Cumberland said there was one thing certain, that the bill would have to be decided upon its merits. It could not be decided as a moral question but as a legal question. Were the members of the court prepared to enter into the merits of the case from a legal standpoint?

The motion was then considered in committee and after changes were made it was voted upon and carried.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church was given permission to mortgage the property to the extent of \$16,000 in order that they might raise sufficient funds to complete the erection of the church.

The presbytery closed its proceedings at 1 o'clock.

DIVISION COURT.

A Lengthy Docket Heard Yesterday—The Many Cases Settled.

Judge Wilkinson presided at the division court yesterday. He heard numerous cases. The cases of W. Dunn, for \$79.81, and Chown & Cunningham, for \$58.08, against W. Snowden and W. H. Godwin, garnishee, was decided in favour of the plaintiffs.

Both cases were adjourned.

M. W. Simpkins sued for the price of a knitting machine put into the gaol and costing \$57. Judgment was reserved.

L. W. Shannon sued Mr. Fralick for \$139 and got judgment for \$86.

Assa Hough sued W. Henderson for \$60 damages resulting from a horse trade. Not acted with his animal Henderson went to Hough's, broke open the stable, and removed the animal he formerly possessed, leaving Hough his own horse. Judgment was given for the defendant.

Twelve judgment summonses were considered. Five carpenters, a stonemason, government employee, farmer, druggist, cattle buyer, carter, butcher and insurance agent were interested. Two were committed for thirty days, and two for twenty days. Four were ordered to pay \$5, two \$4, and two \$3 per month.

Newsy Item Worth Reading.

With the view of giving our clients the best of everything our Mr. Walsh has spent the last two months in New York, under the instruction of one of the most eminent cutters in America, and now we are prepared to make gentlemen's garments in the latest styles and give as perfect a fit as scientific knowledge and artistic skill can produce at our usual low prices.

Clean out straw for beds at the Manitoba store, 12 Market Square.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

D. Moore and E. Gilmore, of Portsmouth, are very ill.

Col. A. D. Shaw, Watertown, N.Y., is in the field to be sent as consul general to London, Eng.

Sir Thomas Gladstone is dead. Sir Thomas, who was the only surviving brother of William E. Gladstone, was born July 25th, 1804.

Dr. Moore, of Brockville, and Dr. Gibson, of Belleville, conduct some of the examinations in connection with the Royal and Women's medical colleges.

Capt. Craighton, who has been in command of the Salvation army for some time, has received marching orders, and will bid his friends good-bye this evening.

The senate of Queen's university has dispensed with the services of Mr. William Gunn as tutor in French and German. Mr. Gunn was appointed tutor in January of this year.

Mr. George Brown, jr., only son of the late Hon. George Brown, is said to be about to return to Toronto. His name is already connected with the management of the Globe, for which he may go into training.

Charles F. Morcom, formerly of the G.N.W. telegraph company, now of the night force of the Western Union telegraph company, New York, has graduated at the New York college of physicians and surgeons. We offer congratulations.

Rev. Father Conway, of Norwood, was prostrated on Monday with an epileptic seizure, probably the sequel of the accident he met with by a fall from his horse in the fall of 1887. At last reports there was an improvement in his condition, but he is not out of danger.

Mr. Arnold Mitchell, son of J. C. Mitchell, late manager of Messrs. Murray & Taylor's store, Renfrew, has gone to Toronto and entered into partnership in the dry goods business with Mr. George Maclean, Yonge street. We wish him every success in the queen city.

Mr. R. A. Fairfield died at the residence of Mr. J. E. Campbell, reeve of Hinchinbrooke, on March 14th, at the ripe age of 77 years. He was a resident of Canada for 20 years, and came from England when he was attached for five years to the Royal navy survey. He derived a large income from estates, which he owned in Ireland. He leaves two children, Mrs. J. E. Campbell and Mrs. Booth, to mourn his loss.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Sydenham St. Methodist Church Crowded by an Attentive Audience.

Last evening the annual missionary meeting was held in Sydenham street Methodist church. It was one of great interest. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Rev. R. Whiting, Mr. Thomas Mills was called to the chair, who, from a business standpoint, showed the work of the missionary society to be well directed and well cared for.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins said that he was not prepared to discuss the matter. He referred to the injustice done Her Majesty the Queen by the government in regard to the Jesuit bill. He said there should be some concerted action with regard to the bill by the Presbyterians of Canada. He considered the question should be dealt with in a practical manner.

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held in Cooke's church last evening. The audience was not as large as expected.

The assembly in Cooke's Church—Reports of the Auxiliaries and Bands.

The usual result.

THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

It is not to be denied that a good sewing machine is one of the most important appurtenances of the modern household.

We thought we had a good machine until one day the agent of the NEW HOME presented himself at our door and proceeded to deliver an oration upon its characteristic merits.

"But," we answered, "our machine suits us well and we do not care for another."

The request was not unreasonable, so we granted it, but more to oblige the agent than anything else; for we really did not want the machine, and had not the remotest idea of buying it.

The machine once in the house, it was natural that the ladies should look it over. They did so, and as a consequence fell in love with it. They say that without the slightest wish to decry or disparage any other machine, this, all things considered, is, in their opinion, the most desirable one to be had.

This unrivalled machine is manufactured by the New Home Sewing Machine Co., Orange, Mass., and 28 Union Square, New York.

