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TEMPERANCE REFORM.

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Deals Interestingly With the Situation.

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The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council having decided that the prohibition laws, passed by Manitoba and Prince Edwards Island, respectively, are constitutional, there has very naturally arisen in various parts of the Dominion a demand for provincial legislation to declare the traffic in intoxicating liquors illegal, as far as that can be done by the local legislatures. Not to attempt a technical definition of the powers of the legislatures in this direction they may be said to extend far enough to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors within that province, but not to prevent the sale of liquor in one province to be taken into another. The prohibition of the latter is supposed to rest only in the hands of the Dominion Parliament, but until a concrete question arises upon which the courts are called upon to pronounce, it must not be accepted as positively determined that this is the case. We have an impression that it would not be impossible for two provincial legislatures, acting in harmony, to pass laws which would as effectually prevent inter-provincial trade in intoxicating liquors as any legislation by the federal parliament could. This has not been done or attempted, and therefore the advocates of provincial prohibition have to deal with the case as though the power to do it did not rest in the local legislatures.

While admitting the great value of prohibition, when properly enforced, as an agent for social reform and the financial benefit of the community, we are disposed to think that temperance reformers in recent years have devoted too much effort to obtaining restrictive legislation and too little to the promotion of individual reformation. In America organized work exclusively for temperance, or, more properly speaking, total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors, is somewhat more than eighty years old. Our recollection of the facts is that some time previous to 1820, what was known as the Washingtonian movement, which aimed at reformation along these lines, was inaugurated in the United States, and met with a great deal of success. It was soon supplanted by the order known as the Sons of Temperance, which for half a century was a most potent factor in the social life of the United States and Canada. It exercised great political power also, and was instrumental in securing the passage of the prohibitory law which has since remained in force in the State of Maine, and was the potential factor in bringing about the adoption of a similar measure in New Brunswick in 1854. The latter law only remained on the statute book a few months, the lieutenant-governor, Sir Edmund Head, taking a very prominent part in the steps which brought about its repeal. It is impossible for those who did not witness it to understand the part played in the Maritime Provinces by temperance organizations. Much comment was made upon the fact that so many Canadians from the extreme East possessed the faculty of readily expressing themselves upon the public platform. Most of them, who were coming into prominence from fifty to thirty years ago, received their training in the Division rooms or at temperance meetings. The work of the Sons of Temperance was chiefly in the direction of individual reform, and the results achieved were very great. The Divisions, as the branches of the order were called, were in no sense political organizations, and did not as such take part in politics. About forty years ago or perhaps a little less, an organization known as The Templars of Honor and Temperance was organized. It sought to improve upon the methods of the Sons of Temperance by giving women the privilege of membership equally with men. It is historical that with this change there was a

diminution of effort for individual reform. The divisions being composed wholly of men, for it was only in their later history that "lady visitors" were admitted, it mattered very little what sort of men were induced to join them, so long as they promised to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, but in the Lodges, as the branches of the Templars were called, there did not seem to be much of a place for the reformed drunkard. The agitation for temperance thereupon began to take the shape of a demand for prohibitory legislation. The active business men, who participated in the work of the Sons of Temperance, found little that was congenial to them in the social organizations such as the Lodges became, and they dropped out, leaving boys and young men to carry on the work. Meanwhile the women were taking up the work laid down by the men, and the W. C. T. U. came into existence, which is today in America the most active agency in temperance work. From the very necessities of the case, the reformation of individuals cannot be as efficiently carried on by an organization of women as by one of men, and naturally the demand for legislative restrictions has increased in force. This brief, and we think correct history of the temperance movement in America, may not be without interest, and the lessons which are deductible from it may not be without value.

During the eighty years or so in which there has been a steady campaign for temperance reform, there has been a marked improvement in the habits of the people, so far as the use of intoxicating liquors is concerned. We do not mean that the consumption of liquor has decreased, for it has not, and for the reason that there are very many more people in America now than there were eight decades ago, but the percentage of total abstainers is vastly greater than it was in the days of our grandfathers. In many of the walks of life total abstinence from liquor while on duty at least, is rigidly insisted upon. There is a growing public opinion that intoxication is disgraceful, whereas in the early part of the last century it was regarded as a matter of course. In this city the older residents say the change in the habits of the people in this respect is pronounced. It must have been observed by those who attend public dinners how very large a proportion of those present do not take any kind of liquor, and how exceedingly small a proportion do so to any degree that can be called excess. Drunkards are in an exceedingly small minority in this community, and those who even occasionally use intoxicating liquors to such excess that their effect is disagreeably apparent, are, in business hours at least, very few. How things were here thirty or forty years ago we shall not attempt to say, but we know that in other parts of Canada the percentage in both the cases mentioned above was very much higher than it now is. The educative effect of the temperance reformers has been slow but sure, and ought to stimulate to renewed labor in the same direction. Legislation is all right in its way, but the reformation of individuals is, or ought to be, the chief aim of temperance reformers.

