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LITERATURE.

WHY I VOTED FOR THE SCOTT ACT.

AS TOLD BY BENJAMIN BARITONE, YEOMAN.

Well, John, the whiskey's voted out
By nigh a thousand strong;
And likely lots 'll think the world
Will go to smash ere long!
And likely you will think it strange
That I should turn my coat,
And after fightin' for the grog,
Drop in a Scott Act vote.
And if you do I won't complain,
For it seems mighty queer,
That after forty tipping years
I should refuse my beer.

I never liked those temperance folks,
With their pledges and their rules,
And often I have called them all
A set of jumped up fools!
I went for drink as you please—
The grog did me no harm,
And many a cold and stormy day
I'm sure it kept me warm.
And Jim, the oldest chap of mine,
Could take his glass of beer—
Though when I saw him at the bar,
I sometimes did feel queer!
But, surely he can drink, says I,
Without agoin' too far;
And so with some excuse like that
I managed not to care.

So when last June they came to get
Their old "partition" signed,
I pucker'd up a bit, you bet,
And let them have my mind!
I didn't go behind their backs
To tell them what I thought,
And mind, I coax you, they weren't long
Aggettin' off the lot.

So all the fall I toughed it out;
I didn't want to hear
No argument about the curse
That comes from rum and beer.
Says I, if others wish to drink,
And make themselves like swine,
They've only got themselves to blame—
It's no concern of mine.
And I was mighty thick all fall
With all the rummies round,
Though sometimes I began to stare
To see where I was found;
For from the first the people seemed
To make a clean divide
And I could see with half an eye
Mine was the scaly side.
I didn't like it much, but still
Says I, we must endure;
And though my backers ain't the best,
I'm right, that's certain sure.

Well, just the day before the vote,
Jim took a load of hay
To town; 'twas selling well they say,
(It's down, I heard, to-day)
Thinking, near night, he should be home,
I walked down to the gate,
A wonderin' to myself the while
What could have kept him late.
I hadn't been ten minutes there,
When the team came tearin' home,
And Jim a-whoopin' like a fiend,
And the horses in a foam;
I didn't quite know what was up,
And hadn't long to think,
For they had got right up to me
'Bout as quick as you could wink!
The lines were trailin' somewhere,
But the horses knew the gate;
They tried their best for to turn in,
But they didn't do it straight;
They smashed against the gate-post
Like a ship against a rock,
I was sure they all were ruined,
I tell you 'twas a shock!
Jim was pitched into a drift,
(Lucky he saved his neck),
And the horses weren't much the worse,
But the sleigh was all a wreck.

Well, I got him pulled out some-how
And the horses straightened up;
And Jim began to tell me how
He'd only had a sup—
I didn't talk much then, you bet,
I got him home to bed,
I tell you, John, I felt that mean
I couldn't lift my head.
I couldn't blame the boy so much
For gettin' on ahead,
Upon the road that I had tramped,
Well knowin' where it led.

I did some solid thinkin', John,
That night as you may think—
The old house clock struck twelve before
I slept a single wink.
I wondered how I could have been
So blind and selfish too,
For when the whiskey touched my home,
I soon knew what to do.
I didn't stand on taxes then,
Or barley, or hotels;

I got a glimpse of what makes some
Call drinkin' houses hells.
It kind of chilled me when I thought
Of how I would have felt
If Jim had been killed outright then—
It made my old heart melt.

I tried to picture to myself
How drunken rascals' wives,
Or boys with drinking parents,
Put in their battered lives.
I saw some sides to temperance,
Or temperance you will say,
That put me in a mood that night,
The opposite of gay.
Next morning I was up betimes—
And first to poll my vote:
And now I think you ought to know
What made me turn my coat!
—Abell King, in 'Montreal Witness.'

Why do you desire to increase your taxes by having to support so many paupers, made so by the liquor traffic. The taxes are yearly increasing through these sources. Vote for the Petition, and reduce your pauper population.

STICKING TO A LIE.

