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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST." -Peter.

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Editorial Outlook

THE CENSUS.

According to the Auditor General's report, the census had cost, up to June 30 last, \$1,010,697. Before it is completed there will be a large sum added, and the whole will be twice as much as was expended on the census of 1891. So large expenditure should have secured a fairly accurate census, instead of the wretchedly unreliable thing we have.

THE ESKIMOS.

The Census Commissioner has just received a report of the Eskimo population of Ungava. The enumeration was made by Rev. Mr. Walton at Fort George, at the b'g Whale River, where the Eskimo population generally gather after their hunting. Mr. Walton got the names of forty-two families. They belong to the Church of England, and nearly all of them can read and write.

A NOVA SCOTIA CONVENTION.

A convention of prohibitionists was held in Halifax last Wednesday. The object of the convention was to consider the question of provincial prohibition. They asked for this last year, and the government denied them. The convention passed a resolution, asking such measure of prohibition as the provincial legislature has power to enact. The convention evidently did not expect prohibitory legislation very soon, for it asked for amendments to the license law at the present session.

THE LATEST.

The fools are not all dead yet. One of them moved a resolution in the United States Congress concerning the annexation of Canada. He wanted the President to ascertain on what terms Great Britain would cede this country to the United States. Of this proposal the *Canadian Baptist* says:

It shows how little even intelligent Americans know of the system of government under which Canadians live, or their sentiments regarding annexation. Should Britain send Canada adrift tomorrow, she would not form an alliance with the United States, but become an independent republic, as she virtually is now, and has been for half a century—a republic more republican than her neighbor to the south. The destiny of Canada is not in the hands of Great Britain, nor does the mother country hold us for sale.

POLITICAL NEWS.

The Ontario legislature met Tuesday of last week. The Governor, Sir Oliver Mowatt, was not able to be present, and Chief Justice Moss was his substitute.

The by-election in North Ontario, Tuesday, resulted in the election of Mr. Grant.

Brunet, the Montreal M. P. who was disqualified by the election court for corrupt practices, appealed to the Supreme Court. The court has dismissed the appeal, and his disqualification stands.

Five new senators have been appointed. They are J. K. Kerr, Toronto; Frank T. Frost, Smith's Falls; T. H. Coffey, of London; J.

the younger members, is due to intoxication, slight, perhaps, and oftentimes unconscious, but none the less intoxication.

Such an utterance quite startled his congregation. But, like many other congregations, they probably needed to be told of the sins that are destroying them. The preacher went on to urge hosts and hostesses to think of the disastrous results of the use of intoxicants at their social gatherings. Like voice of warning is needed in many a church.

IN MANITOBA.

The prohibitionists in Manitoba are getting ready for a fight in the Provincial elections, which are likely