Before taking leave of this subject, reference may be made to a speech recently delivered by Mr. Asquith. He was enumerating the different lines of work which the Liberal party in the United Kingdom must undertake on its return to power, and he placed temperance reform in the very front rank. The brief picture, which he drew, of the evil effects of what he called "this national curse" is calculated to create very serious alarm for the future of the British people within England at least. No nation can hope to maintain its supremacy, if its people destroy their minds and bodies by the excessive use of intoxicants. The offspring of men and women addicted to such practices will not be fit to sustain the burden of empire.

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SUNDAY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The King versus "The Upper Ten."

The following paragraphs from an excellent article in "The Acadian Recorder" of Halifax, N. S., of recent issue, discussing the growing practice of holding suppers and other social functions on Sunday, will be read with interest:

"This is indulged in by those even who profess to be good church-goers, who frequent our places of worship with becoming regularity. We were sorry, for instance, that on a recent royal occasion it seemed wise to some to have a dinner party on Sunday evening for the Duke of York. We are sure the visitors would not have been offended had this public violation of the Christian Sunday not been proposed. In fact it is by no means a function of royalty to violate the one Day of Rest that all should enjoy, for an English paper remarks 'that King Edward has stunned society by placing the ban on Sunday entertainments of every sort. The news came out as a result of his declining to leave Scotland for London on Sunday. It is said he will not encourage Sunday dinner parties at restaurants or other diversions.'

We all know what a potent influence for good Her Majesty, the late Queen, had on society, and we are glad to see her royal son following in the same path, and even branching out for himself as well. We would advise those folks in Halifax who of late have been starting "the fashion" by giving Sunday evening suppers that they "follow the King." What is the use of Board of Trade or other organizations trying to make arrangements so that the mail steamers will not leave Halifax on Sunday, if devotees to fashion break the laws that the community is endeavoring to keep sacred. This law, written or unwritten, it matters not, is that all employees shall have one day of rest from toil. We try to give it to our labourers, which is recognized as right, and we learn with great satisfaction that the Allan steamers are to sail from Halifax on Monday's during the coming winter, instead of on Sunday's as at first proposed.

But while the male workers are to get their rest, the maids at work in the kitchen must be kept busy all day preparing for Sunday evening suppers, that are not, we much fear, permeated with the spirit of the Sabbath day. Horace Greeley said once that "the liberty of rest for each demands the law of rest for all."

But the liberty of rest cannot be secured when in increasing proportions our Sunday evenings are being used as we have stated. We hope the practise to which we have called attention will not grow. We trust it will abate, but it will only cease when the Christian conscience, which is strong enough to dominate all avenues of society in this city, discountenances such practices as are growing too rapidly to be looked on as a matter of course. It is a practice that our ministers can well afford to denounce in earnest and strong tones without fear or favor. Indeed we have been surprised that the pulpit has not spoken out on this matter with greater fearlessness than it has in the past. Meantime, we would tender to one and all the advice to "Follow the King" in this respect as they do in others and they cannot be far wrong."

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

The following notice was found tacked upon the door of a Clinton County, Missouri, church recently: "There will be preaching in this house. Providence permitting, Sunday; and there will be preaching whether or not on the Monday following upon the subject: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned' at half-past 3 in the afternoon."

A QUIET WEDDING.

Deaf Mutes Married by Sign Language.

New York, February 7.—Literally it was a quiet wedding, because neither bridegroom nor bride could speak the words of response, and the minister asked the questions and gave the exhortations from his finger-ends. It was a deaf mute romance.

Miss Litterer met Albert J. Hockstahl, of Yonkers, also a deaf mute, at a silent party, and it was a case of love at first sight. The usual compliments and small

talk were indulged in before the question was snapped by the suitor.

Rev. John Chamberlain performed the ceremony last night.