Some time ago the Anti-Scott Act party invented and circulated the statement that under the Scott Act the consumption of whiskey in Prince Edward Island had increased. This fabrication was promptly exposed, but it has lately been reiterated by some Anti-Scott Act papers, and along with it have been quoted, statistics purporting to be in comparison of the amounts of drink consumed before and after the adoption of the Act. In these comparisons, the drink figures of Prince Edward Island for 1883 are placed beside figures for a year long before the Scott Act was adopted, a year in which drink consumption throughout the Dominion was remarkably low. The fact is entirely ignored that since the coming into operation of the Scott Act, the drink consumption has been steadily decreased, as the following statement clearly shows:

The Scott Act was passed by the Dominion Parliament in the early part of 1878, and after its adoption it came into operation in the different parts of P. E. I. as follows:—In Prince County May 1st, 1879; in Charlottetown and Kings County May 1st, 1880; and in Queen's County May 1st, 1881. The Government returns are for years ending on the 30th of June in the respective years named. The total amount, in gallons, of home-manufactured and imported spirits that were entered for home consumption in P. E. I. during the latest five years for which we have returns, is shown in the following table:—

For year 1879, 52,100; 1880, 58,832; 1881, 51,665; 1882, 47,008; 1883, 45,894. The year 1880 was the first in which the Scott Act was even nominally in operation in any part of the Province. We are not surprised at the mis-statements of some people who are even ready to distort facts and slander their fellow-countrymen for the sake of perpetuating the vile business by which they are enriching themselves; but we are surprised to find some reputedly respectable journals lend themselves to the propagation of such a palpable lie.

We ask you, "what interest have you in making a few men rich by giving them a license to destroy their victims with drink? If you have no interest, then vote for the Scott Act."

Crime never has prevailed over law in this country to any great extent, or very long, when vigorously pressed by the legal authorities. And prohibition has been tried and proven successful, very largely suppressing intemperance wherever it has had a reasonable trial.

Roman Catholics

Their Interest and Work in the Cause of the SCOTT ACT.

The remark is often made, "Such a class do not seem to manifest much interest in the cause." We are of opinion that in one way or another all classes of Churchmen are doing a fair share of work; but this much we may fairly claim for our Roman Catholic friends, that they are in the front rank of earnest, untiring workers, as shown by almost numberless Societies in every town and village in Canada.

Not the least pleasant of the results of the interest felt in the advancement of temperance has been the breaking down of the barriers so long preventing that close relation that should exist with all good men, to unite in the philanthropic movements of the present day.

To what more hopeful sign can the temperance man point than is contained in the following extract from the *Montreal Witness*:—

"One of the most cheering spectacles for the friends of temperance was witnessed here last night, in the presence of

ARCHBISHOP TASCHEREAU.

the highest dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church in this Province, and a number of the Priests openly and heartily co-operating on a public platform with the Protestant clergy of the city, and prominent laymen of all creeds, in temperance work.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Quebec Vigilance Association, of which His Grace Archbishop Taschereau is honorary and Dr Marsden active President. The meeting was held in Victoria Hall, His Grace occupied the chair, attended by the Rev Father Grenier, and a number of other Catholic priests. Among the Protestants present were the Rev Messrs Houseman, Ridley Reoxford and Lucas, the last named having come to Quebec to lecture on the Scott Act.

During the afternoon Mr. Lucas had a long and most sympathetic interview with His Grace at the Archbishop's palace. Speeches were delivered and resolutions passed at this meeting, and no doubt the good cause received a boom in Quebec and the liquor traffic a blow from which it will never recover. It is evidently doomed in Quebec."

Since this meeting Archbishop Taschereau has formally set the seal of his approbation upon the movement by ordering 20,000 copies of the Scott Act to be printed in French for circulation among the members of his Church, and on each copy appears his Episcopal sanction—"Imprimatur: +E. A., Archieps Quebecensis."

Again, in Charlottetown, P. E. Island, we see the same happy results following the combined action of Catholic and Protestant on the temperance platform. On the occasion of a meeting called to advocate the adoption of the Scott Act, side by side were priests and clergymen of all denominations supported by the Catholic Bishop, the

RIGHT REVEREND DR. F. MCINTYRE.

Were it necessary how many more names of Catholic divines could be added to the list, such as Bishop La Fleche of Three Rivers, Bishop Racine of Sherbrooke, Bishop Tache, with hosts of others.

Last autumn Cardinal Manning journeyed from London to Liverpool

to attend a Temperance Congress; in his speech he said, "I admit that a 'Maine Law' may be called an extreme remedy, but have I not already proved that there is an extreme evil."

Who among the people of St John and Portland will soon forget the soul-stirring appeals of the Redeptorist Fathers, on temperance, and for the suppression of the liquor traffic, as uttered during the Mission services on the occasion of the Father's last visit.

A few evenings since at a mass meeting held in Portland, in favor of the Scott Act, a message was received from Father Oates, saying: "Some of his people would have attended had not pressing business prevented them," but that he was in full sympathy with them in the work of temperance."