Clean out straw for beds at the Manitoba store, 12 Market Square.

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.

Navigation has begun on Lake Erie. Lace curtains selling fast at Hardy's. Art blinds complete, 75c. at Hardy's. American curtain scrim 10c., at Hardy's. See the boys' new jersey suits at Spence & Crumley's.

The schr. Singapore being rebuilt at Portsmouth.

For genuine Seranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

You can save money by buying lace curtains at Hardy's one-price store.

Japanese, Canadians, English and American girls at Carnival of nations, city hall.

Spence & Crumley are having a great run on ladies' jerseys, their styles are all new.

Ladies, you should see the cashmere hose Spence & Crumley are selling at 20c. per pair.

Hardy is selling art blinds complete for 75c. and 90c., like you have been paying \$1.50 for.

The butchers may come under the supervision again. A license of \$50 or \$100 may be imposed.

The Hamilton musical institute has secured the services of S. H. Clark as teacher of elocution.

The new dress goods, prints and chambrays are much admired and selling fast at Spence & Crumley's.

Cranheim, recently sent to the penitentiary for ten years by the magistrate, arrived at that institution yesterday.

The steamer F. R. Buell an l consort are chartered at Detroit for coal to Kingston at 3 1/2 cents, and have loaded.

John Welsh, a resident of St. John's Island, had a valuable horse drowned while driving on the ice a few days ago.

Handsome new dress goods at R. McFaul's. Silk warp Henriettas, in black and colored, for 75c. 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.

New ulster cloths in checks and plain colors, the best value ever shown in the city in black cork screw, at R. McFaul's.

New costume dresses, the handsomest in the city, at R. McFaul's. New kid gloves in plain and stitch back, at R. McFaul's.

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.

The trial of a young man, charged with seduction, which was to have been heard to day, was abandoned. The defendant was dismissed.

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.

W. A. Webster, "immigration agent" and tory missionary of Kingston, has received from the dominion government \$1,887.84 since July 1st, 1886.

The new post office and customs house, Napanee, is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for occupation in June. It will cost \$40,000.

Mayor Thompson and Captain Carter left for Toronto last night to secure the elimination of clause three from the confirming act of the Ontario legislature.

Yesterday Mr. John O'Brien received a basket containing shamrocks from a friend in Castle Bridge, Ireland. Mr. O'Brien intends to put the plants in his garden.

New stripe dress goods, new French merinos, new beauty cloth, at R. McFaul's. Handsome new broadcase gros de suede for jackets and dolmans to be found only at R. McFaul's.

This morning a sleigh containing Messrs. Hunkley and Fox, and four barrels of fish, went through the ice near the ferry wharf. Mr. Hunkley was just starting for the Cape when the accident happened.

Ladies' half, whole and quarter wigs, bangs, switches, hair chains, rings, made to order. Dress and mantle making. Caniff corset, best ever made, over Walsh & Steacy's, 105 Princess street, Kingston.

The iron ore properties which were located by Capt. Moore in Darling township are turning out well. A syndicate composed of Germans, is getting the ore out, and finds it of excellent quality. It is classed as No. 1 magnetic.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, March 20.—12 noon. Bank of Montreal, 229 1/2; Ontario Bank, 157 1/2; Bank du Peuple, 109 1/2; Molson's Bank, 175 1/2; Bank of Toronto, 219 1/2; Banque Jacques Cartier, 90 00; Merchants Bank, 90 00; Union Bank, 170 3/4; Bank of Commerce, 124 1/2; Imperial Bank, 90 00; Montreal Telegraph Co., 95 92; Rich. & Ontario Nat. Co., 90 00; City Passenger RR., 205 200; Montreal Gas Co., 295 201; Canada Pacific RR., 471 474; Canada Cotton Company, 40 35; Dundas Cotton Co., 60 00; Hochelaga Cotton Co., 145 135; N. W. Land Co., 75c. Od. 71s. Od. Gas, 199 1/2 198 1/2.

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Headquarters for Clover, Timothy, Field and Garden Seeds. Choice Family Flour. Strong Bakers' Flour a specialty.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Flour—Receipts, 400 bbls. Sales, 600 bbls. Market quiet and unchanged. Patents winter, 5.50 to 6.00; patent spring, 6.00 to 6.50; straight roller, 5.40 to 5.90; extra, 4.00 to 5.25; superfine, 4.00 to 4.75; Ontario Bags, 2.00 to 2.75; City bags, 6.00 to 6.10 for strong bakers.

Corn—52 to 53c. Peas—75 to 74c. Oats—31 to 32c. Barley—45 to 60c. Rye—45 to 50c. Oatmeal—4.00 to 4.50. Cornmeal—2.75 to 2.90. Pork—15.50 to 16.00. Lard—94 to 10c. Bacon—11 1/2 to 12c. Hams—11 1/2 to 11c. Cheese—3 to 11c. Butter—Creamery 23 to 25; Townships, 20 to 22; Morrisburg 19 to 21; Western 17 to 19; Low Grades 00 to 01. Dressed Hogs—Quiet heavy; \$7.00 to \$7.25. Eggs—Lined 11 to 13; fresh, 16 to 17.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Liverpool, March 20—5 p.m. Cheese—White and Colored 56c. 51.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 20. Cotton, quiet; American middling, 6-11-16.

Weather Probabilities.

Northerly winds, fair weather, stationary or lower temperature.