Mr Chamberlain is versed in the deaf-mute language, but he can both hear and talk, hence for the benefit of some of those present he read the service after he had silently pronounced the couple husband and wife. The bride's parents and her two sisters and two brothers were among those at the service, the bride being the only member of the family afflicted, the result of scarlet fever when she was two years of age.

There's a story of a farmer and his son driving a lead to market. Of the team they were driving one was a steady reliable old gray mare, the other a fractious, balky black horse. On the way the wagon was stalled and the black horse sulked and refused to pull, "What'll we do father?" said the younger man. "Well" said the father, "I guess we'll have to lay the gad on the old gray." That homely compliment to women: "The gray mare's the better horse" suggests how often when there's an extra strain to be borne it is laid on the woman's back. How often she breaks down at last under the added weight of some "last straw." Women who are dragging along wearily through life can gain real strength by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It puts back in concentrated form the strength making material which working women use up more rapidly than it can be restored by Nature in the ordinary processes of nourishment and rest. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are universal favorites with women because they are easy to take and thoroughly effective in curing the consequences of constipation.

There will be widespread regret says the Toronto Globe over the death of Mrs. Gibson wife of Senator William Gibson of Beamsville. The deceased lady was much esteemed in the community in which so many years of her life were passed, and had also many friends at Ottawa. For some years she spent a part of each session at the capital, when her husband was there in attendance upon his Parliamentary duties, and she was greatly liked by Mr. Gibson's Parliamentary associates. Liberals everywhere, and a host of friends all over the country, will deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband and family.

There was something very original and effective in the way a woman in Paris took to be avenged upon a member of the Chamber of Deputies who had done her out of a sum of money. She arose in the gallery, denounced him as a thief who had robbed her, and emphasized her remarks by scattering stale eggs among the members. She thus impressed them with the fact that the offence was foul and smelled to Heaven.

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Halifax leads all Atlantic ports in the shipment of apples to Europe this season. Figures issued show that the Farness, Allan and Donaldson lines of steamers carried from that port since the gathering of the fruit crop a total of 187,585 barrels of apples. In addition, many shipments were sent via St. John, Montreal and Boston, so that the total shipments from Nova Scotia this year will exceed 200,000 barrels. A considerable stock is still held by growers. The price now ruling is \$5 a barrel for first class fruit, an unusually high figure.

GOOD HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

The replies of the powers to Spain' appeal for intervention prior to the war with the United States are published this morning.

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WIFE WANTED SUPPORT

And Recommended Her Husband To a Second Wife.

London, Ont., Feb. 8.—Frank Spooner, of Strathroy, who was arrested yesterday at Wyton for non-support of his wife and family, turns out to have made arrangements to marry the daughter of a London Township farmer, for whom he was working. Spooner appeared before the Police Magistrate to-day and was remanded until Saturday. A peculiar feature of the case is that Spooner persuaded his wife to be a party to the proposed marriage. She was to pose as the wife of Spooner's cousin, and recommend him to the girl as a good kind husband. Spooner had written to his wife that if he didn't marry the girl he would be sent to jail for fifteen years, so the girl's father had told him. "The girl's father," said Spooner, "is well off, and will give me fifty acres of land if I marry her." Mrs. Spooner seemed to think that by agreeing with her husband in this arrangement she would get the support for herself and children that her husband had failed to provide. The wedding was to have taken place today.

You Feel All Used Up.

You're discouraged and disgusted—not enough energy to think, less to go to work upon. The reason? You are run down, your blood is poor, your nerves are like India rubber not like steel as they ought to be. Use Ferrozone and the tired feeling will go, for it makes plenty of rich, red blood that feeds the brain and nerves. The desire to labor comes back and you enjoy it. You don't get tired, because you have used Ferrozone. Neglect not a day longer. Ferrozone will cure you. Sold by C. A. Burchill.

The Canadian Minister of Militia has received a letter from Lord Strathcona enclosing reports from British military officials testifying to the efficiency, durability and suitability of the Canadian light wagons used in South Africa by Strathcona's Horse for transport purposes. One of the reports from the officer commanding the 24th company army service corps is dated 11th October, 1901, and says in part: "The Canadian wagons, or the wagons manufactured by the Bain Waggon Works, Woodstock, Ontario, are very good ones. They have stood the wear and tear of the campaign perhaps better than any other pattern. The Canadian wagons in South Africa have earned for themselves a good reputation."

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