

THE LAW IN FRONTENAC.

A WRITER'S REASONS FOR CONTINUING THE SCOTT ACT.

What Would You do if Your Brother Acted Like That?—Support the License System?—A Charivari That Did Not Result in a Big Drunk—Sweeping and Blasphemy Quite Common.

KINGSTON, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor): Two incidents will serve for a text to illustrate the need of the Scott act.

On Wednesday, while travelling towards Kingston, the writer overheard this: "Did you hear, Jim, about the shiverer 'tother night?"

"Shiverer? No. Where?" "Down to—s. You know the fellow they used to call Toud. He's only 19 years. Well, he went and married—s. a widow. They had a big deal with cows, bells and horns and guns. The horses give him a racket. Our Dave, he told the old man he was coming over to my place, and he slipped a horse out of the stable and went to june the farm. There wasn't much fuss at the house. The fellow called them in and give 'em two dollars and said they might have a dance. But when the boys got the money they thought they'd have more fun if they'd go set to Pic and get some whiskey. So off they get for Pic, but no whiskey could they get there, only cigars and candy."

So much for the probable fear of a Scott act prosecution. How often has a drunken spree during a charivari ended in calamity. A few hours after hearing the above bit of wayside gossip I was sitting in a K. & P. railway station whose sounding board partitions conveyed to an aggrieved car the following story wherein a fellow creature gloried in his shame. I omit the ejaculations wherein in God (our Father) and Christ (our Redeemer) were named every third word or so.

And I take occasion here to note that this mode of defiling the air with filthy speech is a favorite occupation of many young lads in this county, to such an extent that clerical criticism might perhaps be profitably directed against it.

"I tell you, Sam, I was in a bad way the other day. I wasn't drunk you know, but I had to get the train without any breakfast, and when I got to Kingston I just stayed at the bar and drank all day and didn't go into have any dinner. I wasn't drunk, but I was sick you know. I can drink whiskey all day long and brandy. I like brandy. I can fill myself with brandy, and go to work next day as if I hadn't any."

Horrible, as this story now appears, the recital was when mingled with oaths and curses, abominably more horrible. I expected if the speaker should appear to some ruffian like loafer, but to my amazement appeared instead a very broad shouldered manly looking fellow with good features but a pale face. This is the preparation for the writing that will appear on it—a pale face. What will be its record in a few years, or less?

I don't care for your opinion about the Scott act, my friend, but answer me this—before God. If this pale faced manly looking lad were your brother would you believe that the license system would make him a sober man?—Yours, FRONTENAC.

Public School Trustees. KINGSTON, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor): I believe that at the school board meeting last evening Mr. R. Shaw resigned his seat, so that now there are two vacancies. I hope one of these will be filled by a knight of labor. Some of these I know have made a special study of the Kindergarten system, and have a deep interest in the proper trial of it. One of them, as a trustee, would help along the cause about which the citizens generally as well as the knights are concerned, and be able to express at the board the feelings of hundreds with which the trustees do not come into constant contact. The matter of representation at the board should come before the knights of labor at once, and, if they desire one representative from Frontenac ward, should make intimation of the fact. I feel certain their wishes will be respected by the electors.

PERSONAL MENTION. People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Major Mayne, R.M.C., lectures this evening in St. George's hall.

Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick has returned from his trip across the continent. John O. Brydges has been appointed U.S. Consul at Brockville.

"QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL."

SKITS FROM THE LAST NUMBER—SOME OF THE VERY INTERESTING PERSONALS.

We believe that there is no university like Queen's, but we never make comparisons nor insinuate that others are second.

John Findlay, the mathematical champion of the class, is back again for a post-graduate course, and amuses himself by acting as postmaster.

The following graduates have entered upon the study of law: J. McEwen, W. J. Kidd, J. J. MacLennan, W. A. Logie, C. B. Dupuis and J. F. Carmichael.

William A. Cameron, though he writes B.A. after his name, is back at Kingston and intends before many years to follow his brother Dan's example, to heal the sick.