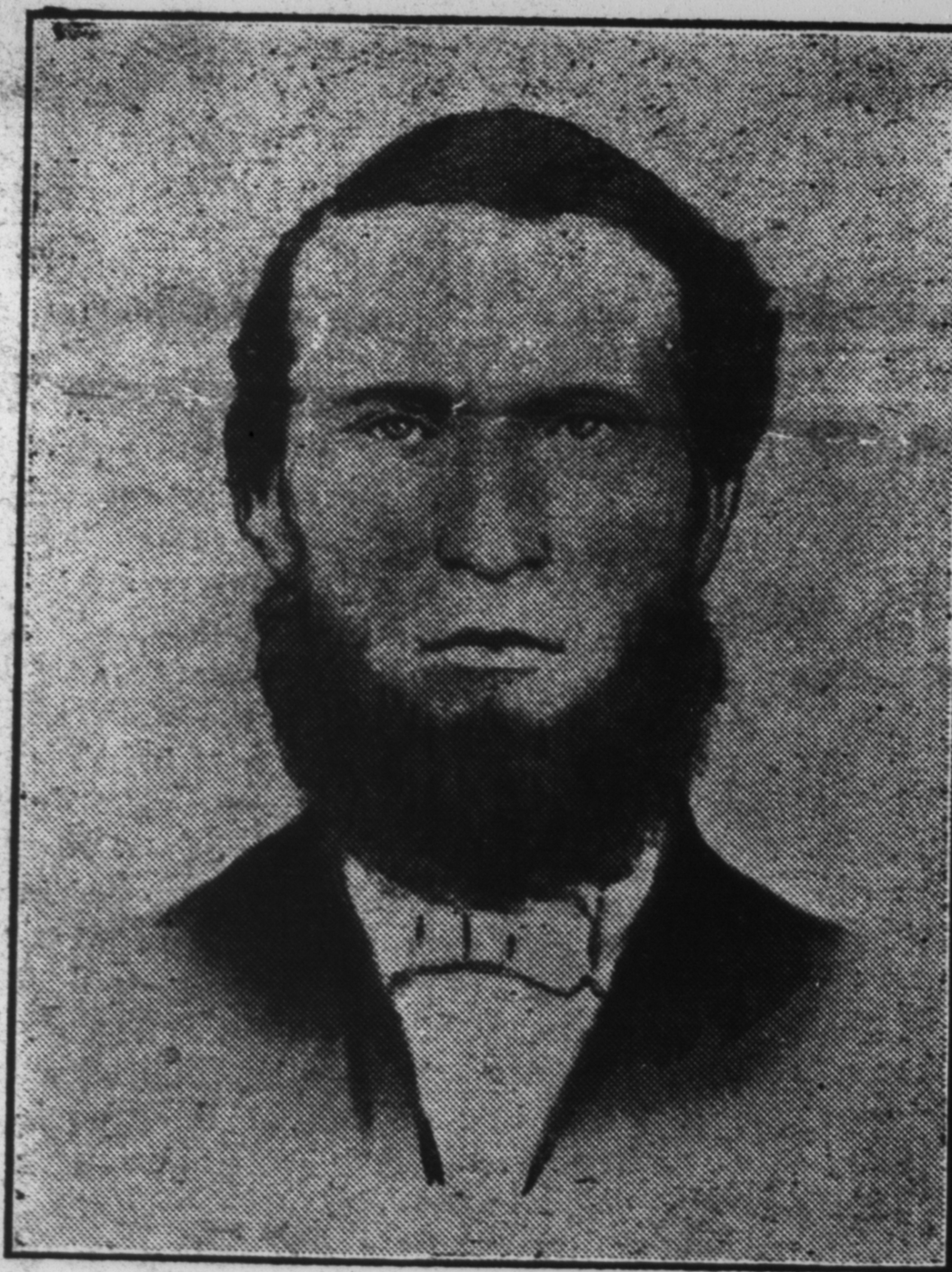
We are determined to see, through means of our local organizations, that in every constituency there shall be a candidate who can be definitely relied upon to give his independent support to prohibition.

Two field secretaries have been appointed to look after the organization. They are going about their work in a business-like way, and may be expected to score.

CORRUPTION CHARGED.

Most serious charges have been made against members of the Ontario government. The session of the legislature had only begun. The mover and seconder of the address in reply to the Governor's speech had made their speeches, when Mr. Gamey, member for Manitoulin, rose and made a statement which, if true, will drive more than one man from public life. Mr. Gamey was elected as an opponent of the Ontario government. He charges that he was offered various inducements, including \$4,000 in cash, to support the government. He produced letters, etc., in support of his statements, and also the money that had been paid him. The Provincial Secretary, Mr. Stratton, is the member of the government who is most directly accused of the corrupt transaction. The reason Mr. Gamey gives for having appeared to accede to the corrupt proposal is that other members who had been similarly approached, and refused to negotiate, were charged with falsehood when they said corrupt offers had been made them. He decided when they came to him that he would see how far they would go, and, therefore, acted as if willing to make a bargain. And until he made his statement in the legislature, both government and opposition members thought he had gone over to the government side. The statement was like a boomshell in the legislature, and in the country, too, and has caused a most painful sensation. Premier Ross said the whole story was a surprise to him. Next day he announced that a commission of two judges would be appointed to investigate the matter, and that he would, also, ask that the legislature be adjourned for three weeks while the investigation is going on. The leader of the opposition objects to a commission of judges, holding that the matter should not be taken out of the hands of the legislature; he also objects to any adjournment except from day to day. At this writing these questions are being discussed. Whether the investigation is by

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REV. WILLIAM BROWN.

For sketch of his ministry see page 4.

Tessier, Quebec, and Rufus Currie, of Windsor, N. S.

The New Brunswick legislature is called to meet Thursday, 26th inst.

THEIR "EXHILARATION."

One of Toronto's Anglican clergymen, Rev. Mr. Cody, of St. Paul's church, has been "speaking out in meeting" about the growing drinking customs of Toronto "society." He said in his Sunday night sermon:

If some of the tales one hears be true, much of the exhilaration felt by many of the guests at afternoon teas and other social affairs, particularly among

to come on within a few months. The Manitoba Alliance held its annual convention recently in Winnipeg. There was a large and representative attendance, and the meeting was marked by a spirit of determination to keep up the fight against the legalized drink traffic till it is overthrown. The policy of the Alliance is not a third party, but "to elect good men and true, of any party, who will stand for 'prohibition first.'" They are seeking to elect men whom they can trust to represent the prohibition views and purposes of the province. A resolution adopted says: