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VOTED FOR REPEAL.

The Dunkin Act, a temperance option law similar to the Scott Act, which has been in force in Richmond County, Quebec, for twenty-three years, was repealed by vote of the electors on Thursday, the majority against the act being 504.

The act was first adopted in that county in 1878, by a majority of 510, but an attempt to repeal it in 1888 was defeated by a majority of 598. However, last week's effort was successful and the county will now come under the Quebec license act.

In the earlier days of the law, like its twin brother, the Scott Act it was quite effectively enforced, but in recent years it fell into disrepute and saloons flourished in abundance.

The campaign for repeal was fought with great energy on the platform, and the friends of the law were equally active. E. King Dodds and Mr. Summerhayes, who took part in the last Westmorland campaign, were the principal speakers for repeal, while the defence had the assistance of local clergymen, John A. Nichols and other well known temperance advocates. The Roman Catholic clergy were almost a unit against repeal. It is stated that during the campaign Rev. Dr. Kellock chairman of the defence committee declared that the petition for repeal had been demanded by illiterate voters who could not sign their names, but had to affix their marks to it, rightly or wrongly. This was construed into an attack upon the French-Canadians which they resented by turning out en masse against the Act, thus largely contributing to its defeat.

Mr. Carter, president of the Dominion Alliance, says the result of the vote came as a great surprise to all temperance workers. The act was defeated by the voting of the towns of Windsor Mills and Richmond. Both of these towns have nearly trebled their population since the last voting on the Dunkin Act, 13 years ago. It was this new element, unschooled in the principles of prohibition, Mr. Carter says, that succeeded in having the act abolished. Other reports declare that the moderate thinking men were disgusted with the non-enforcement of the law, and the consequent flourishing of illegal saloons which dispensed to their patrons a very inferior quality of goods.

The Dunkin act was in force some years ago in many Quebec counties, but it has now been repealed in every one of them, and the whole province is under license law.

Temperance people will naturally feel disappointed at last week's defeat, as it is evident that prohibition laws are not making much progress in public estimation. It looks now as if the Gothenburg system or state control of the liquor traffic as advocated at Toronto by Mr. Foster, and since endorsed by such representative bodies as the Methodist conference of British Columbia, and the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, will be the next issue in Canada on the temperance question, and on this question a division among temperance men is already apparent. There is however, no winking out of sight the fact that the agitation of prohibition is taking a rest, that many of its former advocates are now only passive friends, and that the proposition of Mr. Foster is receiving consideration at the hands of many temperance reformers.

THE CONFLICT DEEPENS.

It looks now as if the Smasher will not be necessary to complete the disorganization and annihilation of the Conservative party in York. The gentlemen who

compose the executive, are at each others throats in the most lively fashion, calling one another pervertors of the truth and other similar pet names. These, who want a nominating convention and those who are opposed to making any such move, are hammering away at each other in quite a lively style, and the anti-convention men, who have the advantage of a daily organ claim, claim to have check mated Dr McLeod and his friends.

The organ of the anti-conventioners enters into an elaborate explanation of the recent meetings of the executive, and triumphantly claims that the McLeod men have been downed in the preliminary skirmish.

The organ says: "The executive first met at the request of three friends of Dr. McLeod. Of the twelve members eight were present, of which number only three were in favor of a contest in the approaching bye-election. The remaining five could not even satisfy themselves that they would be warranted in putting the party in the country to the expense and inconvenience which a convention would entail. But the demand for a convention was so persistently pressed by the minority that the majority preferred to yield rather than incur the risk of a break which was threatening, and a resolution authorizing acting President Scott to call a convention was passed. Mr Scott on the following day declined to accept the presidency or to call a convention. Dr McLeod's friends thereupon demanded that another meeting of the executive be called, and the demand for the meeting was backed by the request that it be called within a day. The result was there was not a quorum present. Next day another demand was made by Dr. McLeod's friends for another meeting to be held at 7.30 in the evening. At this meeting the resolution of a former meeting calling for a convention was rescinded."

The organ concludes its labored explanation of the row, with the observation that there is now no authorized call for a convention, and that the secretary quite properly takes the ground that he will not be justified in calling another meeting of the executive until ordered so to do in writing by at least six members of the executive.

This is the position at present so far as we can discover it from the much ravelled skeins of dispute between the two factions.

In the meantime it is only fair to the responsible men of the Conservative party to explain that they have no part in the factional fight now in progress. They are standing quite apart, while agreeing with those who are making a fight against the convention and nominating a candidate in opposition to Mr Gibson. The conflict is between the featherweights of the respective factions. The old campaigners, the men who have put up their money and banded their energies to win Conservative victories in the past, do not want another election contest just now. They are willing to fight fair, and await their opportunity at the next general election, and in this attitude they represent the general feeling of the party, not only in this constituency but all over the province. They are pained at the wrecking of their party by the individuals who have forced themselves to the front, and are attempting to dictate terms and conditions with which the responsible leaders have no sympathy.

AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST.

The Sussex Record is evidently very much put out because the Fredericton exhibition managers do not change the date of our exhibition so that it will not clash with the Sussex show, and proceeds to make some uncalled for reflections on the people of Fredericton.

The Record observes that "if the Fredericton people depended more on their own efforts and less on the support of the government and the use of provincial moneys the people of Sussex would feel that their opposition was but straight competition. But in the present instance, while Sussex people have invested over \$6,000 in buildings and land, to say nothing of time and effort to make their show an annual event creditable alike to the district and province, Fredericton has in the past done little and risked little that should entitle it to the

privilege of using public money to injure our prospects of success."

The Record editor, besides displaying a vindictive and unreasonable spirit, gives evidence of little knowledge of Fredericton's past and present experiences in conducting exhibitions. If he would study the record he would discover that the people of Fredericton have always liberally put up their money for exhibitions. In the course of ten years they erected two magnificent exhibition buildings which were unfortunately destroyed by fire, and since then they have put up others, which however are inadequate for this year's show. Nothing daunted by past losses, our citizens through their council have agreed to assess themselves, \$2,500, an amount equal to the government grant for the erections of a new building, so that it does not lie in the mouth of the Sussex Record for any other newspaper or individual to cast reflections on Fredericton in this connection. No doubt the people of Sussex have contributed liberally towards the erection of exhibition buildings, and Fredericton wishes them every success with this year's show, but it seems unreasonable for them to expect that we shall change the dates simply to gratify an unreasonable fancy. It seems patent to everybody that the Sussex exhibition would best succeed if it was held during the militia camp in September when some three thousand men will be drilling near that village, and would thus ensure a much larger attendance than would ordinarily be expected.

The Record calls on the government for protection against the Fredericton exhibition management, because we are receiving a government grant, but this city would be equally justified in invoking such protection against Sussex, which is receiving a liberal grant from the provincial treasury for its exhibition.

Sugar Cured Hams.

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Prices.—25, 35, 50, 75.
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A Suite of Offices in the Howard & Crangle building, corner of Carleton and Queen streets, lately occupied by Black, Bliss & Nealls. Apply on the premises to

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Removal Notice.

The Law Offices of R. W. McLellan, Barrister, have been removed to the Burchill premises, the second building on the lower side of Carleton street from Queen. April 11—dtf-w3l