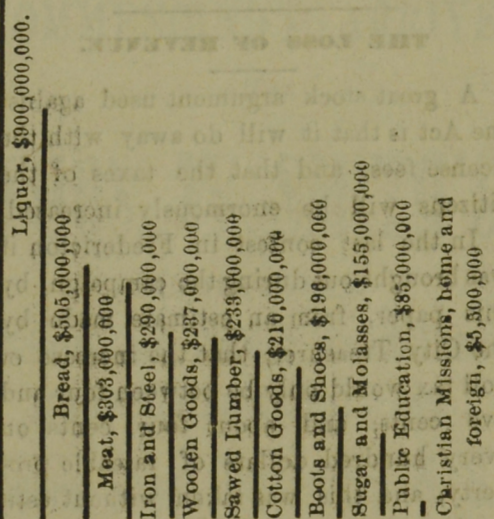
We know and feel assured that, in view of the many temperance societies already in existence in our towns and cities, and of the efforts that are being made by Roman Catholics in the City of Saint John and Portland to advance all good works, that following the example of their Bishops and Priests, all will unite, heart and hand, in aid and votes to secure the adoption of the Scott Act in the City and County of Saint John

Remember all fines under the Scott Act go into the Municipal or City Revenue.

COMPARATIVE COST OF LIQUOR.

The following diagram is a comparison of the annual expenditure in the United States for intoxicating liquors, with various other of the largest items of expenditure. It is based on the census of 1880 and other reliable authorities. Scale: Each three-eighths of an inch represents an expenditure of \$100,000,000. The liquor bill represents the cash paid for it by consumers, and is, in our opinion, not an exaggeration of the facts. We consider it just about the actual amount.

We, all of us, even those who never buy liquor, are obliged to help pay this bill. It comes to us in the shape of taxes and high rents, jury duty, public and private benevolence, and much of the cost of hospitals and asylums; fires, collisions, shipwrecks, and other accidents; incompetence in public and private service; failure to meet obligations of all sorts; besides the more terrible and direct visitations by which it takes away friends, health, happiness, and even life itself. We can not get away from it. We must extinguish it, or it will extinguish us, as it has the Indians in our very presence. It would probably have been our ruin before this time but for the Temperance Reform which has checked its rapid growth, but which can not conquer it unless we all "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Dear reader, what are you doing about it?



When a writer says a certain thing is impossible to describe and then uses half a column in its description he doubtless means that nobody but himself could describe it. Not so with Minard's Lintment, for when we say it is the King or Conqueror of all pains, we describe it in brief.

Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber.
Milltown; St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister.
Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John P. Bell.
Orange Hall, Portland; Portland, 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; J. S. B. DeVeber.
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stothart.
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Thursday; Robt. Wills.
Hillsboro; Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; J. J. Steeves.
Sackville, West. Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. McGruar.
Point de Bute, West. Co.; Westmorland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.
Pennfield, Charlotte C.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; W. N. Bucknam.
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.
Dover, West. Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Henry Finch.
Derby, North. Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Betts.
Douglstown, North. Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.
Collina Corner, Kings Co.; Collina, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Cudlip Miller.
Moncton; Moncton, 183; Monday; E. McCarthy.
Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; C. A. Beck.
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; John Waring.
Moncton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Alex. Ford.
Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.
Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.
Weldford, Kent. Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.
Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.
Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.
Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sunnyside, 253; Saturday; R. Lewis.
Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose, 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd.
Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 255; Friday; G. W. Weyman.
Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 256; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson.
Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts.
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.
River Charles, Rest. Co.; Charles, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.
Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr.
Lawrence Station, Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; F. S. Richardson.
Hampton, King's Co.; Richmond, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.
Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.
Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie.
Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Friday; Dr. J. G. Atkinson.
Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith.
Graves' Settlement, West. Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston.
McAdam Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell.
2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood.
St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.
Penobscis, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Foyd.
St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 273; Friday; J. Murray.
Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.
Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.
Good Templar Hall, St. John; Gordon, 275; Friday; H. P. Sandall.
Eagle Settlement, West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor.
Salisbury, Westmorland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; J. B. Henry.
Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall.
Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall.
St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.
Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B.
Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore.
Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake, 283; H. E. White.
Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division, 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; Chas. J. Harris.
Port Elgin, West Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Friday; W. M. Spence.
Centerville, Kings Co.; Centerville, 287; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.
Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division, 288; Monday; John W. DeForest.
Dubec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn.
Forest Glen, West. Co.; Forest Glen, 290; Thursday; Miss A. Hubley.
Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol Union, 291; Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor.
East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins.
Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher.
Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Herbert Gray.
Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale, Tuesday; F. A. Steeves.

VOTE FOR THE SCOTT ACT.