T. A. Cosgrove, during vacation, filled with success the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay. He has now crossed the borders, and no doubt is edifying the American cousins by his wit and wisdom.

Malcolm McKenzie will probably take a post-graduate course in philosophy, and next session will see him walking away with the gold medal on that subject as evidence that he knows how to think.

Howard S. Folger is reported as going to New York to study law, but we hope this report is untrue, for Howard's good judgment and well-directed ambition would win him a high place in the courts of his own land.

E. H. Horsey represented the Royal college at the dinner of the Toronto medical school. It is not too much to say that Edward gave the Toronto men an oratorical treat that will ring in their ears till the day they graduate.

The annual re-union of the Royal college will be held on Friday, Dec. 16th. Principal Grant has placed the college buildings at the disposal of the students, so that the entertainment will be of the same nature as that of last year. Edward McGrath will act as chairman, and A. D. Walker as secretary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CHANGES MADE IN THE SCHOOLS' TEACHING STAFF.

All the Teachers Now Under Agreement—The Kindergarten System Under Consideration—Resignation of Mr. Shaw—Appointment of returning Officers.

A regular meeting of the school board was held last evening. There were present at it: Messrs. Savage, (chairman); Anglin, Allen, Dunlop, Horne, McCammon, Shaw, Williamson, and Wilson.

From Silby & Co., offering to supply a Kindergarten outfit for fifty-two pupils for \$161.

From Miss S. English, asking for a situation as teacher.—Referred to the committee of school management.

From Capt. Thomas Donnelly, under date of Nov. 28th, as follows: "I write to ask if the board intend to take some action to remove the slur which Bishop Cleary has seen fit to cast on the wives and daughters of this province. Surely, if outside boards of education are taking action by his statements, it is something officially toward that end, or the outside world will think that what his lordship has said is true of the public school children of this city, where he has the best chance of observing."

The reading of Capt. Donnelly's letter provoked a warm discussion. Mr. Shaw contended that the board should take notice of the letter, and do something which would be satisfactory to the writer. The following resolutions were submitted:

Moved by Mr. Anglin, seconded by Mr. Wilson, "That as Bishop Cleary states over his own signature that the statements that were reported to have been made by him about the public school girls are not true, and as the bishop has left for Rome, Mr. Donnelly's communication be placed on file."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Dunlop, "That the secretary be instructed to advise Mr. Donnelly that this board does not consider his lordship Bishop Cleary worthy the attention of this or any other board of education in the province of Ontario."

Mr. Dunlop said the amendment he seconded was the one which the board should adopt. He contended that the statements made by the bishop in Napanee had not been contradicted.

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 Talking Notes.

Santa Claus is reported to be at Kirkpatrick's prices.

The Post-mortem pier repairs are being pushed with energy.

Mrs. Grimson's residence was illuminated with Chinese lanterns last evening.

Mitts and gloves, and Persian lamb caps, lower than ever at Rattenbury's.

C. F. Gildersleeve intends removing his saw mill from Opineon village.

The county court opens on Tuesday at noon with Judge Price on the bench.

Wanted at once two first class salesmen for dress goods and staples.—J. C. Hardy & Co.

Mr. Doughty will speak in Portsmouth next week, by invitation of the W.C.T. union.

THE GREAT PAPER ON SATURDAY.

THE "WHIG" INTENDS TO KEEP ON IMPROVING EVERY WEEK.

Look out for it! The Whig to-morrow will consist of twelve pages, and will be brimful of readable articles.

This week our special writers are remarkably spicy, and will create pleasure for many readers.

Of course Broadbrim is the leading favorite, but the U. S. mails are so irregular now that we cannot assure our readers that his letter will be given. It will, however, at the latest, appear on Monday, and none of the bright points will be lost by a day's delay.

Bishop Cleary some time ago is said to have given his estimate of Canadian girls. Now Ella Wheeler Wilcox descends on the American girl, and it is presumed she includes the Canadian in her analytical review.

Will Carleton has reached Italy, and sends us a glowing account of what he has seen and heard in the land of olives. Turin life is pictured very vividly.

Mrs. Beecher offers practical advice to young mothers as to the training of children. The population of Kingston has this year been materially increased, and just at this moment the distracted mothers will be delighted to know how to handle their offspring.

Robert J. Burlette, Esq., cracks jokes and gives humorous advice. He creates amusement from the moment he puts pen to paper until he winds up with his name at the end of the article.

Mrs. Lew Wallace, a new writer, opens the door to the Turkish harems, and tells how the women in them spend their time. The luxuries of the rooms are wonderful, and the description becomes quite bewilfering. It is the best of all our Saturday letters.

MISSIONARY GATHERING.

A Pleasant Evening Spent in Queen's University—The Association's Work.

The missionary association of Queen's held its first public meeting for this session last evening in convocation hall. Quite a good representation of students and a large number of citizens were present to enjoy the excellent programme which was presented.

The Rev. John Mackie, M.A., presided, and, after opening the meeting with prayer, in a few well-chosen words he explained that the object of these meetings is the fostering of a missionary spirit among the students, and, by having the different pastors of the city to preside, thus create in both pastors and people a more lively interest in the work of the association. The members of the foreign mission band were then called upon to sing the opening chorus, "Go Ye into All the World," after which the chairman called upon Mr. J. A. Sinclair, who had spent the summer in mission work for the association in the north-west, to relate some of his experiences and give his impressions regarding mission work there.

Mr. Sinclair showed clearly that something should be done immediately for that great field. A very interesting paper was read by Mr. O. L. Kilborne (medical) on the value of medical missions, especially as a pioneer agency. He pointed out that in America there is one medical man to every 500 of the population, while in heathendom there is only one medical man to every 3,000,000 of population. Miss McKellar, of the ladies' medical college, read an instructive paper on Madagascar missions, dealing with the geography of the island, the condition of the people, and the planting and progress of Christianity thereon.

Mr. J. Wright, B.A., gave a talk on "The relation of home and foreign missions," showing that the work is one both at home and abroad, and that the same spirit of consecration is needed if the work is to be successfully done. He showed also that those who engaged in this work must do so not only for their own sakes, and for the sake of those in darkness and despair, but above all for the sake of their Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and that although their difficulties may be many and their trials great, and although often cast down by reason of doubts and fears, yet they will be able to say, "All is well," because Christ is at the helm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Gaskin Lodge Orange Young Britons.

At the regular meeting of Gaskin lodge of Orange Young Britons, held last evening, the following were elected officers for 1888: W. M.—W. Crawford. D. M.—J. Shannessy. Secretary—J. A. Moxley. Financial Secretary.—D. Donnelly. Treasurer—J. Steele. Chaplain—W. Kelly. D. of C.—H. Toult. Committee—E. Smith, (chairman); H. McNamee, W. Davidson, J. McArdle, A. Nokes.

Inside Tyler—T. Barton. Outside Tyler—D. Barrett. Auditors—Bros. Campbell, Donnelly, Shannessy. Sick Stewards—Bros. Smith, McNamee, McArdle, Davidson, Nokes. Trustee—W. Crawford.

This lodge is in a flourishing condition. The grand lodge meets here on May 24th, 1888. The officers were installed by the D. G. W. Crawford, assisted by George Pound.

Fresh From the Field.

The approaching missionary anniversary of the Sydenham St. and Queen St. Methodist churches promises to be of unusual interest. One of the speakers, the Rev. Yoshiyas Hiraiwa, or if our readers prefer it, "The man who keeps a good heart on a sure foundation," a converted Japanese professor who will give a uniquely interesting account of Japanese civilization and missions. The other member of the deputation is the Rev. S. Huntington, who is superintending a noble mission work along the C.P.R. from Mattawa nearly to Port Arthur.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements.

The steamer Deseronto arrived light from Deseronto. The steamer Nile and barge Iris are loading 8,200 bushels of wheat for Deseronto. The schr. Oliver Mowat cleared to-day for Oswego with 21,000 bushels of wheat. About \$500 will be expended this winter in repairing the schr. Grantham by her owners.

Capt. S. Fraser, of the steam-charge Scotia, is home and quite willing that an investigation should be held as to the loss of the barge Oriental. The craft was in first class condition when the disaster befell her.

A comprehensive summary of the wrecks on the lakes during 1887 has been issued. Seventy-seven vessels are shown to be lost, with a carrying capacity of 34,400 gross tons and an estimated valuation of \$777,700. The loss of life is put at 116, the Vernon being charged with 40. The largest losses in the list are the Osceola, \$75,000; Polynesia, California, each \$45,000; Vernon, Arizona, each \$40,000; Niagara, \$35,000; City of Owen Sound, \$29,000; L. O'Neil, L. Hanna, Champlain, each \$25,000; Plymouth, S. H. Johnson, each \$22,000; Clinton, \$20,000. The new tonnage includes 60 vessels, all but five steam, their aggregate capacity being 108,525 gross tons and valuation \$8,325,000.

A POET HONOURED.

Public Inauguration of the MacLachlan Testimonial in Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Grant presided at a meeting in Toronto last evening on behalf of a movement in favor of the poet MacLachlan testimonial. The desire was to raise funds wherewith to present the poet, Alexander MacLachlan, Amaranth, with the farm on which he resides, and which is encumbered to its full market value. The poet is in his 68th year, and his admirers are determined that no pecuniary anxiety should trouble his declining years. Large individual contributions are looked for, and an extensive appeal will be immediately made both in Canada and the United States. Dr. Grant made an address on behalf of the poet. The doctors had forbidden him to address meetings, and some of his friends might possibly think he disobeyed orders, but having promised last June to do everything in his power to make the MacLachlan testimonial a success, the committee would have had some right to think a promise from him of very little account had he refused to come, or crawl, to one meeting. Gratitude alone to MacLachlan for two or three stanzas, had he written nothing more, would be sufficient to make him do much more than that. MacLachlan was characterized as a true poet.

FIRE DRILL AT SCHOOL.

The Time Taken to Empty the Buildings—A Scene Too Real for Some.

To-day Chairman Savage visited a number of the schools and witnessed the performance of the fire drill by the pupils. At the Central school the eight rooms were emptied in 1 min. 8 sec.; Queen street school, six rooms, 2 mins. 13 sec.; Louise school, four rooms, 1 min. 8 sec.; Gordon street school, four rooms, 1 min. 50 sec.; Wellington street school, six rooms, 1 min.; Catarauqui school, six rooms, 55 sec. The children in Catarauqui school had the advantage of a notice and were prepared for exit. There was excitement at Queen street school, the scene being of too real a character for the little ones who cried heartily as they scampered down the stairway.

Invitation cards and folders in great variety at White office.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY SOCIAL.

It Was Held at Mrs. Breden's Residence and Was a Great Success.

The parlor social gotten up by the Young People's literary society of the Third Methodist church, and held at Mrs. John Breden's residence, Barrie street, last evening, was a great success. Mr. John Belch, medical student, performed the duties of chairman. Telgmann's orchestra was in attendance and the members of it delighted the visitors with some lively musical selections which they played excellently. The contributors to the entertainment were Miss Doretta Telgmann, Messrs. Verbak, Crumley, N. T. Greenwood, Watts, Otto Telgmann, Lillie, and Campbell. Mrs. Thomas Carnovsky and Mr. Brady were the piano accompanists. The members of the glee club of the Royal medical college sang several hearty choruses in their usual vigorous style.

Selling off this month at Rattenbury's.

WIND FAIR SNOW

Weather Probabilities.

Fresh south east and south west winds, mostly fair weather, with light snow in the northern portion, slightly higher temperature.

Cheapest underwear at Rattenbury's.